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The evening will start with a presentation on the Computer Technology Conference that will be coming to Arizona in March 2012. Afterwards, the Computer Booters Nominating Committee report will be presented and present members in good standing will elect our officers for 2012.

Our meeting will conclude with drawings for door prizes and our annual Ice Cream Social for members and guests. We hope you can make it.

**||** *Editor's Note:* I have resigned as your Editor as of this edition of the newsletter, so I am taking this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported Assistant Editor: Doug Fairbanks and me over the years with your articles and comments. I hope that you have enjoyed reading *The Sun Lakes Computer Booter* as much as Doug and I have in preparing it.

As I understand, Doug plans to stay on as Assistant to help the new Editor when one is chosen.

John W. Harrill, Editor

## From the President's Desk

*by George Rodriguez, PRESIDENT*



**T**his will be my last contribution, as president, to the Computer Booters newsletter. I have served in this capacity for the past five years and have had the pleasure of working with great people on the board. Through their active involvement they have enabled me to run this organization in an effective manner. I feel confident that the new board will lead the club to bigger and better things and thank them for their participation. As I have stated previously, the club runs thanks to our many volunteers and the board of directors is a big part of this.

I look forward to continuing as Webmaster and supporting the new board in their endeavors to keep the club moving forward in the

years to come.

I would like to thank all the volunteers over the years for their assistance and dedication, and continue to encourage our membership to actively support this fine organization through their participation in the months and years to come.

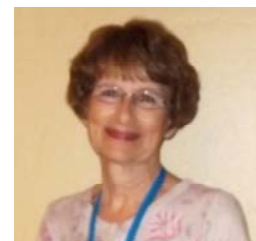
On Behalf of the board of directors I would like to wish you and your family the very best for the Holidays and a happy and prosperous New Year.

See you at the meeting

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## Look Who's Volunteering

*by Marie Krula, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*



**A** significant contribution to our great attendance at our November 1, 2011 Computer Booter's meeting was the result of the efforts of many volunteers in the club who held three Open Houses at the three country clubs during October in Sun Lakes to publicize our club. There were 117 attendees and 21 guests at our meeting!! Welcome to all of our guests and new members.

The audience had many questions for the Microsoft speaker who presented new software & hardware from Microsoft. Volunteers Ed Craze and Walt Scheidereiter assisted Jon Inman, Hardware Director, in the setting-up of equipment. Thanks to both Walt & Jon for assisting me as we roamed around the room to

give microphones to people who had questions for our speaker so everyone could hear their question.

The membership table was very busy with guests and people who signed up to be members, but volunteers Al Behr and Vivian Berman were present to help Guy Larouche, Membership Director. Volunteer Nona Hove gave each attendee a raffle ticket. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the raffle was not held, but double goodies will be available for the December meeting!

Thanks to all who helped. ..you are appreciated!

# 2011 SIG Classes News

by Sue Klein, SIG COORDINATOR



# Happy Holidays!

I am writing this letter to inform you what Taxes have taken away my usual things for Christmas, my reindeer, my horse and my sleigh...For this Christmas I am coming on a donkey, he is old, decrypted, and slow...so if I am not at your house by Christmas I am out on my bottom in the snow. (author unknown)

I would like to say thank you to all our members for their support of the Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The attendance numbers have been very satisfying. We are happy to offer classes of interest and timely. In the Spring we will offer a Today's Gadgets and Turbo Tax as One Shot Workshops. Plus we will have many other weekly classes.

## Our December Classes:

### **MS Word, Monday**

December 5: Formatting plain text, themes and styles

December 12: Inserting pictures, Word Art, header & footer

December 19: Mail Merge

**Guy Laroche, Facilitator**

### **PC Basics, Wednesday**

December 7, 14, 21, and 28

Ben covers many topics on programs and care of your computer.

**Ben Thompson, Facilitator**

## **Happy Holidays One and All!**

Email Guy Laroche for membership information, [mr1968zeus@msn.com](mailto:mr1968zeus@msn.com)  
Membership is necessary to attend all SIGs.

## Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

### Fund Balances as of November 2, 2011:

Rainy Day Reserve Fund	\$ 1,137.75
Income Pertaining to 2012 Year	1,802.00
Current Operating Fund	<u>2,347.34</u>
Total Funds	\$ <u>5,287.09</u>



# Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR



If you have not joined the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes, you are missing very informative and educating SIG Classes. Check the Calendar of events on our Web Site ([www.computerbooters.org](http://www.computerbooters.org)) for regular SIG Classes and one-time-shot sessions. Join the club now and your benefits will start immediately. Guests at the general meeting who choose not join but wish to attend SIG Classes will pay a fee – See the SIG Classes coordinator report for details.

Dues for 2012 remain the same as 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 regarding specific problems. We have a number of members that can answer computer related questions

If you are already a member: Your membership expires January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. E-Mail Addresses will be purged shortly after the January general meeting.

Membership forms for 2012 are available

on our website [www.computerbooters.org](http://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. Print and fill the form (make sure the email address is legible). You can also pick up a form at the membership 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 Director).

