

Conference 2011

Florida Association of Computer User Groups



**Second Annual
Technology Conference Cruise
January 27 thru January 31, 2011
Tampa—Cozumel—Tampa**



Welcome to Florida Sam Wexler - President Florida Association of Computer User Groups

Last year at this time we ran the first Technology Conference@Sea. This was a truly historic event. We wrote the book as the process played out, we really did not know exactly what to expect. Yes, we made our fair share of mistakes, but when the dust had settled and we ran our last survey, immediately after the conference ended, a staggering 74% of the responders gave it an "A" rating. This prompted us to run another conference, this time from the Port of Tampa.

So we hopefully have corrected most of the mistakes we made last time, added new speakers to those returning from the last conference and here we go again. This year we have listened to your feedback. Many people commented that the trip was too short, this year we have added an additional day.

One major criticism was that we had "too many" different programs going simultaneously, which caused people to have to make difficult choices. This year's program will reduce that problem significantly. The day we are in Cozumel will be light on programs. All will be presented in the AM, allowing enough hours to explore most of the downtown area. Those that might wish to see the ruins, will need to leave in the AM.

We are very happy to have some of our most highly rated presenters back, with a few additional people, whom I think you will find outstanding. Next year, we will be returning to South Florida with an even better arrangement.

We hope to see you there and that you tell your friends to plan for next January, 2012. My hope is that all of you will have a most wonderful educational experience, combined with a relaxing, and enjoyable, cruise.





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Board of Directors



Sam Wexler — President

Sam Wexler became involved with computers more than a half century ago when he programmed the IBM 650 at Watson Lab. He retired from IBM in 1993, after 30 years; half as a lab "techie" and the other half in headquarters. Sam has been associated with Computer User Groups for more than 25 years and is the current President of the Valencia Falls Computer & Technology Club in Delray Beach, as well as APCUG Advisor for Region 1. His time is divided between Delray Beach, FL and Poughkeepsie, NY



Sharon Rump — Treasurer

Sharon was born in San Francisco during the war. She moved to St. Louis and raised her combined family of eight children. After her husband had open heart surgery they retired to Florida and she began her infatuation with the computer. She is the former president of the Sarasota PC User Group as well as president of a newly formed computer user group in the community where she lives. She has a passion for travel and is the Travel Coordinator where she lives. She is the currently the Treasurer of the FACUG.



Steve Costello — Director

Steve was born and raised in Waterbury, CT, and moved to Broward County, FL in '78 after the blizzard. He worked in the transportation industry, starting as a billing clerk upon leaving the US Army. In 1988, Steve changed careers completely to do clerical work for the School Board of Broward County, FL, where he is still working. He has been involved with computer user groups for over 20 years, and is currently President of the Boca Raton Computer Society, Inc., and on the Board of Directors of the Broward Personal Computer Association, Inc.



Dave Dockery — Director

Doc became a passionate booster of computer user groups many years ago when he was given much-needed assistance by one with his first computer. Doc has been selected twice to be president of the Tampa Bay Computer Society, and has been instrumental in helping to shepherd the society from 250 members to a current membership of 850 members. Doc has a keen interest in the future of electronics and what makes the world tick. He willingly shares his vision and understanding of where society is going as the world turns and the unknown becomes known.



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Ira Kistenberg — Director



Ira attended the Electronic Computer Programming Institute (ECPI) in 1962, and learned to program the IBM 1401 and the IBM 7070 machines. He spent time with Data General Computers, AT&T, and became a licensed UNIX manager. Ira became a volunteer computer instructor teaching seniors, after retirement. A move to Florida took place in 2002, where he continued teaching seniors. Ira was instrumental in forming the Cascade Lakes Computer Users Group. Active in Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options, he reached a personal goal of placing a computer in every child's bedroom.

Jeff Robins — Director



Involved since the early 1980's when the Texas Instrument TI99/4A was king and an old TV was his monitor. Gaming became a passion. He then graduated to an Apple IIe (64K) system, which costs close to three thousand dollars. Jeff introduced computers to his office at Hauppauge HS on Long Island. Upon retirement, Jeff and his wife Sandra moved to Lake Worth, Florida. He joined the Bellaggio computer club and became its secretary and eventually the President. He is currently membership chair of FACUG.

Stu Silverman — Director



Stu had his first computer related experience in 1971 with a teletype connected to a time shared computer via a modem. They used it to do the first computerized college and financial aid searches. His first computer was an 8K Commodore Computer purchased in 1981. Stu was a member of a Commodore User group. This was followed by membership in the Long Island Mac User Group. Upon relocating to Florida 6 years ago he formed an FACUG affiliated User Group in his community and is proud to have hosted 2004 FACUG Fall Conference.

