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March 4th, 2024 Monthly Meeting

Family Services Center
 21500 Gibraltar Drive
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952

[Click Here For Directions](#)

3:00 - 4:00 Q&A Session
 4:00 - 5:00 Presentation

[Zoom Available](#)

President's Message Grover Mudd

Letter from the President

Unfortunately we have had to move our regular monthly meeting from the Heritage Museum to the Family Services Center in Port Charlotte. This is due to the museum asking for a \$200 fee per meeting. We will be sending an email to all members with the information and address. Q&A will be from 3-4PM and regular meetings will start at 4PM. The March meeting is going to be on Monday the 4th and we are trying to set up a permanent time and date.

George Kopenec had his surgery and is doing well. Keep him in your prayers. If you know of members that are sick or having surgeries please let the office know so a card can be sent.

As usual we are always happy to know if you or someone you know would like to volunteer their services. Please contact the office or myself.

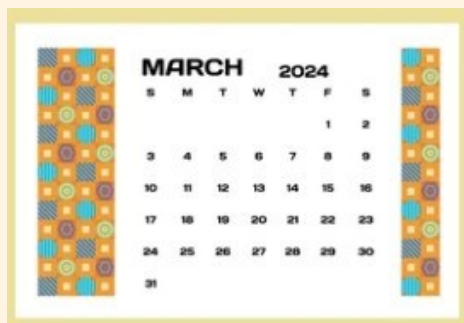
Thank you

Grover Mudd

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Please note the change in time and place for our Monthly Meeting





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Welcome New Members

Alesha Jewett	Melissa McConnell	Jane McDonald
Nancy Schwalm	Anne Taylor	Allen Taylor
Thomas Roberge	Gerry Russell	

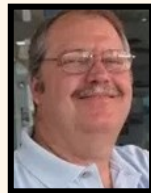
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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.

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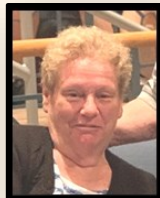
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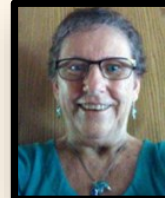
Mary Burns



Shirley Hammond



Tony Flores



Janice Krumwiede



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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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February 6, 2024 General Meeting Q&A Session

The Q&A part of the February meeting was run by Mary Fleenor. Some of the questions asked:

Low cost internet? Mention was made of TMobile's 5G service at \$60/month. Here's a link to a review of TMobile's service. <http://tinyurl.com/3v9zwnk>

Verizon is now offering 5G internet service through the cellular network. It's similar to TMobile.

Here's a link. <http://tinyurl.com/2vjs82xp>

I personally use Comcast Internet service. For the past couple of years I have gone into the local Comcast store and asked what was the best price they had available for internet service only. Last year I was paying \$25/month and this year \$30/month. I bought my own modem several years ago so I'm not paying Comcast \$15+ a month in rental fees, These are typically teaser rates that increase to \$50+ after a year. However it seems that if you drop into the store shortly after your one year is up and ask if there's anything they can do to help you with the cost of internet service, they seem to always have a promotion available that they can switch you into. I feel like I get much better deals going into the store rather than calling and asking what deals are available. It doesn't hurt to ask.

If you're a low income household you can also ask your internet service provider to see if you qualify for a discount. It's called the Affordable Connectivity Program

<http://tinyurl.com/dkicdhn6>



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Questions came up about extending the range of wi-fi signals.

Here's an article about the options. <http://tinyurl.com/y5bs39fp>

A question was asked about Linux. What is it? Given the possible short service life of Windows 10 machines, discussion has begun about possibly considering Linux as an alternative for those members whose computers aren't Windows 11 capable and who are willing to try something new. We'll see.

<http://tinyurl.com/2vrf9btz>



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February 6, 2024 General Meeting Regular Session

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by welcoming guests and new members.

Mark Krider next presented the Favorite of the Month. The Favorite has traditionally been presented by George Kopenec however George recently had surgery. We wish George a speedy recovery and hope to see both George and Rose back in the office soon.

The Favorite was Annual Credit Report. At this web site anyone can access a free copy of their credit report from the three main credit reporting agencies, Experian, TransUnion and Equifax. I believe it's a good idea to periodically check your credit report from each agency to make sure that nothing unexpected shows up in the report. Husbands and wives each get their own. They are different.

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

Next, Mark Krider made a presentation about location tracking with Tiles, Tags, and GPS Trackers. Here are links to the PowerPoint presentation as well as to the YouTube video of the meeting.

<http://tinyurl.com/mrxr99xk> PowerPoint

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2sBvzUSCwE&t=34s> YouTube

Following the presentation, drawings were held.



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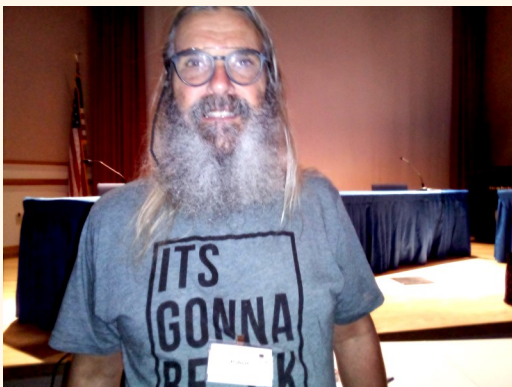
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Member Drawings February 6, 2024



Kenneth Brandel won a \$25 gift certificate.



Robert Moore won a cell phone holder.



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Tony Funaro - Won a router cable.



John Francois - 50/50 Winner \$67



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Future Events & Presentations

March 2024 CCCGC Classes & Programs

Mar 4 Family Services Center
 21500 Gibraltar Dr.
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 3-4 PM Q&A Session
 4-5 Main Presentation
[Zoom Link](#)

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

Mar 12 Open Forum
 2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
 Mary Fleenor
[Fleenor Class Link](#)

Mar 14 Zoom Basics
 2-4 PM
 Mark Krider

Mar 21 Maintenance & Backup
 2-4PM
 Lydia Rist

Mar 29 Board of Director Meeting
[Zoom Link](#)



March 29 **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

New iPhone Security Feature

Apple recently released update IOS17.3 for their iPhone operating system. It has some new features that might help protect you from identity theft if your phone is stolen. Here's an article that explains it all. From what I've read, if your phone will take IOS 17.3, the security feature should work. Older phones may not take the update.

<http://tinyurl.com/3cm2n9a3>

20 Tech Myths To Be Aware Of

<https://www.pcmag.com/articles/dont-believe-these-ridiculous-tech-myths>

Internet Speed

How fast is your internet and is it fast enough? Here's a great article about internet speed and what's good enough.

<https://www.pcmag.com/explainers/how-much-internet-speed-do-you-really-need>



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A Few Final Thoughts

What are a computer's favorite snacks?

Microchips and cookies, but only a few bytes of each.

Someone cracked my password...

Now I need to rename my cat.

Keep Learning





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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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