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At this month's meeting our member volunteers: Colette McNally, Guy Laroche, Patricia Hill and George Rodriguez, will host an open panel discussion on how to use *Microsoft® Word* and *Excel*. There are many not-well-known facets in these programs that will be discussed and might be beneficial for you to know.

The always helpful *Tips & Tricks* portion of the meeting will be presented by Rollie Baumann, our very capable Hardware Manager.

This will be our last meeting before our Summer hiatus of June, July, and August, so please try to attend. Be there by or before 7:00 P.M. and get a free raffle ticket for one of our many door prizes.

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From the President's Desk

by George Rodriguez, PRESIDENT



At this month's meeting, **Colette McNally, Guy Laroche, Patricia Hill** and **George Rodriguez**, will host an open panel discussion on how to use **Microsoft® Word and Excel**. The panel will have some basic examples and will be ready to show you how-to basics and possible examples from questions the audience raises.

If any member has a specific problem (something in Word or Excel), they should submit it to George Rodriguez at

Casarod@hotmail.com prior to the meeting so that the board can research the item and come prepared with a solution. We may not be able to find solutions to all questions brought up at the meeting without prior notification.

So come and bring your friends, we feel that this will be a very interesting meeting and if popular we will try to do more of these in the future.

2011 SIG Schedule

by Sue Klein, SIG COORDINATOR



Watch this Space for Upcoming News In September

To all our snowbirds, we look forward to your return in the Fall. Please think of us in July with the 112 degrees temperature.

Happy summer everyone!

The Special Interests Groups or SIGs are classes FREE to all Computer Booters. It is a chance to expand your computer knowledge and meet other members. All SIGs are announced ahead through email. Don't forget to wear your badge. See You there, Sue

Look Who's Volunteering

by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



The Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club held their April Meeting on Tuesday the 5th. There were 83 members and guests greeted at the door by **Eddie Schwietzer**, our Welcome Director.

Those who needed new nametags or just general information received answers from our Members Director, **Guy Laroche** and his helpers, **Al Behr** and **Vivian Berman**.

The red door prize tickets were available from **Kathie Wrangle** at the ticket desk. Just show her your badge and you may receive one of the lucky tickets.

Our equipment required for the evening was properly prepared by **Jim Gatesman** and **Ed**

Craze. Ziggy Wirganowicz was the lighting expert.

During the Q and A session, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you by **J. R. Scheidereiter** who is very fast on his feet. This action on your part will help those sitting behind you to hear both the questions and the answers.

For further information – especially the dates of the **SIG's** (Special Internet Groups) – or general information about the club, click on www.computerbooters.org.

See you at our next meeting Tuesday, May 3rd.



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

Our new SIG Classes coordinator is busy preparing the next season calendar. Watch for her column in this and future newsletters. There is still plenty of activities this year (membership is January through December) to justify joining the club. For those members who leave the Valley for the summer, stay safe and we will see you back in September.

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. The dues for 2011 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 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 2011 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.

Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

Fund Balances as of April 8, 2011:

Rainy Day Reserve Fund	\$	1137.75
Current Operating Fund		<u>3785.61</u>
Total Funds	\$	<u>4923.36</u>



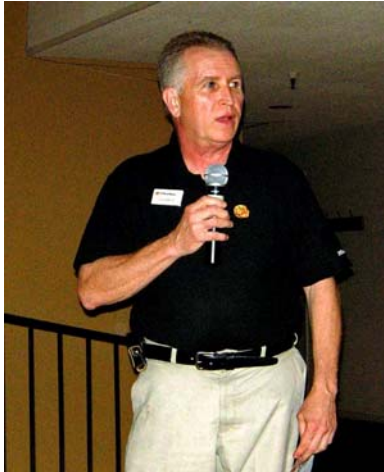
Program Update

by Ben Thompson, VICE PRESIDENT



April 2011 General Meeting

Our program for the month featured our local OfficeMax store. George Parker, Store Manager, was proud to say that at OfficeMax® they have the office supplies you need to manage your workload and your day. They are there to help you with top, trusted brands of office products, technology and office furniture that deliver the performance and quality that you deserve.



George concluded the evening with the announcement that for the month of April he is offering a ten percent discount on all items in the store for each member of Computer Booters of Sun lakes. Two lucky members were recipients of a wireless printer and a software/service contract that he contributed to our evening prize drawing. George also provided a “Goody Bag” from his store for a majority of meeting’s attendees. He proposed “Work with us today” as a fitting motto for OfficeMax.

May 2011 Program

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. An informative workshop for the evening will include discussion of both **Microsoft Word** and **Microsoft Excel**. The facilitators for Microsoft Word will be **Colette McNally** and **Guy Laroche**. **Patricia Hill** and **George Rodriguez** will be the facilitators for Microsoft Excel.

Both Word and Excel are popular programs of the Microsoft Office Suite. Microsoft Word is a word processor that is used to transform ideas into professional-looking documents, while Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program that provides valuable insights with powerful analysis tools.

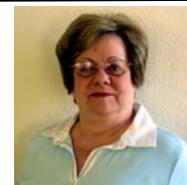
This program will be preceded by our 15-minute club member presentation “Tips & Tricks” by Rollie Baumann which will be of significant interest to every computer user. Check our website for additional program information, www.computerbooters.org.

In addition to office supplies and furniture, OfficeMax provides a wide variety of technological items to help you stay abreast of the game. From affordable ink and toner to the latest software choices and brand name PCs to essential computer accessories, they have the latest technology to keep you moving forward.

