



**SENIOR COMPUTER USERS GROUP OF  
GREATER KANSAS CITY**

**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DIRECTORS REPORT**  
**MAY 2021 – April 2022**

**May 13, 2022**

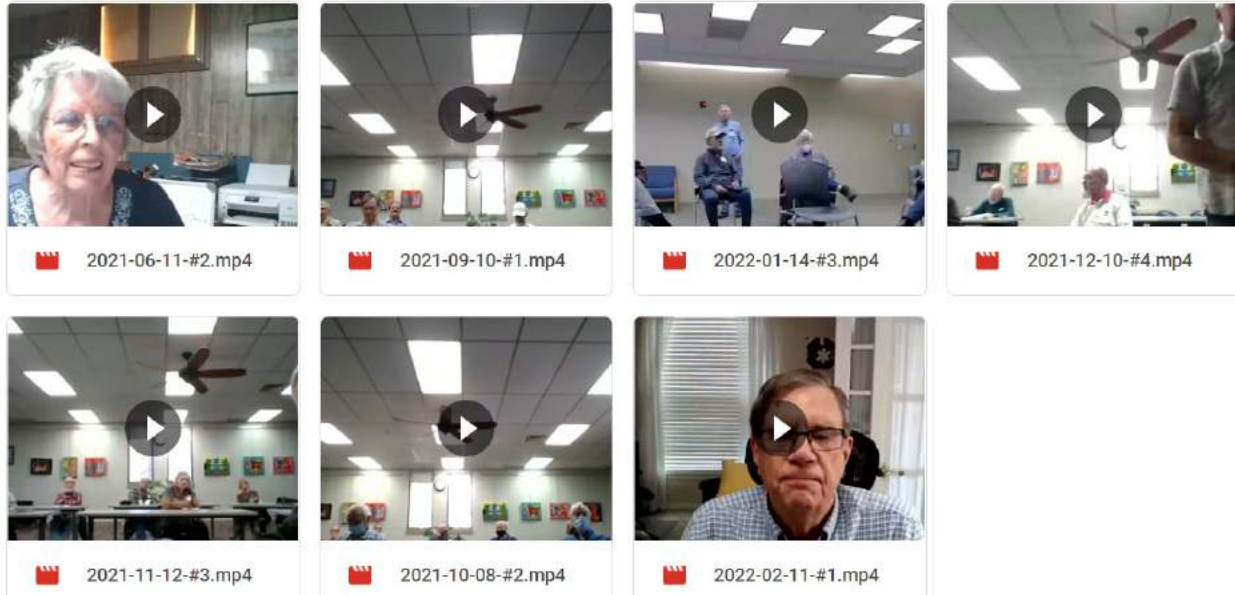
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**“Seniors Helping Seniors with Their Computers”**

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**A Section 501(c)(3) non-profit association**

## In-Person Classes Resume Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual) Meetings



### President - Lou Risley



**May 2021-April 2022:** Here we are again—still affected by the COVID pandemic! Do you remember the movie, “Groundhog Day”, where the characters woke up on the same day over and over? This past year has seemed like that to me with all the masks and vacs, but thanks to all of you, we made it through to the May 2022 SenCom Annual Meeting.

We presented our popular 3-hour classes in person as scheduled throughout this year, thanks to our marvelous instructors, Bob Bowser, Joe Callison, and Ray Martinez with the help of their able assistants. This May we welcome a new member and an addition to our teaching cadre, Robin Berg.

All three of our Special Interest Groups (SIGS), Senior Techies, Android, and iPad, have been holding hybrid meetings using various libraries in the Johnson County Library System. Our Monthly General Meetings were also hybrid, meeting at Oak Park and Blue Valley Libraries while waiting for our home base, the Central Resource Library, to reopen after an extensive renovation.

SenCom's continued membership in APCUG, Association of Personal Computer User's Groups, has proved to be invaluable during this crisis as we have drawn from APCUG's Speaker's Bureau for the programs that have been presented at our Monthly General Meetings. Members of SenCom also have free access to the many workshops and to the Virtual Technology

Conferences that are hosted by APCUG. SenCom is honored that our own APCUG Representative Bob Bowser is serving as a Vice-President of APCUG – an international organization.

