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December signals the start of the holiday season for all of us, but also it's voting time for our club's board of directors. Our nomination chairman, John Harrill, will be presenting the slate for the 2010 election and will call on the membership to cast their votes at our December meeting.

The December meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. It also will be *ice cream social time*, so tell your friends and neighbors and plan to bring them to our meeting. All are welcome. Details are available on our website's home page.

On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

HOW TO FORCE WINDOWS TO SHUT DOWN

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Sometimes *Windows* refuses to shut down, even after repeated attempts at the START menu's SHUT DOWN option. When this happens, try: For **XP**—Click START; Click RUN; type **cmd**; press ENTER. For Vista/Win7—type **cmd** directly into the START menu's search box; then at the COMMAND prompt, type **shutdown -s-f-t 0** (zero). Save your open files.

2009 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The December SIG schedule is listed below. SIG meetings are held at Sun Lakes 1 in the Arts and Crafts Room. (**Please ask the front desk guard for directions to this new location**). All evening SIG meetings start at 7 PM.

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters name tag to gain admittance to all SIG meetings. If you have any questions about any of the SIGs, you can contact me at Ralph@Ilsen.net or 895-1166. The SIG schedule can change after the newsletter is published so, for the latest information, look for our weekly broadcast e-mail messages. If you're not receiving our broadcasts, contact Sue Klein 480-895-3528 simoodles@live.com to be added to the distribution list.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Sue Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	December 7
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	December 2
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	December 8
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	December 9
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	December 14
Basic Computer & Beyond Vacant	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	TBA
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	TBA
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	TBA

Jim Ivey is available to Computer Booters members for one-on-one help with Word Perfect. You can reach Jim via e-mail at jimivaz@wbhsi.net.

Ed Ryczek will answer any Computer Booters member's spreadsheet questions. Contact Ed at edry01@earthlink.net.



From the President's Desk

December signals the start of the holiday season for all of us but also it's voting time for our club's board of directors. Our nomination chairman, John Harrill, will be presenting the slate for the 2010 election and will call on the membership to cast their votes at the meeting. I am thankful that all of the board has decided to run for another term but we also welcome new candidates who are interested in running for any of the four elected positions; President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you feel that you can add to the success of the club and wish to hold any of the offices, please be sure to attend the meeting on December 01 and make your intentions known to John Harrill or myself beforehand.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that

Sue Klein has taken up the post of Communications Director for the club. She is now responsible for sending all the notices about our club's activities via email. Thank you Sue for taking on this responsibility and we look forward to others in the club volunteering their time for the benefit of all our members in the future.

Don't forget that our December 1 meeting is **ice cream social time**, so tell your friends and neighbors and plan to bring them to our meeting. Details are available on our website's home page.

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See you at the meeting.

HOW TO PREVENT E-MAIL PILING UP IN YOUR INBOX WHILE YOU ARE GONE.

If you get even a little e-mail everyday, it's going to build up while you're away. Well, this may surprise you, but our advisor says to just let your email pile up. If it's too much, just use your delete key when you get back from vacation. Besides, if you see something good, you'll be glad you didn't miss it. (Editor's note: I think this is the best one of the options provided. It is certainly the easiest and safest—see my note on next suggestion.)

You can also try telling everyone that you share e-mails with that you're going to be gone for awhile, so if they can resist sending you emails, it would be best. Just send a quick e-mail to everyone you think will write to you while you're gone and tell them your vacation dates and to please re-

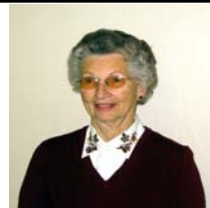
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frain from e-mailing you while you are gone. **THIS MAY INVITE BURGLARS.**

If you are signed up for newsletters, you can contact each list and see if they have a "vacation" mode they can put you into. Otherwise, you can unsubscribe and then rejoin when you get back.

A final suggestion is to have your e-mail account disabled. That will cause any and all e-mail that you get to bounce back to the sender. One bad thing about this is that you may be removed from some e-mail lists you're on (most good e-mail software removes addresses that bounce too many times). So, you may want to keep this option as a last resort.

Look Who's Volunteering *by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*



Our Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club was held this month on November 3, 2009, with 84 members and guests. We are pleased when we have visitors and encourage all who would like to attend to do so. We have monthly meetings and several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to further your computing pleasure and knowledge. Check our website at www.computerbooters.org for more pertinent information. The volunteers were ready when the clock struck 6:30 PM and the meeting began. The Welcome Director, Eddie Schweitzer, Club Records Director, Guy Laroche with his able assistants, Alan Behr and Vivian Berman were there. Kathie Wrage gave red door prize tickets to all who arrived by meeting time. The equipment preparation group had everything in place and ready to be used. They were Jim Gatesman, Ed Craze and Shadow Wrage. The floor microphone was, as usual, available for Q&A by Hans Naumann. The lighting was attended to by Ziggy Wirganowicz who just returned from a wonderful summer in southern California.

This month's volunteer in our "up close and personal" column is John Durrett who is the Vice President and club facilitator for one of the SIGs. John Durrett was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He was married to Leilani in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in July 1976. They have two children and four grandchildren.

He received a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Kansas at Lawrence, KS. He also received a MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright Pat-

erson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. His PhD in Engineering Sciences was from the University of Colorado at Boulder, CO. John worked primarily in designing spacecraft and managed the design and fabrication of all electronic subsystems for a high priority classified satellite at Martin Marietta, Denver, CO.

