



The Apple Core



**Sunmacs
General Meeting
November 11, 2017
9:00 am to 10:30 am
Sundial West Hall**

A crowd of 79 members and guests showed up for the last business meeting until November 11. Diane Kilian, Treasurer, announced that there are 370 members and that 127 of them are new members. The treasury has \$10,514.



First Vice President David Swanson started the meeting

introducing our Ask the Experts panel and turning the meeting over to them.



WHAT MAKES AN EXPERT?



Isaac Bonifas, our current SunMac President
“Twenty-three years working with Scientific Atlanta working on computer networks.”



Colonel Dilmore “I bought my first Mac in 1985. Learned all by myself how to use it and how to take it apart.”

Mike Graham. "Thirty-five years of data processing experience ranging from Program Analysis to managing System Development. Most of my Apple knowledge comes from osmosis!"



Bud Sanford Fifty years working on computers and last 20 years on Apple and PC's. "I love computers and computer users."

It seemed that most of the questions presented to our panel were about phishing and malware. It was recommended that members put Malwarebytes on their computers. www.malwarebytes.com/mac/ and/or get Ghostery by going to Safari and Extensions. Isaac mentioned that you cannot add anything on your iPad without going through the App Store.

Right click on emails you don't want and that will send them to Junk.

This fall Apple is changing their software so be sure to upgrade before then.

President's Letter

The busy season has passed. The majority of our winter visitors have already headed up to their northern homes.

Your SunMacs Computer Club has had a very successful "Winter Season." My call for volunteers was answered. We now have a full slate of club officers for next year. They are: President: Isaac Bonifas, Vice-President: David Swanson, 2nd Vice President: Larry Dilts, Secretary: Barbara Swintek Treasurer: Tom Cherveney. Volunteers are always needed, while we have a full slate of officers at this point things can change over the summer. We need volunteers to back up our club officers if needed.

We have over 369 members in our club. My thanks to all our volunteers and club members in making our club very successful this past year.

The club has started the "summer hours" schedule. The club will be open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. Closed for six

weeks starting in August. See the enclosed club schedule of classes.

Last month I talked about choosing the correct laptop for our club members. This month the question I will try to answer is iPad or Mac? For a majority of our clubs members that fall into the "Basic" user category the iPad is a good choice. A "basic" user is a person that mainly uses a computer to consume content such as surfing the Internet, Send/Receive E-mail, use Facebook, Skype and play games.

The iPad is easy to use, lightweight, portable and inexpensive compared to a Mac computer. There are two iPad product lines to choose from: iPad and iPad Pro. The iPad comes in two screen sizes: 7.9 and 9.7 in. The iPad Pro comes in two screen sizes: 9.7 and 12.9. They all come Wi-Fi enabled. For \$130.00 more a cellular data option is also available.

For our basic user who wants a small screen, the iPad Mini 4 is the only choice (and a very good one) at \$399.00 it has Wi-Fi and 128GB of storage. For a larger screen the new iPad is a very good choice and at \$329.00 for a Wi-Fi, 32GB model it by far is the best iPad for the price. This is the

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SUNMACS SUMMER CLASSES 2017

MAY

Tuesday, **May 2:** VERY, VERY BASIC iOS; M Graham. Learn the controls and applications of your iPad or iPhone. monitor: P Dilmore

Thursday,, **May 4:** GENEALOGY SIG; E Lawson. For those interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & research techniques. m: D Tressler

Tuesday, **May 9:** WALK-IN HELP; M Graham. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: G Burks

Thursday, **May 11:** GENEALOGY RESEARCH-1; M Funck, Back to Basics - What I Know. m: J Eggleston

Tuesday,, **May 16:** SAFE SURFING THE INTERNET; I Bonifas. Protect your personal and financial information while online. m: K Skelding

Thursday,, **May 18:** IPAD/IPHONE RT; M Graham. Bring your iPhone or iPad and share with others about what's good, bad, or puzzling. m: P Woods

Tuesday, **May 23:** GENEALOGY RESEARCH-2; M Funck, Back to Basics - What I Want to Know. m: C Copeland

Thursday, **May 25:** WALK-IN HELP; I Bonifas. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: L Hanks

Tuesday,, **May 30:** ADDRESS BOOK/LABELS; L Hanks. How to use Contacts and make use of the Label feature. m: L Sudkamp

JUNE

Thursday,, **June 1:** GENEALOGY SIG; E Lawson. For those interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & research techniques. m: D Tressler

Tuesday,,**June 6:** WALK-IN HELP; M Graham. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: C Clopton

Thursday, **June 8:** iOS 10; M Graham. Using apps within the newest operating system. Bring your iPad or iPhone. m: K Skelding

Tuesday, **June 13:** GENEALOGY RESEARCH-3; M Funck, Back to Basics - Identify Sources. m: G Burks

Thursday, **June 15:** IPAD/IPHONE RT; M Graham. Bring your iPhone or iPad and share with others about what's good, bad, or puzzling. m: P Dilmore

Tuesday, **June 20:** GENEALOGY RESEARCH-4; M Funck, Back to Basics - Select Records. m: C Copeland