Happily, our monthly Lunch & Learn at Pegah's Restaurant has resumed. This is a fun, informative event that you don't want to miss.

While our membership services were limited, the Board froze renewal notices and then extended the membership term. Those are now back on track. Even with ongoing expenses such as the Best Times ads and newsletter/website costs plus new equipment purchases, our financial picture remained good. Thanks to the hard work of former Education Director Linda Wiley, Exxon/Mobile again made a generous donation to our organization. SenCom is exempt under Section 501(c)3 so we would like to encourage tax-deductible donations to our organization which has allowed us to maintain and update our computer lab.

SenCom is facing a major issue regarding the Teresa Weaver Computer Lab. The Shawnee Safety Center, where we are now located, will be undergoing a renovation starting this fall but will no longer be providing a dedicated space for SenCom. The SenCom Board is working hard to find a new partner/location or perhaps to develop a new concept so that we can continue our classes. We welcome your suggestions or ideas.

A change has been made to the makeup of the SenCom Board of Directors. The positions of Hospitality - General Meeting and Hospitality - Lunch & Learn have been combined into Hospitality Director. Thanks to Mary Ann Baltuska for continuing in that expanded position. The position of Education Director remains open - thanks to Bob Bowser for unofficially filling in.

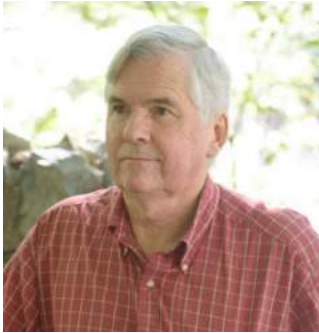
We have other opportunities for volunteering as several Board members are multi-tasking into two and even three Board positions. Please talk to one of our Board members if you are interested in helping SenCom to continue and prosper; call the SenCom number, 913-298-0575; or e-mail me at [sencomprez@gmail.com](mailto:sencomprez@gmail.com). We would love to have you – and don't be shy, technical expertise is not required for most of these positions!

Many, many thanks to our SenCom Board of Directors for their diligence and patience during this past year:

Joe Callison—Vice-President Pro Tem, Technical, Publicity Pro Tem;  
Carol Cambron – Secretary; Mike Hurley – Treasurer;  
Jack Pearce – Webmaster, Newsletter; VACANT – Education;  
Murray Rubin – Research & Evaluation; Mary Ann Baltuska – Hospitality; and  
Bob Bowser – APCUG Representative, Program Pro Tem, Unofficial Class Scheduler.

And finally, a big SHOUT OUT to all of you, the Members of Sencom, for hanging with us! Here's to a really good 2022-2023!!

## Vice-President Pro Tem – Joe Callison



I have been temporarily fulfilling the duties of the Vice President by assisting the President and Board in various ways. This elected position is an open opportunity for someone to serve SenCom members in an interesting and rewarding way as an active retiree and we continue to look to our membership to help us fill this position,

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## **Secretary – Carol Cambron**



My role as SenCom Secretary includes recording accurate minutes of Board meetings and maintaining a historical file of proceedings. The role of the Secretary also includes maintenance of SenCom By-Law records and recent Board action plus undertaking special support activities for the Board as may be requested. The Secretary also is an authorized signer on the SenCom bank account.

## **Treasurer – Mike Hurley**



We are completing our second year of the Covid pandemic. A reduction in income was caused by (1) extending membership renewal dates due to covid (2) fewer new members and (3) reduced income from classes. We did have one \$2000 grant which helped offset our loss of revenue. We spent about \$4000 to replace older computers and a wide-angle webcam. Publicity and insurance were our other main expenses. We are still financially strong.

An annual summary financial statement is attached on the last page of this document.

