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Next General Meeting of CCCGC

March 3, 2020

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Dear Members,

CCCGC Officers are constantly monitoring programs we recommend to you. With updates and upgrades these programs sometimes change and become either outdated or no longer useful for our needs, safety and security. We are, therefore, strongly recommending that members no longer use and immediately delete CCleaner from all desktops and laptops. (See page 6 of the March 2020 Bytes for directions and further information).

The March Volunteer of the Month is: Bill LaBranche

The second Tuesday of every month Microsoft does an update called "Patch Tuesday". So, if you <u>leave your computer on overnight</u> after the second Tuesday, you computer will automatically update for you. This will alleviate lockups on your computer.

Reminders:

• If you have any suggestions for <u>topics for the meeting presentation</u> or if you would like to present a topic, please let me know. I hope everyone enjoys the meetings.

• If you have any suggestions for <u>courses</u> you want to attend, email a note to the office at cccgcoffice@gmail.com. In the subject line type "Class Requests".

• We need <u>volunteers</u> for refurbishing & tear-downs. Please see Lydia if your are interested.

• If you have any recommendations for "<u>Monthly Favorites</u>", please see George or log in to cccgc.info click "Monthly Favorites" and complete the form.

• If I have not personally met some of you, please stop in the office or come up to me at our regular meetings. I would greatly enjoy getting acquainted with you.

I appreciate you allowing me to represent you as President for the club.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 3.

Grover

Guidelines for Attending Classes

Please be sure to notify the instructors or Office when planning to attend class by either email or the online entry signup form.

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Welcome New Members

Paul Anderson	Barbara Belman	Robert Belman
Joyce Britenriker	Andy Brunet	Charles Busing
Arthur Colwell	John Conlon	Rob Eldridge
Samantha Eldridge	Gloria Green	Jim LaPierre
Andrew Laurence	Iginio Maracich	Gladys Quackenbush
Michael Sparling	Linda Stalnaker	Bruce Stone
Joanne Youlio		

The Executive Board and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

If you have any questions, concerns or need computer help, please contact us at the office. We will endeavor to help you any way we can.

February Program Highlights

CCCGC FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

There were 88 members in attendance for the February meeting.

George Kopenec presented the February favorites regarding passwords. See how secure your passwords really are. For more info on passwords go to https://howsecureismypassword.net/

Dick Evans also presented Passwords. He demonstrated how to create secure passwords using a base easy to remember and making adjustments for each different internet site. See the write up that appears on our website www.cccgc.info – in the right hand column under "How To", "01 Passwords Revisited".

The following list contains the winners of the February raffels:

Free Drawing
> Sandy Raisanen, Barb Troike, George Kopen ec, Gladys Quackenbush, Alfonso Falasco

1 YR Membership
> Dick Braun

50/50 Drawing
> George Kopenec—Such a luck member—he grabbed the cash as it was being handed to him. Wow - first he was in the Free Drawing tickets that afforded him the picture of the group – then he had another picture all in the same meeting. Congratulations.

Laptop Drawing
> Jerry Allen was the winner of the laptop this month. Jerry says he never won anything and now he will be thrilled with this high quality laptop.

Thanks to all who participated in the raffles by securing their tickets. We hope to have your picture in the bytes next month.

Meeting ended at 8:05 PM
Minutes submitted Lydia Rist, Secretary

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Freebie Raffle: Sandy Raisanen, Barb Troike, George Kopenec, Gladys Quackenbush, Alfonso Falasco

Awardees & Raffle Winners

50/50: George Kopenec

Computer: Jerry Allen

1 Yr Membership: Dick Braun

February Volunteer: Fran Robitalle

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We look forward to serving all of our members during 2020. Please let us know how we can serve you better thru classes, presentations, etc.

March Volunteer of the Month

Bill LaBranch has been a volunteer for the past 3+ years. He has been working in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays assisting members with computer and laptop issues. If you have ever worked with him, you remember that welcoming smile.

Bill LaBranche

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Computer Tidbits & Information

<u>Anti-Maleware Programs</u>

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1. Click **Settings > Apps > Apps & features**.
2. Scroll through the list or use the search box to look for **CCleaner**.
3. Click **CCleaner**, then choose **Uninstall**.

<u>**Why Is CCleaner No Longer Safe?**</u>
CCleaner, once a tidy app with no history of issues, has had several major problems in less than a year. This is unfortunately not surprising after <u>Avast purchased CCleaner developer Piriform in July 2017</u>.

<u>**CCleaner Silently Forces Updates**</u>
The latest CCleaner controversy comes from ignoring user preferences about checking for updates. A <u>user on Piriform's forums noticed</u> that CCleaner had automatically updated on his system without his permission. As it turned out, that's exactly what happened.

https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/stop-using-ccleaner-windows/

THEREFORE:

CCCGC recommends that members of the club use the following FREE editions of anti-maleware programs for cleaning your computers:

1. **Malewarebytes**
2. **SUPERAnti-spyware** **1, 2, & 3 found at: https://ninite.com/**
3. **Glary Utilities**
New 4. **Wise Disk Cleaners** **https://www.wisecleaner.com/wise-disk-cleaner.html**

- **5 Star Rating from CNET—**Wise Disk Cleaner is the only disk cleaner that is rated 5-stars by CNET, and is also recommended by other Science and Technology websites such as ZDNet, CHIP, Microsoft TechNet Magazine and others.

- **Fast and Easy—**Wise Disk Cleaner utilizes a new advanced algorithm as well. It takes just a few seconds to scan your whole disk. What's more, Wise Disk Cleaner is very easy to operate for both novices and pros (for whom command line is provided).

- **Common Cleaner—**It cleans temporary files, download history, browsing history, form history, invalid shortcuts, traces, cache, cookies, passwords, Windows components and many other useless files.

- **Advanced Cleaner—**You can search the files you want to delete by their specific extensions. For advanced users only.

- **Slimming System—**It deletes Windows' own items that you don't need any longer, such as sample pictures, sample music, sample videos, IME files, help files, download installation files, installer baseline cache and so on.

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Re: Apple Devices

Over the past year we have received a number of generous donations of Apple products for refurbishing/recycling for which we are very grateful. However, because of Apple's strong security, it is very difficult for us to refurbish iPad tablets and/or iPhones in preparation of forwarding them on to needy recipients. Former owners need to disconnect their email logons and passwords from iCloud & "Find My Phone" prior to donation. Without this step, it creates a major hurdle for us to factory reset the device and forward it to someone in need.

Below is information on how to disconnect your IPad or IPhone device *as published by Apple.*

If you have further questions, please contact the CCCGC Office. I will be happy to assist you.

Rose Kopenec

ATTENTION

All customers returning an Apple Product **MUST** follow and meet the guidelines on the back of this card. Failure to do so will result in delays to your refund/exchange.

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SIGN OFF YOUR ICLOUD:

STEP 1: Select settings on the home screen

STEP 2: Tap on your name

STEP 3: Scroll down and tap on sign out

STEP 4: Enter your Apple ID Password

STEP 5: Tap sign out

STEP 6: Press sign out

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