George then introduced his Technology Specialist, J.R. Garcia who provided an interesting presentation of the latest and greatest equipment including Laptops, Desktops, Netbooks, E-Readers, and wireless Printers. J.R. also described their In-Store Computer Services which includes a free PC checkup.



SW Computer Conference Review, by Patricia Hill, Review Editor



The Southwest Computer Conference is the longest running technology conference on the west coast - we're 18 years old. This year's event will be June 3, 4 & 5 at the beautiful Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, in San Diego.

Conference Registration

Your Early Bird \$75 registration must be post-marked by May 16. From May 17 through the conference, registration will be \$100. Register by May 15 and you will be entered in a drawing to receive a nifty prize.

The Hotel

Room rates are \$103, single or double occupancy. That's per room - not per person! What a deal! The room rate is valid from May 30 through June 8, so grab your family and add some vacation time. Reservations need to be made by May 8 to receive this special rate.

Reservations may be made by calling 800.772.8527 or 619.291.7131 and identifying yourself as a Southwest Computer Conference attendee. You can also register through the conference website, www.theswcc.org Check-in is 3:00 PM; check out is 11:00 AM. One night's room deposit is required to confirm all reservations. A map to the hotel can be found at www.towncountry.com/location.html. Discounted parking is \$4 for both attendees.

Stay at the host hotel you are automatically entered into a special drawing to receive one of your conference nights FREE!

Special Event

An added attraction this year is a field trip to the new Microsoft Store that is located in the shopping center immediately behind the hotel on Thursday, June 2 -- either afternoon or evening. There is limited seating so early registration for this event is critical. We will be welcomed, given a presentation on the new Microsoft offerings, a tour of the store, and who knows what else. The afternoon event includes a stop by the Apple and Sony stores, as well as no-host dinner in the food court.

Digital Photography Contest

Did you take what you're sure is a prize-winning photo? Then enter the Digital Photo contest. There are four categories: Animals, Digital Art, Nature/Landscape, and People. There will be some great

prizes - this year the contest is sponsored by Iomega. The rules and entry form are on the conference website, www.theswcc.org

Presentations

The team is working to make this another great conference and bring you the latest technology information. These are some of the scheduled presentations:

- Abby Stokes, author, *Is This Thing On?*, will again kick off the conference on Friday afternoon
- iolo Technologies - System Mechanic
- Vipre - Alex Eckleberry, President, Sunbelt Software
- Avast! - Bob Gostischa
- Backing Up - Gene Barlow
- ABCs of Digital Photography - Gary Stanley (Cyber News)
- Microsoft / Microsoft Store
- What's new in Windows 7 and What's new in Word 2010? (Cool Things You May Have Missed By Blinking) - Bruce Aronson
- From Obscurity to Ubiquity - How Linux took over the World While No One Noticed - Orv Beach, Simi Valley Linux Group
- Use Virtual Machines to Do Computing and Save Real Space, Time, and Money - Frances Chao, Tucson Computer Society & the Greater South Bay User Group
- Storage - Roger Radcliffe, TUGNET
- Setting up a secure wireless network - Katie Gertz, President, Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs (AZacc)
- eBay - Gini Pedersen (San Diego adult ed teacher / honorary lifetime member, Seniors Computer Group)
- Protect Yourself, Yourself - Garry Sexton, President GSBUG
- Freebies - Judy Taylour, SCV Computer Club
- All the fun things you can do with your Android Phone - Jim Perry, Prescott Computer Society

Subject to change at time of conference

Join us for the premier networking and education event for technology users - Windows, Mac, Linux - all are welcome for a weekend of fun, camaraderie and education. We look forward to seeing you 2011!



ANDY MARKEN WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE SW COMPUTER CONFERENCE

Andy Marken of Marken Communications has been a marketing and communications consultant for more than 30 years involved in the wild early days of the Internet/Web, heyday of the video game industry and the maturing professional and consumer video industries. His bruising experience includes years with Internet pioneer CERFnet, TCG and AT&T. Andy worked in the video and storage industry with Panasonic, Philips, Atari, Dazzle, Pinnacle Systems, Cyber Link, FAST, InterVideo, Ulead, muvee, Nuvel, ADS Tech and Verbatim.

Andy is fresh from CES, Macworld, MWC, CTIA, GDC, NAB and more acronym events than he can recall as well as a lot of research conferences. Want to know what was real, what seems to have staying power, what he thinks you'll be using in a year or so whether you like it or not?

Here's your chance to catch up on the latest/trends in smartphones: how to choose from the ultimate to the simplistic for people with big fingers - best/newest apps - beyond the games what's there you can use? - Cameras - video with ease - do you really need a camera anymore? - Desktop and portable systems - will they really have staying power/value to you? - eReaders/tablets - how will you really use them, where will you use them?

- storage trends - are we/you ready for the cloud or do you want your stuff at home?

- TV/content everywhere - is anyone

working anymore?

Andy will make the discussion fun for YOU and leave time for your questions. He'll emphasize products but will be prepared to discuss the other areas you find of most interest and importance. So, bring those gnawing questions/doubts. The year has started on an upbeat so Andy will help you be prepared for the best the industry has to offer. He's right about 50 percent of the time!!!!

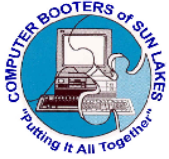
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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meets the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August when we do not meet, and in March when the date and/or location may change due to the Sun Lakes One homeowners meeting. Call for the date and location of the March 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 May 5, 2011

Featured Speakers: A group of our members will discuss *MicroSoft Word* and *Excel*.

Tips and Tricks: The “Tips & Tricks” portion of the meeting will be given by Rollie Baumann, our Hardware Manager.

2011 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

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May 3

September 6

October 4

November 1

December 6