

Charlotte County Computer Group

30th
YEAR
Anniversary

1984 - 2014

March 2014

Charlotte Bytes Thirty Year Special Edition

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The President's Platform by Ron Wallis, President CCCGC

Our 30-Anniversary Celebration is only a few days away. I hope you are signed up for it. We are all looking forward to socializing with our friends and getting the chance to get better acquainted with the members we don't know well. It should be an enjoyable time of all.

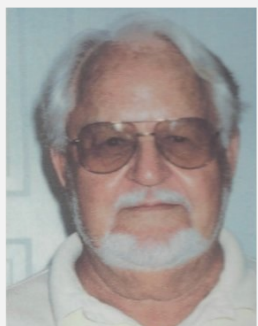
See you there.

Our membership has grown so much lately that we are getting a little behind in our Members Help Program. There are only three of us who work on members computers, and as a result we have had to institute a ten-day waiting period for new members to have your computers repaired. This change does not affect attendance for classes or questions that you might have. It takes times to process your applications, prepare the badges and print them. This change was effective February 1st. The change does not apply to present members or renewed members. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but at this time it is necessary if we are to keep the "Help" program running efficiently.

The April 1st meeting (Not an April's Fool's joke) will be back to normal. The presentation hasn't been set yet, but we'll have something of interest. If you are still in town please attend. If you are a snowbird and have left by then, have a great summer.

Ron

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William Mullholland
Founder 1st Presi-



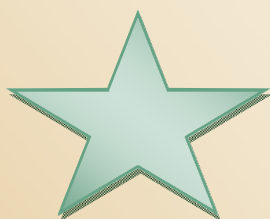
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1986



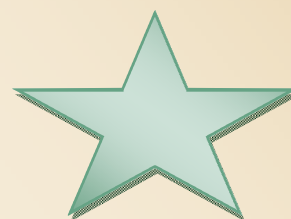
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1987



Charles Caniff
1988



Presidents



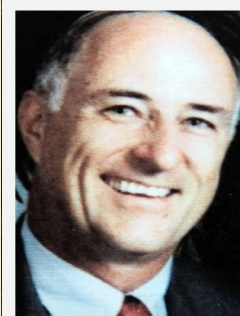
Dale Davis
1989



Rodney Treloar
1990

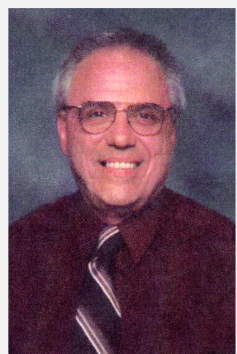


Guy Manoles
1991



John Skinner
1992-1009

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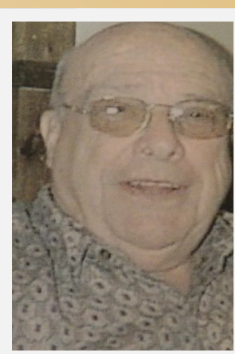
Tony Raimondo
1996



Troy Mitchell
1997



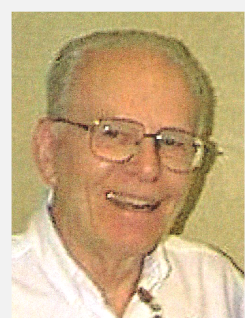
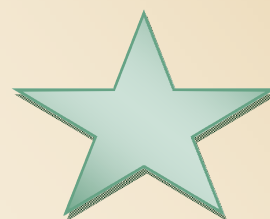
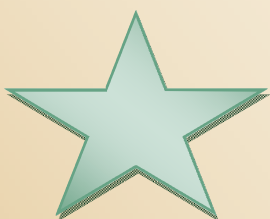
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1998-1999



Len Harvey
2000-2001



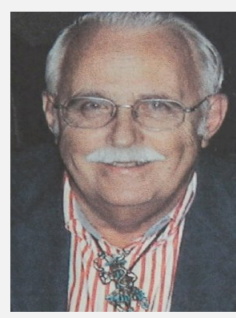
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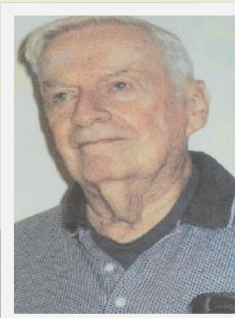
Carl Argabright
2002



Larry Hurley
2003-2005



Bill Dunn
2006



Jim Geary
2007

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Bill Blatt
2008



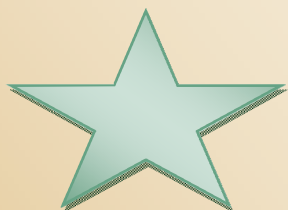
Larry VanOsdol
2008-2010



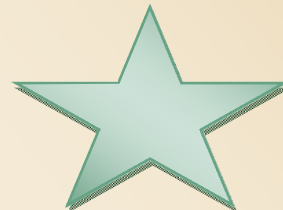
Harold Nixon
2010-2013



Ron Wallis
2014



Presidents



Thirty years ago with common interest to share in this newer concept of computers, a group got together to discuss ideas and ways to help each other and reach out to the community.

