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Elections for 2022 Board of Directors

January 4, 2022

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

6:00 pm—Open Forum
7:00 pm— Member Mtg
2022 Bd Installation

To Zoom—click link
[Member Mtg Link](#)

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CCCGC President's Message

Mary Fleenor, President

Dear Members,

Welcome all to a brand new year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

I would like to say "Thank You" to our 2021 board and volunteers for an outstanding job of keeping our club going and continuing to serve our members and community during a trying time when many other computer clubs have closed. Please welcome our new 2022 board, identified later in the newsletter (see Page 3), and help support us in the coming year.

The 2022 board will be meeting soon to plan out the year and encourage all members to offer suggestions on how we may improve the club to better serve your needs. Remember that the CCCGC is YOUR club and you are invited to attend all board meetings, in person or via Zoom. The first Board meeting will be on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Here is the Board ZOOM link: [CCCGC Bd Mtg](#)

Looking forward to a bright future and continuing to enhance CCCGC to fulfill your needs.

Stay safe and healthy!

Have a wonderful holiday season as you celebrate with family and friends!

Mary Fleenor, President

January



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Bylaws Amendment

Per Board Mtg 05282021 – “9. New Business: 9.a. D Evans recommended a revision to the By-Laws in removal of the Code of Conduct. After a lengthy discussion D Evans motioned acceptance; M Fleenor seconded; vote of 7 yes and 2 no”.

Since this vote inadvertently never was brought to the general membership, the president will present the issue for a vote to remove from the Bylaws at the January 4, 2022 member meeting. Below are quotes from the current Bylaws pertinent to this issue. It should also be noted that the actual Code of Conduct document has never been included in the Bylaws only reference to it. In the board meeting at which we approved removing reference to the Code of Conduct, it was agreed that the Bylaws otherwise sufficiently addressed removal of an officer or member for cause when his or her conduct was detrimental to the Corporation (Section 4.2.3). The additional Code of Conduct document was deemed by a majority of the board to be unnecessary. Proposed changes to the Bylaws would remove the last sentence of Section 5.1 and then everything after "cause" from Section 7.6.

Bylaws Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation A Not-For-Profit Corporation

ARTICLE II Amendment of Bylaws

- 11.1 These Bylaws may be amended, revised or re-written at any regular meeting of the Corporation by a two-thirds vote of members in attendance, provided that the amendment has previously been approved by a vote the Board of Directors and submitted in writing at the previous Board of Directors meeting or otherwise published to the membership.

- 4.2.3 The Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting may revoke a membership for cause including **conduct** deemed detrimental to the Corporation.
- 5.1 **The elected officials** of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five (5) Directors. These elected officials shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Corporation. Each elected official shall agree with and adhere to the **code of conduct** for CCCGC Board of Director members adopted by the corporation.
- 7.6 **Removal from Office:** The Board of Directors at a regular or special Board meeting may remove an Officer or Director from the Board of Directors, for cause in accordance with the **code of conduct**.



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Welcome New Members

Richard Beres	Tatiana Chery	Gerald Jones
Elaine Kerns	Marcia Moitozo	Brian Olby
Kathleen Riley	Carolyn Swartz	Wayne Wakeman
Joe Wentworth		

Membership: 341

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.

2022 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS



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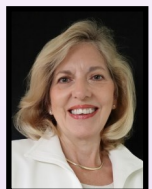
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It is a pleasure to serve you in 2022 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.

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

Stay safe, enjoy the holidays and hope to see you throughout the new year.



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December Member Meeting Report

On December 7, 2021 CCCGC held its 2022 elections for the Board of Directors at the Military Heritage Museum Auditorium. It also held its End-of-Year/Christmas Social.

6-7:00 pm Elections took place

7:00 pm End-of-Year Social





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December Member Meeting cont.





