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Computer Club***

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President's Message

by Edith Einhorn

General Meeting: *Notice of 2010 Budget Approval Election*

We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in Desert Vista. Our **February 4th** meeting will be in two parts: we will begin with a very important business **meeting** at which you will be asked to approve the Club's **2010 budget and spending plan**. The proposed budget and the "State of the Club" will be presented by Tom Burt. Members will vote to approve the club's **2010 budget and spending plan**. We need a quorum of at least 100 members for the business meeting, so please put this very important date on your calendar and plan to attend. After this short business meeting, Tom Kimber will provide an informative presentation on the **"Nevada Living Will Lock Box."** I've heard Tom's presentation and it's well worth your time.

Membership: We currently have approximately 900 members. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, this is a good time to do so. Lab monitors are available to take your check every Wednesday and Saturday morning between 9:00 am and noon or every Monday afternoon from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Dues are \$15.00 for one person and \$25.00 for two people living in the same household. This is probably the best deal in town when you consider all the activities, educational opportunities and computer services available to members at no additional cost.

Volunteers: Our unofficial motto is "members helping members." The life blood of our Club is our strong volunteer corps and you can become a part of it. Our volunteers fit into two categories: those with computer skills to share and those with non-computer skills to share. Please join these dedicated members and donate your time and skill. You can give as little as four hours a month to be a Lab monitor or as many hours as you wish in a wide variety of activities. If you don't know anything about the Lab, we'll train you. Have you always wanted to try your hand at teaching? Our Education chair would love to talk with you. Or if you're not ready to teach, you can assist one of our head instructors by being a coach. Do you enjoy being with people? You can be a greeter at one of our seminars. Call me and I'll put you in touch with the appropriate coordinator.

I'm looking forward to see you all on February 4th.

With all best wishes,

Edith

838-7267

Issue Contributors

Carol Warman – Manager / Editor

Irene Burt	Tom Burt	Edith Einhorn
Nilda Fernandez	Pat LeMay	Howard Verne
Rich Walko		

Board of Directors Actions

The Computer Club Board of Directors took the following actions on Wed. Dec. 9, 2009

Rich Walko made a motion the 2010 proposed budget be approved for forwarding to the new 2010 Board of Directors for final approval and subsequent presentation to the general membership at the February General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Barkin and unanimously approved by the Board.

“Early Bird” Drawing Winners

The following SCSCC members were **lucky prize winners** at the January 7 meeting “early bird” drawing:

Ayers, John
Backes, Peter L.
Brandon, Al
Condon, Andra
Curran, Connie
Diamond, Carrie
Ford, Nelles
Kimber, Tom
Kuramoto, Gary
Lawson, Barbara

Luke, James
Moehn, Judy
Mosher, Gina
Neiman, Lanore
Nutting, Helen
Pattison, Jerry
Randazzo, Arthur
Ryan, Edward
Shellabarger, Judith
Stonecipher, Nathan

Letter from the Editor

In Memoriam

The SCSCC Board would like to extend its condolences to the family of Ed Rogers on his passing.

Ed was a long time supporter of our Club and its activities. He served as Secretary, Gigabyte Gazette Director / Editor and Mac Corner Gigabyte Gazette contributor at various times over the years.

Ed will be greatly missed by his SCSCC friends.

General Membership Meeting

The Computer Club February General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 4th 7PM at Desert Vista. We will have a short Business Meeting to approve the Club's 2010 budget and spending plan. The proposed 2010 Budget Plan is posted on our website. Tom Kimber will make a presentation on the "*Nevada Living Will Lock Box*". Join us for these informative presentations, refreshments and fellowship. For Club information go to www.scs-cc.com , call Edith Einhorn, President at 838-7267 or email Edith at eunicorn@cox.net.

Welcome New Members

Philip Aubol
Ronald Barbarita
Elaine Cohen
Donna Earhart
Daniel Galasso
Camille Galyk
Dorothy Hamilton
Paul Imahara
Carol Kantrud
Arletha Kerns
Harry Lang
Rita Levine
Doralyn Luke
Carol Newman

Susanne Potter
James Rollins
Ken Rumohr
Theresa Rumohr
Joe Scarlet
Vince Sgroi
Salvatore Spada
Dennis Stollenwerk
George Stull
Victoria Tai
Edward Turken
Eva Turken
Annette Vasapollo
Cheryl Wernke

February 2010 Calendars

To view the February calendars, click the following hyperlink:

http://www.scs-cc.com/Calendars/scscc_calendar_2010-feb.pdf

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for general discussion on a specific computer related subject. Admission to all SIGs is on a first-come, first-seated basis and is subject to the maximum allowed by fire code regulations. All of the following meetings are held in the Classroom.