Thursday, **June 22:** WALK-IN HELP; G Burks. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: L Hanks

JULY

Tuesday, **July 4:** CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, **July 6:** GENEALOGY SIG; E Lawson. For those interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & research techniques. m: D Tressler

Tuesday, **July 11:** WALK-IN HELP; M Graham. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: G Burks

Thursday, **July 13:** VERY, VERY BASIC iOS; M Graham. Learn the controls and applications of your new device. m: K Skelding

Tuesday, **July 18**: CALENDAR; L Hanks. Keep track of appointments, view multiple calendars at same time, share your calendar information with others, and much more. m: C Copeland
Thursday, **July 20** iPad/iPHONE RT; M Graham. Bring your iPhone or iPad and share with others about what's good, bad, or puzzling. m: P Dilmore
Tuesday, **July 25**: WALK-IN HELP; C Dilmore. A club member will be available to help with problems. m: B Sanford
Thursday, **July 27**: SOCIAL; P Dilmore. Club members get together, talk and exchange ideas over coffee & goodies. m: L Hanks

SEPTEMBER (Closed August through September 15th)

Tuesday, **September 19**: GENEALOGY RESEARCH-5; M Funck, Back to Basics - Obtain Records.
Thursday, **September 21**: iPad/iPHONE RT; M Graham. Bring your iPhone or iPad and share with others about what's good, bad, or puzzling.
Tuesday, **September 26**: iOS 10; M Graham. Using apps within the newest operating system. Bring your iPad or iPhone.
Thursday, **September 28**: GENEALOGY RESEARCH-6; M Funck, Back to Basics - Evaluate Evidence.

OCTOBER

Tuesday, **October 3**: PHOTOS FOR MAC; C Dilmore. This is the program to store photos from camera, scanner, etc. Also how you can edit and use these pictures.
Thursday, **October 5**: GENEALOGY SIG; E Lawson. For those interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & research techniques.
Tuesday, **October 10**: WALK-IN HELP; M Graham. A club member will be available to help with problems.
Thursday, **October 12**: SOCIAL; P Dilmore. Club members get together, talk and exchange ideas over coffee & goodies.
Tuesday, **October 17**: eBOOKS, BUY OR BORROW; L Hanks. How to purchase or borrow books, audiobooks and other media and download onto your Mac or iPad.
Thursday, **October 19**: iPad/iPHONE RT; M Graham. Bring your iPhone or iPad and share with others about what's good, bad, or puzzling.
Tuesday, **October 24**: WALK-IN HELP; G Burks. A club member will be available to help with problems.
Thursday, **October 26**: iCloud; I Bonifas. This session will explain what iCloud is and how it operates.
Tuesday, **October 31**: VERY, VERY BASICS iOS; M Graham. Learn the controls and applications of your new device.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Saturday, November 11, 9:00 AM, SUNDIAL REC CENTER, WEST HALL

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| <p>CLASSES - Any classes you would like to have scheduled, please let me know. Dale Wiseley, sunmacsscheduling@gmail.com</p> |
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President's Letter Continued

model I would recommend for our basic users. If budget allows, spend the extra \$100.00 to upgrade to the 128GB model for more storage. If you plan of taking extensive trips with the iPad, ordering the Cellular option may be a good idea. For most people the Wi-Fi model is all you need.

An iPad with a keyboard can be a solution for our intermediate users that create a limited/moderate amount of content. For our intermediate user who wants a small screen, the iPad Mini 4 is the only choice at \$399.00. It has Wi-Fi and 128GB of storage. For a larger screen the new iPad is a very good choice and at \$429.00 for a Wi-Fi, 128 GB model it by far the best iPad for the price. For even a larger screen size the iPad Pro comes in at 12.9 inches. The 12.9 inch iPad Pro with Wi-Fi & 128GB storage come in at \$899.00.

The iPad Pro line allows for more options such as an Apple Pencil (\$99.00) and an Apple Smart Keyboard (\$169.99). Adding both options brings the total to \$1,167.00. At this price an entry level 12 inch MacBook or 13 inch MacBook Pro may be considered. The iPad Pro with the Apple Pencil is the only option that allows

the user to draw directly on the screen.

Making a decision comes down to going with what you know and are currently using. If you have been using an iPad and need a larger screen upgrading to the 12.9 inch, iPad Pro would be a good choice. If you have been using a Mac computer updating to a 12.9 inch, iPad Pro would involve learning a new operating system. A MacBook or MacBook Pro would be a good choice. If you were switching from a window computer, the iPad would be a good choice.

Good luck in your search for your new computer.

Have a safe great summer!!

Isaac Bonifas

Note from our Treasurer:



Hopefully you all have picked up your membership card from the little green box in the club room. A big Thank You to all our members that keep our Club functioning. Our final membership number for 2017 is 370. Welcome to all our new 2017 members. It was great seeing so many pitch right in. We need everyone to lend a hand once in awhile. Have a great summer where ever you spend the summer months. We will begin taking registrations for 2018 after you receive the October issue of The Apple Core.

Diane Kilian



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