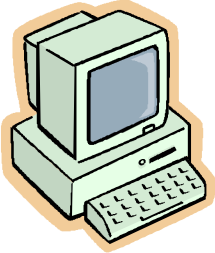


# SCPD "Let's Compute" Computer Club



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### THE PRES SEZ...

By Lyn Morse

Not much to share with you this month. I've been gone during November, so I need people to tell me what's happened!

There is no general meeting in December due to the Holidays, but classes do continue. There looks to be a goodly selection for you to choose from.

One evening in January I will be offering a Presentation in a Box from Peachpit Press. Topic: Photoshop CS. There will be a DVD shown of some of the leading users of CS sharing ideas and tricks with us. It's not for the beginner in Photoshop CS, but rather is geared to those of you who have been using CS and are familiar with it. No, this is not for Photoshop Elements users. Watch the January calendar for this unique offering.

Have a wonderful Holiday and enjoy the blessing of being able to celebrate our respective holidays without fear. After four weeks in Jordan, Egypt and Israel, I have had reinforced what I've always known; I'm blessed to be an American.

### Special Interest Groups

By Jan Grenert

Usually we use this part of the newsletter to let you know what program is planned for the General meeting. In December no General meeting is scheduled, so we are featuring the reports from happenings at the November SIG (Special Interest Group) meetings. The meetings are open to all computer club members and no sign-up is necessary.

#### Windows SIG

By Kerry Greene

The first question asked at the November Windows SIG was an appropriate one for all the returning 'snowbirds' – what is the difference between standby and hibernation on a PC? Well, it's sort of like a short nap versus a long, deep sleep – in either event, everything is the way you left it when you wake up. Welcome back to all the snowbirds – we hope that everything is just the way you left it. Please remember to update your anti-virus program before going to your email!

This question, and many more, made for a very energetic Win-

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#### Mac SIG

By Shirley Allan

MacSig had a small turn out this month but when asked if anyone had questions, a forest of hands shot up. One question was how to erase everything on a computer before giving it away. Neal Denkler answered by showing the Applications>Utilities>Disk Utility that has an erase feature. Several in the group had questions regarding recalcitrant documents that would not open. Often selecting the document and going to File>Get Info to see if it can be opened by another application might do the trick. Other times deleting the Prefer-

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# Windows SIG

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dows SIG meeting. We discussed how to place an icon on your desktop that is buried in your start menu, the correct way to do it and what to do if you have lost an icon.

Other topics included how to properly install and uninstall programs, how the Windows Registry works and how to back up your critical data.

How do you print out something you see on your screen? We learned how at this meeting, using the nifty print screen utility available in all operating systems.

Finally, and always a great topic, how to manage all those programs running in the background, robbing your computer of valuable resources and slowing it down. They all start when your computer starts, and most of them are not necessary. How do you know which ones to turn off on start up? Go to a web site called [www.greatis.com](http://www.greatis.com) to learn what programs are necessary, optional, useless and dangerous. And how do you turn them off? Come to a Windows SIG and find out!

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the computer club lab.**

# Mac SIG

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ence file and doing a restart will allow the document to open. For someone that couldn't open a document which had opened in OS 9, the group suggested opening Classic 9 in System Preferences first to see if that would help. If it opened in Classic 9, the document could be copied and pasted into a new document in OS 10. One answer we did not discuss was Googling the error number (if there was one) to see if Google will reference a web page that has a list of errors by number for Macintosh. And lastly, trial and error might give you an answer. For example Error 50 when you are trying to copy something to a disk means that you have a forward slash in the title (such as in dates) which prevents it from being copied. When the questions ran out, Shirley Allan showed us how to create a map to our houses here in Sun City with a path way in red that can be printed, or saved as a PDF and mailed. She also added directions, addresses and arrows in text boxes to the map. Though she didn't have a picture of her house to show how a picture can be added, she said it can be done. Directions for doing this were handed out to all that wanted them.. A lot of valuable questions and answers are discussed at the MacSig meetings which reinforce the fact that we all learn from each other.

**The next Mac SIG meeting will be Dec 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the lab.**

# Internet SIG

By Terry Kay

Each month at 7 PM on the 2d Tuesday evenings, Computer Club members interested in exploring and using the Internet, gather to exchange recent discoveries. Sometimes a Moderator initiates discussion with a prepared presentation. These one hour sessions primarily involve Q&A from attendees on any internet topic.

In the past we have explored recent advances in mapping capabilities, search engines, cut rate travel reservations and a multitude of other topics of interest to attendees.

The current installation of FiOS by Verizon is a popular item of discussion at each session.

**Come join us at our next session on Dec 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lab.**

# Digital SIG

By Jan Grenert

The Digital SIG meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the computer lab.

