

President's Message

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March/April 2018

I am pleased to announce the Mac Club has started a SIG (Special Interest Groups) program. These groups of 4 to 10 individuals will meet on a frequency they decide (once or twice a month) to discuss a common interest in a particular subject. In 2010 when the iPad first come out, a few of us with the first iPads got together and learned new things from each other. There were no experts.

Gene Hollaway introduced Photography, the first SIG group for iPhones and iPads. The first meeting was on March 15 and will continue meeting every third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Mac Lab. The Mac Club is open to suggestions for other groups, possibly: Video, Communications (phone, email, messages), Productivity (Pages, Keynote, Numbers), Social Media (Facebook, Twitter) and Technical (Setting, iCloud) that would like to form and meet at the Mac Lab on an available day and frequency they agree on. If you are interested in being in a group or have a suggestion for a new group, please contact Bill Clover at billclover@me.com or tell the Mac Club Room Supervisor.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1 p.m. we will have members of the OC Public Library Genealogy Committee come to the Mac Lab and present us with a program on Genealogy. Go to our website (TheMacClub.org) and see more details on the special program that will be presented. During the week of April 16 to 20 any club member (non volunteer) who attends a scheduled class will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$50 Lucille's Barbecue gift card. See our website for more information.

February 2018

It is now time to join or renew your Mac Club membership which expired at the end of the 2017. The money from the membership helps defray the cost of providing new library books, printers, routers, tables, chairs and the two 75 inch TV monitors we use for teaching. The club is run by a cadre of about 25 volunteers who are room supervisors, teachers, help with device problems, install the new computers, update the website, prepare the class calendars, purchase library books, send articles the Globe, sent out weekly emails giving the upcoming classes and keep the equipment updated and running. We are always looking for new volunteers. Please talk with one of the Room Supervisors if you have some interest in helping. We will train you.

We are fortunate to have many instructors and we are teaching up to four classes a week on the various devices, iPad, iPhone and Mac. Most of the Room Supervisors can help you with problems you are having with your devices.

The Board is looking into starting SIG's (special interest groups). If you have an interest in a particular subject and we can find others with similar interests we will put you together and with help from one of our leaders start a

group. Let a Room Supervisor know or email Bill Tilley at mohbk43@gmail.com

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July 2017

Summer is here and the Mac Club volunteers will be continuing to teach their classes. We will still have Room Supervisors available 5 days a week to help you

with your Apple device questions. Please be reminded that if others are waiting you will be limited to a 15 minute session. The Room Supervisors are responsible for overseeing the entire room which includes making sure people sign in, signing books out and in from the library, signing up new members, answering the phone, helping with printing and keeping the computers and printers working. Some shifts have two Room Supervisors on duty which gives them more time to help you. Also you should be aware that the Room Supervisor volunteers have varying degrees of computer knowledge. On Monday and Tuesday afternoon we usually have a very knowledgeable person helping with your more challenging questions.

We recently purchased new tables for the front of the room which make the teaching/learning experience better. We have added a second 75" monitor used to project the lessons for you to see.

This fall new Apple operating systems (iOS and MacOS) will be coming out. It is best that you learn the existing system so that the changes and upgrades are less dramatic. We are looking to seeing you at the Mac Lab and joining us in the classes which are separated into beginning and intermediate levels. Have a great summer.

April 2017

Come and visit the Mac learning center. We have installed two 75 inch monitors to add to our teaching abilities. These monitors project the image that is on the instructor's iPhone or iPad so you can see if the image is the same as you have on your device. We have moved some of the printers and they are at the side of the room. Two of them will print from your iPad or iPhone wirelessly. One printer is a color or B/W ink jet, the other is a B/W laser printer. Both can also be used as a copier. The third one is a B/W laser printer. Ask the Room supervisor which one to use and how to connect. We discourage any bulk printing and suggest if you need multiple copies that you print one copy and then go down to the print center on the first floor and have them bulk printed on their commercial quality printers.

If you signed up for the 2017 membership year and did not receive your bottle of Whoosh(a screen cleaner) drop into the Mac lab and ask the Room supervisor for your bottle.

Over the past year while the weather was changing some of you left jackets, hats and other clothing articles behind. Check out the items on the back clothes rack before we give the items away.

February 2017

Our Club has completed the 2017 membership drive. You can still join the club and get your free gift of a bottle of Whoosh and help support the Mac Center. Go to the link “The Mac Club Application and Renewal” for details.

Those who do not renew by the end of January will be dropped from the weekly email of club activities and schedules of upcoming classes. Membership gives you access to our extensive library of the latest technical books for your devices and can be checked out for a two week period. You also get the weekly email mentioned above and a chance to win in a drawing for gift certificates that we give out at the General meetings. The General meetings are always interesting as we invite the Apple Creatives to tell us about the latest Apple devices and demonstrate how to use the latest programs.

The club conducts approximately 18 classes a month showing you how to use apple devices (iPad, iPhone and iMac/Laptops). Also discussed are various useful Apps. We ask for a \$2 donation for the 1-1/2 hour classes, many with wonderful handouts to take home. Monday and Tuesday afternoon we have some very informative persons in the Mac Lab to solve some personal problems with your device. Many of the Room Supervisors can also help you during the week from 9

am to 3 pm. We have printers that allow you to print wirelessly from iPads and iPhones. We look forward to you visiting our computer room in the Administrative Building. If you are interested in joining our cadre of volunteers we would enjoy talking to you.