Special Recognition



Cheryl Wilson

Webmaster

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Schedule of Events

Thursday - January 27, 2011

12:00 – 3:00	Adriatic/Baltic and Caspian	Registration
2:00 - 2:15	Theater	Doc Dockery: Welcome
2:15 - 2:45	Theater	FACUG General Meeting
2:45 – 3:00	Theater	Radiance Of The Seas Captain
3:00 – 4:00	Theater	*** Abby Stokes: Joys of Being 39+ and Going Digital
4:30	TBD	Ship Required Safety Drill
5:00 – 5:30	Top Deck Fwd	Ray Zukowski: Invite Your Internet Friends To Our LIVE Sail-Away Broadcast On www.NeighborVision.com/facug
6:00 – 7:00	Lounge	*** Meet & Greet

***** Spouses are welcome at these presentations.**

Friday - January 28, 2011

8:00 – 9:20	Lounge	Carey Holzman: Keynote Presentation: Hints & Tips Q&A
9:30 – 10:20	Lounge	Evelyn Watts (Corel): Connecting With User Groups
10:30 – 11:20	Caspian	Dean LeBlanc: Using Technology To Navigate The World Of Leisure Travel
	Adriatic/Baltic	Gary Bigel: Buying On eBay
11:30 – 12:20	Caspian	Brigitte Haag: How IBM Enables Your PC To Advance Major Research Projects
	Adriatic/Baltic	Gary Bigel: Selling On eBay
12:20 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:20	Theater	Abby Stokes: Tips On Getting, Teaching And Keeping A Senior Audience
	Caspian	Evelyn Watts: Corel VideoStudio Pro X3, overview & lesson
2:30 – 3:20	Theater	Charles Oppermann: Facebook Privacy - Separate Myth From Facts When Socializing Online
	Caspian	Evelyn Watts: Corel VideoStudio Director's Cut (Optional Do-It-Yourself Workshop, <i>laptop required</i>)
3:30 – 4:20	Adriatic/Baltic	*** Jere Minich: Getting The Most Out Of Your Printer
	Theater	Bill Campbell: How To Make A Good Photo A Great Photo, With Photo Shoot Hints & Tips

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Saturday - January 29, 2011

8:30 – 9:20	Theater	David Steward: APCUG Board Of Advisors Informal Meeting And APCUG Alumni Meeting
9:30 – 10:20	Theater	Hank Feinberg Panel Discussion: Identifying User Group Issues And Finding The Answers (Part 1)
1:00 – 3:30	Offsite	Self Guided Photo Shoot On Cozumel
6:00		Ship Departs Cozumel

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Sunday - January 30, 2011

8:30 - 9:20	Theater	Doc Dockery: Trends In Social Networking
	Lounge	Evelyn Watts: Turn Your Photos Into Paintings With Corel Paint It!
	Adriatic/Baltic	Navigator: Technology on a Modern Cruise Ship
9:30 - 10:20	Theater	Ray Zukowski: LIVE Video Broadcasting Over The Internet Made Easy
	Adriatic/Baltic	Evelyn Watts: Restoring Old Photos With Corel PaintShop Photo Pro X3
10:30 – 11:20	Theater	Gabe Goldberg: Fundamental Technology
	Adriatic/Baltic	Evelyn Watts - Corel PaintShop Photo Pro: Do-It-Yourself Workshop, <i>laptop required</i>
11:30 – 12:20	Theater	Carey Holzman: Security, Passwords And Backups
12:20 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:20	Caspian	Bill Campbell: Photo Shoot Critique
	Adriatic/Baltic	*** Jere Minich: Troubleshooting Your Computer
2:30 – 3:20	Caspian	*** Sheila Bigel: Online Shopping
	Adriatic/Baltic	Hank Feinberg Panel Discussion: Identifying User Group Issues And Finding The Answers (Part 2)
3:30 – 4:20	Lounge	*** Charles Opperman (Moderator) and Panel: Future Shock: Technology Trends for 2011 & Beyond
6:00 – 7:00	Lounge	*** Finale Get-Together: Raffles For A Free Berth, And Many Other Valuable Prizes

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Gary Bigel
Central Florida
Computer Society

Gary became a computer programmer in 1964 when he was asked by his employer, the largest Aerospace firm on Long Island, to learn Fortran and write software applications for other engineers. This experience was so enjoyable and rewarding that he changed career paths spending the next 35 years in software development and software consulting for this corporation. During this period he authored several Symposium papers and presented these papers at various Universities and meetings.

Prior Professional activities include being a Director of the Nassau County (NY) Professional Engineering Society and Chairman of his community association's Technology Committee.

Currently he is an active member of the Central Florida Computer Society and regularly attends monthly meeting of various Special Interest Groups.

After retirement to Central Florida, Gary became a volunteer teacher for the Seniors Now Computer Learning Center of Orlando, where he has taught Excel, and is their current teacher for a five week course on eBay Buying and Selling Techniques.