The <W> or <M> indicate whether a SIG would be of interest to *Windows* or *Macintosh* users.

Creative Graphics <W/M>

3rd Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Mel Neiman (228-6727)

Featuring tips, tricks, demonstrations and giveaways with information on greeting cards, business cards, labels, simple desktop publishing, digital photo tips and using photos in your projects, creating slide show informational frames, using fonts and creating your own clipart from fonts, e-mail stationery and animated signatures, journaling, and scrapbooking using computers, new tools for publishing found in Printmaster.

Very basic photo imaging processing, using small utilities related to graphics, fonts and catalog.

Digital Media <W>

3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Burt (341-7095)

The Digital Media SIG provides a forum for members interested in all aspects of computer-based digital sound and video to meet, discuss, and learn more about the topic. The SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital media users, but all members are welcome.

Genealogy <W>

3rd Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Charles Johnson (804-4943)

Genealogy is one of America's most popular and rewarding hobbies. Come; let us help you find your ancestors on the Internet. We will explore helpful, free, sites and assist you in building your family tree.

Hardware <W >

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

George Lobue (256-0822), Chuck Wolff (233-6634)

This SIG provides **club members only** with no cost assistance for those having upgrades and / or problems with their computers. Bring in only your PC tower and your problems. Our TECH team will give you our best effort. Be sure to mark your cables so you can re-connect when you get home.

Linux SIG

2nd Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. and 4th Wednesday at 9:00 A.M., in the Classroom

Sy Bensky (242-6695)

Apart from the fact that it's **freely** distributed, Linux's inherent security, functionality, adaptability and robustness, have made it a viable alternative to Microsoft Windows. IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle, Intel and other giants of the computing world have embraced Linux and support its ongoing development. More than a decade after its initial release, Linux is being adopted worldwide primarily as a server platform (e.g. Google runs on Linux). In addition, its use as a home and office desktop operating system is on the rise. More recently, Linux is being adopted for use in Netbook computers and is the operating system of choice in many handheld devices such as smart phones. This Special Interest Group will provide help and information about using Linux on the desktop and investigate Linux's potentials and attributes.

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Macintosh Users' Group <M>

2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rose Mary D'Aloisio (255-2813)

Bill Euler (233-2351)

This is for Macintosh users of all experience levels. We will have Q&A, so bring your questions and/or problems.

Photoshop <W>

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

David Alexman (341-6533) and Zoltan Steiner (256-1161)

This SIG will provide you with an overview of many of the basic elements found in both Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Photoshop Elements, two extraordinary photo retouching, image editing, and color painting software programs. The Adobe Photoshop programs offer the tools to get professional-quality results. If you wish to enhance your photographs, this SIG will be most helpful and of great value. This SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital imaging users, but all members are welcome.

Sun City Wings <W/M>

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Ted Wagner (256-4037)

Dark until further notice

Using Microsoft's Flight Simulator program, we fly all kinds of airplanes from the 1903 Wright Flyer to a 400-passenger 747 jet airliner. Even helicopters are available. You can learn to fly airplanes or you can just enjoy beautiful sceneries around the world. The unrestricted view from the cockpit is something to experience. Those simulator programs have gotten "as real as it gets". We have a lot of fun. Please join us and take a look into the world of Flying.

KAFFEE KLATCHES

Kaffee Klatches provide a forum for general discussion on all computer-related subjects. Admission to all Kaffee Klatches is on a first-come, first-seated basis and is subject to the maximum allowed by fire code regulations. All of the following meetings are held in the Classroom.

Beginners Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

Bill Wilkinson (233-4977)

If you are a novice or near-beginner computer user, or if you just want some refresher information together with a refreshing cup of coffee, then jump-start or recharge your computing knowledge by attending the BKK sessions. At each session, attendees will explore from one to four topics of particular interest to beginners and near-beginners. The topics are always announced a couple of days in advance via e-mail to SCSCC members who have subscribed to the club's message board. Each topic is presented in a step-by-step manner and is supported by "how to" notes that can be easily and conveniently downloaded from the BKK web page. Following each "up front" presentation of one or more topics (approximately 60 minutes in duration), an informal open-ended Question and Answer period takes place for those who wish to participate, listen, reflect, or inquire.

