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February 6th, 2024 Monthly Meeting

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

6:00 - 7:00 Q&A Session
 7:00 - 8:00 Presentation

[Zoom Available](#)

President's Message Grover Mudd

Letter from the President

We have a valued lifetime member, Yvette Pilch, who has decided to fully retire. She has done this newsletter for years, and has served as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer over her many years of service. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. May she enjoy her retirement.

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I have 3 new members who have volunteered to help with our front desk. We welcome them. We are always in need of volunteers who can spend some of their spare time on different things. Those with tech knowledge who can help members are especially needed. All volunteers are very much appreciated.

Some members misunderstood my last President's message when I stated I would like to get back to the old ways. To rephrase it, what I meant is that we need to get membership and volunteer numbers back to where they were when we were in the Cultural Center. Technology is always going to change and we just have to keep up with it.

Your President
 Grover Mudd





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Welcome New Members

Jane Benner	Lena Carey	Steve Carey
Douglas Carnegie	Mary DePouw	Paula Gucwa
Patricia Kelly	Jeff Massey	Joseph Gucwa
Janet Mustacio	Jayne Dietsch	Mary Marto
Janette Harden	Bill Harden	Luz Munarriz
Luisa Vargas	Nora Paulus Haston	

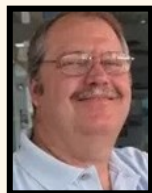
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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.

2024 Officers & Directors



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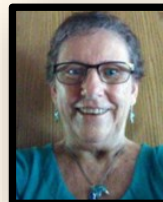
Mary Burns



Shirley Hammond



Tony Flores



Janice Krumwiede



Fran Robitaille

It is a pleasure to serve you in 2024 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.
 Please help to spread the word about CCCGC to your friends and neighbors.



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January 2, 2024 General Meeting

Q&A Session

The Q&A part of the January meeting was run by myself, Fran Robitaille. I began with a brief presentation on the use of local weather stations to provide continuous up to date local weather conditions without having to buy a weather station. The presentation is available on the CCCGC Web site as well as through the link in the next paragraph..

In addition there was a discussion about the status of Windows 10. That discussion and related articles are available here. [Jan 2024 Q&A](#)

Other questions that came up revolved around using Kaspersky anti-virus. Here are a couple of links to articles about Kaspersky. Generally we recommend using Windows Defender rather than buying outside security software.

[Google Play Store APP](#)

[PC Magazine Review \(2022\)](#)

[CyberNews Article About Kaspersky Safety](#)

There was also a discussion about replacement software for Macrium Reflect. Macrium will continue to work but will no longer receive critical updates. We are working on and will have to make a decision on a suitable replacement in the near future.



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January 2, 2024 General Meeting Regular Session

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by welcoming guests and new members. This was followed by the swearing in of the elected officers and directors for the 2024 calendar year.

Rosemary Sexton, who was chair of the nominating committee, did the swearing in. All officers and directors were present except for Ron Muschong (Secretary) and Tony Flores (Director). They will be sworn in at a later date.

The officers are:

Grover Mudd - President

Mark Krider - Vice President

Ron Muschong - Secretary

Lydia Rist - Treasurer

Mary Burns, Jan Krumwiede, Tony Flores, Shirley Hammond and Fran Robitaille - Directors

George Kopenc presented his favorite of the month - **RoboForm**, a password manager. It is linked on the CCCGC.INFO website.

Mark Krider made a presentation on Wearable Tech such as smart watches, glasses, and heart monitors. It included a video from Ron Brown, MD on the topic. The presentation is also on the web site.

Finally, the drawings were held. The big winners are shown on the next two pages.



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Member Drawings January 2, 2024



Shirley Hammond won a door prize and a computer.

