



## **February 2012 Newsletter**

This month's newsletter begins with an opportunity to actively participate in carrying on the leadership of two of our club's SIGs: Investors and Graphics. We have many members who would be able to share their talents and skills with members as David requests in the following letter. Please consider filling either one of these positions which would benefit and strengthen our organization.

*Fellow Club Members,*

*As you know, this club cannot function without talented individuals serving in leadership roles. Our club is changing again, and we now need our members to take over two unpaid club positions.*

*The club started an Investor SIG several years ago, and it has done very well. Larry McKee has resigned as leader of the SIG effective in February 2012. Larry has been an outstanding leader of the group. If you have a background in investing, we need you to step up and take the leadership of this SIG. You will have the freedom to select the topics and content as you lead this SIG.*

*Alex Dumestre has been the leader of the Graphics SIG for many years, but will be giving up leadership of the group in the near future. Alex has done a wonderful job with this SIG. If you have personal or work experience using graphics software, we need you to step up and lead this SIG. You will have the freedom to lead the SIG your own way, including choosing the content and subject matter.*

*If no members assume leadership of the Investor and Graphics SIGs, we will have to close them both.*

*I encourage each of you to seriously consider volunteering for one of these two positions. Many other members have stepped up to leadership over the years, and now we have two more opportunities. Taking one of these positions may be the most rewarding thing you do for the club and for yourself.*

*David Gustine*

Carlos Hernandez photo of sunset at sea



Art Rothenberg photo

## General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

SPEAKER: Paul Gregg

TOPIC: "Iceland -- Land of Fire and Ice"

Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 7:00pm

Activity Room - Forum Building

6:30 PM:

Membership sign-in, pay dues, and greet visitors.

Spend time with other members and share your questions and answers  
(refreshments will not be provided at this time)

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM:

General Meeting Announcements

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM:

Digital Photography SIG

In July 2011 our guest presenter was Paul Gregg, whose topic was "From Birds to Blast-Off (and a few photos in between)." You'll recall his outstanding bird images, and photos of the final Space Shuttle liftoff in Florida. Well, he's coming back in February 2012 with an exciting new presentation called "Iceland -- Land of Fire and Ice." Paul and his wife had been on a trip to Iceland last summer, and now we get to experience what they saw on this North Atlantic island country that's famous for its volcanoes, ice, and glaciers. So, dress accordingly for the presentation (wear a

warm sweater, or a T-shirt and Bermuda shorts, or an asbestos overcoat). This should be interesting!

Jim Sandham

## **Investors SIG**

The Investors SIG slot is scheduled for Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., but will not be held unless a volunteer steps forward between now and the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please consider filling the position if you can spare a few hours per month to lead the group.



Al Gill photo

## **Software SIG**

Tuesday, February 14, 7-9 p.m. **Don Marvin, Leader**

Don always covers the latest computer and related technology information with the group. So come prepared to learn something new and/or participate by sharing your knowledge.

“We will also have time for anyone in attendance to share any programs, or helpful hints with the group. Please feel free to bring any problems you have been having

with your computer, bring it if you can and we will see of the group can help you solve it." Don Marvin

## **Graphics SIG**

Thursday, February 16, 7-9 p.m. **Alex Dumestre, Leader**

We had some active discussion of PaintShop Pro at the January meeting and demonstrated a couple of free graphics programs -- FotoMorph and Perfect 365. If any of you have since tried either of these two programs, please bring your results to the SIG on a flash drive and we can show the group.

This month we will look a bit more at PaintShop Pro and do a similar overview of ProShow Pro slide show program.

One attendee responded to my offer to repair/restore a treasured photo and sent me one. The little photo cleaned up nicely. We will show the results at the meeting.

Come join us.

Alex

Bill Franklin photo



## **Genealogy SIG**

Thursday, February 23, 7-9 p.m. **Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, Leaders**

It's a brand new year and time to once again review our research, organize our records and make a plan for this year, so the rest of our time will be spent discussing research and organization methods and reviewing some useful web sites. Beginning and experienced researchers are welcome.

**REMINDER:** Our next bus trip to Clayton Library for a day of research is on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. If you wish to join us, please notify [Bill Nation](#) as soon as possible, since he must provide Precinct 4 with a headcount at least five days in advance. More information about the trip and research at Clayton Library may be found on our Genealogy SIG web pages at [www.1960pcug.org/gensig](http://www.1960pcug.org/gensig).

If you would like to help out at the Genealogy SIG meetings in some way or make a presentation this year, please contact your SIG leaders. Suggestions for topics for our 2012 meetings would also be appreciated. Let's make this another great year for our group.

SIG Co-leaders:

[Betty Hesketh](#)

[Alex Dumestre](#)



Don Bova photo

## **Technology SIG**

Tuesday, February 28, 7-9 p.m. **Sam Sanderson, Leader**

"At the Technology SIG we have discussions on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to all technology new and old and of course many topics surrounding all versions of the Microsoft Windows operating systems. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions or request from the attendees. No subject is off limits; we cover it all. Come and join us. The topics are always interesting. It is amazing all of the technology know how that exist within our club members."

Sam Sanderson



Brad Nelson photo



Jim Sandham photo

### **Photography Articles and Upcoming Programs from Jim Sandham**

"The Top 10 Photo Techniques of 2011" – (with hotlinks to 10 separate articles)

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/246135/the\\_top\\_10\\_photo\\_techniques\\_of\\_2011.html#tk.nl\\_dfx\\_h\\_cbintro](http://www.pcworld.com/article/246135/the_top_10_photo_techniques_of_2011.html#tk.nl_dfx_h_cbintro)

"5 Accessories to Take With You (and Your Camera) on Vacation"

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/235254/5\\_accessories\\_to\\_take\\_with\\_you\\_and\\_your\\_camera\\_on\\_vacation.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/235254/5_accessories_to_take_with_you_and_your_camera_on_vacation.html)

"Taking Care of Your Digital Camera"

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/216760/taking\\_care\\_of\\_your\\_digital\\_camera.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/216760/taking_care_of_your_digital_camera.html)

"Master the Hidden Power of Your Camera's Program Mode"

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/235024/master\\_the\\_hidden\\_power\\_of\\_your\\_camera\\_program\\_mode.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/235024/master_the_hidden_power_of_your_camera_program_mode.html)

"The ND Graduated Filter"

<http://www.offrench.net/photos/articles/nd-grad-filter.php>

Additionally, here are the presenters & topics for March/April/May (to let our members/readers know what's coming up in the months ahead).

**March 1st (Thur.): Therese Tusa -- "Macro Photography**

**April 12th (Thur.): Bob Blome -- "An Eye Opener in Havana**

**May 3rd (Thur.): Carlos Hernandez -- "Digital Photography in Costa Rica"**

Mark your calendars and enjoy the photography items.

David Gustine photo



Jim Kelly photo

## **Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. in room 30, second floor of the Annex Building at 6832 Cypresswoods, Spring. You are invited to attend Board meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to participate and contribute to discussion. New ideas or suggestions for our club are always welcome for consideration.

Jean Franklin photo



I leave you this month at the Border

BeaAnn Kelly, Communications officer