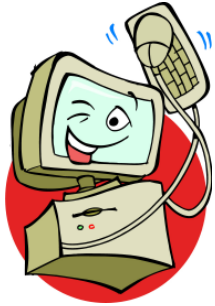


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The Prez Sez...

By Lyn Morse

Another month, another column - September came so fast for me this year. Listening to others, I gather the summer has gone by rather quickly for a lot of us.

I've been exploring my Kindle this summer - what I want to put on it and what it does and doesn't do. I've asked questions of others who have Kindles and explored a few websites. In conversation with Sharon Kiel, another Kindle user, we thought it was time to have a get-together of those who have an interest in the Kindle or who would like to learn more about the Kindle. So.... Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the computer lab, we're having a meeting for anyone interested in the Kindle.

Check out the SIG notice about the meeting on page 2.

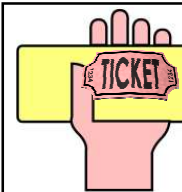
In September we can continue to expect few classes being offered. That being said, there is a new one this month that I think a lot of people will find fun. Alan Gamble will be offering Picture

Manipulation using PS Elements for both Mac & PC. Check it out on the calendar to see if you can make it. Sign up sheets should be in their respective books.

Many of us have taken photos this year, and I count four September classes that will be of interest to you camera-toting people. Looking for something to do while it's still hot? You might want to take one of those.

Hope to see you at the General Meeting. You'll have a chance to hear each of your Board members speak briefly ... and maybe even some Q & A time.

For those of you new to Let's Compute, the monthly calendar is always included in the current issue of Bits and Bytes.



Get Your Free Ticket to the Free-For-All General Meeting

The September 27 General Meeting of the computer club in Speakers Hall will be something of a **FREE FOR ALL**...and we all like **FREE**, don't we?

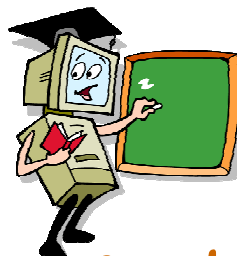
This year's Board of Directors will briefly introduce themselves and outline the duties of their particular office. Duties which they perform for **FREE**.

Three of our club members - who are also Board members and teachers - will tell you about more **FREEBIES**. Shelia Harbet will tell you where you can find safe, **FREE** software on the Internet. Barbara Kaye will **FREELY** tell you about **FREE** antivirus software.

Jan Grenert will introduce you to **LIBREFREE**, a **FREE** productivity software package that has six separate programs which are similar to an older version of Microsoft Office.

Then we will have a drawing for **FREE** door prizes for club members in the audience.

Welcome New Teacher



Alan Gamble



By Jan Grenert

SIG stands for **Special Interest Group**. For instance, a group of hog farmers may form a Pig SIG to exchange information among themselves on how to raise prize-winning porkers.

What a great logo that would make:



Actually, we are looking for something more fitting to Sun City and our computer club, like a SIG for members interested in exchanging ideas and information on an iPad.

Jerry Katler, our Director of Programs, is an avid iPad user. Jerry is looking for other members who are interested in forming an iPad SIG.

SIG members generally select a monthly meeting date that suits the group, and they meet in the computer lab. No sign up is necessary, but attendees must be members of Let's Compute.

For more information, email Jerry at fishfoto@me.com.

We will even let the group design its own logo.....remember, the pig is already taken.



By Lyn Morse

There seems to be a lot of interest in e-books lately, and there are several kinds out there. In response to questions about the Kindle, Sharon Kiel and Lyn Morse have put together a presentation about that particular e-book. The meeting will be Tuesday night, **September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the computer lab.**

Only the Kindle will be discussed. Sharon and Lyn have gathered information on different aspects of the Kindle, such as sharing books in groups of five to lending a book to a friend for two weeks – much as the libraries here in the Valley are doing.

Everything about the Kindle can't be covered in one session, and questions will arise that Sharon and Lyn may not be able to answer, but perhaps someone else can. They hope to see this develop into a SIG (Special Interest Group) for continuous discussions about the Kindle.

If you use another type of e-book, perhaps you would be interested to form a group for discussion/sharing of it.

For those of you who do not normally use the lab, be aware that according to the Fire Code, attendance in the lab is limited to the first 37 people when there is no signup sheet.



This Personal Computer and Internet Special Interest Group is headed up by Kent McDonald, Terry Kay and Terry Greene. The first meeting of this season is on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 pm in the computer lab.

One of the fellows starts out with a topic and the discussion goes from there. This is a good place to pick up tips and learn what is new.

Kent, Kerry and Terry have a broad interest and knowledge of current topics on the 'net.



By Len Heller

The Mac Special Interest Group will meeting on Friday, September 16, at 9:00 am in the computer lab. Discussions will address the new Lion Operating System and some of the major differences between Lion and the older Operating Systems.

Len Heller will be the SIG's organizer and discussion leader this year. With the new iMacs now installed in the lab, there will be lots to talk about.

Mac users can get first-hand information on the new iMacs and can listen to the new OS - Lion roar!

