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The first club meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Be there before 7:00 P.M. and get a free raffle tickle for one of our many door prizes.

Tom Paitek and Doug Fairbanks will present a demonstration of how to use ProShow Gold, one of the best slide show producing software packages available. The "Tips & Tricks" portion of the meeting will be given by Ben Thompson, our new club Vice President and Program Director.

Our Digital Photography SIG facilitator and Treasurer, Jim Rahilly has some of his pictorial works currently on display at the Robson Library. There are some great pictures exhibited in this gallery, so be sure to view it.

SOME WEBSITES WE HOPE YOU ENJOY

Kidding Around:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4_EdJ-XkUA <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4_EdJ-XkUA>

Pictures from Space:

<http://triggerpit.com/2010/11/22/incredible-pics-nasa-astronaut-wheelock/> <<http://triggerpit.com/2010/11/22/incredible-pics-nasa-astronaut-wheelock/>>

2011 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



For our current SIG Classes Schedule, please go to our website:

www.computerbooters.org

Status on Ralph: Ralph was admitted to the hospital on December 2. He underwent a serious and complicated surgery on his esophagus. The surgery went well, but Ralph will remain in the hospital for sometime and then most likely a slow recovery at home. He and his family have requested NO telephone calls or emails. They will keep us advised on his status. We know everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

Others are filling in for Ralph on the SIGs, so there will be no interruption of the SIG Classes.

Look Who's Volunteering

by *Darlene Herring*, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



On December 7th, 2010, the Computer Booters Club met for our monthly meeting. There were 88 members and guests present. Some of our 'snowbirds' haven't made it home yet, I guess.

Our faithful assistants were on the job and had all the equipment ready to begin. They were Ed Craze and Jim Gatesman. Another of our loyal helpers, Shadow Wrage, was present despite his health issues. His wife, Kathie, is our red ticket lady. She is one you don't want to pass by - the red ticket she gives you may win the very prize you wanted.

Our Welcome Director, Eddie Schweitzer, was present as was our Membership Director, Guy Laroche. His assistants were Alan Behr and Vivian Berman who will provide all the answers to incoming members and guests. J.R. Scheidereiter is a fairly new member of the

team. He carries the microphone from one questioner to another very quickly, so if you have a question for the speaker, just raise your hand and J.R. will bring you the mike so everyone can hear the question and answer.

Don't forget to visit our website for all updates and newsy items www.computerbooters.org - including all the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) with time and place - and remember that all SIG's are free....just wear your badge!

All of us with the Computer Booters Club wish each and everyone of our members and those who soon will be a memorable **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



From the President's Desk

by *George Rodriguez*, PRESIDENT

On Behalf of the board of directors, I would like to extend a Happy and healthy 2011 to all our members and their families.

The new Board takes over on January 1st and I would like to officially introduce the elected board of directors for 2011:

George Rodriguez – President
Ben Thompson – Vice President & Program Director
Collette McNally – Secretary
James Rahilly – Treasurer

The board is looking forward to an exciting year with presenters and our own in-house tips and tricks. The new innova-

tions that may be coming up will be evaluated by the board and we hope to share some new interesting aspects about this in the months ahead.

As usual we look forward to your support and encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to join our organization. We have classes set up to help members that are not that familiar with the running of a computer, along with classes for the slightly more advanced. Based on the need and availability of facilitators and rooms we will consider new SIG classes in the future, please send us your suggestions.

See you at the meeting.

SNOWY SCREENSAVERS

There's no denying winter's harsh reality. We're talking about freezing pipes and snow-choked driveways, canceled flights and shivery fingertips. Yet the darker days and dip in the mercury also bring to mind mugs of steaming cocoa, snowball fights, and winter sports.



Jessica Dolcourt
Associate Editor, CNET

There are plenty of screensavers to honor what's most-loved about the snowy season, and we don't just mean decorated evergreens and rotund men in jolly red suits. We mean idyllic landscapes, crystalline formations of ice, and fresh, powdery snowfall.

With that in mind, we've put together a collection of our favorite winter screensavers, all of them free to try. There are animated scenes of winter landscapes, crisp photo slide shows, and images of animals that thrive in a climate of perpetual winter.

http://download.cnet.com/2300-2257_4-10000060.html?tag=nl.e415

CANDY CANES

This is why all candy canes are made the same. As you watch this video, don't press anything but "START". The program does the rest.

<http://www.angelrays.com/fla/legend.html>



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

It's time to renew your membership if you have not done it yet. Membership is on a calendar basis (January 1st to December 31st). At the February general meeting the database will be purged and non-renewed members will not receive club announcement and will not be able to attend SIG Classes. Renewal notices are not sent to individuals.

We are in dire need for volunteers and especially SIG Classes leader. After a while, leaders get burned out and would like to be replaced. Also, if you have a particular skill related to Computer or Software, we like to hear from you. We like to hear which subject is of interest to you and would like to be presented. Attendance is still low – only 59 and 60 attended the last 2 meetings out of 265 paid members.

Guests are welcome at the general meeting (one attendance is free). It is the best way to see what the Computer Booters has to offer and you can talk to existing members. Bring a friend or neighbor. Attendance is still very low. Only 88 were present at the last meeting. The new dues for 2011 are now in effect and are as follows: \$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 In-

terest Group classes)

Membership forms for 2011 are available on our website www.computerbooters.org. They can be found in the left column of the home page 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 accurate and 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.

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 *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

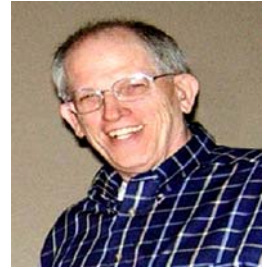


Balance as of December 9, 2010

\$1,129.47

Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



December 2010 Meeting

Our speaker for December was **Judy Di-Francesco**. Judy shared the benefits offered by one of Microsoft's latest applications, Windows Live Mail. This new offering is available free to anyone who has a computer with a Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7 operating system.

Judy explained how Windows Live Mail can simplify our email experiences. This program offers an integrated way to handle all those mail accounts you might have picked up over the years: Hotmail, Gmail, and even Yahoo! Mail. You can easily read ALL your email, including your Internet carrier's mail. In addition, this one program will give us access to our calendars and even allows us to share our high-resolution photos with friends and family without filling up their in-boxes.



Judy followed her presentation of Windows Live Mail with her current views in the "Tips & Tricks" arena.

Please visit our website in the near future to view the handout material which Judy will be providing (*visit [Meeting Handouts and Tips and Tricks Notes](#) in the left margin*). This information will include greater detail than could be covered in the time allotted.

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The "**Tips & Tricks**" portion of the meeting will be given by **Ben Thompson**, our new club Vice President and Program Director. Come give him a warm welcome, and get the new year off to a good start.

Remember that SIGs are offered during the month. See www.computerbooters.com for the latest offerings.



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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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2011 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday January 4, 2011

Featured Speaker: **Tom Paitek** and **Doug Fairbanks** will present a demonstration of how to use ProShow Gold, one of the best slide show producing software packages available.

Tips and Tricks: The “**Tips & Tricks**” portion of the meeting will be given by **Ben Thompson**,

2011 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

2011

January 4

February 1

March 1

April 5

May 3

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6