Q&A Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Helen Perryman (363-7760)

This is a Q&A meeting is designed for everyone to ask questions and exchange ideas in a friendly atmosphere. No one knows it all and no question is too "dumb". We learn from answers to others' questions. If you need help with a computing problem, this just might be where you find the answer. We're here and you'll get a warm welcome!

"Intermediate / Advanced" Kaffee Klatch <W/M>

Every Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Sy Bensky (242-6695)

This KK is aimed at intermediate and advanced users. However, all users are welcome. The KK discussions are not restricted to any one subject--or computer platform--but should be computer or technology related. We will try to answer your questions, help you keep your systems updated and provide some useful "tips and tricks." If you have a tip or information you would like to share, we encourage you to bring it in and share since the SCSCC is built on "neighbor helping neighbor." The fellowship is great, the coffee is good, and the education received from the KK attendees is priceless. If you are an intermediate or advanced user, stop by and have a cup of coffee with us.

February 2010 Classes

Because there are a limited number of computer stations available for hands-on participation, pre-registration is necessary for all classes. See individual descriptions for details on how to register.



Win 7 Basics: Introduction to Windows 7

Tuesday, Feb 9, 9 AM - Noon

Location: SCSCC Lab

Instructor: Howard Verne

This session is a basic survey of Microsoft's Windows 7 Operating System and is intended to give members who have just purchased a new computer with Windows 7 installed or those who have upgraded from Vista to Windows 7, a way to jump start their knowledge of Microsoft's newest OS. This is your chance to get *hands on* instruction on Windows 7!

Prerequisite computer skills required to attend this course:

- Ability to use a mouse to open/close/minimize windows
- Ability to start a program (such as Internet Explorer)
- Basic understanding of files and folders

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words "**WINDOWS 7 BASICS**" in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. *If, within 24 hours, you do not get a reply from Howard, please contact him at 363-5337.*

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scsc.com/smnt/Win7Basic.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.



Boot Camp: For Members New to Computing or Windows

Dates: February 22, 23, 25, March 1, 2, all from 9 am to 12 noon

Each Boot Camp class is comprised of five three-hour sessions

Location: SCSCC Lab

Lead Instructor: Bill Wilkinson

Dates for the March Class:

MARCH 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, ALL FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON

Registration:

THE FEBRUARY CLASS IS FULLY SUBSCRIBED. ACCEPTING STANDBY REGISTRATIONS ONLY.

To be added to the wait list or seek additional information, please telephone **Faye Andrew at 242-4404 or revfaye2000@aol.com**. She will arrange to register you for an upcoming class, issue you the class materials and collect the course fee.

Course Description:

Boot Camp is an introductory course designed for members who are new to computing and/or the Microsoft Windows operating system. It also serves as an excellent review for intermediate users who want to fill some gaps in their computer knowledge.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station in the Computer Lab. A multi-member team of lead instructor and four coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance.

Participants will be introduced to the basic vocabulary and concepts necessary to establish an understanding of Windows. They will be instructed in practical strategies for managing and organizing their own data files, will be introduced to important strategies for working successfully with word processing documents, email, and the Internet, and will learn how to read and write data from and to a compact disk and a portable thumb drive. Those participants who own a digital camera will actively participate in a demonstration on copying photos from a camera to their hard drive, utilizing their newly acquired skills of file management.

Registration Details:

*If you know of friends in the Sun City Summerlin community who may be interested in taking this class (see below for course description), would you let them know that this program is available? The class is designed to accommodate both the brand new computer user as well as the individual who would like to fill some gaps in his/her computer knowledge and experiences. The student manual is geared toward participants who use Windows XP, Windows Vista, or the new **WINDOWS 7**.*

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To register or seek additional information, please telephone Faye Andrew at 242-4404 after 3:00 PM Daily. She will arrange to register your friends for an upcoming class and collect the course fee.

Prerequisites: Must be a 2010 Club member (\$15 membership dues) and own a computer with the Microsoft WINDOWS XP, WINDOWS VISTA, or WINDOWS 7 operating system installed.

Course Fee: Fifteen dollars (\$15.00); materials include a participant's manual, a CD, and a portable flash drive.



