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A Weighty Subject

Now that the holiday parties are over and by now you may be tempted to stray from your "lose weight" resolutions, here are some motivational reminders to put on your refrigerator to help you *stay the course* to prac-

tice "girth control."

Nothing stretches the slacks like snacks !

To indulge is to bulge!

Those who love rich food and cook it--look it !

2009 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The February 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.

For those of you who own laptop computers, all the SIGs now have tables and AC outlets available so bring your laptop (or camera) to the SIG of your choice.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Susan Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	February 2, 2009
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	February 4, 2009
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	February 10, 2009
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	February 11, 2009
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	February 9, 2009
Basic Computer & Beyond Rollie Baumann	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	February 18, 2009
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	February 24, 2009
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	February 25, 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.

Ed Ryczek will answer any Computer Booters member's spreadsheet questions. Contact Ed at edry01@earthlink.net.

From the President's Desk



Our 2009 season started off with some very interesting presentations, which we hope will be the start of an exciting year. Our membership is slowly growing and the more our local residents find out about the club's benefits, the more they become interested in joining us.

We are trying to reach all levels of our membership and keep asking for your input to help guide us in the correct direction. Some of you may be reluctant to give your input, not thinking that it's important but to us it is a way of measuring what we are doing and what needs to change. So don't hesitate we ask for and want you feedback,

positive or negative.

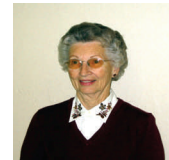
February will bring us some informative presentations one from within our membership and one from an outside presenter. I would again like to remind all of our members that if they have same first had experience with a product and would like to share it with the Computer Booters that they should step forward so that our members can gain from their experience. It's what our club is all about, learning from each other by sharing computer related information.

Please refer to our website for specific details: www.computerbooters.org

See you at the meeting on Tuesday.

Look Who's Volunteering

by *Darlene Herring*, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



Hope everyone had a nice New Year's Day and looking forward to a healthy, happy 2009. Our members and guests totaled 101 at our first monthly meeting of this year.

We had plenty of volunteers to set up the equipment for our guest speakers. We want to thank them all for their labors - Jim Walgren, Jim Gatesman, Ed Craze, Shadow Wrage and Hans Naumann with the microphone. Kathie Wrage gave each person a door prize ticket. There were many door prizes won.

As you read in the December, 2008, issue, we are very proud of our volunteers and want you to meet them 'up close and personal.

Let's begin with our Club President. George Rodriguez was born in New York City, New York. He and his wife, Denise,

were wed in Freeport, New York, on May 27, 1995. They have seven children.

After being in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years, he worked 36 years for Swiss Air LTD until his retirement.

In 1996 George and Denise moved to Sun Lakes. He enjoys woodworking, travel, golf and computers.

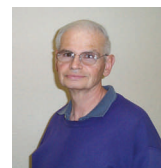
George is President of the Men's Oakwood Golf Association and is presently holding the position of President of the Computer Booters Club of Sun Lakes for the fourth consecutive year.

Thank you, George Rodriguez, for your time and willingness to accept the responsibility for the leadership of our club.

Darlene Herring

Membership Report

by Ed Schweitzer, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR



We are now accepting renewals for 2009 Computer Booter 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. We are also accepting new members. 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 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.

If you are a joining for 2009 as an individual member, check the box/circle that reads Individual New Membership (\$24) and if family membership place a dot/check mark 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 be removed from the broadcast listings. Do not let this happen to you. Do not miss the upcoming announcements of the Sigs (Special Interest Groups), and other important messages from the Computer Booters. If you change your email and/or home address and or phone number, please let membership know so our records will be correct.

The February meeting is being held on the first Tuesday which is February 3rd, 2009 at Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase 1) 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 of the general meeting or the membership director's home. Just call the Membership Director, phone number is listed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

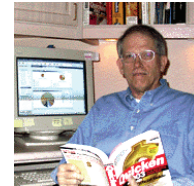
Balance as of January 12, 2009

\$5,688.37



Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



January Meeting

The January 2009 meeting had two special presenters from the computer industry. M.D. Dbeis, the President of CS&S Computer Systems in Tempe, Arizona talked about how they make built-to-order computers for individuals and businesses. MD presented the latest information on Intel chipsets they use to run their computers. CS&S has made computers for our club in the past and we have appreciated their ability to tailor computers to our specifications. He also emphasized that his company can still build computers, both desktop and notebooks, with the Windows XP operating system. Many of their small business customers still want to use Windows XP because of that has been designed for their businesses and it only runs on XP. Windows XP systems can also be produced for individuals.