Ned Swanson - Door Prize Winner



Nannette Simmons - Door Prize Winner





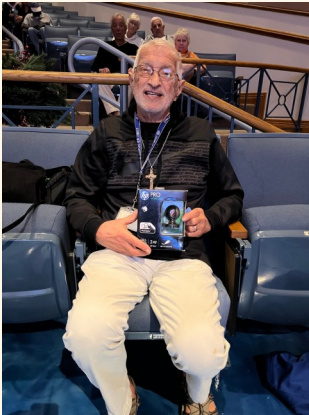
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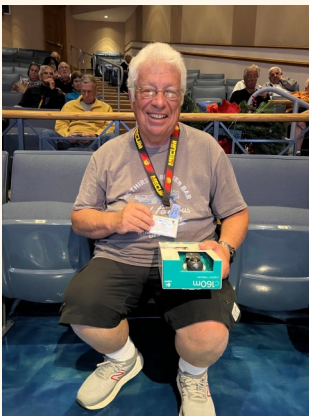
Member Drawings January 2, 2024



Jerry Allen - Door Prize Winner



Hugh Havlik - Door Prize Winner



Don Niosi - Door Prize Winner



Martha Hoover - 50/50 Winner



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A Thank You To Yvette Pilch

By Fran Robitaille

Volunteer Defined: a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service, a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

The Earliest reference I could find to Yvette's membership in the Charlotte County Computer Group was in June of 2004. In January of 2005 she was already hard at work volunteering as the

Review Editor.

Needless to say she's been at it for a long time. Most recently Yvette has been the Bytes Editor, working in relative obscurity to turn out the monthly edition of the Charlotte Bytes.

Yvette deserves the club's thanks and appreciation for her many years of service. I'm pretty sure most members don't know what goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running. That's unfortunate.



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A Thank You to Yvette Pilch

Longtime CCCGC Volunteer

So to Yvette I say thank you for your many years of service. There are other things you could have done with your time but instead you chose to help the Charlotte County Computer Group to be a better organization.

Thank You for your time and service.

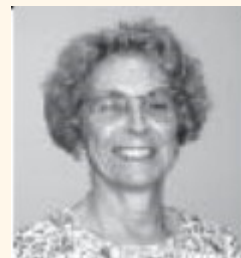
Yvette, June 2004, bottom left



Upper left: Kim Geary, one of the more recent members of the Builders Group.

Upper right: Eileen O'Sullivan, a member of the Builders Group for over a year.

Lower left: A. Yvette Pilch and Joseph Doyle, are also members of the Builders Group



Yvette January 2005



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Feb 6 Military Heritage Museum Auditorium
 900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
 6-7 PM Q&A Session
 7-8 Main Presentation
[Zoom Link](#)

Feb 8 Maintenance & Backup
 2-4 PM Office
 Lydia Rist

Feb 13 Open Forum
 2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
 Mary Flenor
[Flenor Class Link](#)

Feb 14 Zoom Basics
 2-4 PM
 Mark Krider

Feb 22 Maintenance & Backup
 2-4PM
 Lydia Rist

Feb 23 Board of Director Meeting
[Zoom Link](#)



February 23 Board of Director Meeting
 2:00 pm
 514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
[CCCGC Board Meeting](#)



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

Using Windows 11?

Here are some things you can do to speed up your system from Computerworld.

Thirteen ways to speed up Windows 11

- ◆ Disable programs that run on startup
- ◆ Use efficiency mode
- ◆ Use automatic Windows maintenance
- ◆ Kill adware and bloatware
- ◆ Turn off search indexing
- ◆ Clean out your hard disk
- ◆ Disable shadows, animations, and visual effects
- ◆ Disable transparency
- ◆ Change your power settings
- ◆ Turn off Windows tips and tricks
- ◆ Disable Game Mode
- ◆ Update device drivers
- ◆ Restart Windows



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Thirteen ways to speed up Windows 11 (Continued)

Here's a link to the Computerworld article detailing the specifics on how to do this.

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3687056/how-to-speed-up-windows-11.html>

Want to do the same with Windows 10? Here's the link.

<https://www.computerworld.com/article/3029168/how-to-speed-up-windows-10.html>



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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

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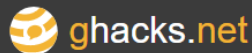
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