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Without volunteers no non-profit club can survive. So look over the positions that up for election, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We know there are many members that have a great talent in running businesses and we would like to see them take an active part in the club. At our November 2nd meeting, we will ask for nominations from the floor.

Our main speaker for November 2nd will be Mark Griffin, former Radio Systems Manager for the City of Chandler.

Dear Mr. Somebody Else:

We need your participation as a Special Interest Group Class Facilitator, it involves approximately 4 hours per month leaving approximately 700 hours per month for sleep, fun and golf.

The Photo Elements SIG will be cancelled next month and the Quicken SIG will be cancelled in January. The present 2 different facilitators are unable to continue, so Mr. Somebody Else we are counting on you. So please contact Ralph Ilsen at rilsen@wbhsi.net.

Sue Klein, Communications Director

2010 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The November 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	November 1
Photoshop Elements Open Position	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	November 3
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	TBA
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	November 9
Microsoft Windows 7 Guy Laroche	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	November 10
Digital Photography Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	3rd Monday	November 15
Basic Computers & Beyond Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	November 17
Power Point Colette McNally	7:00 PM	3rd Thursday	November 18
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	November 22
Microsoft Word Colette McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	November 24

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

by George Rodriguez, *PRESIDENT*

The overall reaction to our membership increase (for 2011) has been very encouraging; with a few exceptions it has been positive. When we look at the total benefits that membership brings everyone; monthly meetings/special interest classes, monthly newsletters, free software downloads just to name some, the cost is minimal. We are looking forward to the balance of this year with some very interesting presentations that are sure to be a hit and are already planning speakers for 2011.

The next important event will be the election of officers for 2011. The board encourages our members to run for office and take an active part in the future development of our club. We feel that new people bring new

ideas and this is always welcomed. You have to remember that without our volunteers this club could not survive. So look over the positions that up for election, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We know that there are many members that have a great talent in running businesses and we would like to see them take an active part in the club and just think of the pay and benefits that come with each position

Seriously we need more members running for the board, we cannot expect the same members to continue serving year after year.

Think it over and let John Harrill (895-6477) know of your interests.

See you at the next meeting.

Mupee – Reveal 8

Review by George Rodriguez

Website - <http://www.mupee.com/en/products/reveal>. Cost of Full version from \$59.95 – Upgrade from \$19.95 (a free 15 day trial is also available) Backup DVD available \$13.95.

Reveal 8 allows the user to put film clips, photos or both into a storybook layout that can be put on a CD or DVD and played on a computer or TV without having to edit them.

System requirements: Win XP (Service Pack 2), Vista or Windows 7 (Supports HD Video) Processor Intel Pentium 4, AMD Athlon 64 (or equivalent), 2GHz or higher Memory 1GB RAM (Save in High Definition: 2GB RAM)

Video Memory 128MB (Save in High Definition: 256MB & above) Video Drivers Must support Open GL14. For more details go to:

<http://www.mupee.com/en/products/reveal> (under technical info)

Intent: The program creates a storybook for photos, video or a combination of both that can be shared with others via VCD, DVD or online (Facebook etc.), from your camcorder, digital camera, or files on your computer.

Installation: The download from the website is quite simple; it takes about 5 minutes (on a 1.5 mbps DSL connection) with Installation taking just over 3 minutes

Operation: After I registered *Reveal 8*, it ran quite smoothly. Importing of photos and video was a very easy process into the editor function. I created a combination of both photo and video (12.48 Minutes in length) to see how they interacted. The process was flawless and it gave me the opportunity to relocate any of the files from one position to the other so that they would be in sequence I wanted as opposed to how they were imported. The editor also gives you the opportunity of re-positioning them according to; file name, date or by the shuffle process, this can be done automatically if desired.

Support: There is excellent online support where training videos are available; each one covers a different process. I Contacted support (online) with a question, this was a simple process and their response was quick.

Overall: For anyone that wants to make a storybook Mupee *Reveal 8* makes it simple. This product has been designed for the beginner with easy transitions between each file that does not require special knowledge. It contains an enhancement feature for photos that makes good use of improving quality. The product also provides the ability of including; background music, voice over, opening styles, ending credits and ending credits. I found this very easy to use and the VCD burn only took 12.5 minutes for my record.



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

As you should know by now, the Computer Booters was facing major budget difficulties. To offset the lower number of members and heavy burden of the facility rental, the yearly dues had to increase. The new schedule for 2011 is \$36.00 for individual and \$48.00 for two persons living at the same address. This covers general meeting, door prizes, and all SIG Classes (Special Interest Group). Now, we still offer free remaining of the year membership for anyone becoming a member now for the 2011 calendar year (Now to December 2011). A real bargain!

