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The board is preparing a new format in our presentation structure for 2010. We will try to bring some short, but hopefully interesting and educational "Tips & Tricks" as part of our monthly program that will follow our guest speaker. Suggestions from our membership on what you will want to see and hear are always welcome and we will do our best to accommodate you. Another new SIG on "Microsoft Windows 7" will commence January 18, 2010. It will be held each month thereafter on every third Monday in 2010.

The feature speaker for January will be Jaime Link of *Smart Computing* magazine. George Rodriguez will do a short presentation on *FACEBOOK* for the initial segment on our "Tips and Tricks" program.

The Board of the Directors take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to all our members and their family.

See you at the meeting on January 5, 2010.

2010 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The January 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 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	January 4
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	January 6
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	January 12
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	January 13
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	January 11
Microsoft Windows 7 Guy Laroche	7:00 PM	3rd Monday	January 18
Basic Computer & Beyond Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	January 20
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	January 26
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	January 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.

Look Who's Volunteering

by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



December 3, 2009, was the date of the Sun Lakes Computer Club monthly meeting with 87 members and guests present. The Club is proud to announce a new SIG (Special Interest Group) that will be called "Windows 7" for those interested in something new on the computer. We now have nine (9) SIGs for our members and you can check the dates and times on page 2 in this newsletter.

Our equipment volunteers were on target again this month and all was under control when our 6:30 P.M. meeting began. Our setup pros were Shadow Wrage, Jim Gatesman with Ed Craze, Ziggy Wirganowicz operated the lighting and Hans Naumann carried the mike. Kathie Wrage gave each paid member and guest a ticket for the door prize drawing held at the end of the meeting. Vivian Berman and Alan Behr were assistants for Guy Laroche with the collection of dues and giving the members their new badges. Eddie Schweitzer, our Welcome Director, was at the front door to greet everyone.

This month Patricia Hill has been chosen for our "up close and personal" honoree. She is the Review Editor for the club's Newsletter on our website.

Patricia was born in Detroit, Michigan. Her Father was in the Air Force and Diplomatic Corps and her schooling between kindergarten and high school graduation included 14 separate schools in Europe. For three years Patricia lived in Paris and worked in the office of the NATO Officers Club while her Father was stationed there.

Her parents were sent to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and she stayed with her

grandparents to help them for a while, then moved in with her folks. Patricia worked for Boeing who transferred her to Seattle to work on the 747 program within the Training Department. When the Boeing Company began its massive layoffs in the early 70's, she resigned and moved to Astoria, Oregon. While in Astoria with the Federal Job Corps Program she taught 16-20 year old girls in the Business/Professional Department.

Philco Ford, who held the subcontract with the University of Oregon was Patricia's actual employer. After 2 years, Philco lost the contract and U of OR laid off all certified instructors. She went back to Boeing to work on the 747 program again in Everett, Washington. It was there she met her husband, Al, and they moved to Philadelphia to work on a rail car program. Boeing transferred them back to Seattle to work on the 757.

Soon it was back to Philadelphia at Boeing's request and Patricia worked for Boeing Computer Services. About that time, desktop PCs were becoming more prevalent within the company. Boeing Aerospace went with Lotus software but Boeing Commercial bought Microsoft products. At that time, those programs could not talk to each other. BCS's charter was to make all software purchases (as well as in-house software development) common. Patricia was a Program Manager on various in-house software development projects, including changing the weekly Philadelphia Boeing payroll system to a bi-weekly paycheck. That took almost 2 years.

Patricia and Al were married in Oxnard, California on December 14, 1977. They moved to Sun Lakes in September 1989.



From the President's Desk

by George Rodriguez, PRESIDENT

It's a new year and our board of directors have been re-elected to another term; George Rodriguez/President, John Durrett/Vice President, Jim Rahilly/Treasurer and Colette McNally Secretary. We look forward to serving our membership again.

The board is preparing a new format in our presentation structure for 2010; we will try to bring some short but hopefully interesting and educational "Tips & Tricks" as part of our monthly program that will follow our guest speaker. Suggestions from our membership on what you will want to see and hear are always welcome and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Another new SIG will be announced for introduction in 2010 on "Windows 7".

This month I will do a short presentation on Facebook, more information and details are included in this newsletter. We are encouraging our members to read the newsletter as we will publish details about our "Tips & Tricks" in each month as an article, be sure to look for these as we will not put these hand-outs on the website.

On Behalf of the Board of the Directors we wish a Happy New Year to all our members and their family.

See you at the meeting.

DON'T RESPOND TO SPAM

Why are people still responding to spam? The truth is that most people don't. Spammers subsist on only about one percent of their targets. When spam e-mails are sent out by the millions, one percent is big business. According to the Washington Post, Americans were swindled out of \$2.4 billion dollars by phishing scams in the year ending last May!

The best way not to get swindled is simply to avoid phishing scams. That starts with good e-mail habits. First, do not respond to unsolicited e-mail (spam). Some aggressive scams even include an account log-in form right in the e-mail. Reputable businesses

do not ask for passwords or personal information through e-mail.

Second, do not click links in e-mail messages. Don't even cut and paste addresses from e-mail. If you need to access online accounts, do it the safe way. Type Web addresses directly into the browser yourself. Also, be wary of phone numbers in unsolicited e-mail. Some crooks are thorough enough to use a phony customer service agent.

These two rules alone can keep you out of a world of trouble.



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

The year is coming to a close, and so is your membership. As of today, less than half of the members have renewed their membership. There are 9 great SIGs available to all members (see the SIG schedule elsewhere in this newsletter). Sorry, but membership is only open to Sun Lakes residents (any Sun Lakes). You don't want to miss any or all next year. Furthermore, I am told that there may be a ninth one. Stay tuned for details.

