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Charlotte Bytes

Editor: A Yvette Pilch

October Meeting 2023

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

6:00 pm—Open Forum

7:00 pm— Member Mtg

Zoom Available

October

CCCGC Secretary's Message
Ron Muschong

G'Day Members:

As you see this month's article is being written by the Secretary of the Corporation rather than the President.

Our club is at a crossroads of major change. Within the last two months we have had one director resign for health reasons and just this past week President Fleenor and Vice President Skillicorn have also resigned for personal reasons.

According to Article 5.3.3 of our current By-Laws "In the event the President and Vice President are unable or not available to conduct a Board meeting, the Secretary shall conduct the meeting".

At a special Board meeting held Monday September 25, 2023 Mr. Grover Mudd was appointed President and Mr. Mark Krider was appointed Vice President to fulfill the term(s) of office through calendar year 2023 until a new Board is elected and seated.

A nominating committee has been appointed and Rosemary Sexton is the Chairperson with Jan Krumwiede serving as Vice Chairperson. Nominations for officers and Directors for Calendar year 2024 will be accepted until no later than the November meeting at which time nominations may be taken from the floor and then closed.

Please consider assisting your club by running for any of the positions open. There will be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) Directors elected in December. Nominations can be made by email cccgcoffice@gmail.com or calling the office at 941-585-0356.

The next CCCGC general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda. The monthly meeting will also be available via Zoom for those who are unable to meet in person. The link to the Zoom session is on the http://cccgc.info/ homepage.
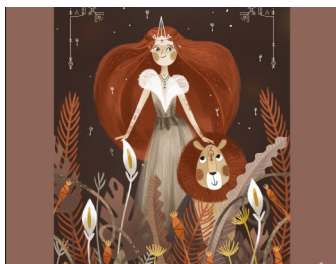
The Open Forum (general questions and answers) will begin at 6PM, the main program at 7PM TBA.

The By-Laws will be voted on at this meeting.

As always, the club is in need of volunteers, particularly to assist in the office Monday thru Friday 10Am – 2PM. If serving on the Board does not interest you, please consider volunteering. We need you.

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Welcome New Members

Dierdra Ames

Arlene Walters

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
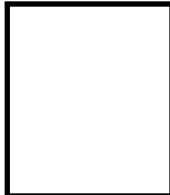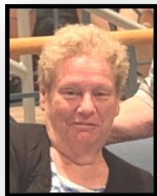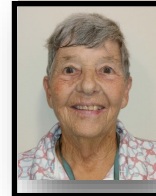
| President | Vice President | Secretary | Treasurer |

| **Mary Burns** | | **Tony Flores** | **Mark Krider** | **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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Member Drawings

David Ames

50/50

Ollie Niccolls

Computer

Harold Howard   Jan Krumwiede   Shirley Hammond

Door Prize Winners

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George Kopenec

Debbie and Mark Krider

Editor Comments

Members:

I am writing this message because our club is at a crossroads of major change.

Directors have resigned as well as the President and Vice President. Those positions need to be filled in order to keep this Club running.

Especially the duties and responsibilities of Harold Nixon, has been a Major contributor to this club for over 20 years. One of the many duties he has is entering the information of membership on the server, sending out the monthly Bytes, and repairing members computers (Members Help). I understand that he will be retiring on November 1st.

We will need people to step up and fill the role of Harold's and learn how to work the server. Otherwise the Bytes that I rework every month will not be sent out to you. You may have to pick them up in the office.

I hope that the club and officers will step up to getting us on the right track.

By the way, Harold will continue to do Members Help.

Sincerely,

A. Yvette Pilch, Bytes Editor

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Members Helping Members

In 2021 we put a pause to the beginners help because of COVID and moving to Punta Gorda. We are now trying to rectify that, and we are starting new beginners Microsoft workshops.

There will be a limit of eight people persession so that everybody has a chance to get help and to help, This is a wonderful opportunity for users to get help with any problems that they have, and they will have the opportunity of getting help from other members of the club. We are Hoping that this will be a once a month or twice a month activity. Hope to see you all there.

Sign-up soon before it is too late...

