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Our February 2, 2010 meeting will start promptly at 6:30 PM in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes 1 Country Club. Everyone arriving before our 6:30 PM meeting starts will receive a raffle ticket for the door prize drawings.

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Gene Barlow, of User Group Relations, will describe what he believes is the best way to back up your computer at our February meeting and our own Rollie Baumann will show you how to make your computer run faster.

Visitors and guests are always welcome. Bring a friend.

2010 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The February SIG schedule is listed below. SIG meetings are held at Sun Lakes 1 in the Arts and Crafts Room. **(Please ask the front desk guard for directions to this location).** All evening SIG meetings start at 7 PM.

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters name tag 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 Sue Klein 480-895-3528 simoodles@live.com to be added to the distribution list.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Sue Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	February 1
Digital Photography Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	February 3
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	February 8
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	February 9
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	February 10
Microsoft Windows 7 Guy Laroche	7:00 PM	3rd Monday	February 15
Basic Computers & Beyond Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	February 17
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	February 23
Microsoft Word Colette McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	February 24

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

by George Rodriguez, PRESIDENT

Our new shorter format seems to have been well accepted, shorter may be better. At our next meeting we will ask our members about a different starting time but keeping the same format we have introduced.

The website will now contain a section "Tips & Tricks", we will post the material that has been covered at each meeting for members to view and or print. The board discussed the merits of supplying the information this way better than having a hand-out at the meeting and feel that this would be more effective. We will try to cover many aspects of the "Tips & Tricks", but we also welcome your input on what you

would like covered. Rollie Baumann is handling these presentations and if you have any suggestions you can send them to me or directly to Rollie (srollie@wbhsi.net).

We are encouraging all our members to bring a friend to our next meeting as we would like to bolster our membership and feel that if non-members attend the meeting and know what our club does, they will realize the benefits of joining.

See you at the meeting.

COMPUTER WISDOM

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.

He who laughs last probably made a back-up.

A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.

When the going gets tough, upgrade.

To err is human . . . to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.

The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.

A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely will it do what you want it to do.

If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.



Look Who's Volunteering *by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*

Aren't we the lucky ones? While across our great nation the snow and cold weather have been devastating in places but here we are in sunny Arizona with just enough cold weather to remind us how fortunate we are. Despite the weather there were 108 members and guests who attended the January 5, 2010, monthly meeting.

Our faithful volunteers who are always ready to lend a helping hand were Ed Craze, Shadow Wrage and Jim Gatesman with the hardware equipment. Hans Naumann carried the microphone to all during the Q and A segment. Ziggy Wirganowicz was alert to the various needs of lighting. Kathie Wrage kindly gave each member and guest a door prize ticket as they passed by. To each person who had paid their annual dues, a name tag was given by Vivian Berman and Guy LaRoche, our Membership Director. Our Members Director, Eddie Schweitzer, was present to answer any questions regarding dues and membership.

'Up close and personal' describes each one of our exemplary Computer Booters volunteers due to their willingness to assist others by sharing their knowledge and skills. This month's selection is no exception.

Shari Thompson's title is Publicity Director....a position she has responsibly held for five (5) years. She distributes our SLCB brochures to other segments of Sun Lakes and wherever else they are requested or accommodated. When she writes for our Club in the East Valley Tribune and the Sun Lakes

Splash, all spelling is edited, all information is verified and she even takes all the pictures herself for publication in promotional material.

Shari has been a docent at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona, for 21 years. Prior to that, she was a docent with the Dayton Art Institute in Ohio for 10 years. She enjoys the beauty of plants and flowers in their native habitats.

As a student at Arizona State University and Wright State University, she studied Accounting and Computer Science. Since then, Shari has held administrative positions with the Valley National Bank in the Personnel Division and with Motorola - Scottsdale in the Legal and Program Planning Departments. In both Phoenix and Scottsdale, she was an Associate Realtor with Merrill Lynch Realty.

Shari was born in Chadron, Nebraska. She and Ben were married March 3, 1967, in Paradise Valley, Arizona. They have 5 children. Upon moving to Sun Lakes in May, 2003, they promptly joined SLCB.

Shari states: "I encourage others to consider offering their time and talents to expand our Club's mission. I could not function in my current capacity as Publicity Director without the help of my husband, Ben, and other computer club members."

Shari Thompson wears many different hats and they all seem to fit for the task at hand just as she fits into the Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club. We are proud to have her on our team.



Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

Time is running out. The membership renewal period ends January 31st, 2010. However we will accept new and renewal forms until the February 2nd, 2010 general meeting. The membership list will be purged on February 3rd and unpaid members will not be able to attend Sigs and will not receive email announcements. Nevertheless, any application forms received after that date will reinstate your attendance to Sigs. So don't delay and either snail mail your application with a check, or apply in person before the general meeting.

Renewal forms are available on our website www.computerbooters.org found in the left column of the online newsletter under membership. All new and renewing members must fill out a membership form. This is to ensure the data is up to date and correct. Please make sure the data is legible, especially the e-mail address. Filling the form on-line is the best way to ensure the data is readable. However the form cannot be sent on-line, it has to be printed. You can also pick up a form at the front desk before the general meeting of the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes.

