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The Apple Core

**SunMacs
Holiday Breakfast-
December 9, 2017
8:30 Coffee
9:00 am Breakfast-
Olive Branch
Senior Center
107th Ave. & Sun
City Blvd.**

**SunMacs
Holiday Breakfast**

will again be held at the Olive Branch Senior Center on Saturday, December 9. We will "meet and greet" at 8:30 a.m. when coffee will be available. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. The Board voted to give everyone a gift this year, and sell tickets at $5.00 per person. (Price has been $9.00 in the past).

Tickets will be available before Tue. and Thurs. Classes. (8:30-9:00 a.m.)

The menu is: Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, bacon, muffins, fruit garnish, juice and coffee.

Following breakfast there will be a brief business meeting, followed by the Installation of Officer's;   The Presentation of the Apple Award; and a drawing for Door Prizes.
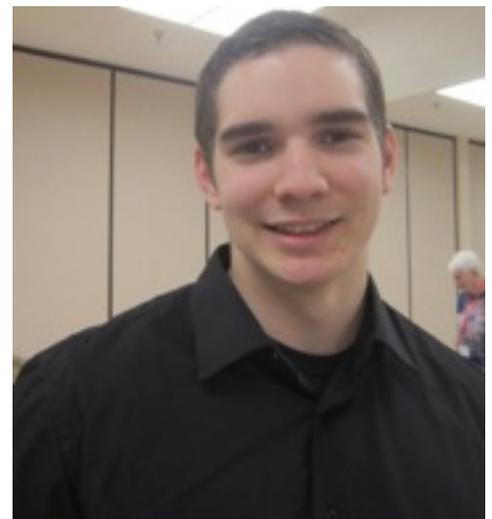
Come celebrate the Christmas season with your SunMac friends.

Pat Dilmore, Social Chairman

**November 11, 2017
General Meeting**
With 115 Sun Mac members in

attendance at our first business meeting since April, we were privileged to have **Tristan Soto of Mac Media** with his lecture on **Everything Apple**.

His first statement was that it is important to know just what we are paying for when we buy a computer. He took us through all the computers that are now on sale with the prices of each and what you get for that price. He defined the terminology used in defining the Apple products you might buy as follows: CPU means Central Processing Unit used to make all the applications on your computer work. GPU means Graphics Processing Unit and works with photos and videos. The larger the GPU the faster you can process photos and movies. The newer Apple computers now come with an i5 or i7 CPU. Each of these can be either Duo Core or Quad Core. The i7 CPU is faster than the i5 CPU and Quad Core is faster than Duo Core. Faster costs more but very useful if you need the speed.

Tristan also discussed the difference between RAM memory and hard drive memory. Both are defined in GB (gigabytes). Investing in 16 GB of RAM will provide greater speed than 8 GB of RAM. Next he defined the difference between mechanical hard drive with spinning disks and solid state drives. A solid state drive is much faster and has no moving parts and longer life but costs significantly more than the mechanical drive. All new Apple laptops come with solid state drive. The lower cost iMacs come with mechanical hard drives. The more expensive 21 1/21" iMacs and all 27 inch iMacs come with Fusion drives. A Fusion drive is a combination of a mechanical hard drive and a separate solid state

drive that looks like one drive on your desktop. Your computer will place the frequently used applications and the operating system on the solid state drive and use the mechanical drive for long term storage. This arrangement greatly speeds up the computer and extends the life of the drives.

He also discussed the iPhone 7, iPhone 8 and the iPhone X outlining the features and costs. The latest iPhones have wireless charging. He went through descriptions and pricing for the 12" MacBooks, 13' and 15 MacBook Pros. In a similar manner he discussed the iPads: Mini, iPad, and iPad Pro with pricing and memory configurations. iPad can also come with the Cellular feature at increased cost. He thinks the iPad Mini may be discontinued. Buy a Mini now if you want one.

The Apple watch models were discussed. The latest model can be worn while swimming or while you are in the shower. The latest watch can also be configured to be a stand alone phone and can be used without an iPhone present.

Coming out in December of this year is the iMac Pro. It is the most powerful iMac ever with 128 GB RAM and will cost about $5,000.