Signup right ,,,,
HERE

Members Helping Members

October 16, 2023	October 26, 2023
Microsoft Beginners	Macrium Backup

Signup right ,,,,
HERE

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Future Events & Presentations

October 2023 CCCGC Classes & Programs

Oct 3   Military Heritage Museum Auditorium
900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
6-7 PM Open Forum
7–8 PM General Member Meeting

Oct 16   Members Helping Members
2-3:30 PM
Microsoft for Beginners
George Kopenec

Oct 17 Open Forum
2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
Mary Fleenor
Fleenor Class Link

Oct 19   Maintenance
2-4 PM Office
Lydia Rist

Oct 26   Members Helping Members
2-3:30 PM
Macrium Backup
George Kopenec

October 27   **Board of Director Meeting**
2:00 pm
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
CCCGC BdMtg

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An International Association of Technology and
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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 <u>must</u> 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

General Meeting Zoom Link

Click HERE

Board Meeting Zoom Link

Click HERE

Jim Austin of Jimages Photography will do a program "Better Cell Phone Photos". Jim is a local professional photographer and educator. His website is JIMAGES.COM. I'd like to thank Donna Whalen for identifying Jim as a potential speaker.

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By Law Changes

8.2 A Nominating Committee Chairperson A chairperson shall be appointed by the President no later than the regular membership meeting ~~on the first Tuesday~~ in September. The Chairperson may establish a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of nominees for the elective offices, provide each nominee with a copy of the Bylaws; then provide the slate of nominees to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the November newsletter and or other communication. At the general meeting in November, additional nominations will be solicited ~~may be made~~ from the floor and accepted, provided that the nominees indicate concurrence with their names being placed in nomination.
To provide maximum transparency in the voting process, the candidates identified by the Nominating Committee, by self-nomination, or nominations made and accepted on the floor, should be the standard to allow candidates to be properly identified on the printed ballot. The use of write-in ballots however is allowed.

8.2.1 The election will take place at the annual meeting of the membership in December and will be supervised by the Nominating Committee. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots shall not be marked in any way that would permit tracking or the perception of tracking of the ballots to a voting member. Members of the nominating committee shall retain close control of ballots, allocating one ballot per voting member, and collecting the ballots for counting by members of the Nominating Committee. Write-in votes for candidates, not previously identified, shall be accepted if clearly legible and the candidate is a member in good standing in the Corporation. Selection of winners for all positions shall be by plurality i.e., receiving the most cast votes. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by the drawing of lots, such as selecting the short straw.

To avoid the appearance of coercion, campaigning of members to secure votes shall not occur within the building of the election.
8.2.2 The Chairperson of the Nomination Committee will announce the results
To the members as soon as possible ~~immediately~~ at the meeting and ~~will have~~ provide them to be posted, in the January issue of the newsletter or other communication. Any irregularities in the election process shall be identified promptly to the President and to the existing board members. A copy of the election results shall be given to the Secretary for inclusion into the permanent record of the Corporation.

~~Directors and Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members voting in person.~~

In the event an office is contested, any nominee may request a recount of the ballots. Paper ballots shall be retained for not less than 30 days after an election and uploaded to the cloud for permanent retention, along with the summary results of the voting. After that, the paper ballots may be destroyed.

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Computer Tech Info

By Jim Hillier

Upgrading from Windows 10 To Windows 11

If you are running Windows 10 on a PC that meets Windows 11's stringent requirements, you should be seeing the following message under Windows Update (Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update):

Windows 11 Ready Message

If you've been putting off upgrading for some reason, perhaps now is a good time to rethink.

Should You Upgrade To Windows 11 Now?

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In my opinion, if your PC running Windows 10 meets Windows 11 requirements, you should seriously consider upgrading now. Here's why:

Windows 10 reaches end-of-support in October 2025 (a mere two years away) at which time you'll need to upgrade to Windows 11, run an unsupported (insecure) Windows 10, or install Linux.

Bearing that in mind, and with the likely advent of a Windows 12. The differences between Windows 10 and Windows 11 are not overly significant, and the differences between Windows 11 and Windows 12 will probably not be overly significant either. However, the differences between Windows 10 and Windows 12 will almost certainly be significant.

My point is, that upgrading now will give you plenty of time to familiarize yourself with Windows 11 making the eventual transition to Windows 12 (or whatever Microsoft decides to name it) a lot more palatable.

I'm currently running Windows 10 and Windows 11 on separate internal SSDs and, in my opinion, Windows 11 is a very good operating system. Sure, Windows 11 has some minor issues, but it is still under active development with frequent feature updates, and improving all the time.

What operating system are you running? If one of the older operating systems, are you thinking of upgrading? Let us know in the comments.

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