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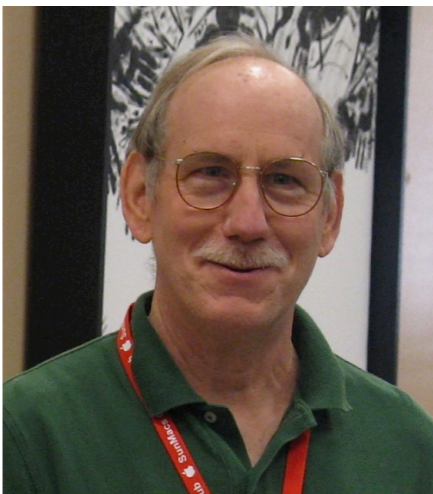
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NEXT MEETING DATE

Sundial West Hall
10:00 am Saturday,
December 4
CLUB ROOM

Come early, have some coffee and cookies, and visit with other members. Wear your name tag. This is also an excellent time to pay your 2022 dues.



The President's Letter

The Nov 13th General Meeting was attended by 44 members; not a bad turnout as the Covid Pandemic continues.

As some of you know, our long-time Web Master Gary Burks passed away; he will be missed. Rich Cornwell has taken over his duties and has been upgrading our website.

Rich presented an overview of the new site at the general meeting.

The feed back from members has been positive and the switchover to the new site should happen before the new year.

Our next General Meeting will be Sat Dec 4 at 10:00 am. It will be an informal meeting at the Club Room. This will be a Holiday Open House

with refreshments, replacing our annual Christmas Breakfast. Swearing in of club officers will be at 10:30am.

My thanks to all of our officers for continuing to volunteer:

President:

Isaac Bonifas

1st VP: **Agnes Holub**

2nd VP: **Pat Always**

Treasurer:

Judy Ann Wright

Secretary:

Barbara Swintek

The club room is now operating on a full winter schedule: Mon-Thurs 8:30-10:30am and 12:30-2:30pm. Classes are one hour at 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Like all Sun City Clubs, our club can only operate with members who step up and volunteer. The pandemic has affected

our long-time volunteers and many are unable to continue. We need Monitors, Instructors, Board/Committee and round table leaders.

Isaac Bonifas
President

HELP! Help! HELP!

Hello, Members of SunMacs!! This is from **Pat Always, Scheduler of classes**... once again. Help is the going word right now. A Number of our former Class teachers have moved, died, or taken ill and I'm looking for folks to lead/teach some classes. If you use Pages, Numbers, Genealogy, Photos, Word, Excel, etc., please consider leading or teaching a class. Call me at the number below, if you are considering doing this and feel nervous about attempting it. I can walk you through Round Table formats, classes, etc. You may not realize how much you know and how much your expertise could help other members. I'd be happy to

sit down with you and plan, brainstorm, etc., to get you started. **PLEASE CONSIDER LEADING OR TEACHING A CLASS!!** The months of November and December were abbreviated schedules because of the holidays. However, January and on will have many more slots to fill and I want very much to keep the classes open, and not leave spaces in the calendar with no teacher or RT leaders. Nor do I want to continue to call on the same 7 people to do more and **MORE** and **MORE.. STOP NOW** and contact me, **PLEASE**. We need **your** help to **sustain** the growth of this Club!! **You Can Do It!!** Thanks

Pat Always
Class Scheduler
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MONITORS

Its exciting that our classes are continuing and we will have morning and afternoon classes!

I would like to remind our members that our club survives on volunteers. One of the ways you can volunteer is to serve as a monitor. *Because:*

It is not a difficult job.

Only takes two hours of your time once a month. You can choose morning or afternoon slots.

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.

Please contact me to sign up now!

Barbara Craft
Monitor Chairperson
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TECH TALK

By Isaac

Last month I reviewed all the software updates that Apple has introduced the 2nd half of the year. Much of the updated software is designed to take advantage of the new hardware. On the hardware side a new apple device? I will cover 3 main product lines; iPads iPhones and Mac Computer.

There are many reasons to upgrade; the device cannot run current operation system or you want the latest. When the decision is made, Apple has you covered.

In the past year Apple has upgraded the entire iPad line and has 4 main options. The line up consists of iPad Pro, iPad Air, iPad and iPad Mini. Members that are on a budget will find the iPad a great choice, at a starting price of \$329.00 for a 64GB wifi model will cover most of our Members' needs. The iPad air at \$699.00 sits in between the iPad and the iPad Pro with more advanced display/camera. For our members who want the cutting edge,

Apple offers the iPad Pro line starting at \$799.00, and is the one to buy. For a smaller screen the iPad mini is the only choice Apple offers. Starting at \$499.00 it has the same specs as the iPad Air but with a more advanced processor.

The same goes for the iPhone line. All phones were upgraded this past fall. Apple's current line of phones find the iPhone 13 at \$799.00, a great phone and for most of our members it has the same processor, Face ID, MagSafe and 128GB memory as the iPhone Pro and iPhone Max. The iPhone Pro/Max starting at \$999.00/\$1099.00 does have a more advanced camera and a faster A15 processor. The Pro line is for the member who wants the most advanced camera that Apple has to offer in a phone. Unlike the iPads, in the case of iPhones there are no inexpensive iPhones. At \$799.00 for the least expensive iPhone 13, this is serious money for an entry level phone. However our members can find some savings with last year's iPhones, the iPhone 12 at \$599.00 and iPhone SE at \$399.00. The iPhone 11, introduced 2 years ago is at \$499.00. Apple is

currently selling the iPhone 12, SE and the 11.