There are plenty of activities (SIG Classes) left in 2010 and continuing in 2011 to make it worthwhile joining the Computer Booters. Also, bring a friend or neighbor to the general meeting (a guest may attend one meeting for free). I meet many people that indicate they need to know more about computers. "I hardly know how to turn it on", one person told me.

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 soon as we receive your application, as a member, you will be able to attend any or all of the SIG Classes available throughout the month. We hope you will do just that. We like to hear from you as what do you want to be presented. Attendance has been lower – only 59 attended the last meeting out of 255 paid members.

Membership forms for 2011 are available on our website www.computerbooters.org. They can be found in the left column of the online newsletter un-

der 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, especially 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.

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 your 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 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.

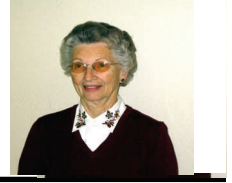
Treasurer's Report

Balance as of October 11, 2010

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

\$ 1,975.81





Look Who's Volunteering

by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

On Tuesday, October 5, 2010, the Computer Booters Club held their scheduled monthly meeting. Questions from many of the members were answered by our LifeLock presenter. The questions and answers from the "Tips and Tricks" portion of the evening were artfully managed also. Even though our group was small, the interesting subjects asked, answered and discussed were lively and educational.

The equipment needed for the meeting was prepared by Ed Craze, Jim Gatesman and Shadow Wrage. Our Records Director, Guy LaRoche and his able assistants, Alan Behr and Vivian Berman were present with the new badges for those who have paid their dues.

Some very nice door prizes were awarded those who had received the lucky red tickets from Kathie Wrage.

Our Club has a new "Up Close and Personal" club member. Her name is Suzanne Klein (but most folks call her Sue). She has graciously volunteered her time as our Communications Director. Sue sends email notifications for the SIGs, maintains the email list and is also the facilitator for the Computer Beginnings SIG.

Sue was born in Chicago, Illinois. When she was 12 years old her family moved to Tucson, Arizona, which is where she began her journey to becoming an old desert rat (her words). She attended junior high, Tucson High School and graduated from The University of Arizona in Tucson with a BA degree in Elementary Education. Sue married her high school sweetheart, Bill, who lived in the same neighborhood and they were blessed with 2 children - they now have 4 grandchildren.

Sue taught 3rd grade for 4 years, then stayed home to attend to her own children. When she began working again, it was to teach computer programs to adults and for 15 years in technical schools for the work force. Technical Schools such as Apollo College, Medical, Business Training schools and ITT. She taught high school dropouts and adults trying to get back into the work force.

Another phase of life for Sue was volunteering for several years to teach for Senior Net which is an organization that specializes in assisting seniors computer expertise. There are many Senior Net facilities all over the country. For instance, there is a group in Scottsdale and another in Fountain Hills.

Sue is a retired teacher and Bill is a retired electrical engineer. They moved to Sun Lakes in January 2008 to be closer to their daughter and granddaughter.

Sue enjoys bridge, Mahjong, Texas Hold'em and is a Red Hatter Women's Group member. She tells us her latest project is her Miniature Poodle that she is training in the hopes of teaching him to be a therapy dog.

"The process of becoming an old desert rat is about complete, so just call me Sue, but not Susie".

Knowledge, experience, expertise and willingness to help are the qualities needed to keep our Club primed to meet our goals for every member. Sue has the proven background to be an asset to our Club and we feel proud to have her!

Computer addicts never die... They just go offline...

Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



October 2010 Meeting

We were very fortunate to have Paige Pederson, from Lifelock, talk about Identity Theft and what we can do to help prevent that from happening to us. Paige is Lifelock's Identity Theft Education lead for the government services sector, speaking to law enforcement agencies about the pervasiveness of this crime. She explained how Identity Theft has grown and the broad spectrum of how computers and data bases are being used illegally. It was an eye-opening overview of Identity Theft today.



Following Paiges's presentation, Rollie Bauman led a session on "Tips & Tricks". Rollie explained how he uses Revo Uninstaller for ALL his uninstalls on his computers. He no longer uses the computer's built in Windows uninstaller. He uses the freeware version of Revo Uninstaller which not only uninstalls the computer programs, but cleans the Windows Registry of any unwanted program links. For more information and links to the program, see Rollie's write-up under the Tips & Tricks Notes section at: www.computerbooters.com.