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](mailto: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.**

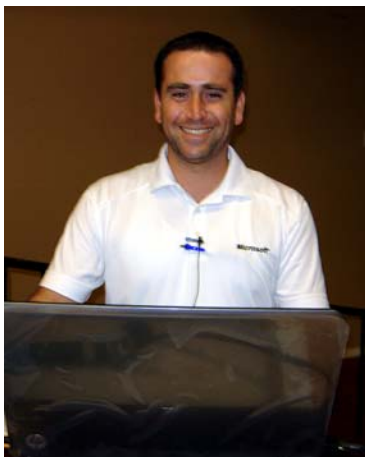
# Program Update

by *Ben Thompson*, VICE PRESIDENT



## November 2011 Program

Microsoft representative, James Rich, spoke to record attendance of 117 at the general meeting on Tuesday, November 1, in Sun Lakes Country Club. Microsoft was sponsored by OfficeMax who, as many will recall, provided an interesting program in April of this year. George Parker of OfficeMax introduced the new local store Manager, Roy Herrera, who reminded us of the free PC Checkup that is available to all club members



James Rich reviewed several features of Windows 7 including Skydrive, One Note, background removal from photos using Office 2010, and the Windows Snap feature. He played a short video depicting a Windows 8 feature--a Metro style for Windows 8 which looks much like Microsoft's Windows Phone 7 interface, and it basically brings apps to the desktop.

All attendees were provided with information on Microsoft's free Seniors Workshops and Networking Events as well as Friends & Family Discount cards which are good through the end of the year.

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Ken is the Chief Technology Officer of Mayo Clinic. He has over 38 years experience in Information Technology with 28 years spent serving the healthcare industry. Since beginning his career at Mayo Clinic in 2000, he has served in a variety of technical leadership roles. Ken holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology. We all look forward to his visit.

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**Draw a stick man-This is different and a lot of fun, be sure to try it.**

Cut and paste this: <http://www.drawastickman.com/>

**A practical car convertible to an airplane**

Be sure to watch the whole video; it is a bit of a shocker when you learn who this guy is and how he was raised.

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# Publicity

*by Kc Collier, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR*



**B**e sure to use our invitation to attend Tuesday, December 6th, General Meeting as a guest before joining! The meeting is held at the Sun Lakes Country Club at 7:00 p.m. Arrive before 7:00 p.m. and receive a free raffle ticket for computer related prizes.

November's speaker from Microsoft shared many of the new features of their latest software and hardware. At the end of the evening both Microsoft and OfficeMax provided door prizes. You had to be there to win!

This December meeting will begin with Patricia Hill enlightening our members with information for the "Computer Technology Conference" that will be held March 22-25 in Scottsdale, AZ the coming year.

Dr. Bobis, Chief Technology Officer of Mayo Clinic will be our speaker. We are looking forward to his presentation: "**How information technology has changed healthcare.**" It will

focus on the major changes over the last two decades and provide a summary of what's going on today and in the future. He has over 38 years' experience in Information Technology with 28 of it spent serving the healthcare industry. He has enjoyed a long teaching career in the schools of Computer Science, Information Systems, Health Care Administrations, Biomedical Informatics and more.

As promised this meeting is offering much! After the speakers there will be the election of officers for the New Board of Directors.

Perhaps it will be you that our ticket volunteer, Nona Hove, hands the winning ticket to. Remember you have to be there to win so come and join us for this full packed evening.



## **SOME REALLY GREAT LINKS TO COPY AND PASTE <> THEN ENJOY!**

### Imagine the suffering if this had not occurred

This is a wonderful video of what took place on 9/11/01 on the pier of Manhattan Island. It shows the largest boat lift to ever take place--bigger than Dunkirk. I had no idea this happened, and I am so proud of our people and the US Coast Guard .... This little video is narrated by Tom Hanks and it surprised the heck out of me. I thought I watched everything that happened that day - but I never saw this. I love this Country and I am so proud to be an American! This shows what great things can be accomplished when people do what is JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

<http://www.smartplanet.com/blog/cities/moving-documentary-of-911-evacuation-by-boat-shows-resilience-of-cities/881?tag=nl.e660>

### Bet you've never been on a bike course like this

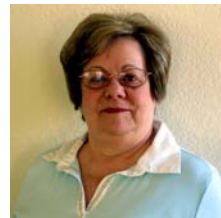
It is some kind of bike race in Chile, I'd say a time trial, where the rider follows a winding path through a small town on streets and sidewalks with jumps thrown in along the way, a camera is mounted either on the front of the bike or his helmet. It is fast and amazing to watch.

Be sure to watch out for the dog!!