While in Rosslyn, Virginia, with W. J. Schafer Associates, he supported advanced technology development for the Ballistic Defense Missile Program and the planning and development of many spaceflight technology programs, including a joint US/Russian satellite mission. With TASC, Chantilly, Virginia, he provided support on spacecraft design, development and operation for a classified customer.

After moving to Chandler, Arizona, John worked for the Motorola Company with systems engineering work to the Iridium satellite/communication system. He retired from there.

John was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the USAF in 1977 at Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Station, California. After serving 20 years in the USAF he retired in 1982 as a Lt. Colonel and worked another 17 years in the Aerospace industry before retiring to Sun Lakes in May, 1998.

His interests lie in photography, digital photography and financial analysis (Quicken). He is a member of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club.

We are glad you decided to retire and rest in Sun Lakes, John, and thank you for being so



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

Please, renew your membership and talk to you friends and neighbors to tell them about the Computer Booter Club and the benefits available. We have presently 8 SIGs (Special Interest Group) sessions throughout the month that are well attended (see the SIG schedule elsewhere in this newsletter). Sorry, but membership is only opened to Sun Lakes residents (any Sun Lakes phase)

Please renew early to avoid the lines before the December and January meetings. Renewal forms are available on our website www.computerbooters.org found in the left column of the online newsletter under membership. All new and renewing members must fill out a membership form. This is to ensure the data is up to date and correct. Please make sure the data is legible, especially the e-mail address. Filling the form on-line is the best way to ensure the data is readable. You can also pick up a form at the front desk before the general meeting of the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes.

Please check the appropriate category (Individual or Family NEW, or Individual or Family RENEWAL). The membership rates are still a bargain. Individual membership is \$24.00 and Family membership is \$36.00 per calendar year. Your membership status allows you to attend the general meetings, which includes presentations and door prizes. You are also entitled to attend any or all SIGs (Special Interest Group) meetings during the month. Check for details on the Computer Booters Web site. Other benefits are: discounted subscription to the very popular magazine Smart

Computer (plain English computer information and free tech service via telephone for subscribers), and discounted software programs purchases.

Attach (do not staple or tape) your check to the form and bring it to the meeting or mail it to the address on the form. The deadline for renewals is January 31, 2010. If not renewed by the deadline, you will be removed from the broadcast listing. Do not let this happen as you will miss upcoming announcements of the SIGs and other important messages from the Computer Booters as well as not be able to attend any of the SIGs.

If you change your email and/or home address, please let the membership Director know so our records will be correct and you will receive our communications in a timely matter.

Membership badges will be ready to be picked up, at the membership desk, before the general meeting following the receipt of you application.

Meetings start promptly at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except for our hiatus in July and August).

Our doors close when the meeting starts at 6:30 PM. If you arrive late, you will not receive a raffle ticket for the door prize drawings but you are still very welcome to come in for the meeting. This December 1 meeting will include our very popular Ice Cream Social.

Please plan to attend.

A Quiz: If “CON” is the opposite of “PRO” - What is the opposite of “PROGRESS”?

ANSWER: (You have probably guessed) CONGRESS.

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Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



November Meeting

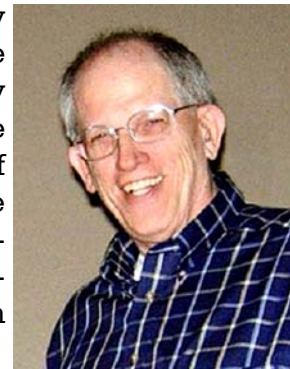
The November meeting contained two interesting subjects for the membership and guests. In the first presentation, Patricia Hill, a member of our club's Board of Directors and a current Vice President of the Arizona Association of Computer Clubs (AZacc) gave an enthusiastic presentation to show how people can set up iGoogle as their browser's home page. iGoogle can be tailored to suit your preferences. It becomes your personal start page whenever you open your browser connection to the Internet. You can install such things as news, weather, maps, your own personal Gmail, and other items on your start page. If you are interested, go to www.igoogle.com and create your own iGoogle home page by following the simple instructions. A really easy set up.



John Durrett gave the second presentation on an MMOG called World of Warcraft. An MMOG is a Massive Multiple Player Online Game that is played from your personal computer with game server on the Internet that can host thousands of players worldwide. WoW is quite complex and offers the players adventure related quests to improve player

capability and talents. People who play WoW pay a monthly subscription fee to Blizzard, the company who developed the game and maintains hundreds of computer servers that are need to keep the game going online. Anyone interested in more information can go to:

<http://www.wow.com> .



December Meeting

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Computer Booters will repeat its popular Ice Cream Social during the second half of the December meeting. So come join us as we renew old friendships and welcome the new members into our club. Ice cream and cookies for all, and the holidays are just around the corner. We'll have some great FREE giveaways for members and guests coming to December's meeting. First come -- first served and while supplies last, as they say. See you on December 1st.

Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

Balance as of November 10, 2009

\$ 3,157.96





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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meet the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August when we do not meet, and in March when the date and/or location changes due to the Sun Lakes One homeowners meeting. Call for the date and location of the March meeting. All other meetings are held in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes One Country Club at 6:30 PM. which is south of Riggs Road on Sun Lakes Blvd. CB Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Sun Lakes One Country Club.

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2009-2010 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday December 1, 2009

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2009-10 Monthly Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 6:30 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1

2009

December 1

2010

January 5

February 2

March 2*

April 6

May 4

June 1

* Meeting place will change due to HOA 1 Annual Meeting.