Grand Computers

GCC 2009 Board: Back row, left to right, President Ray Hockstad, Vice-President Loren Lundquist; middle row: Secretary Joyce Kloncz; bottom row: Membership Director Gretel Coursol, Education Director Ken Raske, Monitor Director Don Exner; Past President Leon Chapman

A Message from President Ray Hockstad

Happy New Year everyone! I hope your Holiday Season has been full of joy and happiness; mine has with visits scattered across the country to our sons and their families. And starting this New Year, you have a new Grand Computers President. I have been a member of the club since we first bought out here in 2000 and 3 to 4 years ago assumed the position of Registrar in charge of registration for our many classes. For the last 2 to 3 years I have also held the position of Vice President and watched the club grow and improve under the leadership of our last President, Leon Chapman. I hope I will be able to at least fill one of his shoes.

The most important Club activity coming up soon in this January is the registration for classes. Early registration for club volunteers is on Friday, the 16th at 4:00 – 4:30 PM. Regular registration is the next day, Saturday, the 17th from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

Membership Update

January 2009

From the Membership Director, Gretel Coursol: As of December 22, there are 1170 active members. Of those, 173 are MAC users. Please be reminded that your CAM number drives your entry to the Club. If you have moved since you were here last season, you will need to leave a note in the Club room so that I can change your number in the system.

If you would like to set up a free e-mail address, I'll be happy to help you with that.

I would like to wish all of our members a very Happy Holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

We have wonderful classes for both PC and Mac users. For first-time users, *Free Mouse & Keyboard* for both PC & Mac is available. For regular class fees, other classes for beginners and intermediate users, include some new classes, *Intro to Mac #1-5, Beginners Creating Documents, Care of the Computer and File Management, Mini-Albums, Skype, Security Issues on Your Mac,* plus other classes on *Internet, E-Mail, Photo Editing, Book*keeping*, Spreadsheets, Word Processing,* and more.

We are always looking for volunteers, especially for monitoring at the front desk, instructors and instructor assistants. If you are a volunteer you get to register early, and that way are assured of getting the classes you want at the time you want. So, help the club and yourself by volunteering.

I want to remind everyone that Office Max has available a discount card for all residents of Sun City Grand that gives up to 50% of on most items. It really is a significant discount. To get your card, go to SCG's web site, www.grandinfo.com and click on the box near the middle titled **SCG Info.** On the info page in the first paragraph click on **Click here** to see Office Max card. Then scroll to the bottom of that page and print out the card in color if you can. Cut it out, front and back and take it to Office Max and they will laminate it for you.

Ray Hockstad, President, Grand Computer Club

January 7 GCC General Meeting

1:00 PM Cimarron Center

Smart Computing Magazine

"What to Expect"

www.smartcomputing.com
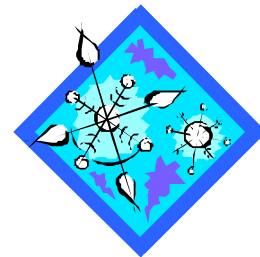
EDUCATION UPDATE

Winter class registration will be January 16, 4–4:30 PM for volunteers and January 17, 9–11:30 AM for all other members. Classes will begin January 19 and are scheduled through April.

All PC and Mac class descriptions have been revised and skills required to take certain classes have been also been identified. Go to classes and descriptions on the website.

We will continue to offer a free workshop for very beginning computer users, called "Mouse and Keyboard for PC and Macs" plus many other new classes, listed left.

2008 accomplishments include full implementation of the on-line registration system for members to pay for classes through PayPal and in person at the club any time after regular registration. Scheduling, cancellations, rescheduling classes, enrollment, class attendance count, and class evaluations are all performed on-line, thanks to Webmaster Bob Crawford.

For more info, contact Ken at education@grandcomputers.org

VOLUNTEER DINNER – March 13, 2009
The Volunteer dinner for 2007 volunteers will be on Friday, March 13, 2009, from 5:30 - 9 PM at the Cimarron Center. Mark your calendars. Qualified volunteers will be notified. We are in the planning stages for this annual meeting to honor our volunteers.

New Grand Computer Club Officers for 2009

The Grand Computer Club welcomes Loren Lundquist, Vice President, Diana Lundquist, Treasurer, and Jeff Taylor, Technical Director, to the Board of Directors of the 2009 Grand Computer Club. We feature Loren and Diane this month and will feature Jeff in February.