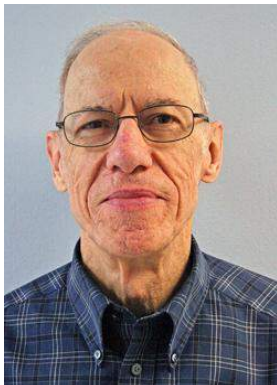
## **Technical Services and Publicity Pro Tem – Joe Callison**



As Technical Services Director, I have the primary responsibility for maintaining our classroom computers with assistance from SenCom members with an interest in helping in that area. We currently have 10 Windows 10 computers and 6 Windows 11 computers for students and a Windows 10 and Windows 11 computer for the instructor. I lead the Senior Techies special interest group meetings and assist in answering questions at monthly SenCom members meetings. I continue to blog with members through GEEK FREE on the SenCom website to provide additional technical information and resources to members, and FOR~GO for members with a more technically inclined interest. I continue to teach classes offered by SenCom and look forward to working with the other SenCom leaders to provide quality classroom services and technical advice for all members and students.

I have been temporarily filling the Publicity Director role of coordinating the updating of SenCom advertisements in the Best Times magazine. This is an open position available for someone with an interest in promoting SenCom.

## **Newsletter & Webmaster – Jack Pearce**



During the last fiscal year, I have continued monitoring, tweaking, and maintaining our website. This has included automated weekly backups. With input from fellow board members, website content is regularly added or updated.

I have also continued to work at increasing my skill set and keeping abreast of current standards and practices.

A newsletter is sent to the membership two or three times a month to keep them informed of our latest offerings.

## **Program Director Pro Tem – Bob Bowser**



The SenCom monthly programs strive to give members an enriched computer experience through information and insights shared by invited speakers. From April of 2020 to June 2021, SenCom meetings were virtual and since September 2021 they have been hybrid (in person and virtual). Bob Bowser has arranged for videos and/or speakers to come to our meetings either virtual or in person. SenCom General Meetings occur monthly, except for July and August.

SenCom members are encouraged to recommend topics and speakers that would be of general interest and value to the group. The following 2021-22 programs were presented virtually or in person to our members:

### **2020**

May – Annual Meeting, Joe Callison, SenCom “Chromebook vs. PC”

June – Judy Taylour, APCUG, “Social Media for Seniors”

July & August – no meeting

September – Hewie Poplock, APCUG, “Learning Resources for Seniors”

October – Thomas Badgett, “Computer Security”

November – Bob Bowser, SenCom, “Sending Electronic Holiday Greetings”

December – Ray Martinez, SenCom, “Taking Better Pictures”

### **2021**

January – Bob Bowser, SenCom, “Cutting the Cord, My Experiences”

February – Rob Truman, APCUG, “Internet Security for Seniors”

March – Judy Taylour, APCUG, “Cybercriminals Are Out to Get Us – Senior Scams”

April – Bill James, APCUG, “Security/Privacy for Windows 11/10 and Another Level of Security for Your Windows PC (Admin vs Standard User)”

May – ?

## **APCUG Representative – Bob Bowser**

I have been SenCom’s representative to the Association of PC Users Groups (APCUG) since mid-2020. In 2020 APCUG asked me to be on its Board of Directors. As of March 2022, I have been appointed the Vice President of APCUG. My duties as SenCom’s representative to APCUG include interacting with APCUG, helping distribute information about APCUG to SenCom members, and being the go-to person from SenCom for APCUG leaders and Advisors. The primary benefits that APCUG provides to SenCom are:

Speakers Bureau  
PUSH Newsletter Articles  
UGLS – User’s Group Listing Service  
APCUG Website  
How-To Guides  
Help for Your Group  
NOOZ Communication sent to Member Group Leaders  
Quarterly Reports – Ideas for your group

## **Education – Reported by Bob Bowser**

At the present time, SenCom does not have an Education Director. I have temporarily accepted the responsibility to schedule classes and find volunteer instructors and assistants for each class.

We offer approximately 21 different classes which include both Windows 11 and Windows 10. These can help you get familiar and feel comfortable with the newest Windows. We also have lots of classes that can help you do things like transferring your photos, organize the photos, and get your files and folders in a shape so you can find things.

