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Our Tuesday January 6, 2009 meeting will be in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes One Country Club at 6:30 PM. This meeting will have two special presenters from the computer industry. A free raffle ticket will be given to each attendee that arrives before 6:30 PM, so be sure to arrive early.

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Seeking the truth? — Look to these sources!

Financial Scams or Help

www.bbb.org

www.fraud.org/tips

www.responsiblelending.org

Hoaxes and other Myths

www.snopes.com

www.hoax-slayer.com

www.nonprofit.net/hoax

Junk Science

www.junkscience.com

Skeptics Dictionary

www.skeptdic.com

Validity of Computer Virus or Security Warning

<http://vmyths.com>

2009 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The January SIG schedule is listed below. SIG meetings are held at Sun Lakes 1 in the Mirror Room. All evening SIG meetings start at 7 PM.

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters nametag to gain admittance to all SIG meetings. If you have any questions about any of the SIGs, you can contact me at Ralph@Ilsen.net or 895-1166. The SIG schedule can change after the newsletter is published so, for the latest information, look for our weekly broadcast e-mail messages. If you're not receiving our broadcasts, contact George Rodriguez 480-802-9080 casarod@hotmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Susan Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	January 5, 2009
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	January 7, 2009
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	January 13, 2009
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	January 14, 2009
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	January 12, 2009
Basic Computer & Beyond Rollie Baumann	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	January 21, 2009
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	January 27, 2009
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	January 28, 2009

Jim Ivey is available to Computer Booters members for one-on-one help with Word Perfect. You can reach Jim via e-mail at jimivaz@wbhsi.net.

From the President's Desk



It's the start of a New Year and it is my hope for everyone to have a Healthy and prosperous 2009.

Our Board of directors have been re-elected to another term and I would like to thank them for taking on their assignments, again. Though the efforts of John Durrett, Our Vice President and Program Director, we look forward to having some very interesting programs during the year and look forward to the club's continued growth. If you enjoy our club's activities and have friends and neighbors who you think would also be

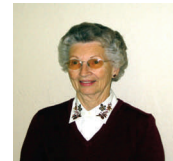
be interested, invite them to a meeting to see what we are all about first hand.

I look forward to a very interesting year as club president and invite your comments and suggestions on how we can make the club better. Your opinion is what helps us determine how the club can be more effective and evolve to our member's needs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish all of you and your family a Very Happy New Year.

Look Who's Volunteering

by *Darlene Herring*, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



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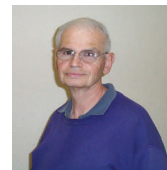
The microphones, computers and all other necessary equipment were properly installed by our dedicated volunteer crew. This month included Ben Thompson, Ralph Ilsen, Jim Gatesman, Ed Craze, Shadow Wrage and Jim Walgren. Ziggy Wirganowicz took care of the lighting and Hans Naumann provided the microphone for those in need. Eddie Schweitzer, Alan Behr and Shari Thompson were present to give name tags to new members and accept annual dues from renewing members. Kathie Wrage gave each member a door prize ticket and there were some nice prizes given away. Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed cookies and ice cream - compliments of your

SLCB Club. Until we meet again, we wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

While reading some of the past reports regarding our volunteers, I noted many of the same names appear month after month. Our club would not be the same without them, that's true. But seldom are some of the '*behind the scenes*' workers names brought to the forefront and recognized. This column initially was to graciously share so much of their knowledge and time for the betterment of our club. So, toward that goal, we will introduce our volunteers on a more personal basis in each monthly newsletter beginning with our February, 2009, issue.

Membership Report

by Ed Schweitzer, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR



We are now accepting renewals for 2009 Computer Booters membership. Please renew early to avoid the rush when you come to meetings. Renewal forms are available on our website www.computerbooters.org found in the left column of the online newsletter under membership. All present, new and renewing members must fill out a membership form. Please read the form carefully before entering your information as our form has changed from previous years.

If you are registered as a single member of the Computer Booters for 2008 and are renewing for 2009, check the circle that reads Individual Renewal Membership - \$24 and if a family is registered for 2008 and is renewing for 2009, place a dot/check mark in the circle that reads Family Renewal Membership two people - \$36. Do not place a check in the new member circles unless you are joining the club for the first time. Present members for 2008 renewing for 2009 are not new members, you are renewal members.

If you are a new member joining for 2009 as an individual, check the box/circle that reads Individual New Membership - \$24 and if for a family membership place a dot/check in the box or circle

that reads Family New Membership 2 people - \$36.

You can also pick up a form at the front desk when coming to a Computer Booters meeting. Attach (do not staple) a check to the form and bring it to the meeting or mail it to the address on the form. The deadline for renewals is February 15, 2009. If not renewed by the deadline, you will no longer be a member and will be removed from the broadcast listings. Do not let this happen to you. Do not miss the upcoming announcements of the SIG (special interest groups), and other important messages from the Computer Booters. If you change your email and/or home address, please let membership know so our records will be correct.

The meeting is being held on the first Tuesday in January Phase 1 (Sun Lakes I) in the Arizona room. Meetings start promptly at 6:30 PM. Doors close no later than 6:35 PM. If you arrive late, you will not receive a red ticket for our door prize drawings. So be on time.