Diana Lundquist was raised in Kansas City, Kansas. She grew up in a railroad family; her father worked for the Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe RR; and many of her male ancestors were railroad men. After high school in Kansas City, she did her undergraduate work at Emporia State Teacher's College (now Emporia State University) and then taught junior high school mathematics in Kansas City for 7 years. During summers of her teaching years, Diana earned a Master of Science in Mathematics from Ohio State University.

Loren Lundquist was born in Louisiana to parents from Minnesota, 3 weeks before his father, an Army Air Corps pilot, flew to Egypt for WWII. Loren and his mother lived in Minnesota until his father returned from overseas. His father stayed in the Army and then the Air Force after WWII and the family moved around quite a bit, so Loren considers himself a citizen at large without a specific hometown. Living in Berlin, Germany, for 3 years, Loren was the first person to become an Eagle Scout behind the Iron Curtain. After high school near Dayton, Ohio, Loren received a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Ohio State University and was commissioned in the Army. His specialties were Field Artillery and Atomic Energy. Loren commanded 2 field artillery batteries in the central highlands of Vietnam, earning 2 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. He earned a Master of Science in Physics from Ohio State University and a Master of Military Arts and Sciences in Nuclear Strategy from the Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

Loren and Diana met in 1974 while he was serving at Ft. Leavenworth. They were married in 1975. They have 2 children. Their daughter Loraine was born in Albuquerque, NM, in mid 1977 (she is now a professor of physics and astronomy at a college in southern Illinois and she and her husband presented Diana and Loren with a grandson in July, 2008). Their son Gilmore was born 18 months later in Alexandria, VA, at the end of 1978. (He is a software engineer and lives with his wife in the Dallas suburb of Sachse.)

In 1979-80 Loren deployed to Korea where he commanded a field artillery battalion north of Seoul near the Demilitarized Zone. On his return, the family moved to Los Alamos, NM, where Loren designed the primary (atomic bomb portion) of the warhead that flies on the Navy's Trident II Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile. Three years later, the family moved to Germantown, MD, where Loren was assigned to the nuclear weapons safety desk at Department of Energy headquarters. At the end of 1984 Loren retired with 20½ years of service.

The family moved back to Los Alamos, NM, where Loren hired on as a nuclear explosive design physicist in the Primary Design Group of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He served as a design physicist, as a team leader and finally as a deputy group leader. He received two of the Laboratory's Distinguished Performance Awards and five of the Department of Energy's "Award of Excellence for Significant Contribution to the Nuclear Weapons Program". As the children grew, Diana volunteered in the schools and then moved to working with the county senior programs. She finished as the county senior program's business manager.

Loren and Diana closed on a house in Sun City Grand in September, 2003, and moved here permanently in April 2004. In addition to being active and an instructor in the computer club, Diana is in the photography club, the 150 golf club, Lady Putters, the Pickleball Club, and the Grand Singers. She is a past treasurer of the 150 golf club and currently keeps the handicaps for the 150 Golf Club and for Lady Putters.

Loren is also a computer club instructor and a member of the photography club and Grand woodcrafters. Both Loren and Diana enjoy travel.

Welcome to the Lundquists from the GCC Board of Directors!

**Special Interest Groups
(GCC SIGs) Winter Schedules**

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

Compose Yourself SIG
Provides club members a forum
for writing about their family.
Meetings: Third Monday
1:00–3:00 PM
January 19 Topic: TBD
Place: Palo Verde Room
Sonoran Plaza (Oct–May)
Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center (June–Sept)
Contact: Jim Hale, 546-9711
CY@grandcomputers.org

Genealogy SIG
Provides club members
a forum for genealogy:
the research of family history.
Meetings: First Thursday (Oct–May)
3:30–5:00 PM
January 8 Topic:
"GEDCOM Files / Create, Export, Import"
by Dr. Leon D. Chapman
Place: Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center
Contact: Leon Chapman, 398-8900
Genealogy@grandcomputers.org

New Technologies SIG
Provides club members a
forum and
experiences using the
latest technologies.
Meetings:
Third Wednesday of every month
(Oct–May) 4:00–6:00 PM
January 21 Topic:
What New Technologies Are Coming in 2009?
Place: Computer Club Classroom
Chaparral Center
Contact: Arnie Gelb, 544-4681
NewTech@grandcomputers.org

GRAND MAC SIG
Provides club members
a forum and classes on
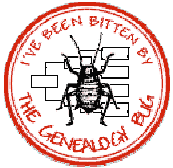MAC computers.
Meetings: Third Monday
(Oct–Apr) 5:00 PM
January 19 Topic:
"New Technologies"
by Arnie Gelb
Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: Joyce Kloncz, 215-2397
Mac@grandcomputers.org

