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December 5th Meeting 2023

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

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Voting

President's Message
Grover Mudd

Letter from the President

I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving and enjoyed your family and friends.

I will not be at the next regular meeting since I will be on a cruise.

The next regular meeting is on Dec. 5th which is the Election for board and officers.

So come and vote and enjoy the annual Holiday party with other members.

Sincerely,

Grover Mudd

President

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Welcome New Members

Corinne St. Hilaire

Betty Pio

Paul Driscoll

Sarah Dubbaneh

Beverly Seymour

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.

2023 Officers & Directors
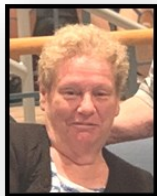
**President
Grover Mudd**

**Vice President
Mark Krider**

**Secretary
Ron Muschong**

**Treasurer
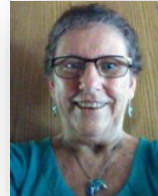Lydia Rist**

Mary Burns

Shirley Hammond

Tony Flores

Janice Krumwiede

Fran Robitaille

It is a pleasure to serve you in 2023 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.

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

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November Prize Winners

Jim LaPierre

50/50

Garry Ketts

Gift Card

Monika Dyer

Keyboard

Sam Walters

Computer

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Secretary

Dear CCCGC Members,

Per section 6.2 of the Corporation by-laws notice is hereby given that the annual membership meeting will be held on December 5, 2023 6:00 PM at the Military Heritage Museum Auditorium, 1st Floor 900 W Marion St. Punta Gorda, FL and shall elect a Board of Directors for the year 2024. This notice shall be posted in the November and December issue of the Bytes.

Thank you.

Ronald J. Muschong, Secretary

6.2   Annual Meeting: The regular meeting in the month of December shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors. The Secretary shall post a notice of the Annual Meeting giving the date, time and location in the November and December issues of the newsletter.

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2024 Slate of Officers

2024 CCCGC Board of Directors Nominees

President

Grover Mudd

Grover Mudd has been with the Charlotte County Computer Group for 14 years. He has worked in the office for 13 years and has been the Office Manager for 11 years. Grover also worked in Recycling and members' help. He was past-president for 4 years from 2016 to 2020 and was awarded lifetime membership in 2017. He is the newly appointed President since the resignation of the elected president.

Vice President

Mark Krider

Mark Krider holds a B.S. in Computer Science and an MBA in Leadership. He the newly appointed Vice President of the Charlotte County Computer Group. He joined the group in 2021 and became a Board member the following year. He offers courses on cord-cutting, Zoom, and Video Editing, and assists members with technical problems.

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Secretary

Ron Muschong

Ron Muschong is the current secretary. He has been a member of the Computer Club for 13 years, served on the Board for eight of those years, and has been an officer for five years. He volunteers in the office and assists members. He is looking forward to continuing to serve and is asking for and will be most appreciative of your vote.

Treasurer

Lydia Rist

Lydia Rist has been a member since 2001 and held an alternating office of secretary for a total of 11 years, vice president for 1 year, and director for 10 years. She has served as Treasurer for the last two years, Lydia was instrumental in developing the Refurbishing and Recycling Department and currently oversees that area. She also installs the operating systems and programs on both desktops and laptops for distribution to school students, veterans, etc.

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Directors

Fran Robitaille

Fran Robitaille has been a member of the CCCGC for six years. His activities in the office have been as a volunteer tech helping members with computer problems as well as updating machines for donation. Fran has served as a director for the past three years.

Mary Burns

Mary Burns, a long-time member of the computer group is currently a board member and would like to continue serving.

Tony Flores

Tony Flores is currently a director and would like to continue serving.

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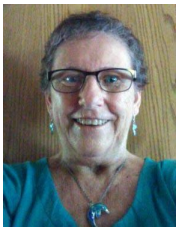
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Shirley Hammond

Shirley Hammond has been a member of the Charlotte County Computer Group for ten years. She was a CCCGC volunteer at the Cultural Center before moving to the Punta Gorda location where she continues to volunteer in the office.

Jan Krumweide

Jan Krumweide joined the Computer Group one year ago and immediately became an asset. She is a faithful office volunteer and is always eager to assist members.

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Future Events & Presentations

December 2023 CCCGC Classes & Programs

Dec 5 Military Heritage Museum Auditorium
    900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
    6-7 PM Annual Meeting

Dec 7   Maintenance & Backup
    2-4 PM Office
    Lydia Rist

Dec 12 Open Forum
    2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
    Mary Fleenor
    Fleenor Class Link

Dec 20   Zoom Basics
    2-4 PM
    Mark Krider

Dec 21 Maintenance & Backup
    2-4PM
    Lydia Rist

Dec 29 Board of Director Meeting

December 29   Board of Director Meeting
    2:00 pm
    514 E Grace St, 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 by Fran Robitaille

Google Photos vs OneDrive

By Marc Thomas

Daves ComputerTips

Following my article on Google's **Magic Eraser**, I decided to subscribe to **Google One** in the end, mainly to take advantage of the Magic Eraser and all the other premium photo tools available. Some can be used in the free 15GB basic account, but the really cool tools are only available if you sign up for $2 per month. I ended up with 100GB of space, but that doesn't compare with the OneDrive plan which gives me a massive 1TB of space, which is really the only standout advantage going for Photos on OneDrive.

Photos On OneDrive

Since upgrading my OneDrive account by subscribing to Office 365 (family deal), it's my go-to place for cloud storage because 1TB is not to be sniffed at. This includes all the photos I take with my phone which I can then download to my PC when required. Bear in mind that the OneDrive sync on PC only stores local thumbnails of images and takes up minimal space, which is a cool feature. However, Microsoft has only recently added the EDIT feature to OneDrive– crop, adjustment, filter, and markup but none of the sexy photo features that Google offers, such as Magic Eraser.

Google Photos Premium Features

- Magic Eraser
- Camouflage in Magic Eraser
- HDR
- Portrait Blur
- Portrait Light
- Colour Pop
- Dynamic
- Enhance
- Warm
- Cool
- Blur

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That's quite a selection of photo editing features and OneDrive only offers Crop, Adjustment, Filter, and Markup, which are all very dull by comparison. Clearly, a lot of AI is behind these features, and with Microsoft's track record in AI, I'm surprised that the edit feature in OneDrive doesn't offer such premium features.

Conclusion

As mobile phones became more powerful, in some cases on a par with low to medium-end PCs – 8GB RAM, quad-core CPUs, etc. – we can take photos and videos on our phones and for me at least, Google Photos offers much more than OneDrive in terms of both features and speed. That's not to say that I will be ditching OneDrive because it's bundled with Office 365, of which it's only a part and I regularly use Word and many of the other applications. However, it would be a pleasant surprise to see Microsoft catch up with Photos, particularly since the company probably already has the infrastructure to do so.

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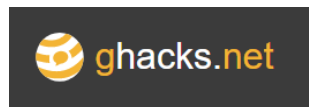
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