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The Next General Meeting of CCCGC will be April 5, 2016



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The President's Platform by Ron Wallis, President CCCGC



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April we honor Grover Mudd as the Volunteer of the Month. Grover's tasks include managing the office to see that a volunteer is always there to help people when they come in. Grover assists with members help, he also works in recycling, and very important to us Grover keeps our office floors clean. He is also on the Board of Directors. And as a Board member he runs the scholarship program that was established a few years ago.

We are fortunate to have his help.

If you are one of the snowbirds heading north this month we wish you a safe trip and a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you back in the fall.

If you aren't leaving we hope to seeing you at the meeting on May 4th.

No matter where you're going don't forget that July 29th is the last day to get the Windows 10 upgrade free.

Take advantage of the offer. You'll be glad you did.

Ron

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COMPUTER DRAWING

Jack Curran had the lucky touch that won this touch screen computer this month. What a machine and all it took was for a ticket costing \$5.00. We wish him many touches. For all of you that purchased a ticket and just didn't have the right touch, better luck next time and thank you for supporting the group.



50/50 WINNER

Once again, Lydia won the 50/50. That money will pay for some gas to pick up surplus computers and monitors and move them to the office for refurbishing. Good luck next time to all the faithful players. Your support is appreciated.



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



- Left To Right
- Caroline Faber
 - John Potorski
 - Harold Howard
 - Roger Gray
 - Al Falasco

WELCOME

New Members

Pat Gammon	Joe Sanders	Elizabeth Bonjean
Robert Bonjean	Gail Cully	James Cully
Steven Lohner	Maureen Merriman	Natalie Rago
Arthur Rago	Steven Berdeaux	Pamela Cook
Linda Frank	Sheila Kish	Hugh McShane
Priscilla McShane	Linda Miller	Terry Miller
John O'Callaghan		

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.

Program High-Lights

Scott was our speaker for the evening and he explained how the new Microsoft Edge browser works. Edge offers a new feature called the Omnibar that will take you directly to a website that you type in and it will then put the website in your favorites to speed up your browsing. Edge promises to be faster, more reliable, and more modern than Internet Explorer.

When information comes to your computer, it is still called download. When you send info out, it is called share (instead of upload).

Under the settings, you can add a tab and you can customize what it displays. More action gives you more options and settings by dropping down a menu. You can zoom on the page but we don't suggest you go beyond 125 size because the buttons fall off the page.

You can import your favorites from other web browsers and put them in Edge. You can increase the size of the fonts on what you are reading. There are many settings that you should check out. You can set the home page to any page you want. Flash player is automatically updated so you don't need to worry if it will work. In advanced settings, and in the search bar, you can search for other search engines other than bing and you can set google or any other site you want as your default.

There is a built in note taking option to write or type directly on the page you are viewing. The purple bar drops down and you can choose how you want to show on the paper.

The Edge icon will be in the task bar on Windows 10. The Internet Explorer will not have an icon but you can add it. You can always type in Edge and it will show up.

If you signed in with your Microsoft account, Edge knows you and will allow all the new features. There are many different parts of this browser and you need to go to it and see how you want it to work for you.

Lydia





Microsoft
REGISTERED
Refurbisher



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Tax Scams to Avoid This Tax Season: The IRS' "Dirty Dozen"



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Tax-related identity theft, phone calls from fake IRS agents and email phishing schemes are among the "Dirty Dozen" tax scams the IRS is warning taxpayers to keep on their radar this tax season.

As a taxpayer, you are legally responsible for what is on your tax return, even if it is prepared by someone else. That means scams like these can lead to significant penalties and interest for taxpayers, as well as possible criminal prosecution.

If you opt to use a company or tax expert to help with your taxes, take extra time to make sure they're legit and up to the task. The IRS' three-step guide available here can help you choose a tax professional.

Here are the IRS' "Dirty Dozen" scams for 2016:

Identity theft: The No. 1 scam this year is tax-related identity theft, which the IRS defines as when someone uses a taxpayer's stolen Social Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund.

Phone scams: Aggressive calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents is a persistent problem. The IRS has seen a surge in phone scams recently as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation, and other things.

Phishing: Be leery of fake emails and websites looking to steal personal information. The IRS will not send you an email about a bill or refund out of the blue. Don't click on one claiming to be from the IRS.

Return preparer fraud: While the vast majority of tax professionals provide honest high-quality service, dishonest preparers set up shop each filing season to perpetrate refund fraud, identity theft and other scams.

Hiding money or income offshore: The recent string of successful enforcement actions against offshore tax cheats — and the financial organizations that help them — proves it's unwise to hide money and income offshore.

Inflated refund claims: Be wary of anyone who asks you to sign a blank return, promises a big refund, or charges a fee based on a percentage of the refund.

Fake charities: Double-check charities with names that are similar to nationally known organizations.

Falsely padding deductions: This item, a newer scam than others on the list, consists of inflating deductions or expenses on the return to pay less taxes or receive a bigger refund. The IRS warns taxpayers that they should think twice before overstating their charitable contribution expenses or padding their business expenses, as well as avoid claiming credits they are not entitled to, such as the EITC and the child tax credit.

Excessive claims for business credits: This expands on last year's "excessive claims for fuel credits." This scam involves two specific false claims for credits: fraudulent claims for refunds of fuel excise tax and bogus claims for the research tax credit.

Abusive tax shelters: When in doubt, seek an independent opinion about any complex product you are offered.

Frivolous tax arguments: Don't use frivolous arguments to paying your taxes. Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage taxpayers to make unreasonable and outlandish claims to avoid paying the taxes they owe. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is \$5,000.

For more information on the Dirty Dozen tax scams, visit the IRS Newsroom. <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Wraps-Up-the-Dirty-Dozen-List-of-Tax-Scams-for-2016>



The Pros and Cons of Windows 10's "Fast Startup" Mode

Windows 10's Fast Startup (called Fast Boot in Windows 8) works similarly to the hybrid sleep mode of previous versions of Windows. By saving the operating system state to a hibernation file, it can make your computer boot up even faster, saving valuable seconds every time you turn your machine on.

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How Fast Startup Works

Go to the link below to read the rest of article.

<http://www.howtogeek.com/243901/the-pros-and-cons-of-windows-10s-fast-startup-mode/>



How to Use a USB Flash Drive with Your Android Phone or Tablet

Ever want to watch a video on your phone or tablet without wasting its storage space? Or maybe you just need to view a file your friend gave you. Most modern Android devices support standard USB drives, so you can plug in a flash drive just like you would on a computer.

Modern versions of Android have improved support for external storage devices, but on some older devices, this process may require rooting. So we'll discuss

both methods here, starting with the easy, non-root method for newer phones and tablets.

First: Get a USB OTG Cable

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