Those members that have paid their dues after September first and have not picked up their 2009 membership cards can pick them up at the membership desk in January.

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

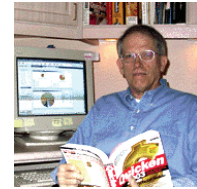
Balance as of December 6, 2008

\$5,725.52



Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



December Meeting

Bruce Jacobs, a computer consultant from Phoenix, Arizona, presented a demonstration of Jing, TechSmith's latest software development, during the December meeting of the Computer Booters. Jing, a free program, can be used to record video and audio showing screen actions on your computer. Bruce showed us how easy it is to use Jing to capture a record of what you are doing on your computer. Windows and Macintosh versions of Jing are available from <http://www.jingproject.com/>.



TechSmith (<http://www.techsmith.com>) also offers SnagIt, a screen-capture program, and Camtasia, a program that can record and edit computer videos. I have used SnagIt for a number of years in developing screen captures of small portions of my computer to use in tutorials for both Quicken and Photoshop Elements. If you are interested in what Camtasia can do for you, take a look at a Photoshop Elements tutorial I created, located at <http://tinyurl.com/5n8hec>.

The January 2009 meeting will have two special presenters from the computer industry. M.D. Dbeis, the President of CS&S Computer Systems in Tempe, Arizona will talk about how they make built-to-order computers for individuals and businesses. CS&S has made computers for our club in the past and builds them using the latest Intel chipsets. They can custom build either a notebook or desktop computer to meet your personal specifications.

The second speaker in January will be Jaime Link, Territory Manager for Sand Hills Publishing. Jamie will discuss Sandhills Publishing's magazines and the Smart Computing User Group Program. Jamie will step us through an issue of Smart Computing, convey the value of SmartComputing.com through a live demonstration, and introduce us to Smart Computing's sister publications - PC Today, First Glimpse, Reference Series, and Computer Power User. Jaime will also share with us how we can receive unlimited computer support from Smart Computing. Each attendee will receive a packet of Smart Computing goodies and be eligible to win other Smart Computing merchandise. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Computer Booters Club's meeting.

January Meeting

Smart Computing

Smart Computing magazine supports computer user groups in a number of important ways, one new option is a Web-only subscription at a reduced price. You have complete access to the Web site and articles in all their magazines, but do not receive a paper copy of the magazine.



To decide which magazine fits your computer interests and ability, go to their Web site at <http://www.smartcomputing.com> and scroll down to the box that features the Latest Issues and on the right side click on: ***Which One Should I Subscribe To?***

Computer Tips from Various Sources

Since Firefox is the best-known of the open-source browsers, it tends to get manipulated into other browser-based projects quite easily. One of these, [Songbird](#), has earned its wings as a mashup of a music jukebox and a Web browser.

Unlike Flock, another Firefox remix that emphasizes social networking with add-ons as the management tool, Songbird takes point with its music playback. The default tab is not a home page but your music library, and not all of Firefox 3's latest features have been rolled in. Don't give this bird up for dead, though. Songbird manages to be nimble, restarting quicker than expected when you switch "Feathers"--also known as skins. It comes with some excellent add-ons for providing portable MP3 player support--including iPods--and others that you can grab from the Songbird Web site introduce even more options. Some of these, such as a Cover Flow analog and a lyrics pane, are slick and work great.

You can read more about Songbird 1.0 in the [Download.com blog](#), or [try out](#) this alternative browser and jukebox yourself.

Seth Rosenblatt
Senior associate
editor,

Despite today's rocky economy, what industry can boast to be-

ing virtually "recession proof" and growing to become a \$40 billion industry? The answer may surprise you. It's the burgeoning video gaming industry that logged 34 million consoles sold last year alone.

With Wii and Microsoft's Xbox driving the industry and software now being developed for adults as well as teens, IBISWorld today released a new industry report which reveals interesting trends in an industry that once served mostly young boys and teenagers 20 years ago when Atari reined king. For example, today:

- ✦ 38 percent of U.S. gamers are women
 - ✦ The average player is 35 years old
 - ✦ 67 percent of household heads play computer or video games
- 24 percent of game players are aged over 50

Clearly, the home video gaming industry enjoys a customer base of all ages. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions, or wish to speak with Mr. George Van Horn, an IBISWorld senior analyst with IBISWorld. We would be happy to provide you with a copy of the industry report and set up a time for you to speak with Mr. Van Horn about the outlook for this thriving industry.
www.IBISWorld.com



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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meet 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 changes due to the Sun Lakes One homeowners meeting. Call for the date and location of the March meeting. We meet at 6:30 PM in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes One Country Club at 6:30 PM, which is south of Riggs Road on Sun Lakes Blvd. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Mirror Room at Sun Lakes I.

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2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday January 6, 2009

Club presenter: None.

Guest presenters:

M.D. Dbeis, the President of CS&S Computer Systems in Tempe, Arizona will talk about how they make built-to-order computers for individuals and businesses.

Jaime Link, Territory Manager for Sand Hills Publishing will discuss Sandhill's magazines and the Smart Computing User Group Program.

2009 Monthly Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 6:30 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1

January 6

February 3

March (to be announced)

April 7

May 5

June 2

September 1

October 6

November 3

December 1