November 2016

This month we will be having the Apple store Creatives at our General meeting. They will be discussing the new MAC OS (Sierra). Go to “The Mac Club General Meeting” link of this website for details, time and location. Come and learn the new changes that will benefit your understanding.

We are purchasing a second 70” TV for the Mac Lab so we can more efficiently teach our classes.

For those who need help at home with computer setup, wifi connectivity or how to use programs we have business cards in the Mac Lab of members who can come to your home. The Mac Club does not take any responsibility for the help and you will have to work out the costs with the individuals. At the Mac Lab we give limited help if you bring your device in. Many issues can be solved at no cost by the Room Supervisors.

We are now in the 2017 membership drive and for the first time are giving a free gift to those who join and help support the Mac Center. Go to the link “The Mac Club Application and Renewal” for details.

October 2016

Our club is dedicated to teaching, explaining and solving your Apple products concerns. We have basic beginning classes, intermediate classes and individual help for all. We teach on a 70 inch LED TV which mimics our iPads and iPhones. Please come and visit us. There is a friendly volunteer Room Supervisor on duty when we are open M-F 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This month on October 13 we will have Apple employees at our Club House 1- 7 p.m.meeting. See other portions of the website for the General Meeting details.

July 2016

I am back from a wonderful vacation in Ontario, Canada and pleased to hear all went well here. We have a wonderful cadre of volunteers who continue to keep the Mac Lab open and running for use by the LWV community. We have weekly classes on all Apple devices. There is no sign up required and you can start on any day a class is being given. Look for the class schedule and subjects on the links within this website, in the Thursday Globe and by a weekly email if you are a club member. Most of the supervisors can help you with specific questions or will refer you to another supervisor who might know more regarding your question during our open hours.

June 2016

We are excited to see our Apple product classes continue to grow. This month we added two more monthly classes for the iMac/Laptops/Macbooks. These will be taught by Ron Plain. The third class is taught by Wim Vermolen. There are two operating systems for the Apple products. The iPhone/iPad both use the latest operation system called IOS 9.3.2. The iMac/Laptops/Macbooks use a different operation system, the latest is called El Capitan version 10.11.5.

We have classes on both systems. Although they are similar each has variations on the other. Check out our class schedules. The schedules are distributed in three ways. The Globe on Thursdays, an email to members every weekend and the information is always updated and available on this website. Come in to the Mac Lab and have the Room supervisor assist you in putting an icon on your screen so information is only a click away.

During the summer we plan to continue with our classes subject to instructor's vacation plans. Watch any of the three sources of information for the latest classes. Have a wonderful summer.

May 2016

This month we have another evening General Meeting (Thursday May 12) with information from the Apple store on iMovie for IOS. You will learn how easy it is to edit movies(videos) with the iPad/iPhone. Even if you do not plan to edit your videos you will learn more things that the devices are capable of doing.

The club would like to have more iMac classes but we need to see a greater interest in learning more about the iMac.

We have been fortunate to have many of our Room Supervisors becoming very proficient with the Apple products and can be very helpful in solving your problems. If they can not solve or show you how to do something then they will refer you to another Room Supervisor who can. As a last resort we will recommend you visit the Apple Store. We will be able to resolve 90% of your questions.

This month the club had new volunteers to be a room supervisor and a new iPhone instructor. Our classes are going well and I am pleased to see you are using our website for the latest information from the club. You should also be receiving a weekly email of the following weeks activities. If you are not receiving the email every weekend please let a Room Supervisor know so we can correct your email address.

March 2016

This month we had a wonderful General Meeting at Clubhouse 1.

The audience was able to ask questions regarding their iPads and iPhone to Mac Club instructors and Room supervisors. After the help session Apple Store Creatives demonstrated the use of the camera and photo editing which was informative and interesting to all in attendance. Three audience club members won \$25 gift cards in the attendance drawing.

Previously I mentioned that we have increased the number of classes for iPhones and iPads. These devices are very popular with village residents and part of the reason is that help and classes are available every week with Room Supervisors and instructors.

My goal now is to increase the number of iMac desktop and Laptop computers classes which use the same operation systems.

We look forward to you visiting the Mac center.

February 2016

This is to let you know that the Club has two printers that also allow you to wirelessly print from your iPhone or iPad. We also have scanners that will take a paper copy or photograph and scan it into the computer so you have a digital image to file or to edit.

For teaching we are able to connect wirelessly our iPads or iPhones to the 70" TV. This allows students to see exactly what is on the instructor's device so you can mimic the same screen on your device.

For members of the club (\$10/year) we have a library of up to-date instructional books that can be borrowed

Room Supervisors can assist you with the various questions you might have. Come and visit the Mac Lab if you need help with any of these items. We are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 5 days a week.

January 2016

This is an exciting time for the Mac Club. We started the year with 5 new weekly instructional classes on the iPhone and iPad. These classes, taught by club volunteers are very informational and are set for different levels of student abilities. We have a Room Supervisor between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. who can assist you in using the room equipment, show you how to use your devices and often solve some of your problems. If you use this website come into the Mac Center and have a supervisor show you how to put an icon on your device so you have one click access to class schedules and other interesting information. Teaching is done by connecting the iPhone or iPad to a 70 inch TV and showing you what is on the screen of

the instructor. We are all excited to use the latest technology.