Please renew early to avoid the lines before the January meetings and the January 31st deadline. 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 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. In addition, if you change your email and/or home address, please let the membership Director know so our records will be correct.

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

Meetings start promptly at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer time). Doors close when the meeting starts. If you arrive late, you will not receive a raffle ticket for the door prize drawings.

Hope you all and your family have a happy Holiday Season. See you in January 2010.

WHERE THE GOODIES CAME FROM! Al and I went to Las Vegas in October to attend the AARP Convention. The convention was a lot of fun and we learned a lot. And for those of you who attended the December meeting, you know we brought back over 1,000 goodies for everyone that we put in the goodie bags. We hope you enjoyed receiving them.

Patricia Hill

Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



December Meeting

The December Meeting hosted our annual election of officers for the computer club. George Rodriguez was reelected President, and yours truly is coming back as Vice President. Also reelected were Jim Rahilly (Treasurer) and Colette McNally (Secretary).

Sam Tardio and Dave Ponzetti, visited us from Sedona, AZ. Dave Ponzetti, gave an extensive presentation on Identity Theft and what we can do to minimize our risk. I was surprised to find that Medical Identity is one of the identities stolen, and that sometimes we can only clean up the damage after the fact. We are all aware of financial identity theft, but Dave introduced us to some new concepts, such as medical identity. His message is that while we can't always prevent having our identity stolen, we can take steps to minimize the risk. Dave sells policies for Identity Theft protection, and reviewed his plan with us. Dave also talked about having legal insurance, and discussed a policy offered by Pre-paidLegal.com.

We were fortunate to have another Ice Cream Social during the second half of the December meeting. Special thanks go to Darlene Hendricks for baking all the cookies, and thanks to George Rodriguez for bringing all that ice cream. He even brought the frozen Snicker bars for Rollie. What a treat.

January 2010 Meeting

The January meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The feature presentation for January will be Jaime Link of Smart Com-

puting. Jaime is one of our favorite presenters, and will tell us what is new and special about Smart Computing. Smart Computing is a monthly computer magazine that is written for users of all skill levels. Whether you're a novice or advanced computer user, Smart Computing has timely information to help improve your computer-related productivity. Each issue provides software and hardware reviews, how-to's, tutorials, and easy-to-understand explanations of current technologies, with a strong emphasis on tech support. As many of our club members know, Smart Computing is more than a magazine. It also offers online help, and even free call-in tech support for people who have questions and/or problems with their computers. Jaime usually brings some interesting gifts, so I can't wait to see what she offers this time.



January will also kick off our new special presentations: Tips and Tricks. This is a new concept from Rollie Baumann, who is leading the effort to bring something in the way of new computer information to our club members each month. In January, George Rodriguez will give us a demo on Facebook. Facebook is a social website where you can meet friends, new and old. I even have a Facebook page, and have reconnected with many of my former high school classmates on Facebook. So come to the January meeting and see what Facebook is all about. It can be fun.

Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

Balance as of December 8, 2009

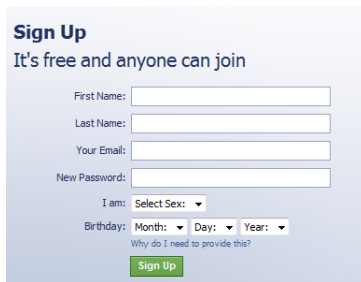
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TIPS AND TRICKS—FACEBOOK

FACEBOOK:

1. To open a Facebook page go to www.facebook.com
2. The following menu will open



The image shows the Facebook sign-up form. It has a title "Sign Up" and a subtitle "It's free and anyone can join". The form contains several input fields: "First Name:", "Last Name:", "Your Email:", and "New Password:". Below these is a "I am:" dropdown menu with "Select Sex:" as the current selection. There is also a "Birthday:" section with dropdowns for "Month:", "Day:", and "Year:". A small link "Why do I need to provide this?" is located below the birthday fields. At the bottom of the form is a green "Sign Up" button.

You will have to enter all the information requested (including your birth date, this is necessary for authenticity and is required to open a facebook account), enter your email and create a password. This will be the same location where you will enter your username (email address) and password to get to your facebook, so be sure to save the URL to your favorites.

3. Once your account is activated you will have the options of:

- Entering your information, the less the better!
- Putting a photo on your page and seeking friends via your email account.

Be careful not to use your email address book when they request it otherwise "EVERYONE" in your list will get an invitation to join your facebook, if you don't want everyone to get an invitation.

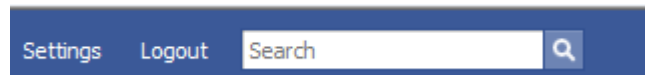
- You can seek out friends by using the search option.

- You are able to upload photos and comments that you want to share with you facebook friends.

4. You will have the option of inviting individual friends to join you and you may get an invitation from others to join their facebook but you always have the option of refusing anyone, as they have the same option to refuse you.

5. To deactivate your account:

From your home page, select "**SETTINGS**"



then scroll down to

Deactivate Account

You will be asked why you are deactivating, you have the option of not replying, scroll down to the bottom for the final deactivation

Deactivate My Account

Cancel

part

once you click on this your account will be deactivated but "NOT" closed, in case you want to reactivate at a later date.



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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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2010 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday January 1, 2010

The January meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in the Arizona Room of Sun Lakes Country Club.

Featured Speaker: Jamie Link of Smart Computing

Tips and Tricks: George Rodriguez on Facebook

2010 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

2010

January 5

February 2

March 2*

April 6

May 4

June 1

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