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## January 2nd, 2024 Monthly Meeting

Military Heritage Museum  
Auditorium, 1st Floor  
900 W Marion St.  
Punta Gorda, FL

6:00 - 7:00 Q&A Session  
7:00 - 8:00 Presentation

[Zoom Available](#)

## President's Message Grover Mudd

### Letter from the President

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and to all a Happy New Year. The board and myself are hoping to get the computer club back to what it used to be a few years ago. We want all the volunteers and the members to enjoy the club and each other.

I still need volunteers and if you can spare your valuable time to help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

The entire board and myself thank you for your vote and support. I hope we can all live up to your expectations.

Your President

Grover Mudd

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## Welcome New Members

Naomi Pringle	Connie Michael
Kim Lovejoy	Mary Disher
Javier Albarran	Phil Edwards
Brenda Bashaw	Peg Grimm
Angula Burnett	Joseph Gucwa
Tony Burnett	

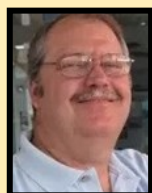
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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

## 2024 Officers & Directors



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**Grover Mudd**  
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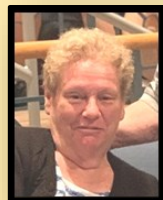
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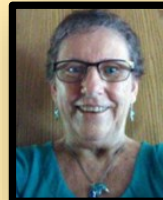
**Mary Burns**



**Shirley Hammond**



**Tony Flores**



**Janice Krumwiede**



**Fran Robitaille**

It is a pleasure to serve you in 2024 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.

Please help to spread the word about CCCGC to your friends and neighbors.



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## 2023 Annual Meeting

December 5, 2023

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 was the Annual Meeting of the Charlotte County Computer Group Corp. The meeting was held at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda. No presentations were made. Voting for Officers and Directors of the club took place for 2024 followed by our annual holiday gathering to enjoy one another's company.

For the election of officers and directors for 2024, there were no contested seats. Fortunately there was one candidate for every position. A total of 49 ballots were handed out.

The results of the election were as follows:

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Grover Mudd - 36	Mark Krider - 46	Ron Muschong - 41	Lydia Rist - 40
Mary Fleenor - 6 (wi)		Nanette Simmons - 1 (wi)	Donna Whalen - 2 (wi)
Gary Skillicorn - 3 (wi)		Cheryl Bogacki - 1 (wi)	George Kopenec - 1 (wi)
(wi)= write-in			Sandy Todd - 1 (wi)

<u>Directors</u>	<u>Write-In Votes For Director</u>
Mary Burns - 37	Bob Hardiman - 1
Shirley Hammond - 35	Harold Becker - 1
Tony Flores - 35	Donna Whalen - 1
Fran Robitaille - 45	
Jan Krumweide - 35	



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## 2023 Election and Holiday Gathering

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the election and subsequent holiday gathering. A special thanks to Mark and Debbie Krider for their efforts at planning and organizing the gathering. This was in addition to providing various items.

The nominating committee was chaired by Rosemary Sexton. Other committee members included Jan Krumweide and Shirley Hammond. Mark Krider served as advisor to the committee.

During the election process the following members helped in various ways.

Linda Tugman - Checked membership lists for ballots.

Nancy Kirkpatrick - Handed out ballots.

Cheryl Bogacki - Counted ballots

Barbara Cox - Monitored foot traffic in the hallway to keep people moving.

Bob Hardiman and Harold Becker - Set up and breakdown of tables and chairs.

Rob Moore - Helped out as needed.

Leida Boyko and Mary Burns helped with renewing memberships and assisting new members.

Many thanks to all who helped.  
We can always use more volunteers.