The discussions cover a variety of 'things digital.' where members share experiences, ask questions and help one another.

Thanks to Kevin Gibbons for moderating the November meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on December 14 at 7:00 pm**

# DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

| DAY                                       | DATE   | TIME      | CLASS  | BOOK | TEACHER              |
|---|--------|-----------|--|------|----------------------|
| Thurs                                     | Dec 1  | 1:00      | Beginning PC – Part 1                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
|   |        | 3:00      | Word 4 (PC)                                    | 2    | Jan Grenert          |
|   |        | 7:00 p.m. | Photoshop Elements 2: Lesson 4 (PC)            | 14   | Jim Calvert          |
| Fri                                       | Dec 2  | 8 :00     | MS Flight Simulator (PC)                       | 13   | Dick Franzen         |
|   |        | 1:00      | Beginning PC – Part 2                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
|   |        | 7:00      | Photoshop Elements 2: Lesson 5 (PC)            | 14   | Jim Calvert          |
| Sat                                       | Dec 3  | 9:00      | Beginning PC – Part 3                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
| <b>10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab</b>            |        |           |  |      |                      |
| Mon                                       | Dec 5  | 9:00      | Internet Browsing (PC)                         | 7    | Shelia Harbet        |
|   |        | 1:00      | Beginning PC – Part 4                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
|   |        | 3:00      | Calling/Bus. Cards in Appleworks               | 1    | Shirley Allan        |
| Tue                                       | Dec 6  | 9:00      | Printshop – Create Personal Calling Cards (PC) | 4    | Larry Allen          |
|   |        | 1:00      | Beginning PC – Part 5                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
| Wed                                       | Dec 7  | 8:30      | Memory Pages 1 (Mac)                           | 1    | Lyn Morse            |
|   |        | 1:00      | Beginning PC – Part 6                          | 3    | Jim Calvert          |
| Thurs                                     | Dec 8  | 8:30      | Memory Pages 2 (Mac)                           | 1    | Lyn Morse            |
|   |        | 1:00      | Search Engines (PC/MAC)                        | 7    | Shelia Harbet        |
|   |        | 3 :00     | Word 5 – Part 1 (PC)                           | 2    | Jan Grenert          |
| Fri                                       | Dec 9  | 8 :00     | MS Flight Simulator (PC)                       | 13   | Dick Franzen         |
| <b>Sat Dec 10 10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab</b> |        |           |  |      |                      |
| Mon                                       | Dec 12 | 9:00      | Intro to Photoshop Elements (PC)               | 14   | Jim Calvert          |
|   |        | 1:00      | Word 1 (PC)                                    | 2    | Shirley Celli        |
|   |        | 2:00      | Word 2 (PC)                                    | 2    | Shirley Celli        |
|   |        | 3:00      | AppleWorks 1 – Setting and Preferences         | 1    | Shirley Allan        |
| Tues                                      | Dec 13 | 8:30      | Gift tags, Place cards, etc. (Mac)             | 1    | Lyn Morse            |
|   |        | 7:00 pm   | <b>INTERNET SIG</b>                            |      | <b>Lab</b>           |
| Wed                                       | Dec 14 | 8:30      | Business/Calling Cards (Mac)                   | 1    | Lyn Morse            |
|   |        | 7:00 pm   | <b>DIGITAL SIG</b>                             |      | <b>Lab</b>           |
| Thurs                                     | Dec 15 | 9:00      | <b>Board Meeting</b>                           |      | <b>Idlywild Room</b> |
|   |        | 9:00      | Printshop Create Custom Labels (PC)            | 4    | Larry Allen          |
|   |        | 3:00      | Word 5 – Part 2 (PC)                           | 2    | Jan Grenert          |
| Fri                                       | Dec 16 | 9:00      | <b>Mac SIG</b>                                 |      | <b>Lab</b>           |
| <b>Sat Dec 17 10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab</b> |        |           |  |      |                      |
| Mon                                       | Dec 19 | 1:00      | Word 3 (PC)                                    | 2    | Shirley Celli        |
|   |        | 2:00      | Word 3.5 (PC)                                  | 2    | Shirley Celli        |
|   |        | 3:00      | AppleWorks2 - Formatting                       | 1    | Shirley Allan        |
| Tues                                      | Dec 20 | 7:00 p.m. | <b>WINDOWS SIG</b>                             |      | <b>Lab</b>           |
| Wed.                                      | Dec 21 | 9:00      | Maintenance & Organization (PC)                | 10   | Charlie Voelker      |
| <b>Sat Dec 24 10:00 to 12:00 Open Lab</b> |        |           |  |      |                      |
| <b>Mon Dec 26 LAB CLOSED</b>              |        |           |  |      |                      |
| <b>Sat Dec 31 LAB CLOSED</b>              |        |           |  |      |                      |