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Future Events & Presentations

January 2022 CCCGC Classes & Programs

- Jan 4** Member Meeting
Member Meeting
Military Heritage Musuem Auditorium
900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
6-7 PM Open Forum
6-8 PM Installation of 2022 Board
General Member Meeting
- Jan 11** Open Forum
2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
Mary Fleenor
[Fleenor Zoom Class](#)
- Jan 13** Maintenance
2-4 PM, Office
Lydia Rist
- Jan 18** iPad/iPhone Q & A
2-4 PM, Office
Rose Kopenec
- Jan 25** Beginner's Help
2-4 PM, Office
Rose Kopenec
- Jan 27** Maintenance
2-4 PM, Office
Lydia Rist
- Jan 28** Board of Director Meeting
2:00 pm
514 E Grace St, Rm 144, Punta Gorda
[CCCGC BdMtg](#)



An International Association of Technology and
Computer User Groups

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:
<https://apcug2.org/>

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.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=apcug





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Computer/Tech Information

Don't Respond to Potential Scams

By Dan Douglas, President, Space Coast PCUG, FL
April 2021 issue, *The SCPCUG Journal*, www.spcug.org, [datadan \(at\) msn.com](mailto:datadan@msn.com)

PLEASE PRINT THIS OUT AND PASTE IT NEAR YOUR PC AND READ IT BEFORE RESPONDING TO ANY POTENTIAL SCAMS.

Unfortunately, I have seen a dramatic increase in people seeking help after being scammed on their computers. Unfortunately, this includes some of our SCPCUG members. So, this month, I would like to share some precautions you can take to minimize your exposure to getting scammed on your computer. Let's look at the most common ways of enticing people to fall for these schemes:

1) Phone Calls - Receiving or placing a phone call, supposedly from or to some recognizable, well-known/trusted organization, such as Microsoft, Dell, Amazon, HP, etc.

Prevention and best practices to avoid falling victim:

If you want to contact an organization, go to their official website and click on the contact us link. Do not search for contact info. Scammers pay to be listed first on common searches and will act as if you are calling the real company. I've seen this many times with people trying to call HP for printer issues or supplies. They do a web search and call the first number that comes up, and the person convinces the caller that their printer may need an update, and if they give them remote access, they can check it out, and then it is game over.

It is extremely unlikely you would ever receive a phone call regarding your PC or any activities you perform.

My advice is to immediately hang up on anyone claiming to be calling from one of these organizations.

2) PC Messages - Receiving a screen message on your PC that informs you - take your choice - you have been hacked, you are in danger of losing your banking passwords, your PC has been used for illegal acts and will be reported to the FBI, your IP address has been traced, etc. The message usually states to not turn off your PC and to call some number immediately.

These are commonly delivered through your browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, etc.) but can be cleverly designed to hide where it originated from or look exactly like common company messages by using their logos and copies sections from their actual web pages.

Prevention and best practices to avoid falling victim:

Ignore the message - do not be scared or worried. Instead, immediately force your computer to shut down completely (NOT sleep) - pull the plug if you need to. The scammer will usually disable many of the common ways to close the program/browser normally, such as preventing you from clicking on the close X in the top right-hand corner, so forcing the power off may be the only way. Usually, the scam will not permanently infect, corrupt, or access any of your information if you shut it off immediately. Download the free version of Malwarebytes from www.malwarebytes.org if you want to be sure all traces are removed. If you let the scammer have remote access to your PC, you may need to change your accounts (credit cards and financial) and their passwords to be safe.

3) Email - Opening an attachment or clicking on a link embedded within an email can launch any one of many forms of 'attacks.'

Prevention and best practices to avoid falling victim:

The first thing that I always do when I get an email that may be suspicious is to check the sender's email address. Your email program may always show this address, or you may need to hold the mouse over the name to see the actual email address that was used to send the email. Anything that doesn't look normal, such as a domain name that is not the same as the company name, or a sender ID that looks made up, such as drael2345@myname.com, I would delete/flag that email as junk and report it as a phishing email. Phishing is where the scammer tries to get you to log on to a website that looks like a legitimate one but really captures your login information - common ones are banks, PayPal, and Amazon. Never open an attachment without checking the sender's email address first. Malwarebytes is a good program that may be able to block many scam programs before they are active if you are using the premium version.



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Please register using the link on a calendar date or sign-up form on the website if you are planning to attend a class:
www.cccgc.info

For more information

www.cccgc.info

Forms, Supplements, Membership, Classes, Bytes, etc.

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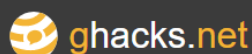
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