



PC NEWS

February 2010 Newsletter

We will start the monthly newsletter with information about the last SIG of each month, Betty Hesketh's and Alex Dumestre's Genealogy SIG. Betty has lined up an exciting program for February:

Mark your calendars for our **February 25th** meeting. Ever popular speaker, Lynna Kay Shuffield, will be making a return visit to our group. We have yet to determine the subject of her talk, but you can check the Club web site (www.1960pcug.org) for details in a few days. Ms. Shuffield's talks are always informative and entertaining. You don't want to miss this meeting. Ms. Shuffield's programs have been so well received by many of our members and their guests over the last few years. Experienced and beginner level researchers are always welcome to this meeting.

We are a group of computer users with a special interest in family research. Be sure to visit our genealogy web pages for the latest SIG happenings and research information. www.1960pcug.org/gensig

If you would like to sign up for our genealogy newsletter, please e-mail Betty at bhesketh1@gmail.com.

Our next scheduled bus trip to Clayton Library is Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Notify Bill Nation if you would like to join us.

General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

January's speaker, Suzanne Chapman, presented an inspirational and motivational program with tips on how to make extraordinary photos with a "point and shoot" camera. Suzanne is a talented water-color artist as well as a creative photographer.



Suzanne Chapman
(BeaAnn Kelly photo)

Jim Sandham did an outstanding job as the new SIG leader with an instructional tip session for improving and understanding your digital photography. As usual, a selection of "Share and Learn" photos will be seen throughout this newsletter for your enjoyment.

It's time to send him several of your recent digital images for the Share & Learn slideshow. End-of-2009 holiday shots, maybe outdoor images of the recent hard freeze, trips you took, or whatever you think the group would enjoy seeing.

Send them to: jsandham77@gmail.com -- by the end of Tuesday, Feb. 2nd so he can get them all into the slideshow.

Please resize your images down to 900 pixels on the long side, or downsize them to 120 ppi.



Craig Loomis photo

Carlos Galvan, professional wedding photographer, will be presenting at the Digital Photography SIG meeting on **Feb. 4th**. His presentation is entitled "The Characteristics of Light," which is part of a series that he's developing called "Writing With Light." There will be time for Questions & Answers after the presentation. Carlos recently gave this same presentation at the Woodlands United Methodist Church Camera Club, and was very well received. Check out his website at <http://carlosgalvanphotography.com>



Don Townsen photo

Also check out Jim Sandham's SIG page at the 1960 PC Users Group web page for related photographic sites. It will take several weeks to read all the material available while navigating through the many resources and links that Jim has provided.

Another reminder about the need for members to sign up for refreshments for the General Meeting and Photography SIG social time preceding the program. Simply save your receipts for reimbursement by our Treasurer, Bob Argo. Snacks do not need to be elaborate or fancy. The club provides soft drinks, water and coffee. Jean Olson has a sign up sheet available at the Welcome table.

Software SIG

Don Marvin, SIG Leader, has been covering Windows 7 features and answering questions in January.

The topic will continue to be of interest in months to come. In addition to looking at Windows 7 we will also have time to discuss any questions that you have concerning software or the Internet. If you have a laptop or notebook and have questions you need answered bring them and see if we can help solve them. Remember the whole purpose of our group is to learn more and to help one another. Bring a guest for the **February 9, 2010** meeting for a very popular SIG.

Don's SIG page on the club website also has a vast array of information about software and internet topics listed in the "Archive" section. Here is another month's worth of computer entertainment and research for members.

Investors SIG

Larry McKee and Ben Anthony, Co-Leaders, have been seeing increased interest in the Investors SIG by the steady increase in attendance. Larry and Ben also provide investor-related emails to members who wish to receive them.

Future Topics:

- Investing in new / break-through technologies
- Types of investment advisors—their pros & cons
- Index mutual funds vs. managed mutual funds
- Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) vs mutual funds
- Ideas for selection of investment candidates

During the month, we maintain an information exchange for useful data regarding current investment developments. Attendees are encouraged to email suggestions to me at: mckeelarryg@hotmail.com

A wealth of information can be found on the Investors SIG page also. The **February meeting will be Thursday, the 11th at 7 p.m.**



Larry McKee, SIG Leader

Graphics SIG

Alex Dumestre, SIG Leader will get back to talking about things Graphic, particularly about using a digital graphics editor (PaintShop Pro) and a high-end slide show creator (ProShow Gold). Because of my extended absence I will ask for questions from the floor (or via e-mail) to guide the details of the editing presentation. I will, of course, have several items prepared if the questions don't prove sufficient.

Alex demonstrates techniques and explains processes during his slide show presentations.

Feel free to ask any questions you might have about computer graphics. It is likely that I or some other attendee will have an answer for you. Come join us on **Thursday, Feb 18, 2010 at 7 p.m.**

Windows SIG

Sam Sanderson moderates an interesting and educational SIG on **February 25, 2010 at 7 p.m.**

At the Windows SIG there will be a discussion of Windows features aimed at beginner and intermediate level users. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions from the attendees.

Past meetings have covered a wide range of subjects including copy-paste, system configuration, HD television, virus detection and removal, setting up home networks, choosing the best ISP to use, and all MS Office products.

As always, I'm sure there will be lively discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun! Sam welcomes your email questions also. Just click on his link on the Windows SIG page on the club website.



Bill Franklin photo

Jean Franklin photo



Judith Tooth Photo



Jim Sandham photo – Timing is everything

Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members Carol Pulda, Dan Finch, and Louis Beguiristain who returned to the club after a brief hiatus as a member. Please make an effort to greet our new members and to make them feel right at home at any of our meetings.

Subdivision Newsletters

I would like feedback from members who have the 1960 PCUG schedule published in their subdivision newsletter. I would like to hear from members in subdivisions we are reaching, but would especially like to hear from you if you do not find information in your subdivision newsletter. Please email me your newsletter editor's address if you can obtain a contact email. We would like to publicize our monthly schedule to all homes in the region. beaannkelly@gmail.com.

I would also appreciate hearing from members who might have suggestions or contributions for improving this newsletter. Please email me at the above address.

See you at a SIG. Bring a neighbor, friend or relative. We have educational, informative and friendly meetings. Also consider sending your photos to Jim Sandham for all of us to enjoy. We are all amateurs, but capture some terrific photographs which enrich our programs and this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who submit photos.

BeaAnn Kelly

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