

THE CONNECTOR

Kearney Lodge Community Connector

February 2026



Tech Savvy at KLCC: Where Curiosity Meets Connectivity

At the KLCC Tech Class, the curriculum is as dynamic as the technology it covers. Led by Nick LoCoco, the sessions offer a unique blend of structured learning and real-world troubleshooting, ensuring that no resident is left behind in the digital age.

A Curriculum Driven by Community

Each meeting typically begins with a presentation tailored to the interests of the group. Nick often pulls from the "suggestion box" of previous discussions to build his lessons. The diversity of past topics highlights the breadth of the digital world:

- **Security & Finance:** Deep dives into online banking, digital security, and password Management.
- **Daily Utility:** Mastering ride-share and food delivery apps, navigating websites, and buying/selling online.
- **The Technical Edge:** Understanding NFC tags, wireless signals, and the confusing array of hardware cables.
- **The Big Picture:** Exploring "My Digital Life" and even the sensitive complexities of "Post-Digital Life" planning.

Personal Tech Support in Real-Time

Beyond the lectures, the class serves as a vital "help desk" for residents. It is common to see attendees arrive with laptops or iPhones in hand, seeking hands-on tutorials for personal Hurdles. Recent success stories include helping a new resident migrate years of data to a brand-new

laptop and troubleshooting specific iPhone quirks—such as deciphering mysterious "squiggly red icons" in text messages or configuring direct mobile printing. In more profound moments, the class has served as a support system, helping a resident navigate the digital bureaucracy of accessing a deceased loved one's email account.

The Human Side of Artificial Intelligence

The class also explores the frontiers of technology, such as Generative AI. A recent session took a humorous turn when the group asked AI for the best strategy to win the lottery. While a resident named Wally quipped, "Don't play!", the AI provided the exact same advice as its top result—proving that sometimes, human intuition and silicon chips are in perfect sync.

Nick also demonstrated the practical side of AI by showing how it can reformat a simple paragraph for dramatic effect and clarity. The demonstration was so compelling that the next session will be a dedicated workshop on using AI for writing, using this very article as a case Study.

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Join the Conversation

The atmosphere at KLCC is intentionally informal. As the class motto goes: "No tests, no grades, just a fun social learning event." Whether you are a tech novice or a curious enthusiast, the goal is simply to have fun and stay connected.

We meet every other Wednesday in the clubhouse at 6pm.

- Q&A Session: Bring your "what-ifs" and curiosity!

Join us on February 11th at 6pm

Unlock the Power of AI: Writing Made Easy

Featuring a live demonstration using our very own KLCC Tech Article! Have you ever struggled to find the right words for an email, a letter, or a community post? At our next meeting, we will pull back the curtain on Artificial Intelligence (AI). We'll move beyond the "lottery advice" and get hands-on with tools that can help you write more clearly, format your ideas for better reading, and even add a little "dramatic flair" to your prose. What We'll Explore:

- The "Magic" of AI Editing: Watch as we take the text of our recent newspaper article and use AI to transform it in real-time.
- Practical Prompting: Learn how to ask AI the right questions to get the best results.

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KLCC January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2026 Called to order at: 11:00 AM

Board members present: Wendy Hunter, Pres; Ron Maurice, VP; Val Dombrow, Treas.

1. Administrative Business

- a. Pledge of allegiance
- b. Previous meeting minutes read by Wendy; approved by Leslie
- c. Treasurer's report: Previous balance \$26.95
 - i. Income \$0.00 Expenses \$18.00
 - ii. Current balance \$8.95
 - iii. We're expecting payment from one advertiser this month; there was a \$20 donation from Joe; Wendy will take 4 more boxes of duplicates and old books to sell to BookOff (got \$18 for 3 boxes last time)
- d. KLCommunity.com update (Nick did not make it to the meeting; info may be out of date)
 - i. 40 online subscribers; 19 paper subscribers
 - ii. Val got one call from resident who wondered where paper was and she delivered one to her; need to find out if Amber got any other calls
 - iii. 2 people signed up to get email newsletter (Linda, Joe) and they have not been getting them. Can access via the website, but no emailed copies sent.
 - iv. Suggestion made to distribute 1-page flyer explaining that we can only afford to deliver paper copies to residents without computer/smart phone and/or wifi. Perhaps we could suggest others can buy an annual subscription for \$1-5 per month; \$1 would be \$12 per year which could be paid up front and renewed annually). Will discuss next month once we have updated information.
- e. Neighborhood watch report:
 - i. Next meeting is Thursday 1/15 at 6:00 PM. Agenda items include whether to change day/time of meetings; listing block captain duties; and what we want to put on new website
 - ii. Suggestion made to have photos taken at the meeting to go with BC duties listed on website
 - iii. Only 1 call this month regarding the Conrad street housefire last week. It was across the freeway from us, so no threat.