Windows Live E-mail

Wednesday, February 24, 1 PM - 4 PM

Location: SCSCC Lab

Presenter: Howard Verne

Windows 7 does not come with an email system. You have to download Windows Live Mail. This session will be an introduction to Microsoft's Windows Live Email System for new and experienced users. Participants will learn: how to sign up to your Cox/Embarq email system; how to send mail with/without attachments; how to view/download attachments; how to add addresses to your contact list and manage the list; and how to recognize spam and phishing. **This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12** with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: To register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words "LIVE MAIL" in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. *If, within 24 hours, you do not get a reply from Howard, please contact him at 363-5337.*

Handout: Can be found at www.scs-cc.com/smnr. Please print it out and bring it to class.

February 2010 Seminars

No advanced registration is necessary for any of our seminars unless otherwise noted. Seating is on a “first-come, first-seated” basis.



Memories and Magic

Mon, February 1, 1 PM

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter: Stu Gershon

Stu will present this seminar on how to restore old photos and preserve new ones. See his handout at: http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Digital_Photoaphy_Memories_and_Magic.pdf.



Buying on EBay

Monday, February 8, 2010 at 10:30 am

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter: Tom Kimber

Founded in late 1995, eBay is the leading online marketplace for the sale of goods and services by a diverse community of individuals and businesses. Today, the eBay community includes over 50 million registered users, and is the most popular shopping site on the Internet when measured by total user minutes. This seminar, presented by an avid eBay user will share his secrets for making good buys at this Internet marketplace.



Selling on EBay

Monday, February 15, 2010 at 10:30 am

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter: Tom Kimber

Founded in late 1995, eBay is the leading online marketplace for the sale of goods and services by a diverse community of individuals and businesses. Today, the eBay community includes over 50 million registered users, and is the most popular shopping site on the Internet when measured by total user minutes. This seminar, presented by an avid eBay user will share his secrets for selling with confidence at this Internet marketplace.



Using the iPhone

Wednesday, February 17, 10:30 AM

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter: Zane Clark

This a seminar is for those who are using the iPhone or the iPod Touch to exchange ideas and talk about their favorite apps. Various tips and tricks will be explored.

We also offer an invitation to all iPhone users, or anyone interested in knowing more about the phone, to join a new Yahoo group for iPhone users in the computer club. We have had a couple of good meetings in the last few weeks and formed this group to enable us to keep in touch and exchange information on tips and tricks and to talk about our favorite apps.

You can join the group by sending an email to the address listed below:

iphonescsc-subscribe@yahogroups.com

If you have any questions, send me a note.

Zane Clark
zclark@cox.net



Special Projects with Photos

Mon, February 15, 1:00 PM

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter Stu Gershon

Stu will discuss interesting things you can do with your digital photos. Stu's outline may be viewed at: [http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Digital Photography Special Projects.pdf](http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Digital_Photo%20graphy_Special_Projects.pdf).



Upgrading to Windows 7 - How to Succeed

(Hopefully, Without Really Trying)

Thursday, February 25 at 9:00 AM

Location: SCSCC Classroom

Presenter: Tom Burt

Windows 7 is Microsoft's newest and, reportedly, best ever version of Windows. If you're thinking about moving to Windows 7, this 2 ½ hour seminar will give you lots of information about how to get from your current system to a working setup of Windows 7. We'll cover all the versions of Windows 7 available, doing clean installs and upgrade installs, how to do a clean install with an upgrade version, 32-bit vs. 64-bit Windows, upgrades from Windows XP and Windows Vista. We'll describe how to move your data, settings and even your programs from your old system to your new Windows 7. We'll include a page full of links to good articles about Windows 7. And, we'll also save a generous block of time for your questions.

The handout can be found at: [http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Windows 7 Upgrade.pdf](http://www.scs-cc.com/smnr/Windows_7_Upgrade.pdf)

SCSCC February LAB MONITORS

Taylor, Millie Wessler, Norm	February 1 Mon
Jarzomb, Leo Pollet, John	February 3 Wed
Pun, Raymond Zuzich, John	February 6 Sat
York, Blanche Hopkins, Enid	February 8 Mon
Brennan, Tom Lehr, Charles	February 10 Wed
Cohen, Fred Enlow, Jim	February 13 Sat
Halvorson, Marilyn Hamilton, Marti	February 15 Mon
Collins, Tammy Smith, Opal	February 17 Wed
Helling, Bonnie Helling, Dean	February 20 Sat
Ayers, Lois Ayers, John	February 22 Mon
Scott, Susie Burt, Irene	February 24 Wed
Wiens, Ed Kinn, Rebecca	February 27 Sat