Apple introduces a new iPhone each year. The advancements from year to year are more evolutionary than revolutionary. The iPhone 11 at \$499.00 is a great phone and would fill the needs of most of our members. Note: as of 11/21/2021 Apple is still selling iPhones 11, 12 and SE but could stop selling them at any time.

The Mac line-up of computers has been upgraded. With the exception of Mac Pro and iMac Pro, all Macs have been upgraded with Apple's newly introduced silicon called the M1 processor. The M1 is a system on a chip that is based on the A series of processors used in the iPhones/iPads. The M1 was revolutionary in design when introduced late last year. The M1 processor easily out performed all but the intel most advanced processors.

All the current M1 Mac computers have more than enough power for most if not all of our members. The decision depends on type, screen size, amount of ram and amount of storage memory. In

desktop Macs the iMac 24in 8GB unified memory 256GB SSD storage starts at \$1299. The mac Mini with 8GB unified memory 256GB SSD storage starts at \$699.00. (Screen, Keyboard, Mouse are extra.) This is the lowest price for any new Mac. In Laptop Macs there are 2 options with the screen size of 13inl. The Mac Book Air 13in 8GB unified memory 256GB SSD storage and the Mac Book Pro 13in 8GB unified memory 256GB SSD storage are \$1299.00. Increasing the storage size to 512GB SSD storage will add \$200.00 to the price. The same goes with unified Memory from 8GB to 16GB will add another \$200.00. The 14in and the 16in Laptops were newly introduced this fall. They come with the next generation of the M1 processor, the M1 Pro. With a starting price of \$1999.00 for the 14in and \$2499.00 for the 16in, both entry models come with the M1PRO 16GB unified memory and 512GB SSD storage new advanced XDR display. These Mac Book Pro's were designed with the power user in mind. Screen size would be the only reason I would recommend the 14in or the 16in for most of our

members. If you are the type who wants the best Mac ever made, the 14in and 16in MacPro are for you.

Apple's new line-up of Macs, iPhones and iPads is the best yet to choose from.

Tips and Tricks

This is a new section for our members to share their experiences with their Apple devices. You are invited to submit a tip or trick that you have learned and would like to share with others. Please send your article to me, the editor, at Ahol7354@gmail.com.

Agnes Holub
Editor

HOLIDAY SOCIAL 10:00 AM SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2021

Join us for a holiday celebration in the Club Room. Refreshments and coffee will be served.

A short general meeting will be held with installation of the officers at 10:30 am.

This get together replaces the usual Christmas Breakfast in December which was cancelled due to the Pandemic.

Where did the glowing Apple logo go?



One of the things that I thought was very cool about the Apple MacBooks was the glowing Apple logo on the lid when the screen was opened. It got the computer noticed and was just one more sharp design element from Apple. I remember there were stickers available that you could put on your MacBook to incorporate the lighted element.

To accomplish the lighting effect, the cover was die cut with the logo and a plastic shield was put in the opening. When the cover was opened, the backlight for the display

came on and that light shown through the cut-out.

Alas, in 2012, Apple introduced a new MacBook that was thinner than the current MacBook Air, an amazing feat. To accomplish this leap in design, the display was slimmed down to such an extent that when viewing the screen with the cut-out in the cover, a “halo” of the logo would show through onto the display. Also due to the thinner display, the cut-out weakened the lid to the point that the lid could flex and crack the screen. Lastly

Apple’s brand image had grown and was a much better known product. The light-up logo was no longer needed to advertise for Apple.

Due to these factors, Apple phased out the light-up logo in its products over the following generations.

**Submitted by
Rich
Cornwell**

Current updates are available on the website Sunmacsclub.com

December - 2021

Apple Macintosh Computer Club Sundial Recreation Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
			9:00 Walk In Help L. Hockenbery 1:00 Board Meeting	Christmas Open House tomorrow, December 4th in Our Club Room starting at 10:00 a.m
6	7	8	9	10
9:00 Camera RT R. Masters 1:00 <i>Safari</i> R. Cornwell	9:00 GENEALOGY RT G. Marshall 1:00 iPhone Help L. Hockenbery	Sundial closed.	9:00 RT C. Clopton 1:00 GENEALOGY 101 - Step 1 G. Marshal	
13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Camera RT R. Masters 1:00 Walk in Help C. Clopton	9:00 iOS Contacts R. Cornwell 1:00 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & MONITOR TRNG B. Craft/ C. McDermott	9:00 Walk in Help L. Hockenbery 1:00 iPad RT C. Clopton	9:00 Walk in Help R. Cornwell 1:00 <i>Using Speech, Dictation & Siri</i> L. Hallman	
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

General Membership Meeting – Saturday, 9 a.m. January 8, 2022

December 2021 Class Descriptions.

(RT = Round Table)

Board Meeting: The Board Members meet at this time.

Genealogy 101 – Step 1: helping beginners explore the topic and process of Genealogical study

Genealogy RT: For those interested in studying their roots and exchanging ideas & research techniques

iOS Contacts: learn how to manage Contacts on any of your iOS devices.

iPad/iPhone RT: come with your device &/or your questions and desires to learn.

iPhone Camera RT: come with your questions, problems and curiosity around using the iPhone Camera

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.

Safari Basics: get help with understanding and using this browser more effectively.

Using Speech, Dictation, Siri: tell your phone what to do, what to type, and have it read to you! If interested, come learn more.

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