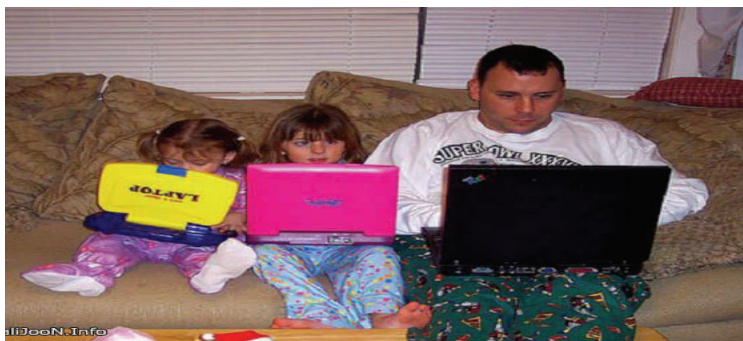
November 2010 Meeting

Our main speaker for November will be Mark Griffin,

former Radio Systems Manager for the City of Chandler. Mark worked for the city for 20 years and has many experiences in integrating computers into the city's communication network. Mark's presentation will be on Computers Being Used in Public Safety. He will discuss the technologies being used by the Police, Fire and Public Works. The amount of coordination needed for communicating safely and effectively has grown exponentially, and Mark will share his extensive experience in integrating these systems. Mark will also discuss some of his personal computer program favorites he likes to use on his own computer at home.

Following Mark's presentation, we will hear from one of our club members in the "Tips & Tricks" portion of the meeting. Check our website for additional program information, www.computerbooters.com.

We have lined up some excellent speakers for future meetings. In December, our own Judy DiFrancesco will speak on Windows Live Mail (and more).



GET A LIFE! by Tim Lachowski



"I'm trying to backup my files, but I can't find the reverse button."



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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 November 2, 2010

Featured Speaker:

For November will be Mark Griffin, former Radio Systems Manager for the City of Chandler.

2010-2011 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

2010

November 2

December 7

2011

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

E-mail Lies and Mendacity

by Lu Kinner, CLUB MEMBER

It was five out of five. Five recent political e-mail messages that I checked for accuracy turned out to be filled with misrepresentations, exaggerations and outright lies. But it's easy to check them out before you forward this junk to all your friends. In fact, when you receive a message that instructs you to forward it to everyone in your address book, that's a good indication that it's junk.

It would be hard for anyone to know whether the shocking details of a forwarded e-mail message are accurate, but we're lucky that there are a number of good Web sites that can do the work for us.

In one recent forwarded e-mail message, the claim was that Social Security beneficiaries would not receive Cost of Living Adjustments again in 2011 because Congress decided to use the money to fund electronic medical records processing for themselves. The message also states that Congress voted themselves another 3% pay increase. *Both statements are false.*

I went to www.snopes.com and entered the words "no COLA increase social security" (without quotes) and found the Snopes article immediately. It rated the e-mail message False and explained that COLA increases are based on a formula that is tied to specific economic indices and Congress has no control over COLA increases. Also in 2009 and 2010, members of Congress voted to *not* receive their automatic cost of living salary increases.

You can read the entire article at:

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/socialsecurity/cola.asp>

Listed below are five Web sites that are reliable, accurate and non-partisan.

www.snopes.com

This is one of the best Web sites for fact-checking and they provide sources for their facts.

www.factcheck.org

This Web site monitors political speeches, ads, etc. by major U.S. political figures. They point out the errors on both the Left and Right and are non-partisan.

www.politifact.com

PolitiFact rates politicians' and pundits' comments on their "Truth-O-Meter" from True to "Pants on Fire." Again, they are non-partisan and report on statements on the Left and the Right.

www.truthorfiction.org

Great for checking out e-mail rumors.

www.hoax-slayer.com

Since 2003, Hoax-Slayer has been debunking email hoaxes and exposing Internet scams.

Phony political e-mail messages are deceptive and dangerous. They know how to appeal to our prejudices and cause us to come to irrational conclusions and decisions. Don't let them hoodwink and manipulate you into believing lies—check the messages out for yourself! I don't want to make important decisions based on lies, exaggerations and half-truths and I don't think you do either.

If you have any problems looking something up, I'd be glad to help. Contact me at [sunlu\(at\)aol.com](mailto:sunlu(at)aol.com). And let me know if you'd like to know the details of the four other false e-mail messages.