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Please be sure to read the President's Column on page 3 to learn about our fiscal difficulties and how your board proposes to solve them.

INTERESTING WEB SITES

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.htm>
8 The article in the paper showed locations in the Phoenix area only and Sun Lakes. I believe the [justice.gov](http://www.justice.gov) URL allows you to seek a location based on zip code and city. This helps eliminate the disposal of medication we no longer use from being flushed down the toilet into our waste water, rivers, lakes and possibly into our water source. by John Sweet

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorial.html>
This gives you A-to-Z health tutorials online. They provide drawings and animated graphs to show medical problems and procedures in layman's terms. This service is provided by the National Library of Medicine at no charge.

2010 SIG Classes Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG CLASSES COORDINATOR



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

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters name tag to gain admittance to all SIG Classes. If you have any questions about any of the SIG Classes, you can contact me at Ralph@Ilsen.net or 895-1166. The SIG Classes 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	October 4
Digital Photography Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	October 6
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	October 11
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	October 12
Photoshop Elements Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	October 13
Microsoft Windows 7 Guy Laroche	7:00 PM	3rd Monday	October 18
Basic Computers & Beyond Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	October 20
Power Point Colette McNally	7:00 PM	3rd Thursday	October 21
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	October 26
Microsoft Word Colette McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	October 27

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



This has been a very demanding year for our club's board of directors. We have had to deal with a decline in membership and increases in overall prices. Until this year we had the benefit of using our reserves from previous years when our membership was much larger but this year we found that this reserve was all but depleted. At our September 7th meeting I gave a presentation on the 2011 budget detailing all of the areas that we have to cover (a copy of this is available on the club's website) and the funds that will be necessary to continue with our work.

Our club's membership has declined as such our income had as well. The board had to make a decision to raise the annual dues for the first time since the club started in 1990. We had to look at the prospects of how to maintain our operation, replacing equipment, purchasing needed software updates and offering the 10 classes (SIG's) each month. We did not want to charge separately for the classes or have to go to local merchants for advertising, as this would make our club too commercial.

The only resort was to increase dues to \$36.00 for single and \$48.00 for members that reside at the same household effective January 1, 2011. Although this increase may seem a little high to some, you have to look at what is included in this fee; Nine to ten monthly meeting with guest or in-house speakers, ten Special Interest Classes (SIG's), door prizes (when available) and the benefit of having the use of our website with the various downloads of information e.g., Newsletter, meeting handouts and software utilities. That's quite a bit for the yearly fee. The only other alternative is that when we run "out" of funds we would have to discontinue our operation!

We are looking to re-build our membership which will help for our long term objectives and we encourage you to bring in new friends and neighbors who might join our club. As a special we will let them join in October/November or December for the 2011 yearly rate. In other words 'New' members would get the last months of 2010 and 2011 for one yearly fee. The board looks forward to your support and continued membership.

See you at our next meeting on October 5.

Beginner's Hints: Strange Keyboard Keys

By Sue Klein

The 4 arrow keys move you around the page without changing anything, it just moves the cursor.

The cursor is your location on the screen, if you started typing it would appear at the cursor location.

"End" key moves to the end of the line.

"Home" key moves to the beginning of the line.

"Delete" erases what is right of the cursor.

"Backspace" erases what is left of the cursor.

"Insert" when on, inserts text where the cursor is located.

If you turn off "insert" by tapping it, what you are typing will type over what is presently in that location.

Page Up takes your cursor to the top of the page. Page Down takes you to the bottom.

These are all things that help you move around in Word Processing.

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



Our friends and neighbors enjoyed another Sun Lakes Computer Booters monthly meeting on September 7 with 74 members and guests present. Many of our 'snowbirds' are not yet home for the winter and we wish them well on their return.

As usual, we appreciated the services of Ed Craze, Shadow Wrage and Jim Gatesman in the preparation of the equipment. The club Welcome Director, Ed Schweitzer, the Records Director, Guy LaRoche, and his assistants, Alan Behr and Vivian Berman were ready with answers and member badges. The folks who won the door prizes were those who received their lucky ticket from Kathie Wrage at the ticket table.

We have some of the most interesting people in our Computer Booters Club. And this month in our "Up Close and Personal" column is no exception.

Guy Laroche is our Club Records Director. He was born in Northern France prior to World War II and raised by his Mother during the 5 years (1939-1945) his Father was a prisoner in Berlin, Germany. He and his parents lived in various cities in France and in Paris from 1954 to 1968. In 1955, he met and married his wife, Sonia. In time, they were blessed with a daughter.