Sheila Bigel
Central Florida
Computer Society

Sheila was a Computer Programmer and Systems Analyst for over 20 years until retirement.

She is currently teaching computers to seniors at Seniors Now Computer Learning Center of Orlando.

She is the Education Vice President and has written many manuals for their courses including a five week course on Writer and an introductory course on Calc.

Currently she is a member of the Central Florida Computer Society (CFCS), and a past Special Interest Group (SIG) chairperson.



Bill Campbell
Nature Photographer

Capturing the natural world in images is a passion that has driven Bill Campbell to photograph since he was very young. Believing that images can inspire others to understand and respect the fragile nature of our world, his mission has been to weave together elements of the beauty of our planet to represent the splendor of our temporary home.

Bill Feels that the ability to see, capture and share this majesty of life is a gift and hopes to continue using this gift to open eyes and hearts to the beauty that surrounds us until his dying days.

As a nationally recognized and award winning nature photographer, Bill's credits include magazines such as Outdoor Photographer, Birders World, Backpacker, PCPhoto and various others. Clients include the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife, and Nikon. He has been the Summit Chairman of the North American Nature Photography Association and currently sits on the board.

Bill is also an Emergency Medicine Physician who still finds himself in the ER helping patients with his other profession.

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He resides in Oak Ridge, TN with two of his three sons. You can find his teaching schedule at www.billcampbelldigital.com



Dave "Doc" Dockery
Tampa Bay
Computer Society

Dave Dockery has been President of the Tampa Bay Computer Society for almost 10 years.

This 1,200 member computer user group is in the process of expanding their offices so that they may add more learning opportunities to their monthly calendar.

Doc has hosted computer and technology oriented shows on both local radio and television, and he is a "Kindness Coordinator" for Pinellas County sponsoring events that promote "Random Acts of Kindness".

He created the Random Acts of Kindness Computer Clinics where a team of computer techs from the Tampa Bay Computer Society goes into the community and repairs computers (for free) for a day.

Doc speaks at a wide variety of venues on computers, the Internet, social networking, paradigm shifts, mind mapping, and more.



Hank Fienberg
Community Service
Extraordinary

Since 1985, Hank has been a member of the Rockland PC Users Group, located in Rockland County, NY.

In 2001 he started Project PC ReNew, and has served as its director for over 9 years. PC ReNew is an Award winning community service that has refurbished over 3,000 computers through the efforts of its member volunteers. These have been donated to families, seniors and disabled people that qualify, and other non profits in our community.

Hank has received the Presidential National Distinguished Service Award for his efforts working with the National Cristina Foundation in helping disabled veterans around the United States.



Gabe Goldberg
APCUG Advisor
FACUG Consultant

Gabe Goldberg may be new to FACUG, but he's not new to the computer world.

Gabe is an APCUG Advisor, an FACUG Consultant, as well as a lifelong technology consultant and excellent communicator.

A former IBMer, data center senior staffer, and software company VP, as a freelance writer he's written hundreds of computer press articles, and contributes to mainstream publications such as the Washington Post, and co-authored three McGraw-Hill technology books.

Gabe speaks frequently to diverse audiences, from techies to baby boomers and senior citizens.

He enjoys sharing tips and pointers that help people use and have fun with technology; he's appeared several times on CPCUG's television show, and has been a guest many dozen times on Tom D'Auria's radio show.

<https://imitechtalk.wordpress.com/>.

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He evangelizes for user groups and the Internet -- believing that user groups are an antidote to feeling alone with technical activities, challenges, problems, and triumphs, and that the Internet is both the largest virtual user group and an excellent cure for feeling alone, not to mention a way of increasing personal and organizational productivity!



Brigette Haag
Education
Graphic Design

Bridgett Haag - 12 years Graphic Design and Website Business Owner, Degree in Education from a German University, Instructor, President of the Hernando Computer Club

Originally trained in Germany as a schoolteacher with emphasis on Mathematics, she started a successful gift manufacturing business after moving to the United States.

When health forced her to take up a more sedentary occupation, she refocused her artistic talents to the computer screen and maintains a Website creation and real estate photography business.

She loves instructing because the satisfaction is great when the students display pleasure in experiencing and learning new things.



Carey Holzman
Computer America

Carey Holzman is known for his high-energy, fun and participatory presentation style.

There are no scripts or rehearsals and, as a result, no two presentations are ever the same.

Carey is the co-host of the nation's longest running, nationally syndicated radio talk show on computers, Computer America.

Now in its 19th broadcast season, Computer America airs live, each weekday night, from 7pm to 9pm Pacific time on AM and FM radio stations across the country, and streams all over the world through the Internet at:

www.ComputerAmerica.com.