2. Unfinished Business

- a. Next Dumpster date April 11 or 18; Val will order EWaste truck; Rummage Sale 3/21
- b. FINAL update regarding sales events on Park land: legal advisor has stated that there can be NO money-making events advertised to people outside the Park (including Rummage Sales, Craft Fairs, etc.) due to mobile home regulations and insurance/ liability issues. This includes the easement area just inside the entrance since this is part of the Park's land.
- c. Newsletter items
 - i. Still need an article about the Tech Class for newsletter and website; Wendy will discuss with Nick, maybe they could collaborate on something

3. New Business

- a. Suggestion boxes: Amber still in Guam (back Monday) so no one could open the boxes while she was gone
- b. Items from the Board
 - i. Val talked to Elyse about kids on scooters in the park. Elyse suggested she put a summary of the scooter laws. Suggestion made to have it prominent on the front page and suitable for posting on our bulletin boards near front office and in laundry rooms. To include 5 mile per hour speed limit; helmets for kids under age 18; reminders to signal or take corners slowly and only after looking; using headlamp or other lights if riding after dark.
- c. Items from attendees:
 - i. Joe indicated that due to limited parking, cars cannot be parked in guest parking areas longer than 92 hours and cars parked overnight outside designated spaces could be towed.
- d. Yard of the Month re-nominations (\$20 award currently on hold due to limited funds)
 - i. Space 112 Spring Bouquet won the vote and will be featured in the next newsletter. The Yard of the Month sign will also be posted at that space on February 1st.
- e. Raffle drawing for attendees suspended indefinitely. If anyone wants to renew this at future meetings can bring up for discussion.

4. Meeting adjourned at 11:44AM



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In Remembrance

It is with sadness that we report the death of Beth Ann Skermon a former resident who lived on the east side of the park for the last fourteen years. Beth passed away in her sleep early on Friday morning the 16th of January.

She leaves behind a son, Zachery age 40 who lives in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Beth was born in upstate; New York January 26,1952. Her mother was a nurse and her stepdad was a toolmaker. They moved to San Diego around 1969 and Beth went to Madison High in her senior year. In the late 1980's, she was involved in a serious car accident which left her permanently disabled. Over the years she had to undergo many surgeries (back, neck, etc).

Beth was a very intelligent lady who had her successful cleaning business for several years until her worsening disability forced her to give it up. She was also a very good cook, doing Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners until she no longer could. She was very talented in making crafts, anything from jewelry, clothing, decorative trees and much more.

Beth was very much an animal lover and in fact had a special gift in working with and caring for animals. Her beloved rescue dog, Brownie, is still with us.

Beth had an outgoing, extravert personality. From time to time, she had to go into a rehab facility.

While there, she would walk around and visit the other patients, giving them much needed encouragement. Her religious belief was Christian, trusting in Jesus Christ for her salvation. Much more could be said but for now, we conclude by saying she will be missed,.



Space 112 has a delightful spring bouquet out front. Colorful and practical with the planter box on legs for ease of watering and weeding. Clever and lovely use of a limited space. Thank you for brightening our park!

To parents and the kids in the park

There are no bike lanes in the Park- just up at the entrance where kids don't ride. And realistically, no one is going to dismount to make a left turn.

I'd just say that the roads in Kearney Lodge are shared by vehicles, walkers, bikers and people on scooters and skateboards.

In an effort to keep everyone safe in Kearney Lodge, please make sure to obey traffic laws and signage, drive and ride within the speed limit of 5 miles an hour, wear protective gear where appropriate (helmets for instance), and watch for others on the road, especially when going around corners.

Please be aware that no scooters or bicycles or skateboards are allowed on Kearney Lodge sidewalks. These are for pedestrian use only. And parents, please communicate this to your kids so we can keep everyone safe!

CA Law for scooter riders

1. Wear a helmet if under 18 years old
2. Ride at a maximum speed of 5 miles per hour
3. Use bike lanes where available
4. Ride off the sidewalk with a valid driver's license
5. Dismount and walk for left turns
6. Abide by crosswalk regulations
7. Follow all the rules that apply to motor vehicles, and
8. Not allowed passengers.

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A SNAPSHOT OF GUAM, U.S.A. Part 1: Introduction

Satellite image of Guam



Guam Seal



Latte Stones



The island of Guam is the farthest Western land mass of the United States. It is “where America’s day begins” because it’s past the international date line, making it 14 hours ahead of the continental United States. Guam is located in the North Western Pacific Ocean, approximately 3,945 miles West of Hawaii, 1,541 miles East of the Philippines (3-hour flight), 1,624 miles South of Japan (4-hour flight), and 2,765 miles North of Australia; Guam is an important commercial gateway to Asia and the Pacific. Guam's total area is approximately 210-212 square miles (544-549 square kilometers), making it the largest island in Micronesia, about the size of Chicago or three times larger than Washington D.C.. It's roughly 30 miles long and 9 miles wide, with varied terrain from northern flatlands to southern hills. Guam is the largest and most southern island belonging to the Mariana Islands chain. (The deepest part of the ocean, Mariana’s Trench, is located nearby) These islands are part of a widely spanning region of mostly very small islands, collectively referred to as "Micronesia." Located towards the western end of Micronesia, Guam is fairly close to Asia.

Guam is most known for its huge part in the War In The Pacific battle during WWII. Today its significance is its strategic U.S.military location and tourism. I was born there in 1982 for neither reason. In the 70’s my father worked in Orange County as a district manager for Denny’s restaurants and was promoted to open two Denny’s restaurants on Guam in 1981. After a few years, his business ventures took us 14 years around south-east Asia until eventually moving back to Guam. In 2000 I graduated high school and moved to San Diego for college, but my parents remained on-island. I just recently returned from a month-long visit to my island paradise—and what an enchanting and restful visit it was! The island is small and intimate and life moves at a much slower pace, known as “island time”.



FEBRUARY 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------|--|
| 1 | 2 Painters 6 PM Ground Hog Day | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Painters 6 PM | 10 | 11 Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM | 12 | 13 | 14 KLCC meeting 11:00 am Valentines Day |
| 15 | 16 Painters 6 PM Presidents Day | 17 Lunar New Year | 18 Ash Wednesday 1st Day of Ramadan | 19 Neighborhood Watch 6 PM | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Painters 6 PM | 24 | 25 Tech Class W/ Nick 6 PM | 26 | 27 | 28 |

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