

# Grand Computers

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**President Leon Chapman with Jo delaConcepcion, and Arnie Gelb preparing for PC demos at Oktoberfest on October 11.**

## **A Message from President Leon Chapman**

Our Oktoberfest Grand Computers Expo, on Saturday October 11, 2008, was a big success. We had a continuous flow of people coming by to see our demonstrations on the Macs and the PCs.

Enrollment was held for our fall classes on Saturday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a few good students and are continuing to have open registration

for those of you that missed out. We have had to re-arrange some classes due to a few classes being cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Our Grand Computers November 5th monthly meeting in Cimarron at 1:00 PM will feature My Computer Works, Inc. Taylor Scott will be our speaker and will discuss personal computer support.

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## Membership Update



# November 2008

**From the Membership Director, Gretel Coursol: As of Oct. 30, our club has 1130 members. Of those, 158 are Mac users. Welcome back, those of you who have recently returned from cooler climates. Please remember that entry to the Club is driven by your CAM number. If you have moved since you joined or renewed, and have not left a change notice for me at the monitor's desk, you will not be able to enter the club room until you do that. You can go to [www.grandcomputers.org](http://www.grandcomputers.org), then to "Officers," then send an e-mail to "Membership Director" giving your new CAM number. Any other changes or new information, you can edit yourself when you log in.**

**The Grand Computers Coffee Chat** will be held on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-10:00 AM in the Hopi Room, Chaparral Center, and everyone is invited. We will be talking about Tech Toys for gifts.

**Nominations for the Grand Computers Board of Directors are shown below:**

President:	Ray Hockstad
Vice President:	Loren Lundquist
Secretary:	Joyce Klonecz
Treasurer:	Hal Asher
Tech Director:	Jeff Taylor
Education Director:	Ken Raske
Membership Director:	Gretel Coursol
Monitor Director:	Don Exner
Immediate Past President:	Leon Chapman
Historian (Non-Elected):	Sharon Hoobler
Web Master (Non-Elected):	Bob Crawford

The Board has started the ground work for Grand Computers to become a drop site for the “**Cell Phones for Soldiers**” program. It was started in 2004 by a 12 and 13 year old brother and sister in Norwell, MA. The goal of the program is to help our soldiers serving overseas to call home to their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers hope to convert old cell phones into more that 12 million minutes of prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas in 2007. In essence, we will provide a drop box for old cell phones that will be shipped (no cost to the club) to ReCellular. They pay for each phone and the money is used to buy a prepaid calling card. On average, each old cell phone is converted to 60 minutes of talk time for our soldiers to call home. The vision is to expand the Drop Site to include all of Sun City Grand. For additional information on this program, visit: [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com). If you are interested in helping in this program, please contact Joe Scanlon, at (623) 214-1747, or e-mail him at: [Joe.Scanlon@cox.net](mailto:Joe.Scanlon@cox.net).

**Leon Chapman**  
**President, Grand Computer Club**

## EDUCATION UPDATE

Classes got off to a great start on October 6<sup>th</sup> with 145 students enrolled at the club on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Another 108 plus have enrolled in classes through the green envelope process and through PayPal. A few classes have been closed or combined due to too few students enrolled. We continue to receive new class registrations daily for both MAC & PC classes.

Reservations for rooms to accommodate our Winter/Spring 2009 class registration have been approved for January 17, 2009. Registration will begin at 9:00AM. Registration for volunteers will take place on January 16 in the training room.

We have experienced an increased interest (need) for the Free Mouse & Keyboard class from students who are also signing up for beginning Vista/PC and MAC classes. This seems to be a great asset for the club.

**Ken Raske.**  
**Director Education**

**Grand Computer Club**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, November 5 - 1:00 PM**  
**Cimarron Center**

**My Computer Works**  
**Personal Computer Support**

[www.mycomputerworks.com](http://www.mycomputerworks.com)

**Taylor Scott**



## Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

If you are a member of the GCC, you may attend any of the SIG meetings.



**New Technologies SIG**  
Provides club members a forum and experiences using the latest technologies.

Meetings: Third Wednesday of every month (Oct–May)

Time: 4:00–6:00 PM

**November 19 topic:**

**New Release of UBUNTU 8.10 Linux**

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544-4681

[NewTech@grandcomputers.org](mailto:NewTech@grandcomputers.org)



**Compose Yourself SIG**  
Provides club members a forum for writing about their family.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month (Nov–May)

Time: 1:00–3:00 PM

**November 17 topic: TBD**

Place: Palo Verde, Sonoran Plaza

Contact: Jim Hale, 546-9711

[CY@grandcomputers.org](mailto:CY@grandcomputers.org)



**GRAND MAC SIG**  
Provides club members a forum for Mac users and classes on the MAC computer.

Meetings: Third Monday of every month (Oct–Apr)

Time: 5:00 PM

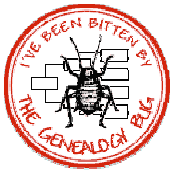
**November 17 topic:**

**Holiday Letters, Cards & Envelopes**

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 215-2397

[Mac@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Mac@grandcomputers.org)



**Genealogy SIG**  
Provides club members a forum for genealogy – the research of family history.

Meetings: First Thursday of every month (Oct–May)

Time: 3:30–5:00 PM

**November 6 topic:**

**"Bring your problems Workshop"**

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral Center

Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900

[Genealogy@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Genealogy@grandcomputers.org)

## Investment Education SIG

Provides club members a forum for investment education.

Meetings: 2nd & 4th Friday of every month

Time: 1:00 PM

**November 14 topic: Income Tax Issues in Personal Finance**

**November 21 topic: Seven Key Principles of Successful Investing**

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center

Contact: David Korts, 217-2065

[Investments@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Investments@grandcomputers.org)

## Oktoberfest Photos



## PERKS FOR CLUB VOLUNTEERS

1. Able to enroll early to obtain the classes they desire.

### Qualifications:

- Monitors who have served 3 times since last registration
- Class assistants
- Instructors
- SIG facilitators
- Board Members

2. Attend the Volunteer Dinner in March (Free dinner & door prizes).

### Qualifications:

- Monitors who have served 5 times in previous calendar year
- Class assistants for 3 classes in previous calendar year
- Class registration assistants
- Instructors
- SIG facilitators
- Board Members
- Past Presidents

If you haven't volunteered as a monitor, class assistant, or instructor, we are looking for a few select people just like you to help us at Grand Computers. Please stop by our open use room and sign up. It is through our volunteers that we are able to keep the computer open use room open from 9 AM-3:30 PM Monday-Friday.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Monitoring to keep our open use room open  
(9 AM -12:30 PM and 12:30-3:30 PM)  
(Contact Don Exner at [Monitors@grandcomputers.org](mailto:Monitors@grandcomputers.org))



# October 4 Class Registration Day

# More Photos Class Registration Day



# More Class Registration Day Photos

