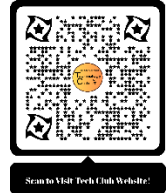




# Bits & Bytes



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY KATHRYN QUERRY

### HOA Board Election

The SCPDCA HOA Board of Directors election begins March 20. Homeowners opted in for emails will receive their individual link to vote electronically using a secure on-line voting site. Any homeowner who would like to use a Technology Center computer to cast their digital ballot is welcome to come in Tuesday through Friday, 10:00am to 12:30pm, during the March 20 to April 22 voting window.

### LCTC Board Election

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Technology Club's Board? Contact Errol Frank, Chair of the LCTC Nominating Committee, at [errolsf711@aol.com](mailto:errolsf711@aol.com). Voting will take place in May.

### Free Keyboards and Mice!

We've got a great deal for you! A few used keyboards and mice from our older Windows computers are available free to members. The keyboards are designed for greater visibility with large black letters and digits on white keys. We also have wired mice available at the same low price -- \$0.00!

If you're a member and would like a keyboard or mouse for use with your home Windows PC, stop in the Technology Center during Open Lab hours (Tuesday through Friday, 10-12:50) and check with the Monitor on duty. There are only a few and they are available to members on a first-come first-served basis.

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## March General Meeting All SCPD Residents are invited!



LET'S COMPUTE TECHNOLOGY CLUB  
*INVITES OUR MEMBERS AND ALL SCPD RESIDENTS*  
*For an Informative Presentation and Q&A Session*

### Home Digital Security

*Protecting your internet-connected devices, personal data,  
and online identity from cyber threats.*

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM**

Speakers Hall (SV Clubhouse)



**PRESENTED BY TODD LUTTMERS**  
KEYSTONE PRIVATE WEALTH

### 2026 GENERAL MEMBER MEETINGS

Speakers Hall, 1:30-3:00, unless otherwise indicated.

- Mon, Mar 16..... Todd Luttmers, Home Digital Security
- Tue, Apr 28..... Jay Samit, The Second Act Advantage
- Tue May 19, 5-7pm.... Ventana, Annual Club Meeting/Social
- Tue, Jun 23..... TBD

## LCTC Instructor GAY FRANCE Combines Art and Tech in Her Popular Apple Classes

by David Axelson



In the event you are trying to find Gay France, the odds are good that she will be in the Technology Center either teaching or prepping for one of her classes. France provided some background on her introduction to teaching. "Several years ago I started designing cards and someone asked me why

don't you teach classes? I had never taught, but I have been enjoying my students for years. My favorite part of teaching is seeing people accomplishing something. They get all excited. I try to stress that my classes are fun, and they are creative and visual. We use Apple Pages and the photo applications within Apple, so you have to know the basics of technology."

A native Californian, France was born in Huntington Beach and graduated from Huntington Park High School in a class of 90 students. "I was pretty much involved in everything," she recalled. "I was a Student Body Officer, Cheerleader, headed up a couple of committees and was a Homecoming Princess."

France soon joined the workforce and she described her entry into the professional world. "I started working at Wineman's department store, doing their fashion shows and working in retail. From there I worked for the *Huntington Park Daily Signal Newspaper* in the advertising department."

Next was the corporate world, working in advertising for the Purex Corporation, the manufacturer of Purex Bleach among many other products, and a competitor of Clorox. "We were dealing with artists and ad agency people," Gay explained. "I eventually became the Secretary to the VP of Marketing."

While at Purex, Gay met her husband, the late Bob France. After the couple left Purex, "Bob and I bought an advertising agency and a printing business," France recalled. "Some of our clients included Military PX and Commissaries, Oroweat Bakery and Whittier College."



Several years after retiring, we moved to Oregon for a new adventure, living on a golf course."

All of which leads us to Sun City Palm Desert, as a person can only handle so much rain in Oregon. "I've been here 26 years. Back then we were the only house on the street. Bob and I said to each other, 'We could die in here and nobody would find us.'"

France, along with her marketing background, created a concept still in use many years later with the LCTC. "It's always been important to me that you need to promote ideas to sell a product. I was invited to join the LCTC Board and suggested that we have all of the instructors get up at a General Meeting to explain and promote their classes. That has become one of my favorite meetings that we still use today."

France, now 86 years old, although you would never guess that when meeting her, has an interesting family background going back generations. "I come from a line of Salvation Army officers and workers, back to both my paternal and maternal grandparents. My Aunt Rheba Crawford, my mother's sister, was famously known as 'The

Angel of Broadway,' as she preached on the streets of New York City. Damon Runyon based one of his characters, Captain Sarah Brown on my aunt in his Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls*."