In the next few pages, a history will unfold about the first Thirty Years of Charlotte County Computer Group and its effect in this community.



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(Initially the Group was named CCPCUG Charlotte County PC Users' Group)

Following are excerpts taken from the first newsletter which began with a single page letter to the group. It was mainly issued to announce the date of the next meeting, the scheduled program which was given by one of the group members, and perhaps one or two news items.

Charlotte County PC Users' Group

March 26, 1984

Dear Member:

The next meeting of the Charlotte County PC Users' Group will be on Monday April 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting location has been changed to the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association Building, room number 7, at 1800 West Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda.

Larry Maurer, a professional computer consultant and a member of our club, will present the program covering MS-DOS with specific emphasis on files and file names, keyboard commands, and tree directories.

We are enclosing a copy of our mailing list and ask that you return this list to the undersigned with any appropriate corrections. A survey sheet is also enclosed for this persons who have not previously completed one, and we would like to have this sheet filled out and returned. **The club must have the active help of a large number of people if it is to evolve into a viable organization. We especially urge you not to be modest in making yourself available as there appears to be a shortfall of persons willing to take an active part in the management of our proposed organization.** (Thirty years.....Nothing has changed) Please volunteer your help! We need it desperately!

At the February 27th meeting the members agreed to pay \$3.00 to fund the organization and this amount will be deducted from the yearly dues when they become payable upon completion of our formal organization. The Steering Committee does not have a bank account, so it would be appreciated if everyone will be prepared to pay \$3.00 (in Cash) at the meeting.

Bill Millholland

In 1987 the Editor of the 2-page April Bytes was not listed. It could have been James R. E. Smith who was the Librarian. The 2 page newsletter announced program presentation, Program Questions/Answers and the discussion of Software and Shareware.

By December 1987 it had expanded to 3 pages. By the end of 1988 there were 3 Editors Bill Millholland, Don Frazier and Bob Miller. Bill Millholland was editor through 1989.

In late 1987 John Skinner began helping with some of the programs and was Program Chairman in 1988. He took on the job of Newsletter Editor as well in 1989. 1990 he became a Director. He continued as Newsletter Editor and Program manager. In 1992 he was installed as President.

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In 1987 the Bytes increased to a 4-page newsletter. It was in 1991 that John produced a 6-page publication and soon afterwards it expanded to 8 pages.

The name "Charlotte Bytes" was christened on May 1, 1991.

Mary Lou Dobbs took over as editor on May 1 1995 and by that time the Bytes was up to 28 pages. Debbie and Tony Raimondo took over temporarily when Mary Lou resigned and then Dorry Conway became editor in August of 1997. The newsletter was a 24-page publication with a circulation of 1000 copies every month. Richard Greenwald joined the staff a group photographer .

When Dorry Conway retired as editor of the Charlotte Bytes, Horst Gorgas accepted the position. He became editor in January of 2001. Al Roghan assisted him and then took over as editor in May of 2003.

The grade of paper was improved as was the quality of the photo images. Advertising in the newsletter increased, thanks to George Baker Advertising Manager. George was Group Photographer and provided photos for the newsletter. At that time the issue was up to 36 pages. (Wow! I can't imagine 36 pages).

In 1993 Early Workshops were started. New Beginners Class with Jim Mastro, Novice Class with Tony Raimondo, and a Computer Forum preceding the monthly meeting was established.

Classified Ads were established in 1991 along with computer articles and furniture, business cards of computer services and business ads. In May 1991 the newsletter was printed out as Charlotte Bytes but was still officially Charlotte County PC Users' Group Newsletter. By the end of 1991 the newsletter, Charlotte Bytes was 7 pages with a Newsletter Staff of 4 people.

1993 John Skinner as Editor printed the monthly ad rates. These were established to defray the cost of publishing, printing and distributing the monthly newsletter.

Full Page \$75 1/2 Page \$40 1/3 Page \$30 1/4 Page \$20 Business Cards cost \$10.