# DECEMBER CLASSES LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

| <u>CLASS</u>                       | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>CLASS</u>                      | <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Apple Works</b>                 |             |             | MS Flight Simulator (PC)          | 12- 2       | 8 00        |
| 1 – Setting and Preferences        | 12- 12      | 3:00        | MS Flight Simulator (PC)          | 12- 9       | 8:00        |
| 2 - Formatting                     | 12- 19      | 3:00        | <b>Photoshop Elements</b>         |             |             |
| Calling/Business Cards             | 12- 5       | 3:00        | Elements 2: Lesson 4 (PC)         | 12- 1       | 7:00 pm     |
| <b>Beginning PC</b>                |             |             | Elements 2: Lesson 5 (PC)         | 12- 2       | 7:00 pm     |
| Part 1                             | 12- 1       | 1:00        | Introduction (PC)                 | 12- 12      | 9:00am      |
| Part 2                             | 12- 2       | 1:00        | <b>Printshop</b>                  |             |             |
| Part 3                             | 12- 3       | 9:00        | Create Custom Labels(PC)          | 12- 15      | 9:00        |
| Part 4                             | 12- 5       | 1:00        | Create Personal                   |             |             |
| Part 5                             | 12- 6       | 1:00        | Calling Cards (PC)                | 12- 6       | 9:00        |
| Part 6                             | 12- 7       | 1:00        | Search Engines (PC/MAC)           | 12- 8       | 1:00        |
| <b>BOARD MEETING</b>               | 12- 15      | 9:00        | <b>WINDOWS SIG</b>                | 12- 20      | 7:00pm      |
| Business/Calling Cards (Mac)       | 12- 14      | 8:30        | <b>Word Series PC</b>             |             |             |
| <b>DIGITAL SIG</b>                 | 12- 14      | 7:00        | Beginning Classes – Shirley Celli |             |             |
| Gift tags, Place cards, etc. (Mac) | 12- 13      | 8:30        | Word 1                            | 12- 12      | 1:00        |
| Internet Browsing (PC)             | 12- 5       | 9:00        | Word 2                            | 12-12       | 2:00        |
| <b>INTERNET SIG</b>                | 12- 13      | 7:00pm      | Word 3                            | 12- 19      | 1:00        |
| <b>Mac SIG</b>                     | 12- 16      | 9:00        | Word 3.5                          | 12-19       | 2:00        |
| Maintenance & Org. (PC)            | 12- 21      | 9:00        | Advanced Classes – Jan Grenert    |             |             |
| Memory Pages 1 (Mac)               | 12- 7       | 8:30        | Word 4 (PC)                       | 12- 1       | 3:00        |
| Memory Pages 2 (Mac)               | 12- 8       | 8:30        | Word 5 – Part 1 (PC)              | 12- 8       | 3 :00       |
|                                    |             |             | Word 5 – Part 2 (PC)              | 12- 15      | 3:00        |

## Bulletin Board

**COMING IN THE  
JANUARY  
BITS & BYTES**

Next month's issue of Bits & Bytes will introduce a **Bulletin Board** section where our club members can sell, give away, buy or exchange computer related items.

Remember the old saying, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." Now you have a chance to recycle those items that still usable. There is no charge for the listing.

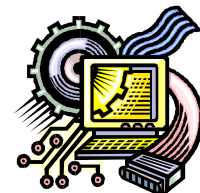
To have your message put in next month's newsletter, submit your information by Dec. 21.

Send an email to Jan Grenert at [jgrenert@dc.rr.com](mailto:jgrenert@dc.rr.com) with:

- A description of the item you want to buy, sell, exchange or give away.

- A price, if selling item.
- Your name, phone number and email.

This is a service for our club members only. Let's Compute is not responsible for the items posted or any dispute resulting from any type of exchange.