Investment Education SIG
Provides club members a forum for
investment education.
Meetings: Second and fourth Friday
1:00 PM
January 9 Topic:
*"Diversifying Your Portfolio With
Fixed Income Investments"*
by Dave Stoker (Schwab)
Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: David Korts, 217-2065
Investments@grandcomputers.org

GRAND COMPUTER CLUB

Class Schedules are on the website – www.grandcomputers.org
Or in the Grand Computer Club Open Space Room

CLASS REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00 AM
January 17, 2009

Members register for classes in one of four ways:
1. **Off-site, members may register on line by following the instructions on page 6 of this newsletter or on our website. This may be done ANY TIME after 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 17.**
2. **On-site, members may register at the Club between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 17.**
   a. **A schedule of classes is available online or at the Club.**
   b. **Make your selections using the form online or at the Club.**
   c. **Bring the registration form to the Club on Saturday morning, January 17.**
   d. **Six-to-nine registrars will be available to help you register at the club. You may pay by PayPal, check or cash.**
3. **From Monday, January 19, to Friday, January 23, a SINGLE registrar will be available every afternoon to help members register for classes.**
4. **Throughout the rest of the class term, members may get personal help with registration on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30.**

Remember: On-line registration is always available
AFTER 9:00 am on January 17.

[Friday, January 16: Monitors, Instructors, Assistants & other Volunteers
may register at the Club 4:00-4:30]

<u>WINTER/SPRING 2009</u>
<u>GRAND COMPUTERS CLASS SCHEDULE *</u>

Saturday, January 17 – 9:00 – 11:30 AM – Member Class Registration
Friday, January 16, 2008 - 4:00 – 4:30 PM – Volunteers only Registration

*This form is to be filled out (with class choices) and brought to registration on January 17th.

1. Choose at least 3 alternative dates for each class choice. Mark 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice
2. Please fill in your name CAM and phone # on lines provided. This helps expedite data entry.

Class Cost – 1 session: $5; 2 sessions: $10; 3 sessions: $15; 4 sessions: $20/30

Registration in class is FINAL. NO REFUNDS except when changes are necessary due to Bereavement, Serious Illness, and Jury Duty. Transfers are encouraged.

Club may reschedule classes as necessary to keep adequate class size.

NAME_____**Phone**_____

CAM Number_____**PC**_____**MAC**_____

M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W=Wednesday, Th=Thursday, F=Friday, S=Saturday

Name of Class	**Date of Class**	**Time of Class**

Class Registration Form
Winter/Spring 2009

Instructions for On-line Registration

You may register for classes using any computer with Internet access.

1. **Click the [Member Login](#) button on the Home page.**

2. **Enter your user ID and password. Your user ID is your 7-digit CAM number. Your password is your first name, with the first letter capitalized, followed by the first four digits of your CAM number, no space, e.g. Mark2580**

3. **Click on the "Register for classes" link.**

4. **Select the course you want to take from the list at the lower left. You may need to scroll down to find the course.**

5. **Read the list of prerequisite skills necessary for the class.**

6. **Select the class by date and time from the list of available classes. Only classes with open seats are listed.**

7. **Click the Regular or Laptop box (showing available seats, "0" means none available) to register for the class.**

8. **For additional courses, continue to scroll and click on those you want. The maximum you may register in is 5.**

9. **The list at the top of the page shows the classes you are enrolled in. You may need to scroll up to view the list.**

10. **If you want to change or cancel a class, simply click on the class you are enrolled in to automatically withdraw from it.**

11. **When you have registered for all classes you want, click the " View Invoice" button.**

12. **Verify the classes are correct print your invoice.**

13. **You may pay with PayPal (you do have to belong) or by check or cash at the club room. By PayPal, click the "Pay using PayPal" button and follow the PayPal instructions. Print or save a copy of your PayPal invoice and click the "Return to Merchant".**

14. **To pay for your classes at the club room click "Done" and do that.**

Your seat in the class will not be guaranteed until you pay for it. PayPal lets you pay immediately which will guarantee your seat. If you choose not to pay using PayPal, come to the club room as soon as possible and make your payment to the monitor (bring your invoice number or a copy of the invoice).

* You can register for a laptop seat if you have a laptop and are willing to bring it to the class. Your laptop must have all necessary software installed on it.

On Sunday, November 9, President Leon Chapman and his wife Jean invited the GCC Board and SIG leaders to an Ice Cream Social at their home. Thanks to Rita Skarbek for providing the photos below.