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We are pleased to report that HP will be the presenter for the October meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 P.M. in Sun Lakes Country Club, Arizona Room. Leading off our meeting, Rollie Baumann will enlighten you with some computer Tips and Tricks.

Our general meetings start promptly at 7:00 PM in order to close at a reasonable time. Attend by 7:00 PM and you will receive a free raffle ticket for our many door prizes. Late comers don't get a raffle ticket.



From the President's Desk

by George Rodriguez, PRESIDENT



Our season started off very nicely with some great information from the SIG Facilitators and a tips and tricks by Patricia Hill. I must acknowledge the efforts of Sue Klein for all she is doing revamping the SIG classes. It appears that our members have a keen interest to attend the sessions and Sue is gathering her forces to bring this to our club with a new class approach.

At the General meeting on September 6th, I introduced two new board members; Marie Krula/Volunteer Director and Kc Coller/Publicity Director. We appreciate both of

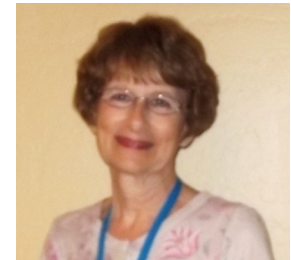
these ladies stepping up to assist the club and look forward to working with them.

At the same time I would like to acknowledge the contributions and years of dedication from Shari Thompson (former Publicity Director) and Darlene Herring (former Volunteer Director). Both of these ladies were instrumental in the club's ability to function and go forth. Thank you for your efforts ladies.

See you at the meeting

Look Who's Volunteering

by Marie Krula, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



The Computer Booters Club of Sun Lakes had a great first meeting following the break in the summer months. We welcomed 73 people who were in attendance at the September 6th meeting including 20 guests that attended. With an outline of the new classes being offered this year by the SIG director, Sue Klein, it was an especially good meeting for new guests to be aware of all the exciting classes that will now be part of the new SIG series.

Ed Schweitzer, our Welcome Director, welcomed all attendees & Guy Laroche, our Membership Director greeted all the guests and members as they checked in at the membership table for their new badge or signed-up to become a member. He was assisted by Al

Behr & Jim Gatesman. Ed Craze, equipment volunteer, set-up all the equipment for the meeting. Also volunteering was Kathie Wrage who gave each person in attendance a raffle ticket. This was Kathie's last meeting with us & we thank her for her gracious help through the years. We thank you all who so generously and willingly volunteer at each meeting.

We particularly want to thank Darlene Harding who is retiring after serving 5 years as the Volunteer Coordinator and for the great job she has done so graciously & efficiently. As the new Volunteer Coordinator, I look forward to serving with so many others to assist Sun Lakes residents with their computer needs.

2011 SIG Classes News

by Sue Klein, SIG COORDINATOR



We started the new year with our Special Interest Group (SIG)s in September. At the General meeting a few of our facilitators spoke about their fall SIGs. Our October SIGs are:

Windows 7

which is a system software program that runs your computer.

Monday, October 3,
Monday, October 10
Monday, October 17
Guy Laroche, Facilitator

A Friendly PC

Keeping your PC Healthy,
Happy and Safe
Tuesday, October 11
Tuesday, October 25
Ben Thompson, Facilitator

One Shot Workshops

Making Greeting Cards

Wednesday, October 5
Judy Di, Facilitator

Recipes on the Internet

Thursday, October 20
Dianne Winenger, Facilitator

All SIGS are in the Arts and Crafts Room in the Sun Lakes Country Club at 7 PM.

Sue Klein, SIG Coordinator

Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

Fund Balances as of September 11, 2011:

Rainy Day Reserve Fund	\$ 1,137.75
Current Operating Fund	<u>2,969.45</u>
Total Funds	\$ <u>4,107.20</u>





Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

Even though many Members and non-members are away for the summer months, your Board of Directors has been busy preparing the new Computer Club's season starting in September. The major change you will see is in the SIG Classes schedule. Please read the SIG Classes coordinator article in this newsletter. Mark your calendar so you won't miss any activities. The other change is for new members (not renewals for existing memberships)

As practiced in the past, non-members can attend as a guest one general meeting. It is the best way to see what the Computer Booters has to offer and you can talk to existing members. Starting in September, other meetings before January will have to be paid (\$5:00 each meeting if they join for next year – 2012). Person(s) wanting to join in September will pay the regular dues (2012 Single or Family (plus \$15:00). Person(s) wanting to join in October will pay the regular dues (2012 Single or Family (plus \$10:00). Person(s) wanting to join in November will pay the regular dues (Single or Family (plus \$5:00). Person(s) wanting to join in December will pay the regular dues (Single or Family – December being a guest's meeting).