The Newsletter Staff consisted of Editor, Asst. Editors, Review Editors, Circulation Manager.

Wayne Waterfield was Feature Editor, Miriam Williams Review Editor and Bill Higgins Circulation Manager. Yearly and Semi Annual rates advertising rates were published in the Bytes. Mary Lou Dobbs took over as editor on May 1 1995 and by that time the Bytes was up to 28 pages. Debbie and Tony Raimondo took over temporarily when Mary Lou resigned and then Dorry Conway became editor in August of 1997 and Wayne Waterfield was Feature Editor. The newsletter was a 24-page publication with a circulation of 1000 copies every month. Richard Greenwald joined the staff a group photographer .

Sig (Special Interest Group) groups were formed and the membership grew. Don Adams took over as Program Manager then Bob Miller. John Skinner continued to be Newsletter Editor until April 1995. The membership grew to about 600.

In January 1996 Bill Stevens was listed as In House Technician

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Circulation Mgr. was Peggy Myers she oversaw the bulk mailing of Bytes. Advertising Manager was Larry Cochrane.

Bill Higgins was instructor for Beginners and Novices on 3.X and Windows 95, and Jim Maestro was instructor for Intermediate on Windows 3.1 & Windows 95

In 1998 the Newsletter Staff comprised Editor, Feature Editor, 3 Staff Writers, Review Editor and Circulation Manager.

John Palmer volunteered as instructor for beginners in 1999.

End of an Era was published in January 1998 Bytes, authored by Wayne Waterfield.

"Microsoft has decided to discontinue the retail sale of its Windows 3.1. For all intents and purposed it is the end of the 3.x family, sounding the death knell for the 16-bit Windows. I think most will agree that Windows 3.1 did more to make the computer industry wake up than any other operating system. Initially, Windows 3.1 was used because it make it easier for people to start using a computer quickly, a remarkable step from typing DOS commands to accomplishing the same thing with the click of a mouse. The complexity of supporting Windows forced the change in the computer from two 5 1/4" floppy disk slots to a hard drive in order to get the necessary memory for the opearting system, plus a 3.5" not-so-floppy disk slot."

Jim Mastro served as President for 2 years. He resigned December 1999. He also served as Vice President for two years and was SIG coordinator and instructor for the beginners class and intermediate class. He continued on as instructor for the Club.

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The Charlotte Bytes contained Software Reviews, Book Reviews, Computer Business ads, and listings of SIG (Special Interest Group) meetings. It also listed Computer Info Helpline of knowledgeable members. At that time most software vendors were anxious to get out their software products to user groups. Vendors presented their wares at a meeting. Most often members would purchase software to try out. Also a member would volunteer to install and review software or a computer help book, then write their evaluation of the product in the Bytes. Almost all software was produced on a disk. There were very few downloads, if any of software.

Al Roghan resigned as Bytes editor in 2005 and Pat Hankerd took over.

We changed our name from Charlotte County Personal Computer Users' Group (CCPCUG) to Charlotte County Computer Group Corp. (CCCGC)

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CCCPUG was one of the only 50 User groups to be invited to Bill Gates' Microsoft special event at their home office in Washington state. They were recognized by a multitude of vendors who provided free software and presentations.

Newsletter Policy as of 2000

Charlotte Bytes is the official monthly newsletter for the Charlotte County PC Users' Group, Inc., aka Charlotte County Computer Group Corp., Port Charlotte, Florida. Articles, reviews, items for sale, etc. are welcome. Submit articles a week before the monthly meeting on disk in ASCII or text (.TXT) file format. We reserve the right to edit or to refuse publication of any offered copy or ads. The Bytes is not responsible for the content of reviews or editorial in this newsletter.

Len Harvey was installed as President in 2000 Robert Murray Vice President Rose Rennert Secretary, Jack Bennett Treasurer. Directors were Peggy Myers, Lee Rice, Aaron Renner, Guice Johnson, Gerhard Fischer and George Baker.

By 2000 The newsletter staff increased adding Contributing writers, Proof readers and Circulations Managers. The list of volunteers who helped keep the CCPCUG running was very impressive.

Also noted was Program Manager, Office Staff Coordinator, Membership Chairperson along with Photographer Richard Greenwald, In House Technician, Bill Stevens, Advertising Manager Art Haug, Web Master Gerhard Fischer and Historian Francis (Mac) McGillivray

Len Harvey, President applied for IRS recognition of not-for-profit position. When recognize Len applied to the state for tax-free status.