Please check the appropriate category (Individual or Family New, or Individual or Family Renewal). The membership rates are

still a bargain. Individual membership is \$24.00 and Family membership is \$36.00 per calendar year. Your membership status allows you to attend the general meetings, which includes presentations and door prizes. You are also entitled to attend any or all SIGs (Special Interest Group) meetings during the month. Check for details on the Computer Booters Web site. Other benefits are: discounted subscription to the very popular magazine Smart Computer (plain English computer information), and discounted software programs purchases.

Attach (do not staple or tape) your check to the form and bring it to the meeting or snail mail it to the address on the form.

If you change your email and/or home address, please let the membership Director know so our records will be correct.

Membership badges will be ready to be picked up, at the membership desk, before the general meeting following the receipt of your application.

Meetings start promptly at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer time). Doors close when the meeting starts. If you arrive late, you will not receive a raffle ticket for the door prize drawings.

"Wrong Number"

The below address will take you to some terrific skits by Carol Burnett and Tim Conway. These are oldies but still goldies.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gcQYuiF7U>

Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



January 2010 Meeting

The January meeting was a huge success, with a full room of club members and guests. It is good to see all the returning members of Computer Booters who escaped the sun's heat last summer, and are returning for the warm, peaceful calm of the winter days. Welcome back from your summer residences.

We were fortunate to have Jaime Link, of *Smart Computing* magazine, return for another visit. She teamed this time with Nate Michl,



also of *Smart Computing*, to give an online demonstration of how Nate provides tech support for the magazine. Jaime and Nate sat side by side at the front of the room, and showed how Nate uses his special software to link to a subscriber's computer (Jaime in this case) and for him to see what is happening on her machine. Nate also showed how he can gain access, with the subscriber's permission, to operate the computer remotely. This capability gives any of the *Smart Computing* tech support personnel, located in Nebraska, the ability to see what is

happening on a subscriber's computer when they are having trouble and help resolve the problem. It looks like an excellent way to clear up any problems one might be having on their machine. This is a free service for subscribers.

Rollie Bauman introduced Tips & Tricks, a new segment of our revised format club meeting. George Rodriguez gave the presentation this month on Facebook: how to set it up and how to run a Facebook entry. It was very informative, and answered many of the questions previously posed by our club members. Tips & Tricks will be a recurring agenda item at our club meetings and will feature helpful tips for computer users.

February 2010 Meeting

The February meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, in the Sun Lakes 1 Clubhouse.

Gene Barlow, of User Group Relations, will describe what he believes is the best way to back up your computer. All of us know that we need to make regular backups of our hard drives, and Gene will show us how he does it. Gene represents Acronis Software to the user group community. Their products will be available at the meeting to purchase at Special User Group Discount Prices for those who wish to do so. (continued on page 7)

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

Balance as of January 10, 2010

\$3,670.63



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Acronis True Image Home is the software I use to back up my computer, and Gene will demonstrate it during the meeting. The thing I like about Acronis TI is that it creates incremental backup files, and that process minimizes your backup time. And even though the files are incremental, I can get access to an Image of my total hard drive backup, just as if I am looking at a Windows Explorer view of my data. So if I ever want to retrieve a single file (or files) that I have accidentally trashed on my machine, I can individually pull it out of my backup files without having to restore my entire hard drive. That capability is priceless. At least I think so.

February will continue with our new special presentations: **"Tips and Tricks."** Rollie Bauman has some special tips that he will share with us in February.

See you at the meeting.

TRIPS AND TRICKS

By Rollie Baumann

The *"Tips & Tricks"* presentation for the February Computer Booter meeting will deal with helping you to get your computer to start up faster, and to run faster once it has started up. And, also, hardware you can add to your computer to increase its performance. You are encouraged to attend the live presentation at the Club meeting for this information. But, if you can't attend you can find details on this presentation on the Club website, listed under *"Tips & Tricks"*.

Trouble with Email!

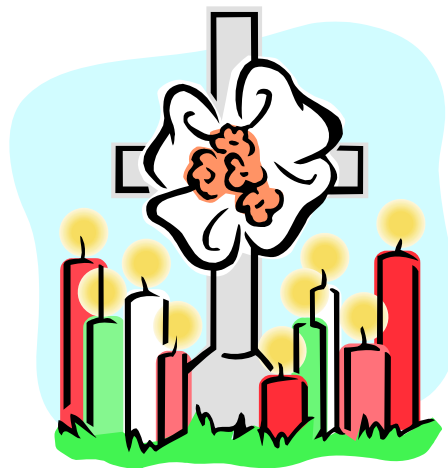
It's wise to remember how easily email can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences.

Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email.

Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.





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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. All other meetings are held 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. CB Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Sun Lakes One Country Club.

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2010 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday February 2, 2010

Featured Speaker: Gene Barlow, of User Group Relations, will describe what he believes is the best way to back up your computer.

Tips and Tricks: Rollie Baumann will show you how to make your computer run faster.

2010 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

2010

February 2

March 2*

April 6

May 4

June 1

* Meeting place will change due to HOA 1 Annual Meeting.