# December Monitor and Open Lab Schedule

| Date    |       | Time        | Time       |
|---------|-------|-------------|------------|
|         |       | 10-12       | 12-2       |
| Dec. 1  | Thurs | N. Streeter | J. Drill   |
| Dec. 2  | Fri   | M. Sullivan | J. Manion  |
| Dec. 3  | Sat   | L. Rowe     |            |
| Dec. 5  | Mon   | H. Chase    | W. Crowley |
| Dec. 6  | Tue   | S. Cronin   | H. Reese   |
| Dec. 7  | Wed   | C. Voelker  | F. Diaz    |
| Dec. 8  | Thu   | N. Streeter | F. Diaz    |
| Dec. 9  | Fri   | M. Sullivan | J. Manion  |
| Dec. 10 | Sat   | L. Rowe     |            |
| Dec. 12 | Mon   | B. Osborn   | W. Crowley |
| Dec. 13 | Tue   | S. Cronin   | H. Reese   |
| Dec. 14 | Wed   | C. Voelker  | D. Feign   |
| Dec. 15 | Thu   | N. Streeter | J. Drill   |
| Dec. 16 | Fri   | M. Sullivan | J. Manion  |
| Dec. 17 | Sat   | L. Rowe     |            |
| Dec. 19 | Mon   | B. Osborn   | W. Crowley |
| Dec. 20 | Tue   | S. Cronin   | H. Reese   |
| Dec. 21 | Wed   | C. Voelker  | F. Diaz    |
| Dec. 22 | Thu   | N. Streeter | J. Drill   |
| Dec. 23 | Fri   | M. Sullivan | J. Manion  |
| Dec. 24 | Sat   | CLOSED      |            |
| Dec. 26 | Mon   | CLOSED      |            |
| Dec. 27 | Tue   | F. Diaz     | H. Reese   |
| Dec. 28 | Wed   | C. Voelker  | B. Yee     |
| Dec. 29 | Thu   | N. Streeter | J. Drill   |
| Dec. 30 | Fri   | M. Sullivan | J. Manion  |
| Dec. 31 | Sat   | CLOSED      |            |

## The Little Life Saver

By Bill Crowley



A relatively new storage device is a magnificent tool for computer memory storage and could be a life saver for many people.

These USB solid state memory devices are manufactured by a number of companies and bear various names, Sony Micro Vault... Memorex TraveDriver... Sandisk Cruzer... Kingston Flash Drive...and so on. They are also referred to as thumb drives or memory sticks. The devices come in various sizes from 32MB to over 500MB and vary in physical size. Regardless of the products marketing name they are all solid state storage systems and work the same way. They have no moving parts and require only to be plugged into a USB 2.0 receptacle on a compatible computer.

Your computer will immediately identify the device as a storage drive and offer the opportunity to browse and search through its memory for all information you have stored in it. This can include programs, files, printed material, text materials, pictures, and art forms, all in full color and any other form of data. This information can be instantly read and analyzed by a requester.

Let's say an accident occurs and the paramedic arrives, but the injured person is incapacitated. The doctor has no idea what medication the patient has taken or what other drugs can be administered safely. He needs to know the patient's history of medicine, dosage and possible allergic reaction, before proceeding. By simply carrying a miniature data driver in a pocket or purse, all these questions can be answered. By listing your emergency medical records on a memory stick and plugging it into any compatible computer the doctor and paramedic now have information needed to treat the patient..

Now here is the possible life saving part of this device. If your vital medical records are listed on a small drive, it just might save your life. It's worth the effort.

- Your name, address and phone number.
- Your doctor's name address, and phone number.
- Your daily medications including dosage.
- Any allergies or past reactions to a specific medication.
- Who to contact in case of an emergency.
- Your medical insurance information..
- Preference in hospitals or services.

# December General Club Information

## Meeting Schedule



### INTERNET SIG

December 13, 7:00 p.m.

### DIGITAL SIG

December 14, 7:00 p.m.

### BOARD MEETING

December 15, 9:00 a.m.

### MAC SIG

December 16, 9:00 a.m.

### WINDOWS SIG

December 20, 7:00 p.m.

### GENERAL MEETING

No meeting in December

## "Let's Compute" Officers

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## Welcome New Monitors

Beverly Yee



Howard Chase

### **Volunteer Coordinator: Sharon Kiel**

If you would like to be a volunteer call Sharon at 772-0745

### December Lab Monitors

|                |               |                 |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Howard Chase   | David Feign   | Norma Streeter  |
| Shirley Cronin | John Manion   | Moe Sullivan    |
| Bill Crowley   | Howard Reese  | Charlie Voelker |
| Frank Diaz     | Leonette Rowe | Beverly Yee     |
| Jack Drill     | Bob Osborn    |                 |

### 35 MM Scanner Monitors

|               |                  |                 |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Felice Bourne | Walter Goldsmith | Leonette Rowe   |
| Pete Claar    | Sheldon Plotkin  | Harvey Schwartz |
| Jack Drill    | Conrad Lembers   |                 |

### Committee Chairs

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Betsy Lewis.....     | Audit Committee            |
| Moe Sullivan .....   | Monitor Coordinator        |
| Jack Drill.....      | 35 MM Scanner Coordinator  |
| Richard Gregory..... | Budget Committee           |
| June Cross.....      | Computer Sale              |
| Doris Keniry.....    | Paper Exchange Coordinator |

### December Teachers

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Shirley Allan .....   | 345-5087 |
| Larry Allen.....      | 200-0981 |
| Jim Calvert.....      | 772-6710 |
| Shirley Celli .....   | 345-7159 |
| Dick Franzen.....     | 772-4539 |
| Jan Grenert.....      | 360-9085 |
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