In 2001 changes again took place for CCPCUG. Carl Argabright became president, Len Harvey Vice President, Barbara Koops, Secretary and Louis DeMatteo Treasurer. Directors were Aaron Rennert, Guice Johnson, Kee Rice, Donald Kiernan, Phillip Tinsley, and George Baker.

Bytes Editor Horst Gorgas 2001 had 7 Guest & Contributing Writers to the newsletter. There were 15 Managers included in the Leadership Team.

Meeting Places through the years.

1. 1st couple of meetings held at Bill Mullholland's home.
2. Isles Civic Club in PGI starting April 2, 1984
3. Charlotte Junior High on Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte
4. First Federal Savings and Loan 410 Taylor Road Punta Gorda
As the membership grew there were not enough seating for all members, so we had to bring folding chairs
5. Peace River Elementary School in Charlotte Harbor October 8, 1990
(Poor seating for adults)
6. United Methodist Church in July 8, 1991 until 2005.
7. The Cultural Center present time.

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In 2002 the Officers & Board of Director carried on from 2001.

Space at the Cultural Center under reconstruction was not available for the 2002 Expo. It was planned for 2003 with an increase of space. Lydia Rist was Circulation manager and Librarian.

Notice in the Bytes:

Bill Stevens our In-House technician, with his two assistants Lou DeMatteo and Phil Gale had their hands full reworking computers. They are looking for a few good men or women to salvage parts from computers. Two or three hours a week or whatever that can be spared for us will be appreciated. Minimal mechanical ability is needed. Most work is done with a Phillips screw-driver.

Officers were Larry Hurley President 2003-2005. Jerry Franzman Vice President Lydia Rist Secretary and Louis DeMatteo Treasurer, Directors were Diana Arsenault, Len Harvey, Guice Johnson, Donald Kiernan, Barbara Koops, and Phillip Tinsley.

Once again your leadership team beyond the Officers and Board of Director comprised 23 people. Many involved in more than one duty. February of 2003 Charlotte County Personal Users' Group was recognized by IRS as a not-for-profit organization a 501(c) 3. Formal name was changed to Charlotte County Computer Group Corp.

August 13 2004 Charley came storming in.

In 2005 Larry Hurley was re-elected as President

Secretarial position vacant until July when Eugenia Dunn offered to fill the position.

Tom Zinneman presented a program from Intel Build your own Computer. Six members were interested and proceeded to order all necessary parts. A Saturday was chosen and the six got together at a computer shop in Punta Gorda and built their computers. I was one of them and I still have the computer today with Windows 8 on it.

In 2005 I was Review Editor for the Bytes. But reviews for Software and Books started fall off as software vendors were concentrating on downloads and books were also being converted to PDF's for easier download.

In 2006 Bill Dunn became President James Geary Vice President, Secretary Toni Ruggieri, Treasurer Yvette Pilch, Lydia Rist Programs and Director Lou DeMatteo Director and Service Manager

In 2007 Bytes Editor was Pat Hankerd

In 2008 CCCGC office summer hours were changed to 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The change remained in effect all year to enable us to conduct classes from 2:00 PM to 4:-00 pm.

Recent Events: 2006 to Present

Along with the increase of income and the decrease of expenses, we have been able to bring this club into 21st Century Computing.

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Setting up Original Office 2003



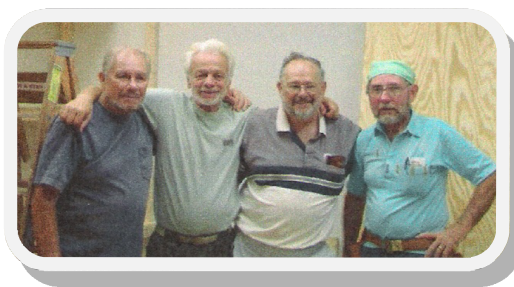
Larry Hurley & Don Keirnan



Phil Gale setting up Backroom



Setting up the Front Office

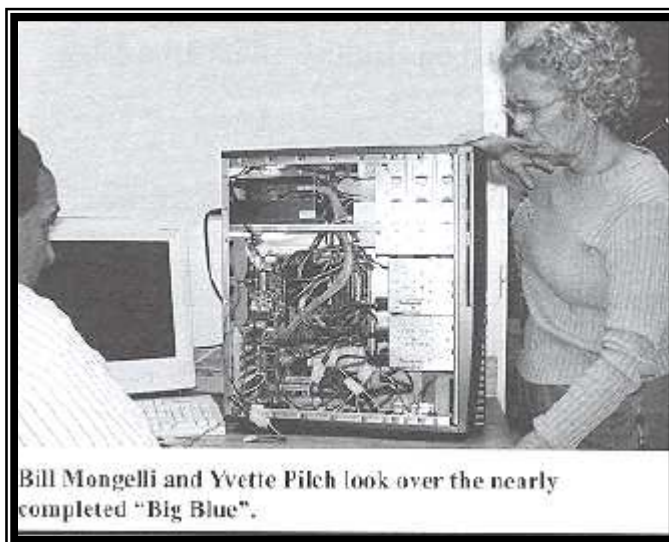


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John Palmer Director of Novice Group
5:00 PM Meeting Night