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## SW Computer Conference Review,

by *Patricia Hill*, APCUG REP.& REVIEW EDITOR



# Tech Conference

## March 22 - 25, 2012

info & registration at

[www.CompTechConf.com](http://www.CompTechConf.com)

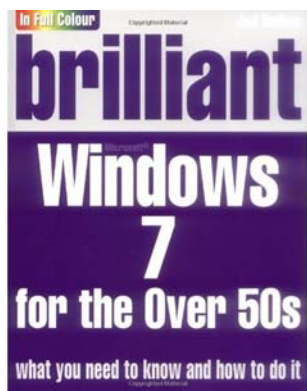
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**We'll be calling on you!**

## Brilliant Windows 7 for the over 50s

(What you need to know and how to do it)



By **Joli Ballew**

Pearson Professional Computing (October 28, 2009)

344 pages paperback

\$16.60 on Amazon (As of November 2011)

**ISBN-10:** 0273729152

**ISBN-13:** 978-0273729150

### My Review by Guy Laroche

An eye catching title: *Brilliant Windows 7 for the over 50s*. Why the over 50s? What is different with the generation born before 1960? Well, they were not exposed in school or in the work place to computer and our increasingly dependence on Web, Cell Phone, Laptop, PDA, and all other electronic devices. It doesn't mean they are technologically challenged. It means that they may not feel comfortable using the latest technology. Asking too many questions regarding today technology is not "cool". That is where this book answers questions related to Windows 7 (the latest Microsoft Operating System). Joli Ballew has also written other books with the "over 50s" in the title. I will review other books in future articles.

Windows 7 is not just the Operating System running your computer behind the scene. It also has many features to help you be more efficient, safer when surfing the Web, and enjoy your time on the computer. This book will help you understand the inner working of Windows 7 and to make the right decision in customizing as well as using it.

Joli Ballew writes clearly in numbered steps referencing items on full color screen shots. This book is printed in fairly large font well-spaced for easy reading. There is no long text to read. Each page is divided into two sections: the margin where functionalities are described in numbered steps and the remaining of the page shows screen shot as well as other information. This is a book I do not hesitate to recommend. You will be glad to have it as a reference for your Windows 7 questions.

This solution book has 12 chapters. After few basic information chapters on:

- What's new
- Basics
- Instant Windows 7
- Computing essentials

Other chapters cover:

- Personalization
- Applications
- Files
- Internet Explorer
- Security
- Media applications

The Live Mail and Media Applications are especially well covered. Live Mail is included here but is not part of the Windows 7 release (There is a free download from Live Essentials from Microsoft). Obviously, because Email is one reason, if not the one, people use computers. Windows Media player includes music video, DVD, as well as TV.

## Review of *Brilliant Windows 7 for the over 50s* (Continued)

Other chapters, such as File Management, Internet Explorer, and Networking are quite important and well covered.

In addition, 2 appendices are dedicated to Jargon Buster (Glossary) and a Troubleshooting Guide.

The Jargon Busters appendix provides clear and concise definition of terms related to computing and used in this book.

The Troubleshooting Guide is probably the best feature of the book. Each of the book's paragraphs lists several problems phrased as questions. A page number is attached to each question, so the reader can go directly to the page explaining the function or application.

Almost every page contains inserts for "Did you know?", "For Your Information", "Important", and "Jargon Buster". They here to present information or advice related to the activity covered. They are short paragraphs so you don't have to read pages of text.

Here is an example of one of the 100 plus "DID YOU KNOW?"

"The stocks gadgets run about 15 minutes behind real time stock data, so don't start buying and selling based on what you see here!"

Here is an example of one of the 80 plus "FOR YOUR INFORMATION:"

"Network is not on the Start menu by default. Add it to have easy access to network resources."

Here is an example of one of the 35 "IMPORTANT" INSERTS:

"Write down your user name and password and keep it in a safe place".

Of the 150 Jargon Busters from the appendix, only 8 are strategically placed throughout the book. The appendix lists them as well. Here is an example of Jargon Buster insert: "ICON – A visual representation of a file, folder or program that you can click to open it."

Even if you are not over 50 and have been exposed to modern technology in your line of work, I would highly recommend that you consider purchasing *Brilliant Windows 7 for the over 50s*. Even advanced users may learn a thing or two.

### **The Author:**

Joli Ballew is a Microsoft MVP, and holds several Microsoft certifications including MCSE, MCTS, MCDST, and others. She has written almost 50 books on topics ranging from Windows to Photoshop, to Phones to iPads, and even on to making your Windows PCs run better and faster. Beyond writing, she teaches classes at several local community colleges and is the IT Academy Coordinator at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch, Texas.

### **The Reviewer:**

**Guy Laroche**, Computer Booters of Sun Lakes, is a retired Computer Engineer who worked on Large Main-Frame Computers as a Customer Service Engineer, Designer, Programmer, and Project manager. Presently, he is facilitating Special Interest Group Classes on Microsoft products and other computer related subjects.



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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 Mirror Room at the Sun Lakes One Country Club.

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## **2011 CALENDAR CORNER**

### **Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday December 6, 2011**

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### **2011-2012 Monthly Meeting Dates** **Tuesday, 7:00 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1**

#### **2011-2012**

**December 6**

**January 3**

**February 7**

**March 8 \***

**April 3**

**May 1**

\* Location subject to change