



Summer 2010, July-August

This newsletter will be a special vacation edition, covering July and August events for the 1960 PCUG. Our SIG leaders have an informative summer lineup of meetings for the next two months. We have many programs for you to attend in the comfort of air conditioning, and in the evening hours. So keep cool, get educated, see your friends, make new friends, and have fun this summer with the 1960 PCUG.

Digital Photography SIG and General Meeting



Betty Hesketh Photograph

Jim Sandham, SIG Leader has another exciting program planned for July at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010.

Title: "From Here to There: The Birth of a Professional Photographer"

Description: A look at **Katya Horner's** evolution as a photographer. The presentation will illustrate how someone with no background or connections in photography can make a name for themselves in the field.

Bio: Katya Horner, better known as "Slight Clutter" in the photography community, is a professional freelance photographer based in Houston who is as comfortable with editorial and commercial work as she is with fine art photography. Her photos have been seen in over 50 print and online publications, among them the Texas editions of Where Guestbook, Downtown Magazine (Houston), ArtsHouston Magazine, Cowboys & Indians Magazine, Common Ground (National Parks Service), Florida Coast Living, WSJOnline and File Magazine. Her fine art photography has been exhibited locally in Houston, Texas at the Houston Center for Photography, Gallery M2, The Arts Alliance Center of Clear Lake, Houston's City Hall Annex, Methodist Hospital and Hobby Airport.



David Grice Photograph



Craig Loomis Photograph

Thursday, July 8, at 7-9 p.m. **Investors SIG**, Larry McKee and Ben Anthony, Leaders

After the market updates and upcoming investment events in the community, we will present the opportunity to again examine stocks suggested by the group using AmeriTrade software. We will have a brief discussion on current events pertinent to investors. The special topic of the evening will be a comparison of Index funds and managed mutual and ETF funds.

Future special topics:

- **Ideas for the selection of investment candidates**
- **Research tools for the evaluation of investment candidates**
- **Technical Analysis of the stock market**
- **Emerging Markets**
- **Utilities Sector Investments'**
- **Alternative Investments (Hedge Funds)**
- **Commodities**
- **The American Association of Individual Investors' concept of "The Other Stock Market"**

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

Although we provide information about good performing securities, we do not make recommendations for specific investments. Each recipient of information should decide what to do with the information he or she receives, if anything.

By Larry McKee



Pat Tucker Photo

Tuesday, July 13 at 7-9 p.m., **Software SIG**, Leader, Don Marvin

July's Software/Internet SIG is all about Tips, Tools and Tricks.
Some of the subjects we will look at include:

- What is the key with the Windows Logo used for?
- How can I use my computer if the mouse or keypad quits working and I need to save what I am doing?
- There are Function keys on the keyboard, what do they do?
- I have a question about my computer, how can I find an answer using the Internet?
- How often should I perform maintenance functions to keep my computer running at its best?
- My computer is running slow, what steps can I do to fix it?
- Why do Windows programs stop working?

Have a question? Let's find the answer.

I will also try to share with everyone some interesting software or websites I have found that you might find useful. Bring your laptop if you like. We can always use more computing power in our meeting.



Jean Franklin Photograph _____

Thursday, July 15, at 7-9 p.m., **Graphics SIG**, Alex Dumestre, Leader

The Graphics SIG is defined to cover all aspects of computer graphics that may be of interest to our members.

In particular, all kinds of (1) painting, (2) drawing, (3) presentation, (4) scrapbooking and (5) photo editing software are in our area of responsibility both for printed and Web output. We also get into (1) scanning, (2) digital photography, (3) video, and (4) slide show production. We deal with use of graphics in more general purpose applications such as word processors and e-mail.

Which of this wide array of applications are actually covered at a SIG meeting depends strongly on the knowledge and interests of the SIG leader and of the guest speakers that the leader can recruit **and** on the suggestions made by the SIG attendees. The Graphics SIG, as are most of the club's SIGs, is very informal and questions are welcomed during the course of the meeting. It is suggested that, if possible, you submit your questions in advance via e-mail in order that the leader be able to do some research on the question if necessary. Attendance is typically about 20 members. Guests are welcome.

Your current leader specializes in graphic editing, slide show production, digital photography and scanning though he and/or other attendees may be able to answer your questions on a wider range of applications. Your current leader also has a standing offer to perform restoration work on damaged or faded photographs that are important to you. Simply e-mail digital files to him or bring them or original prints to the meeting.

Mail to: [Alex](#)

Don Bova Photograph



Bill Franklin Photograph

Thursday, July 22, 7-9 p.m., **Genealogy SIG**, Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, Leaders

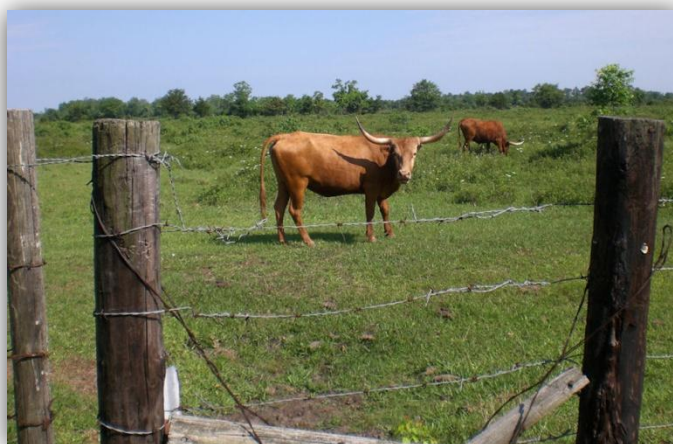
Subject: Group Discussion - Breaking Down Brick Walls

Following our very informative visit to the Family History Center in June, the July Genealogy SIG seems like a great time to follow up with a discussion focused on breaking down our genealogical brick walls. We ask that everyone bring a Family Group Sheet for one of their ancestors who has been hiding behind a brick wall. The group will then discuss ways to help one another with ideas of where to look next. Beginning and experienced researchers are welcome.

Please note that our next bus trip to Clayton Library is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2010, and sign up with our Trip Coordinator, [Bill Nation](#), if you can join us. Also, check out our genealogy web pages www.1960pcug.org/gensig for additional information about the bus trip and links to useful research helps.

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

Sylvia Tucker Photograph



Marj Krisman Photograph

Tuesday, July 27, 7-9 p.m. **Windows SIG**, Sam Sanderson, Leader

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 Sanderson

Send your questions and problems to [Sam Sanderson](#)

Welcome to New Members

Al and Ruth Grace have an interest in genealogy at the Masters level, attended a SIG, and joined our organization. Welcome Al and Ruth. We look forward to your participation and enjoyment of the 1960 PCUG. The Genealogy SIG is becoming a very popular SIG with many interesting programs and field trips ahead.

Jim Sandham Photo



Wishing you a fantastic summer, continue to watch for email meeting reminders, and hope to see you at a SIG meeting. Members are welcome to attend the July 20, 2010 [Board meeting](#) at 7 p.m. in Room 30 of the Annex Building at Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood.

Also, this is a reminder about all the resources available on the 1960 PCUG website. Our SIG leaders provide many links and archives for you. Check them out.

BeaAnn Kelly,
Communications Officer

Judith Tooth Photo