Jan Bytes 2005



Bill Mongelli and Yvette Pilch look over the nearly completed "Big Blue".

Geneso "Bill" Mongelli walked in the office one day around 2005, (not sure exactly of the date,) and started working on computers, and helping members with their computer problems. At that time we did not have anyone to take on that daunting task. Bill was self taught and the knowledge he had eventually rubbed off on some of us.

"Big Blue" was put together by Bill with the latest and greatest OS, VISTA! It was put together for a computer drawing. Jim Geary was the lucky recipient.



Jim Geary

CIL (Center for Independent Living)
Classroom for us located at School
House Square



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Officers and Board of Directors for

2014

President: Ron Wallis

Vice President A Yvette Pilch

Secretary: Ron Muschong

Treasurer: Larry Hurley

Director: Lydia Rist

Director: Frank Messina

Director: Grover Mudd

Director: John Hegard

Director: Mava Graves

Lifetime Member



2007

Larry Hurley, right, was awarded lifetime membership into the Charlotte County Computer Users Group by the Board of Directors for his many outstanding accomplishments during his tenure as a member. This is only the fourth lifetime member in the history of CCCGC.

Thank You Larry

Larry may moved on from the Presidency in 2005, but he has remained a steadfast volunteer right up to the present. As a Director he took over the process of awarding the high school scholarships in behalf of the Club. In addition to those duties Larry is also Treasurer, and he gives classes on Wednesday afternoons.

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2009 Volunteers



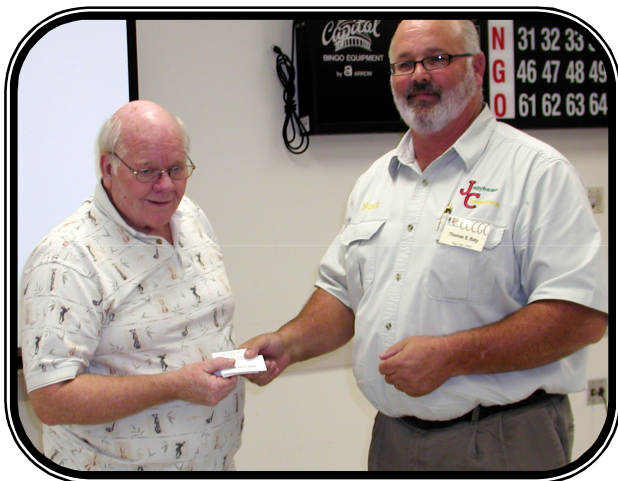
2009 Officers
and Board of
Directors



Rip Yarnell with Presentation 2009



Computer Winner Again, 2009



In February of 2009 Larry V. asked Scott Baty if he would assume directorship of the Advanced Forum and provide us with his considerable knowledge of computers. Scott has been a steadfast presenter all these years and we truly thank him for his contribution to the Club and our members.

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Jan 2010
Larry VanOsdol President and Harold
Vice President
(in the corner)



March 2010 Door Prizes Winners

Jan 2011 Meeting



August 2011
Lieda Boyko at the Membership Desk



2011 Officers and Board of Direc-

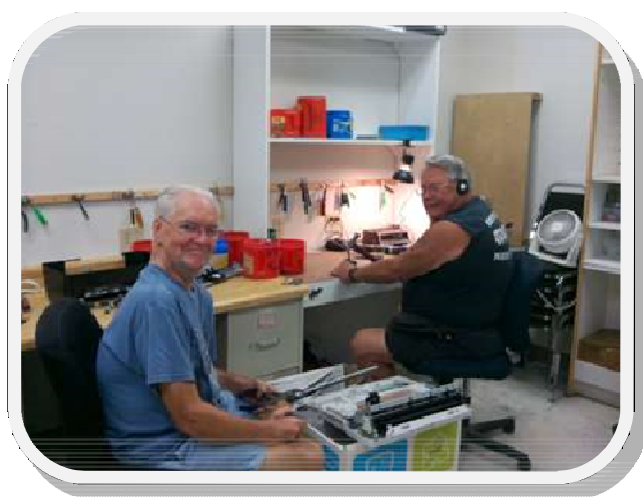
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Office Group 2012