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## Future Events & Presentations

### January 2024 CCCGC Classes & Programs

**Jan 2 Military Heritage Museum Auditorium**  
900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda  
6-7 PM Q&A Session  
7-8 Main Presentation  
[Zoom Link](#)

**Jan 9 Open Forum**  
2-4 PM, Office + Zoom  
Mary Fleenor  
[Fleenor Class Link](#)

**Jan 11 Maintenance & Backup**  
2-4 PM Office  
Lydia Rist

**Jan 15 Members Helping**  
2-3:30 PM Office  
George Kopenec  
[Sign Up Link](#)

**Jan 17 Cord Cutting Discussion**  
2-4 PM  
Mark Krider

**Jan 25 Maintenance & Backup**  
2-4PM  
Lydia Rist

**Jan 26 Board of Director Meeting**  
[Zoom Link](#)

**January 26**

**Board of Director Meeting**  
2:00 pm  
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda  
[CCCGC Board Meeting](#)



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As members of CCCGC, you are automatically members of Association of Personal Computer User group (APCUG) who offer free ZOOM classes and presentations to members. However, you must register with them to attend. Check the website for course options and registration:  
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APCUG past presentations can be viewed on YouTube. These are handy links for review if you attended them or had to miss the original presentation. Click the link below to see all the options.  
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## Computer Tech by Fran Robitaille

### Microsoft CoPilot

AI it seems is everywhere. Certainly Wall Street has noticed it. Companies like Microsoft, Google, and Nvidia have seen explosive growth in their stock prices, in large part due to these companies being early to the game. Microsoft has invested heavily in OpenAI, the maker of ChatGPT. Google has their own AI chatbox called Bard. We are now seeing AI become mainstream. Microsoft is making AI an integral part of Windows with **CoPilot**. Google is also integrating AI into their various products.

I asked **Bard** to write an essay on AI. Here's what came back.

### The Rise of Artificial Intelligence: A Revolution in Our Time

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming our world, impacting virtually every facet of human existence. From self-driving cars and personalized medicine to facial recognition technology and virtual assistants, AI is no longer the stuff of science fiction but a tangible reality shaping the present and future.

### What is AI?

Simply put, AI refers to the ability of machines to exhibit human-like intelligence, including the capacity to learn, solve problems, and make decisions. This intelligence is achieved through complex algorithms that process vast amounts of data, enabling machines to perform tasks previously thought to be exclusively within the realm of human capability.



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### AI Continued

#### The Potential of AI

The potential applications of AI are vast and far-reaching. In healthcare, AI is revolutionizing diagnostics, enabling faster and more accurate disease detection, personalized treatment plans, and the development of innovative medical technologies. In transportation, self-driving cars promise to reduce accidents, improve traffic flow, and offer greater mobility for all. AI is also transforming industries like manufacturing, finance, and retail, streamlining processes, optimizing resource allocation, and enhancing customer experiences.

However, the rise of AI is not without its challenges. Concerns about job displacement, bias in algorithms, and the potential for misuse of this powerful technology are valid and need careful consideration. As we navigate the AI revolution, it is crucial to ensure ethical development and responsible deployment, prioritizing human well-being and safeguarding against potential harms.

#### The Future of AI

The future of AI is undeniably bright, holding immense promise for advancements across various sectors. As AI continues to evolve and become more sophisticated, its impact on our lives will become even more profound. It is our responsibility to approach this technological revolution with open minds, critical thinking, and a commitment to harnessing the power of AI for the betterment of humanity.

Looking ahead, it is clear that AI will continue to reshape our world in ways we can only begin to imagine. **The choices we make today will determine whether AI becomes a force for good or evil. Let us choose wisely and build a future where AI serves as a powerful tool for progress, collaboration, and human flourishing.**



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### AI Continued

Microsoft has begun implementing AI into Windows 11 with Copilot. Copilot is coming to Windows 10 as well. Copilot is an AI tool that is being integrated directly into Windows.

Click on the following links for articles related to **Microsoft's Copilot** and for more information.

Fran Robitaille

#### tech.co

<https://tech.co/news/chatgpt-vs-microsoft-copilot>

#### PC Magazine

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/hands-on-with-microsoft-copilot-in-windows-11-your-latest-ai-assistant>



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