(Editors note: If you would like detailed information on features and pricing, you can download theApple Store App on your iPad or iPhone or go to the Apple Web site store.)

President's Letter

Our first club meeting of the winter season got off to a great start. With over 110 members attending.The Clubs 2018 slate of officers were voted on and approved. They are: President-Isaac Bonifas, 1st V-President-Mike Graham, 2nd V President-Larry Dilts, Secretary-Barbara Swintek, Treasurer-Tom Cherveny. Our newly elected officers will be sworn in at the club's December membership meeting on December 9th.

Be sure to attend our annual holiday breakfast General Membership Meeting on December 9th. The meeting will be held at the Olive Branch Senior Center, at the corner of 107th and Sun City Blvd. Coffee is served starting at 8:30 with breakfast starting at 9:00 am. The Olive Branch Center puts on a tasty, hearty breakfast. Tickets for the breakfast are $5.00 and are still available for purchase until December 5th. See Pat Dilmore to get your tickets.

December - 2017

Apple Macintosh Computer Club   Sundial Recreation Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	SunMacs Computer Club is located in the Sundial Rec Center. Phone # 623-933-5300	**There is no charge for classes**		9:00 **MAINTENANCE** C Dilmore P Dilmore/
4 9:00 **iOS BASICS 1** I Bonifas 1:00 **WALK-IN HELP** M Graham J&D Kilian/D Fredrick	**5** 9:00 **iOS BASICS 2** I Bonifas 1:00 **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & MONITOR TRAINING** B Craft K Skelding/B Thome	**6** 9:00 **iOS BASICS 3** I Bonifas 1:00 **GENEALOGY-DNA** M Funck J Burns/R Dilts	**7** 9:00 **GENEALOGY SIG** D Kilian 1:00 **BOARD MEETING** D Tressler	**8** **Join us for our Holiday Breakfast Meeting Saturday Dec 9, 9 AM at Banner Olive Branch Senior Center Tickets in advance $5**
11 9:00 **iOS BASICS 4** I Bonifas 1:00 **PREVIEW/PDFs** C Dilmore JA Wright/T Cherveny	**12** 9:00 **iOS BASICS 5** I Bonifas 1:00 **PHOTOS iOS** M Graham G Burks/C Copeland	**13** 9:00 **WALK-IN HELP** M Graham 1:00 **GENEALOGY-DNA** M Funck L Dilts/A Prior	**14** 9:00 **REUNION** D Kilian 1:00 **iPAD RT** M Graham T Keeley/M Olney	**15**
18 **CLOSED**	**19** **CLOSED**	**20** **CLOSED**	**21** **CLOSED**	**22** **CLOSED**
25 **CLOSED**	**26** **CLOSED**	**27** **CLOSED**	**28** **CLOSED**	**29** **CLOSED**

Holiday Breakfast Meeting - Saturday December 9, 9 AM - Banner Olive Branch Sr Center

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS
December Classes

Board Meeting: The Board Members meet at this time.

Genealogy SIG: This group is for those who are interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & researching techniques.

iOS Basics: This five (5) day Class is designed for the **iPad** (*some of the settings will apply to the iPhone and the iPod Touch if they are using iOS10*):
Day One will cover iPad Setup.
Day Two will cover the App Store and iCloud.
Day Three will cover working with Mail and Safari:
Day Four will cover Calendar and Contacts.
Day Five will cover the Camera and Photos App.
Come & always bring your devices.
The iOS 10 classes are one hour long for five (5) days.

iPad Round Table: Come & bring your iPad. Let's share what we know about this computer tablet. Non-iPad owners are welcome.

Maintenance: Bring your computer woes to this session and Colonel will help you with your problems.

New Member Orientation &

Monitor Training: All new members are encouraged to attend this orientation session. Learn about your new club and the classes and activities available. Monitor Training discussion will also be included. It is important for all members to give back to their club. Serving as a monitor is one way to do that.

Photos for iOS: This is the program to view, organize and store photos from camera, scanner, etc. Also how you can edit and use these pictures.

Preview/PDFs: Copy, open and edit .jpg photo files and .pdf Adobe Reader files. Preview also allows you to edit photos and add text to photos. You can also combine different .pdf files into one document. Come preview-Preview.