Carey is also the author of The Healthy PC, a book from McGraw/Hill, and runs his own computer repair, upgrade and sales business out of Glendale, AZ.

He has written for Smart Computing Magazine, CMP media, Toms Hardware, Digital Landing and numerous other web-sites and magazines.

Carey enjoys sharing his experience and knowledge of computers and electronics with others in a unique, yet fun and entertaining way.



Dean LeBlanc
Cruise Buyers Choice
Owner

Dean comes to us with 15 years experience in the cruise travel business, the first 5 years as a call center manager with the largest cruise agency in the country with an office volume of 30 million, until consolidation closed that center in Portland Maine.

Since that time Dean has continued to excel in operating an at home based travel office selling and servicing leisure travel guests for cruises, land packages, travel insurance, air & hotels.

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Jere Minich
Lake Sumter Computer Society

Jere is a computer systems analyst, and retired from the U. S. Navy, where he served on submarines and instructed on the Polaris and Trident class.

He teaches computers at the Lake Sumter Community College.

Jere presented about Computer Basics in two sessions at the inaugural Technology Conference Cruise, and is slated to do the same this year.



Charles Oppermann
Microsoft Software Expert

Charles Oppermann is a returning FACUG speaker and a 25 year veteran of the software industry. His career has included stops at industry titans such as Microsoft, Amazon. com and Cisco.

At Microsoft, Charles worked for over 15 years on various products; including Windows 95, Internet Explorer, Windows Vista, Windows 7 and speech technologies.

He also the author of two Microsoft Press books and a frequent and popular speaker.

Charles is currently working as a consultant in the Tampa Bay area where he lives and serves on the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Computer Society.



David Steward
**MIS Manager,
Alamo Transformer**

David is a full time MIS manager at Alamo Transformer in addition to being a design engineer for the utilities industry as well as a member of the IEEE. His hobbies include computers, digital animation, multimedia, fishing and communication.

He has been an active member of the user group community since 1985, and vows to continue to further the ideas and beliefs of the user group community as a whole.

Although David had worked with the leadership of the APCUG for many years previously, he joined the APCUG family in 2000 by being appointed to the Board of Advisors to fill a remaining term.

Since then, David has continuously served on the Board of Advisors and has served as Board of Advisor Vice Chair for the year 2002, as Chair of the Board of Advisors for the years of 2003 and 2004, Vice Chair again in 2006 – 2008, and is presently serving as Chair of the Board of Advisors.

David has participated in many APCUG related committees including Marketing, Mentorship, By-Laws, Annual Conference and User Group Relations.

Specializing in multimedia, David does beta testing for various large software publishers and has many contacts in the computer industry.

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Abby Stokes
Author and Speaker

Abby is the author of *"Is This Thing On?" A Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes, and the Kicking & Screaming, Dinner Party Disasters: True Stories of Culinary Catastrophe, and It's Never Too Late to Love a Computer.*

Abby Stokes has demystified computers for over 100,000 people, mostly seniors, in the course of the past 15 years. Abby has taught courses in basic computing at both Cooper Union and New York University's School of Lifelong Learning, as well as computer skills to private and corporate clients. She has lectured on the topic across the country. She splits her time between New York City and Niantic, Connecticut.

A firm believer that "if my mother can learn the computer anyone can," Abby is confident that everyone can master the computer and navigate the Internet.



Evelyn Watts
Corel Corporation

Evelyn Watts is the Field Services Manager and Road Warrior for Corel Corporation.

With over 11 years experience in the technology industry, Evelyn combines her love of creative software and fun sense of humor to deliver an entertaining and informative presentation.

Join Evelyn for an informative session on Corel software and new ways User Groups can connect with Corel - including our reviewer program, social media activities and joint webinars.

About Corel:

Corel is one of the world's top software companies with more than 100 million active users in over 75 countries. Through the years, we've built a reputation for delivering innovative, trusted products that are easier to learn and use, helping people achieve new levels of productivity. The industry has responded with hundreds of awards for software innovation, design and value.

Our award-winning product portfolio includes some of the world's most widely recognized and popular software brands, including: CorelDRAW Graphics Suite, Corel Paint Shop ProR Photo, Corel PainterT, VideoStudioR, WinDVDR, Corel WordPerfectR Office, and WinZipR.



Ray Zukowski
Videographer
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Ray Zukowski is a professional videographer who resides in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. He began his career as a 16mm cameraman for WTOP-CBS in Washington D. C. In semi-retirement he introduced MediaF5 Paragon to the public at a special Live preview at Computer Technology 2010 at Northwest Florida State College in January, 2010. AttainResponse created Media F5 Paragon video stream with full screen quality.

What project, hobby, or craft do you want to present? Ray will entertain and demonstrate the product. See: www.AttainResponse.com/Action-VP.

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