Dick Evans Moderator General Meeting 2012



John Hegard & Harry Prefontaine 2013



New Classroom/Office 2013



John Palmer



Door Prize Winners 2014

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View/download Bytes

Please be sure to
register online for classes

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Classes & Events Calendar

March 2014

CCCGC Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <u>Libre Office</u> 2 to 4 PM John Palmer	4 <u>Thirty Year Celebration</u> 5:00PM 7:30 PM	5 <u>Maintenance</u> 2 to 4 PM Ron Wallis	6 <u>Back To Basics</u> 2 to 4 PM Dick Evans	7	8
9	10 <u>EaseUs Backup</u> 2 to 4 PM Yvette Pilch	11 <u>Windows 8.1</u> 2 to 4 PM Ron Wallis	12 <u>Using Google</u> 2 to 4 PM Larry Hurley	13 <u>Back To Basics</u> 2 to 4 PM Dick Evans	14	15
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NOTICE All Non Meeting Night Classes will be held in Our New CCCGC Office.					Notes: OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM MONDAY -FRIDAY Please sign up for classes ONLINE: http://www.cccgc.info	



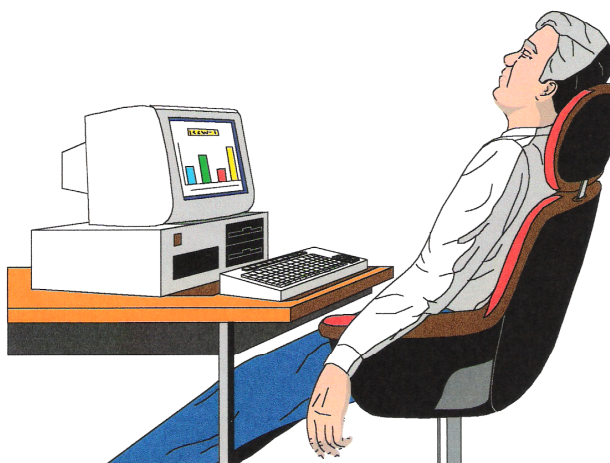
Without the History of our Club by "Mac" McGillivray (now deceased), I would not be able to produce this celebration issue of the Bytes.