In 1955, Guy was in the French Army for 25

months. He began his civilian life as an electrician in a large factory. In 1958 he joined Bull Computer Corporation of France working with large Main Frame Computers (Electromechanical). His interest in computers led him to Bull Information Systems, General Electric and Honeywell in which he held many positions (hardware and software) in Customer Service, Testing and Diagnostics and Project Management. His work was related to most of the U.S. States, Western Europe, Canada and Japan and he traveled to them all.

Guy and family emigrated to the U.S. in 1968 (what a year - major unrest worldwide). After spending a total of 41 years in his chosen profession, he retired. He and Sonja have lived in Sun Lakes since they retired in 2000.

Guy is a member of Japanese Friendship Garden of Phoenix, Great Dane Club of Arizona, Computer Booters of Sun Lakes, French Club and ASU University Club. He has a degree in Management from the University of Phoenix. In addition, his interests include oil painting, photography, glass engraving, bicycling and a lot of other hobbies that keep him very occupied.

Guy says he enjoys being a part of the Computer Booters and being able to help. Well, we are all glad you feel that way 'cause we're glad to have you!



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

If you didn't attend the last general meeting, you need to know the major changes in Membership. As many other organizations, the Computer Booters was facing major budget difficulties. One reason was the lower number of members but the major one was the heavy burden of the facility rental. So, the bottom line is that we have to increase the yearly dues (See President Message). The new schedule for 2011 is \$36.00 for individual and \$48.00 for two persons living at the same address. This covers general meetings, door prizes, and all SIG Classes (Special Interest Group) Now, we still offer free remaining of the year membership for anyone becoming a member for 2011 (October 2010 to December 2011). A real bargain.

There are plenty of activities (SIG Classes) left in 2010 and continuing in 2011 to make it worthwhile to join the Computer Booters now. Also, bring a friend or neighbor to the general meeting (a guest may attend one meeting for free).

I am confident you and your guest will appreciate our new General Meeting format as well as the new start time of 7:00 pm. As a member, you have access to all ten SIG Classes available throughout the month. As soon as we receive your application, you will be able to attend any and all of the SIG Classes. We hope you will do just that.

Membership forms for 2011 are available on our website www.computerbooters.org. They can be found in the left column of the online newsletter under membership. Everyone is requested to fill out a membership form. Filling the form on-line is the best way to ensure the data is readable, espe-

cially the e-mail address. However the form cannot be sent on-line, it has to be printed. You can also pick up a form at the front table before the general meeting of the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes. Attach (do not staple or tape) your check to the form and bring it to the meeting or snail mail it to the address on the form.

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 SIG Classes (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 discounted software programs purchases.

In order to receive meeting announcements and information, make sure that the Computer Booter Club has your up-to-date Email address.

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

Please note: General meetings start promptly at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer time). Doors close when the meeting starts. If you are late, you are still welcome to attend our meeting, but you will not receive a door prize ticket. SIG Classes also start at 7:00 pm according to the schedule found on the Computer Booters Web site and on page 2 of this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER



Balance as of September 14, 2010

\$1,781.30

Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



September 2010 Meeting

Our Fall season began at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. School is back in session, and so is Computer Booters.

George Rodriguez (our Club President) gave a review on the current status of our organization. He presented the new 2011 budget proposal, explained details behind the rise in costs over the last 5 years that have affected our Club's bottom line, and what options will be have to be taken to ensure the value of our continued support to Sun Lakes computer users.

Yes, that's right folks. It cost more money now to buy gas than it did in the 1950's. And it costs more to run our club this year than when the club was founded. George and the Board of Directors have worked on the financing issue since last Spring, and the new budget is the work of many. We hope the members still consider the club as giving them value in return for their investment of time and money. And we hope to see our membership grow in the future.

Following George's presentation, Ben Thompson led a session on "Tips & Tricks". Ben gave us an overview of the most current and productive methods of "Preventative Maintenance". In his words, how to keep your computer "clean".

Ben is one of our SIG leaders, having run

the Quicken SIG for years (Thanks Ben. He took it from me J). It was a very interesting overview, and I am glad Ben mentioned Advanced System Care Free, a software package he recommended to me many months ago. It is great, and fast.

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Check our website for additional program information:

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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meets 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 may change 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 7:00 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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2010-2011 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday October 5, 2010

Featured Speaker: Learn about LifeLock identity theft protection services.

Tips and Tricks : Fifteen-minute club member presentation.

2010 Monthly Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 7:00 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1

2010

October 5

November 2

December 7

2011

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3