The second speaker in January was Jaime Link, Territory Manager for Sand Hills Publishing. Jamie discussed Sandhills Publishing magazines and the *Smart Computing* User Group Program. Jamie stepped us through an issue of *Smart Computing*, and showed us how to use the **smartcomputing.com** web site to access information designed to help us run our computers better. She also explained how we can receive



unlimited computer support from *Smart Computing*. Jamie's presentation was excellent, and we look forward to more participation with Smart Computing and it's publishing house..

February Meeting

Once again we will have two special presenters from the computer industry. Come to our monthly meeting Tuesday, February 3 at 6:30pm in the Arizona Room of Sun Lakes 1 Country Club. Dennis Fix, a Market Source representative and Computer Booters member, will show us the latest in Hewlett Packard technology including free HP online classes and HP SmartWeb Printing. He will also talk about how to update HP printers with the latest drivers and how to obtain support as required.

Our second speaker, Dave Whittle from Webworking Services, is a frequent speaker at Computer Booters and we are looking forward to hearing from him again. Dave will speak on the topic: "How You Can Know Which Technology Products Are Cool, Hot, or Not – Using Social Networking To Help You Know Good From Evil and Choose Between Right and Wrong." He will demonstrate and introduce web sites and products of general appeal to computer users, including hidden gems from companies around the world with outstanding, innovative technologies. Dave will also share his insights on integrating digital pictures and movies into easy-to-prepare presentations.

Computer Tips from Various Sources

From a member

Darlene Henning received this and tried it immediately. She says: "It works perfectly on both home phone and cell phone. It is very simple to use....and FREE....try it!!"

FREE PHONE INFO FOR ANYWHERE

Just leave it to Google to come up with something like this! Here's a number worth putting in your cell phone or your home phone speed dial: 1-800-goog-411.

This is an awesome service from Google ... and it's free -- great when you are on the road. Don't waste your money on information calls and don't waste your time manually dialing the number. Here's an example of how it works. I'm driving along in my car and I need to call the golf course but don't know the number. I hit the speed dial for information that I've programmed ... 1-800-goog-411.

The voice at the other end says, 'City & State.' I say, Venice, Florida ..' He says, 'Business, Name or Type of Service.' I say, Firewheel Golf Course.' He says, 'Connecting' and Firewheel Golf Course answers the phone. How great is that? This is nationwide and it is absolutely free!

Click on the link below and watch the short clip for a quick demonstration.

<http://www.google.com/goog411>

Smart Computing Tips

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- ◆ **View Classic Start Menu in Vista:** To get back to a more recognizable Start menu, right-click an open space on the Taskbar, select Properties, click the Start Menu tab, select the Classic Start Menu radio button, and then click Apply. For a little more control over what appears in the Start menu, click the Customize button to add or remove items. Click OK when you're finished.
- ◆ **Affordable Smartphones:** Even consumers with a limited budget can afford a smartphone, thanks in part to new low-cost smartphone offers from many carriers and manufacturers that offer a pleasant array of features. These smartphones often have the basic functions you'd expect, including phone, email, Web, contacts, calendar, and task-management capabilities.
- ◆ Sometimes you'll find an older, more full-featured smartphone offered at a tremendous discount. These phones can also be great options for consumers who don't want to pay for the latest and greatest phones but still want a decent amount of power and functionality.
- ◆ **Go Beyond Point and Shoot:** You don't have to have a high-powered camera to improve your photographs. At the very least, adjust White Balance settings according to lighting conditions. Even if you use a flash, ambient light will affect the background of your image; for example, set the white balance to Tungsten when the scene is lit by regular light bulbs and Fluorescent for fluorescent.



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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 1.

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2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday February 6, 2009

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Guest presenter: Dave Whittle from Webworking Services, is a frequent speaker at Computer Booters and we are looking forward to hearing from him again.

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