September Schedule of Classes

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	BOOK	TEACHER
Thur	Sept. 1	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 (1/4)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	Sept. 3		Open Lab 10:00 to Noon			
Mon	Sept. 5		Labor Day – Lab Closed			
Tues	Sept 6	7:00	Kindle Meeting			Lab
Thur	Sept. 8	1:00	Using Server based email: (Yahoo, Gmail, -Verizon, MSN)	PC/Mac	7	Shelia Harbet
		3 – 4:30	Word 2007 (2/4)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Sept. 9	2 – 3:30	Quicken Basics	PC	8	Dave Rosenthal
Sat	Sept. 10		Open Lab 10:00 to Noon			
Mon	Sept. 12	2 – 3:30	Quicken Basics	Mac	8	Dave Rosenthal
Tues	Sept. 13	7:00	PCI SIG			LAB
Thur	Sept. 15	9:00	Board Meeting			Idyllwild Room
		1:00	Intro. To Firefox 5	PC/Mac	7	Al Sabsevitz
		3 – 4:30	Word 2007 (3/4)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Sept. 16	9:00	Mac SIG			Lab
Sat	Sept. 17	10 – 12	Open Lab 10:00 to Noon			
Mon	Sept. 19	1 – 2:30	ComicLife 1/2	PC	15	Grenert /Alpert
Thur	Sept. 22	3 – 4:30	Word 2007 (4/4)	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Sept. 23	3:00	PhotoShop Elements: Picture Manipulation	Mac/PC	1	Alan Gamble
Sat	Sept. 24		Open Lab 10:00 to Noon			
Mon	Sept. 26	1 – 2:30	ComicLife 2/2	PC	15	Grenert /Alpert
Tues	Sept. 27	2:00	General Meeting			Speakers Hall
Thur	Sept. 29	8 – 9:50	Picasa/Muvee	PC	15	Bob Osborn
		3 – 4:30	Word Images - Advanced	PC	2	Jan Grenert

September Classes Listed by OS

PC CLASSES	DATE	TIME	Mac CLASSES	DATE	TIME
ComicLife 1/2	Sept. 19	1 – 2:30	Email:		
ComicLife 2/2	Sept. 26	1 – 2:30	Using Server based email	Sept. 8	1:00
Email:			(i.e. Yahoo, Gmail, Verizon, MSN)		
Using Server based email	Sept. 8	1:00	Firefox 5 - Introduction	Sept. 15	1:00
(i.e. Yahoo, Gmail, Verizon, MSN)					
Firefox 5 - Introduction	Sept. 15	1:00	PS Elements:		
PSElements:			Picture Manipulation	Sept. 23	3:00
PictureManipulation	Sept. 23	3:00	Quicken Basics	Sept. 12	2:00
Picasa/Muvee	Sept. 29	8 – 9:50			
Quicken Basics	Sept. 9	2 – 3:30			
Word 2007 Basics					
(1/4)	Sept. 1	3 – 4:30			
(2/4)	Sept. 8	3 – 4:30			
(3/4)	Sept. 15	3 – 4:30			
(4/4)	Sept. 22	3 – 4:30			
Word Images - Advanced	Sept. 29	3 – 4:30			

To: Let's Compute Members.

Each year the Board of Directors must approve and publish a budget for the fiscal year. July 1 to June 30.

To fulfill our obligation we present the following approved budget.

Lets Compute Computer Club Budget 2011-2012		
Inflows		
<i>Category</i>		
Membership	850	21,250.00
Income from Sale of Equipment		2,550.00
Transfer from Equipment Acct.		26,150.00
Total Inflows		49,950.00
Outflows		
<i>Flexible Expenses</i>		
New Equipment		24,000.00
Education & Training		600.00
Hardware		1,500.00
Internet Connections		1,500.00
Recognition and Prizes		2,000.00
Repairs		800.00
Reproductions		2,500.00
Software		4,000.00
Subscriptions		500.00
Supplies		4,600.00
Subtotal Flexible Expenses		42,000.00
Transfer to Equipment Acct.		7,950.00
Total Outflows		49,950.00
Net Inflows/Outflows		0.00

September Monitor & Open Lab Schedule

DATE	DAY	10-12	12-12:50
Sept.1	Thurs	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Sept.2	Fri	S. Shiffman	S. Shiffman
Sept.3	Sat	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sept.5	Mon	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sept.6	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Sept.7	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Sept.8	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Sept.9	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Sept.10	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Sept.12	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Sept.13	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Sept.14	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Sept.15	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Sept.16	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Sept.17	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Sept.19	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Sept.20	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Sept.21	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Sept.22	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Sept.23	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Sept.24	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Sept.26	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Sept.27	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Sept.28	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Sept.29	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Sept.30	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman

Fade out Summer to Fall

As the Fall season draws near, we will see more and more of our members and teachers returning. Club activities pick up and Sun City goes from a slow summer pace to a buzz of returning friends and activities.

The computer club is rousing out of snoozing mode in September.

Dave Rosenthal has resumed teaching his Quicken Basics for Mac and PC.

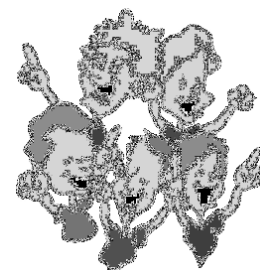
Al Sabsevitz is back to Introduce us to Firefox 5 for Mac and PC.

Shelia Harbet will teach a class on Server Based email. These are the free email services of Yahoo, Gmail, Verizon and MSN.

Norm Alpert and Jan Grenert have scheduled a two part class of ComicLife.

Bob Osborn will be teaching Picasa/Muvee.

Cheers to new teacher Alan Gamble for teaching PhotoShop Elements Picture Manipulation.



We cannot forget our reliable monitors who have been on duty all summer long so that we could enjoy some cool times in the computer lab. Thank you all.

September General Club Information

Meeting Schedule

KINDLE MEETING	Sept 6	7:00 PM
PCI SIG	Sept 13	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING	Sept 15	9:00 AM
MAC SIG	Sept 16	9:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING	Sept 27	2:00 PM

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September Lab Monitors

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Cecilia Chu	John Manion	Sara Shiffman
Herb Cook	Bob Osborn	Charley Voelker
Bill Crowley		

35 MM Scanner Monitor

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