Membership will include the general meetings in 2011 and 2012 as well as any SIG Classes they want to attend. General meeting guests who do not join but wish to attend SIG Classes will pay a fee – See the SIG Classes Coordinator report for details.

As before, renewals will be accepted any time before January 1st 2012. E-Mail Addresses will be purged at the February general

meeting.

Dues for 2012 are the same as for 2011 and are as follows: \$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 classes), not to mention that you can always talk to someone in the Club. We have a number of members that can answer computer related questions.

Membership forms for 2012 are available on our website www.computerbooters.org (left column of the home page, under membership). Everyone is requested to fill out a membership form, even if they are renewing. 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 (P.O. Box).

As always, membership badges will be ready to be picked up, at the membership table, before the general meeting following the receipt of the 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 and late comer 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.

Some members have indicated that they are not receiving notices via e-mail. Make sure we have your correct e-mail address. Also, notices are now being sent by the SIG Classes coordinator Sue Klein at her new e-mail (sirnoodles@q.com) . If you don't have her e-mail in your contact list, the notices may be filtered and go to the junk folder.

Program Update

by Ben Thompson, VICE PRESIDENT



September 2011 Program

We kicked off our Fall program with a general meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at the Sun Lakes Country Club. Patricia Hill, our Review Editor/APCUG Representative, opened with a fifteen minute Tips & Tricks presentation on how to manage startup programs in Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7. The application of the techniques described by Patricia has the potential of noticeably reducing the startup time of your computer.



Guy Laroche followed with a preview of a new book, "Degunking Windows 7" by Joli Ballew. Although it refers to Windows 7 in the title, this book offers step-by-step instructions for maintenance of all Windows PCs. Chapter 3, *Remove Unwanted Data and Programs*, Chapter 4, *Organize your File System*, Chapter 8, *Clean Up your E-mail*, and Chapter 14, *Back Up Precious Files* were of special interest. Overall, *Degunking Windows 7* is a worthwhile book and highly recommended to everyone willing to spend the time to improve their PC's health and operation.



Sue Klein, our SIG Coordinator, described the reorganization of our SIG program for the coming year and presented the schedule for the SIG classes and One Shot Workshops. Several of our current Special Interest Group (SIG) fa-

cilitators provided a brief description and schedule for their upcoming classes. The meeting concluded with a drawing for door prizes which included three of the *Degunking Windows 7* books.

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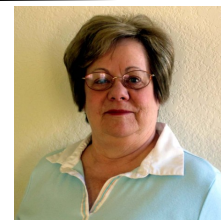
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HP said "We welcome you to join us for our latest HP Holiday Training Event! We will share exciting new HP updates on our latest HP notebooks, printers, accessories and new HP Touchpads!

We will raffle off prizes and have fun incentives for asking/answering questions. HP is honored to have the opportunity to share our latest products. We will also include Social Networking to help you stay in touch with your friends and family (Facebook, etc.).

We will bring in snacks/desserts to make our trainings even more exciting! HP has a lot of great new product benefits such as ePrint, Simple Pass (launch a site and passwords with a swipe of a finger), Cool Sense (notebooks adjust to temperatures), and the latest Beats Audio feature and we look forward to helping you learn about the entire HP experience to enhance lives!"

SW Computer Conference Review,
by Patricia Hill, Review Editor



Save The Date -- The SW Computer Conference is moving to Arizona !!

Who: All computer users are welcome -- Mac & Windows users, beginners to experienced users, friends and family. This is not just a computer club conference.

When: March 22 – 25, 2012

Where: **Radisson Fort McDowell Resort**

Why: Seminars, educational keynotes door prizes, vendor expo, raffles, Microsoft store tour

How: With a lot of volunteer help

We'll be calling on you!



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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 October 4, 2011

Featured Speaker:

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Tips and Tricks:

Rollie Baumann will enlighten you with Tips and Tricks.

2011-2012 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

2011-2012

October 4

November 1

December 6

January 3

February 7

March 8 *

April 3

May 1

* Location subject to change