In the Teresa Weaver Computer Lab, we have computers running Windows 10 and computers running Windows 11 plus the teacher has Windows 10 and Windows 11 computers. Our computer lab and classes are co-sponsored by Shawnee Parks and Recreation. We are always looking to improve the education we offer. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me or another board member. If you would like to teach a class or are willing to assist in a class, please contact a board member. We continue to offer a 50% discount on classes to our members. Check out our schedule on our website and find a class that might be of interest to you.



## Membership – Lou Risley



**May 2021-April 2022:** Since Sept 2018 I have served on the SenCom Board as Membership Director. I have enjoyed this position even though it has continued to be a learning experience that required me to become familiar with the FileMaker Pro program that maintains the SenCom membership database and with Excel, both of which are used for monthly reports to the Board.

Mine is the voice that responds when you call the SenCom phone number, 913-298-0575. Your calls to this number are forwarded to my home phone and also to my home computer where your voicemail is transcribed via Google Voice.

I am responsible for sending our renewal notices to the membership and for printing and mailing the membership letters and cards. The decision was made to temporarily freeze the renewal notices until we could resume more normal face-to-face meetings and classes. Memberships that were active at the time of the freeze were extended for two years. The freeze was lifted in January 2022 and the renewal notices were put back on track.

We currently have two hundred twenty-five active members on our roster. In the past, membership retention has been a problem as there are those who join for the discounted classes and then choose not to renew. I expect that this problem will be compounded because of the changes we have needed to make due to COVID.

I sincerely hope that everyone will stay with us and participate. We welcome and we need your suggestions and support so that SenCom can remain an active and viable organization!

## Research & Evaluation – Murray Rubin



Feedback from our members to the Board is a critical part of meeting SenCom’s goals and objectives. Regular evaluation of our progress has been obtained for over 20 years, gleaned from Surveys conducted after SenCom meetings. Survey results are used as a basis to improve service to you, our members. Since 2020 we have been compelled to rely on Google Forms to obtain feedback from our membership. Frankly speaking, we have yet to obtain sufficient responses to our online queries. We are still experimenting in our attempts to receive meaningful responses.

We continue to believe that there are 3 reasons for our former feedback success in using Survey Sheets: 1) Only a few questions are asked; 2) Responding individuals remain anonymous; 3) You generously filled out these forms (and we thank you!). The results provided an invaluable tool in determining what you, as SenCom members, wanted the Board to provide.

We know of no other organization that is performing this quantity and quality of analysis and evaluation, **BUT WE NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS!**

## Hospitality Chair – Mary Ann Baltuska



**The SenCom General Meeting** is held on the second Friday of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 Usually at the Library. Details will be on the website for the definite location and Subject.

**SenCom Lunch & Learn** is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at Pegah’s Family Restaurant, 87th Street on the 4th Friday of the Month from 11:30- 1:30. We can go back to a good lunch and conversation just like the old days. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Demo after Lunch will be posted on the Website.

**What do you want to learn about? We get better at presenting good demos with Your help and some Knowledgeable Volunteers and Experts like Bob and Joe. With your help, we can do a great job. Thank you for being here.**

**Treasurer's Report**  
**May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022**  
Mike Hurley, Treasurer

**ASSETS**

US Bank Checking Account Balance:	
May 1, 2021	20,923.69
April 30, 2022	18,814.58

**LIABILITIES**

	0.00
Paid Visa Charge from previous year	-18.81

**INFLOWS**

Membership Dues	1045.00	30.0%	
Workshops	210.00	6.0%	
Donations	50.00	1.4%	
Grants	2000.00	57.4%	
Other Income	175.00	5.0%	
Interest		1.31	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3481.31</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

**OUTFLOWS**

Annual Meeting (2021)	0.00	0.0%
Computers	3827.17	68.7%
Door Prizes	0.00	0.0%
Equipment	179.99	3.2%
Gifts and Memorials	50.00	0.9%
Insurance	475.00	8.5%
Misc.	70.81	1.3%
Postage	67.00	1.2%
Printer Ink Cartridges	58.89	1.1%
Publicity	668.83	12.0%
Software	56.72	1.0%
Supplies	65.20	1.2%
Taxes & Fees	40.00	0.7%
Web Services	12.00	0.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5571.61</b>	<b>100.0%</b>