MAC

History of the Charlotte County PC Users Group

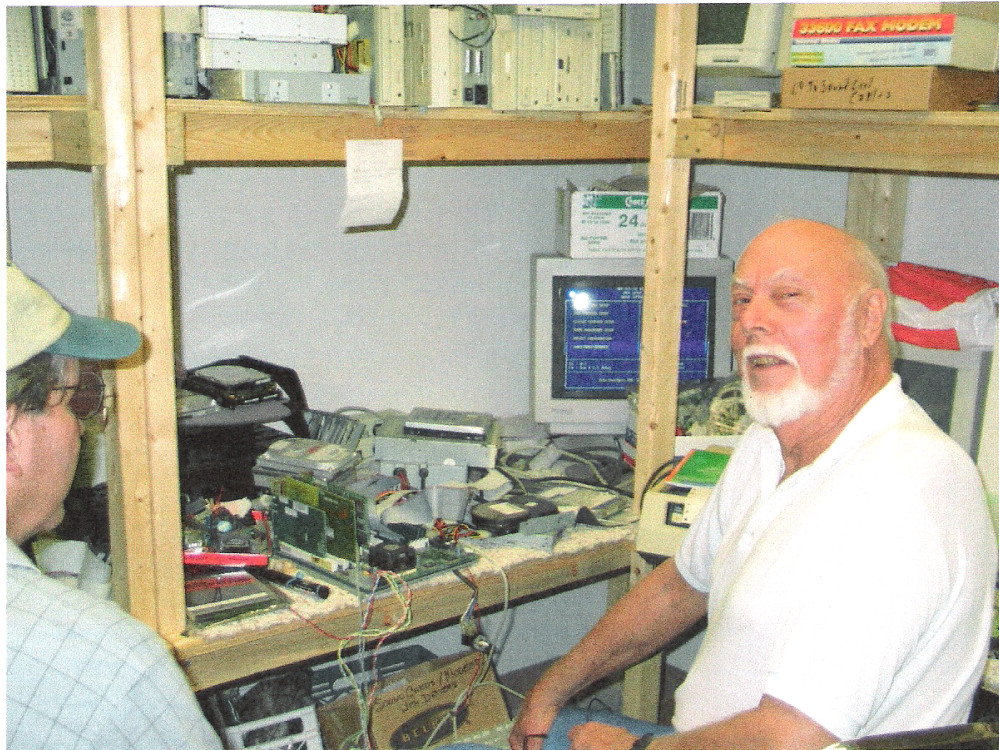
By Francis "Mac" McGillivray



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Community Support

The “Computers for Education” (COFE) program was formed in 1995 by Bill Stevens, Ed Horsman and John Skinner. John was president of the CCPCUG at that time. Bill Stevens taught a hardware class with the idea that the student members would become technicians and teach other members. The problem with the idea was that the room provided by the Culture Center was taken away from the group after a short time and the project was unable to continue because of the lack of a room. Ed Horsman passed away and John Skinner resigned as president.



This left Bill Stevens as the lone technician. Bill worked alone for a period but in the last couple of years, all that changed. Bill continued as chief technician and then several members volunteered to help. In November of 1999, Peggy Myers took over the job of delivering the refurbished computers to the children who qualified. In April of 2000, Peggy delivered 15 restored computers to needy children.

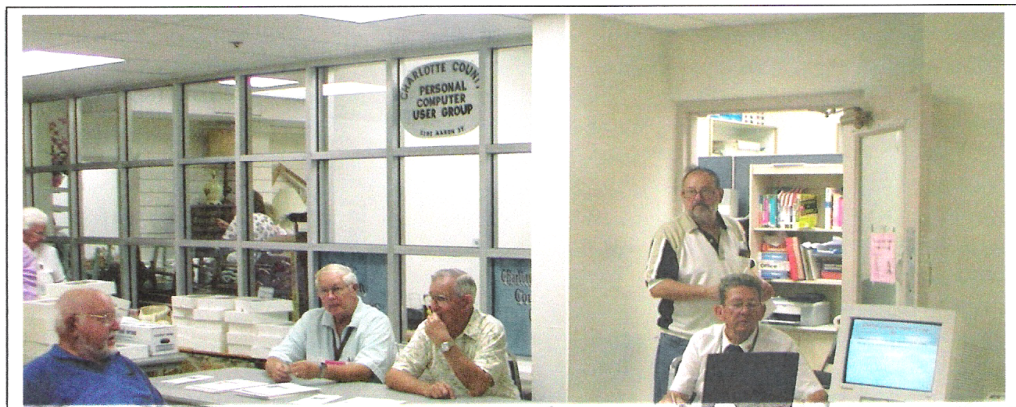
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CCCCG Offices



Notice to relocate our office and storage room came in March of 2000. The office we were currently using, near the "Friends of the Library" bookstore was scheduled to become an additional classroom to be used by the Culture Center. The storage area was designed for a different use also. Our group was assigned a small room to be used as a temporary office for a couple of years until reconstruction of the culture center was completed. At the same time, we were promised a more fitting office and storage area in the layout of the reconstructed area. A temporary office was provided for the group, next to the "Trash and Treasures" shipping and receiving dock. We had limited time to make the move. It began on May 11, 2000 and in just one weekend, volunteers, spearheaded by Len Harvey, moved the complete office inventory, furniture and supplies. Phil Tinsley, office staff coordinator, was ready for business Monday morning.

The next move was in 2003. After being notified that space was now available in the refurbished area of the Trash and Treasure section of the Culture Center, it was necessary to make the room suitable for our use. That required building shelves, work stations and storage facilities for all the donated computers, printers, monitors, etc. Furniture had to be assembled and various project performed to make the room suitable for an office and work area. Volunteers completed the project and the move to the present location was done on the July 4th weekend. The size of the area is not as large as we hoped for, however it is a great improvement over what we had. The facility now is very visible for anyone visiting the culture center.



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Computer Systems (CPU, Monitors, Keyboards, Mouse), and some printers, speakers, (if available) were distributed to school children of Charlotte County (at the recommendation of the Guidance Counselors and to Non-Profit Organizations of Charlotte County.

TOTAL UNITS

YEAR 2003	135
YEAR 2004	162
YEAR 2005	200
YEAR 2006	300
YEAR 2007	274
YEAR 2008	220

In 2008 Jim Geary worked with Microsoft to establish a MAR (Microsoft Approved Refurbisher) program. That means all computers distributed are fully functional and legal. All hard drives in the donated systems are wiped according to government standards. The requirements from Microsoft are stringent and must be adhered to. 80 additional units were distributed after the MAR program was established making the total of 300.