Reunion: How to use the Reunion website to find and organize your genealogical information.

RT: RT stands for "Round Table". RTs are discussion groups lead by a Facilitator in which Club Members share their knowledge with other members. A RT about the iPad might discuss how you would use a Map to lay out a trip and navigate through a city; or, an efficient way to search, find and evaluate a restaurant; or, discover how to translate/share e-mails with your Norwegian relatives. It is very important to realize that a RT is not an "*instruction event*" with an Instructor who teaches a class. RTs are usually a small group of about ten people; if larger, the RT would likely break up into smaller groups for topical knowledge sharing. A RT is where you would probably have your question answered and you would most likely answer someone else's question.

Walk-In Help: A club member will be available to help with problems.

CLASSES - Any classes you would like to have scheduled, please let me know. Larry Dilts: sunmacsscheduling@gmail.com

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Note from your Treasurer:

The time is here to renew your membership for 2018. It is good to be back to see our club friends and help where we can.

Diane Kilian

This past summer a major breach of Equifax servers was reported. This breach reportedly affected over 145 million people. Equifax is one of the major 3 credit reporting agencies. Names, addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers were stolen. This information can be used to steal your identity.

What to do? Request a copy of your credit report to check for any unauthorized access. Place a fraud alert on your credit report or freeze your credit report.

A credit freeze is the best option, as anyone trying to steal your identity will be unable to obtain a copy of your credit report. The down side is that you must unfreeze your credit reports to apply for any new loans or credit cards (current credit cards and loans are not affected). There is a small fee to unfreeze your report ($5.00 in AZ). Contact the 3 credit agencies for more information. (Listed Below from the AZ Attorney General web site as of Nov 15, 2017 at https://www.azag.gov/identity-theft/security-freeze do check the AZ AG office for the latest information)

Equifax (888) 397-3742
Equifax Security Freeze
PO Box 105788
Atlanta GA 30248
https://www.freeze.equifax.com/

Experian(800) 290-5195
Experian Security Freeze
PO Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

https://www.experian.com/freeze/center

TransUnion(888) 909-8872
TransUnion LLC
PO Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
freeze.transunion.com

The good news is that at the present time there is no indication that the information has been used. So this is a good time to act to secure your credit reports. This would be a good time to review/change your passwords and to remember not to click any links from unfamiliar e-mails.

I wish to everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Isaac Bonifas

INVITATION

All new members of SunMacs Computer Club are invited to attend our **New Member Orientation** scheduled for **Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The session will begin at 1:00 PM**. Come and get acquainted with your new club. You will learn more about the classes, schedules, website, general meetings, etc.

MONITORS

Why should you consider serving as a monitor?

The Recreation Centers Chartered Club Board Policy states: "All clubs are required to have club monitors. In the event a club monitor is not present during

club scheduled activities, the club will be closed."
In order to comply with these rules, we need all members to participate.

Also:
- It is not a difficult job
- We are an all volunteer club
- Easy way to give back to your club
- Only takes two hours of your time once a month
- Wonderful way to meet other members of the club
- Opportunity to sit in on a class you might not ordinarily attend
- Don't need to be a computer expert

There will be a New Member Orientation/Monitor Training session on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The session will begin at 1:00 PM.** If you have never served as a monitor, or it has been a while, this is an excellent opportunity for you.

Barbara Craft
Monitor Chairperson
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"I'm never having kids. I hear they take nine months to download."

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2018 - DUES PAYMENT FORM

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Treasurer's Deposit Date:

Dues are $20.00 per person / $30.00 for 2 persons at the same address

Make Check Payable to: **SunMacs** - Give to Room Monitor **OR** Mail to: SunMacs Computer, 14801 N. 103rd Av. Sun City AZ 85351

Please Check one:	I am a **NEW** Member ☐	I am **RENEWING** ☐

Member #1 - Name

Rec. Card No.

Email Address

Member #2 - Name

Rec. Card No.

Email Address

Sun City Street Address →

ZIP Code

Amount Paid: $ _____

CHECK No. _____

Phone Number

If CASH check box ☐

Monitor's FULL Name

_____

Payment Received in FULL

Emergency Phone Contact (Name & Phone Number)

Member Initials ☐   Dues are **NON-Refundable**

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