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CCCGC President's Message
Mary Fleenor, President October, 2022

To Be Announced

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

6:00 pm—Open Forum

7:00 pm— Member Mtg

To Zoom—click link
General Member Mtg

CCCGC Recovery

The CCCGC Office will be Open Monday thru Friday 10am to 2pm starting October 24th pending volunteer availability.

Scheduled meetings at the Military Heritage Museum will be announced soon. Classes at our Grace Street campus will resume as instructors are available.

We will be monitoring our Office phone (941) 585-0356 for messages. If you leave a message, please be as detailed as possible. Cell service is still spotty in some areas as is the internet service.

Harold Nixon, Vice President

happy october!

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Welcome New Members

Kathleen Foltz

Mary Lous Donlon

Sonia Larson

Angus McKinnon

Susan McKinnon

Annette Klein

Susan Trotter

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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Fran Robitaille

Gary Skillicorn

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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September Member Meeting Report

CCCGC Member Meeting Notes – September 6, 2022

6:00 pm   #Present 32   Zoom 8

Open Forum discussion items:

Streaming,

Apple updates this fall,

Robo Calls and programs to stop them: True Caller, Robo Killer or ask individual phone provider

Cloud Storage options: Drop Box, OneDrive, Google Drive

Zoom issues

Photos on Google, Facebook, AOL, etc

Phishing emails and scams

Threats to take over the computer

Chrome vs Edge

Screenshots/Print Screen

7:00 pm Meeting   # Present 51   Zoom 10

President Mary Fleenor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by welcoming one visitor and four new members.

Announcements

News   S Lenora resigned from the Board. Mark Krider has been appointed to finish the 2022 term

The Bylaws Committee has completed it work in updating the CCCGC Bylaws. Please read about the changes and Board-approved Bylaws update in the September Bytes so that the membership can vote on it at the October meeting.

Bob Hardiman has been appointed Nomination Committee Chairman as we prepare for elections of the 2023 Board of Directors in December. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else using the nomination form which will be in the October Bytes.

Office statistics year-to-date:

In-Office repair – 152

Walk-in technical support – 400

Refurbished Computers (completed) 110, (Delivered) 95

Membership – 359

Volunteers needed at meetings, in-office, presenters, etc.

CCCGC promotions – continue with flyers, using NextDoor if you are a subscriber

Membership benefits: supporting local tech needs, classes, meetings, tech support

Volunteer of the Month: Nanette Simmons – assists at member meetings with various duties, assists with note taking and photos.

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Monthly Favorites: George Kopenec shared an AI image enlarger: https://imglarger.com – free version allows 8 pictures per month. Like most apps there is also a paid various with unlimited options.

Presentation: Gary Skillikorn announced that the October meeting with highlight "thoughts read" and November will cover "Genealogy" with a speaker from the Charlotte County Genealogy Society.

This meeting's presentation was led by Mark Krider on "Cutting the Cord and Streaming Your TV".
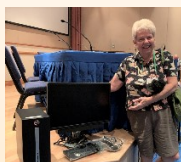
Giveaways

$25 Gift Cards: Ollie Nichols, Pat Froeshman, Sonia Larson and Sandy Colon

50/50: Carol Dunekirchen (awarded by Debbie Krider)

Computer: Kinga Cook

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Future Events & Presentations

October 2022 CCCGC Classes & Programs

Oct 4   **Member Meeting Cancelled**
         Military Heritage Musuem Auditorium
         900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
         6-7 PM Open Forum
         6–8 PM General Member Meeting
         General Member Mtg

October 28   Pending
              Board of Director Meeting
              2:00 pm
              514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
              CCCGC BdMtg

APCUG
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

George's Favorites

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Upcoming 2023 Board of Directors Nomination & Election Information

Nominations for positions on the 2023 Board of Directors are open NOW and until November 1, 2022. If you wish to nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) for any of the positions listed below, please print to complete this form and return it to: Bob Hardiman who is coordinating this year's nominations or to any committee member—Donna Whalen, Raphaela Rozanski, Rosemary Sexton and Rose Kopenec.