YEAR 2009	263
YEAR 2010	257
YEAR 2011	308
YEAR 2012	372
YEAR 2013	412

January 2009 was the first issue sent by electronic means. Harold as Vice President prepared the issue and Larry VanOsdol sent the Bytes by email to our members.

Aaron Rennert Receives Lifetime Membership

The Executive Board was pleased to honor Aaron Rennert for his many years of service to the club, by awarding him a Life Membership in CCCGC. Over the past Nine years Aaron has served in various capacities including Parliamentarian and Membership Director. And even though he retired from actively participating in the day to day operation of the club, he still comes into the office to scan our email and remove the tons of spam that come in daily. Pictured is President VanOsdol (right), presenting the award to Aaron at the January 6th, 2009 General Meeting.



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Little by little members have become accustomed to the process. It was also a learning curve for us. The advent of electronic Bytes meant a considerable reduction in expenses.

The recycle program has been in effect for just a couple of years. We have volunteers who will tear down anything in their path, so beware. We have kept over \$4000 of metal, wiring, copper and green boards (mother boards) out of the land fill.

Larry VanOsdol originally revamped the website when he first became a member. Harold updated our Website <http://cccgic.info/> after Larry's passing.

Harold was responsible for the installation of our server, a Nas Backup for the Club's documents, installation of Members Help program, (a data base that provides us with an up-to-date listing of all our members). He also was responsible for upgrading and the purchase of new office equipment, computers, and software.

Approximately five years ago the Executive Board decided to award scholarships to deserving students in Charlotte County High Schools. Larry Hurley works with the schools and does a fantastic job representing the Club in awarding the Scholarships.

We Partner with the Cultural Center and also take part in The Cultural Center's yearly "Back to School" Donations. We have also donated moneys to the Andes Clinic, and to The Cultural Center's "Dollar for Dollar" grant program.

Last April the Cultural Center gave us our additional Office/Classroom space which has been a great benefit to members and volunteers alike.

The Notice on the next page was how Harold announced additional space to us.

At our February 5th 2013 meeting, we hosted "Geeks On Tour". The "Geeks" are Chris and Jim Guld. They did a presentation on "Facebook".

Jim and Chris Guld are professional computer trainers. They present computer seminars all over the country at computer clubs, RV parks and RV Rallies.

They conduct seminars on topics such as: Blogs, Facebook, Google Earth & Maps, GPS Streets and Trips, Internet on the Road, Photostory 3, Picasa, Safe Computing and much more.



"Geeks on Tour"

2013

Jim Hagerman
Presenting Grant Pro-
gram



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HERE WE **GROW** AGAIN!

The CCCGC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the relocation of our Front Office to the "Community Room" adjacent to our present office at the Cultural Center of Port Charlotte. The room will be used as our Front Office and Class Room.



The computer refurbishment operation headed by Ron Wallis will continue be ran from the "Back Room". Over 360 refurbished computer systems are distributed to school children in Charlotte County each year. Additional space will be gained in the "Back Room" with the relocation of the storage cabinet allowing for more bench

space.



The Members Help Program will move to the front of the existing office vacated by the Front Office desk and computer. The "L" shaped work area will be a great enhancement to the program.

The remaining space in the "Old Front Office" will be used to expand our Recycle Operation.



Our Recycle Team headed by Lydia Rist has been the driving force that allows us to expand our whole operation. This service helps to keep many many pounds of old computer equipment out of the landfills and is responsible for a large part of our monthly income allowing us to defer any increase in membership dues. Please continue to bring in your used computer related "Stuff."

April will be a month of transition and frustration. Please be patient with us as we move forward. You can help by volunteering for special small projects that will come up as we make this move. Thanks for your help and understanding.

Hope to see you at the April 2nd meeting.

Harold

Since the initial move and construction the recycle team has moved to the "backroom" and Ron's refurbishment team was moved to the "front office."

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This 30-year celebration issue of our Computer Club is the longest issue I will **ever** put together.

Thirty years is a lot of time and effort by many people, (volunteers, members) who have worked so hard to keep this organization moving throughout the years. I tried to put together a time line of rather important events and the people that instituted them.

Hopefully, I haven't missed any key players that were instrumental in the development of this Club. If I have, my apologies, it was not intentional.

My research was possible with the tremendous help of Lydia Rist and her (copious records), and the very informative early history of the Club from a notebook created by Francis (Mac) McGillivray, (now deceased), Club Historian.

Tuesday April 1st (April Fools Day) we will resume our usual General Meeting Schedule.

Bytes Editor

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