Another family member of note is France's brother Jim Parkhouse, the owner of 13 Parkhouse Industrial Tire and Service Centers. "Jim is 89 years old and goes to work every day. He has a brilliant business mind, has done very well and I admire him."

France has a daughter and two stepchildren, and she provided an update on them. "Our daughter has two children, both in college. One is a boy who is 6'6" and a surfer graduating from Cal Poly SLO. Our granddaughter just started at UC Santa Barbara. Our son-in-law is a FedEx Captain and flies regularly to Asia. They are all beach people, but I get to enjoy my desert visits from them."

France supplied some final thoughts on technology and learning. "I just had an old Apple computer and taught myself basically. Now I work with (fellow LCTC Instructor and head of Mac Maintenance) Steve Berman and he helps me a lot. I would recommend repeating classes you take at the LCTC. This is cumulative learning."

*March 18<sup>th</sup>, France will be teaching her class entitled 'Apple Pages, Page Layout, Calling Cards and Address Labels.'*



## INSTRUCTOR CORNER

by Susan Fisher, Director of Education

### TECHNOLOGY CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES AND TECH TUTOR EVENTS

Class dates/times and content details are in the monthly schedule emailed to members, available in the Technology Center, and on our website. email:

- Please email instructors to reserve your spot in classes and remember to email if you cannot attend. Note:
- Classes are subject to revision.

### MARCH 2026 CLASSES!

#### Apple Classes

- **Apple Watch Very Basics**—Barbara Spagnola

- **iPhone Basics – iPhone's Health App --** Barbara Spagnola
- **Mac Basics, Parts 1 and 2**—Steve Berman
- **Getting the Most Out of Your iPhone Camera**—Steve Berman
- **Editing Your Photos with Apple's Photo App**—Steve Berman
- **Apple Pages, Page Layout Calling Cards and Address Label**—Gay France

#### PC and Android

- **Microsoft 365 Demo Class**—Sandy Myerson
- **Microsoft Excel—the Basics**—Sandy Myerson
- **Windows 11 Part 2—More Basics for Beginners**—Tony Serra
- **Android Smartphone Basics**—Bill Singer

#### AI Classes

- **Hello Dalle (and Other AI Graphic Apps)**—Doug Graham

#### Helpful for Everyday

- **Zelle vs. Venmo**—Sandy Myerson
- **Xumo—Using the Spectrum Streaming Set Box**—Richard Ravich
- **Phishes and Spoofs and Scams, Oh My!**—Doug Graham
- **How to Use the Technology Center's Scanners**—Joel Effron
- **Ham Radio Technician Licensing Class (4 series-based classes)**—Richard Raviich

### MARCH TECH TUTOR EVENTS One-on-One Help for Members!

#### Android Smartphone and Windows PC

Tue, 3/10. 10:30-12:30

#### Apple Devices

Wed, 3/11. 10:30-12:30

Fri, 3/20, 10:30-12:30

No registration is required. Members walk in during the hours posted on the monthly class schedule for your device type. Each person will typically have 10-15 minutes with a specialist who will try to help with a specific tech question.

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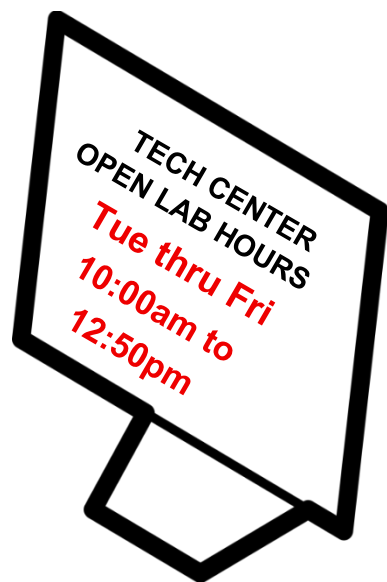
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**Meeting Schedule**

Board Meeting.....	Third Monday 2:00 PM
General Member Meeting.....	When Announced



HOLIDAY	2025-2026 Tech Center Closures
MVC Closed for Renovations	SEPTEMBER
Labor Day	Mon, September 1
Columbus Day	Mon, October 13
Veterans Day	Tue, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thu/Fri, November 27/28
Christmas	Thu/Fri, December 25/26
New Year's Day	Thu, January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King Day	Mon, January 19
Presidents Day	Mon, February 16
Memorial Day	Mon, May 25

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