CCCGC 2023 Board of Directors Nomination Form

I nominate _____ for the position of

(Please print name)

_____   President

_____   Vice President

_____   Secretary

_____   Treasurer

_____   Director

☐   I am nominating myself.

If the nominee listed above is not me, I have secured his/her permission for such nomination.

Name: _____

Email: _____   Phone: _____

Please return this form no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2022 to:

CCCGC Board of Directors Nomination Committee

Bob Hardiman, Chair

PO Box 494296

Port Charlotte, FL 33949

Or

bobhardiman@gmail.com or cccgcoffice@gmail.com

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Why You Should Start Listening to Vinyl Records

KRIS WOUK AUG 7, 2022, 8:00 AM EDT

Sales numbers for vinyl records have been surging for years, and for good reason. There's something about listening to music on vinyl that just doesn't seem to have an analog in the digital realm.

Listen to Albums Instead of Just Songs

In most of our music listening, we've stopped listening to entire albums of songs the way people used to. While being able to instantly call up your favorite song or hear a playlist of potential favorites is nice, it can rip songs from their intended context, weakening them as a result.

With a vinyl record, it's possible to skip to a song by locating the right groove on the record, but it certainly isn't easy. This almost forces you to listen to an entire album, hearing the songs in the order the artist intended. This gives a flow to the music that is missing otherwise, and you may even find you like certain songs more or less due to the songs surrounding them.

How to Get Started Listening to Vinyl Records

A single vinyl record can hold around 15 to 20 minutes per side, maxing out at around 22 minutes. This means a single disc won't have more than 45 minutes of music. For anything else, you'll need a double album: two individual records packaged together.

This gives you more options. Don't have an hour-plus to listen to an entire double album? Play just one disc, and you'll start to appreciate those songs more. Want to get to know an album even better? Play them a side at a time.

Of course, to get the most out of your records, you'll want to listen to them intently, instead of just letting them play in the background. It helps if you have a quality stereo or some great-sounding headphones.

Read the Liner Notes

You may not notice when you hear a single song in isolation, but artists put significant effort into every single aspect of a release. This means more than just the music, as this level of detail often goes into the packaging.

Services like Spotify and Apple Music can now show you lyrics alongside a song you're listening to, and if they don't have it, you can probably find the lyrics on Genius. That said, there can be something nice about reading the lyrics from the lyric sheet included with the record.

Some vinyl releases are barebones, but given the popularity, this isn't all that common. Instead, artists devote extra time to the vinyl release, adding liner notes with details about the record that you may never find online.
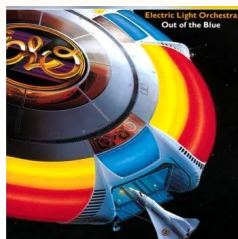
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Epic Records

Even if you tap on the album artwork to inspect it closer, most music services don't offer a way to get a good look at it. A vinyl record, on the other hand, gives you a detailed copy of the artwork a little over a square foot in size.

With albums that I first heard digitally before buying the vinyl, I've had many times when I've noticed details in the artwork that I'd somehow missed countless times before. Looking over the artwork as the music plays is another great way to increase your immersion in an artist's work.

Vinyl is an Experience, Not Just a Sound

Listening to an album mindfully—putting aside your connected devices and anything else that takes your focus from the music—isn't for everyone, but it can be an incredible experience. It's a great way to hear music for the first time or to revisit an album you've heard more times than you can count.

Even hunting for records can be fun. You don't have to be a collector to keep an eye out for great deals at music stores or even yard sales, but this can be a great way to grow your music library on the cheap.

If you've got a stereo system or headphone setup you love, you're already most of the way there. Just pick yourself out a turntable, pick up a few records, and start listening

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For more information

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

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