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May 6th, 2024
Monthly Meeting

Family Services Center
21500 Gibralter 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

First, I want to bring attention to the fact that the Charlotte County Computer Group turned 40 years old this March. It's an incredible accomplishment. Inside this issue of the Bytes is some of the club's history. I hope everyone enjoys the look back.

As for our last member meeting, I want to thank all who helped set up tables and chairs and helped replace them in their original location. It's a heartfelt thank you.

If anyone has ideas on how we can improve our meetings, please bring your thoughts to Mark or myself. We appreciate any feedback from our members.

We still need office volunteers and are especially short of technicians. We are also in dire need of mice. If you have any to spare, it would be appreciated.

To all our snowbirds we wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to your return. We are only a phone call away.

Thank you,

Grover Mudd, President

Forty years and counting!

Happy Birthday Charlotte County Computer Group

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Welcome New Members

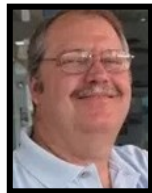|		
Jean Crooks	Vera Hendricks	Tom Teubert
Louise Hinzmann	Patricia Wagner	Aida Kaestner

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.
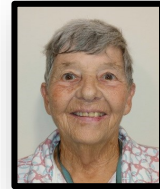
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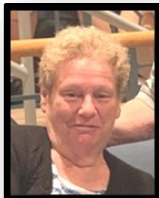

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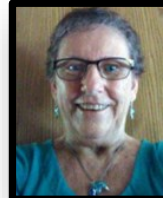
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Tony Flores

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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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Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation

40 Years Old And Counting

Did you know the CCCGC has been around since 1984? It seems that most volunteer organizations die a slow death due at least partially to a lack of volunteers. We've managed to avoid that, so far. We have our problems. They shouldn't be insurmountable. Note that a lack of volunteers was mentioned in the 30th anniversary issue of the Bytes as a problem from the beginning and still a problem 30 years later. Well guess what? It still is 40 years later.

So, if you have some spare time and want to do something useful, keep the club in mind. You can work in the office, you can help repair computers. You can teach or make presentations. It might be possible to work remotely. Writing for the Bytes, helping with the preparation of the Bytes or calendar or perhaps the web site can all be done remotely if someone wants to help from home.

Below is a link to a special edition of the Bytes prepared in March of 2014 to celebrate 30 years. Nice history of the club. Notice there are some names with us today who were active members 10 years ago. Their service in some cases goes way back. They deserve our thanks. Of note, Harold Nixon, Lydia Rist, Ron Muschong, Yvette Pilch, Grover Mudd, Lieda Boyko and Dick Evans (deceased) are widely mentioned.

Charlotte Bytes Thirty Year Special Edition (2014)

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Here's the very first edition of the Bytes.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY PC USERS' GROUP

March 26, 1984

Dear Member:

The next meeting of the CHARLOTTE COUNTY PC USER'S GROUP Will be on Monday April 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting location has been changed to the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association Building, room number 7, at 1800 West Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda. If you are traveling into PGI, this building is located immediately past the PGI Yacht Club.

Larry Maurer, a professional computer consultant and a member of our club, will present the program covering MS-DOS with specific emphasis on files and file names, keyboard commands, and tree directories.

We are enclosing a copy of our mailing list and ask that you return this list to the undersigned with any appropriate corrections. A survey sheet is also enclosed for those persons who have not previously completed one, and we would like to have this sheet filled out and returned. The club must have the active help of a large number of people if it is to evolve into a viable organization. We especially urge you not to be modest in making yourself available as there appears to be a shortfall of persons willing to take an active part in the management of our proposed organization. As reported in our last meeting, there will be an election of officers on May 7, 1984 and the formal organization of our club will be completed shortly thereafter. Please volunteer your help.

At the February 27th meeting, the members agreed to pay $3.00 to fund the organization, and this amount will be deducted from the yearly dues when they become payable upon completion of our formal organization. The Steering Committee does not have a bank account, so it would be appreciated if everyone will be prepared to pay $3.00 (in cash) at the meeting.

Hope to see you Monday,

Bill Millholland

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April 1, 2024 General Meeting
Q&A Session

Is Our Web site secure?

Good news, we are now secure. Our website has had the necessary changes such that it is now considered secure. You should not see any more messages warning that the site is not secure. The site now shows up as https: rather than http:.

https://cccgc.info/

Here's a link to a good article about securing a web site and what it means.

https://tinyurl.com/ffv23wa7

Mirroring vs Casting, What is it? Check page 10 for more information.

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Q&A Session

Patch My PC is a utility that helps keep your apps or programs up to date. It can do many things.

Here is a link to the official Patch My PC web site where you can download the program. There are also several short videos that help explain many of its features. They are worth watching.

Patch My PC will work from whatever location it is downloaded to. After downloading it, double click to run then click on the Options button. One of the choices you can check is to create a shortcut on the desktop. Next time all you have to do is double click on the shortcut on your desktop.

After installing and running, click on the options button on the left again. One option that is useful is to "Enable IT Pro Caching Mode". That should automatically check the box to not delete the app installation files. Using this option will speed up the update process significantly as installation files are saved or "cached" on your computer for quick processing.

Finally, right click on any program name in the list of available software. That brings up several options such as disabling auto updates or adding a program to be auto installed. Try it out.

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April 1, 2024 General Meeting

Regular Session

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

The presentation for the month of April was entitled Google Photo Albums by Chris Guld. Chris and her husband Jim are known as the Geeks OnTour. Chris is considered an expert in Google Photos.

Here's a link to the presentation of April 1st.

https://tinyurl.com/y2jdt9af

Here's a link to their YouTube page if you want to see more.

https://tinyurl.com/3jjy77np

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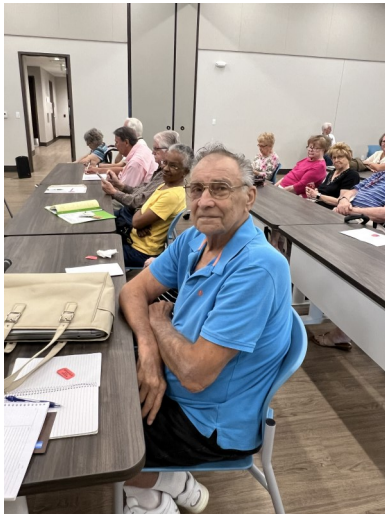
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Member Drawings
April 1, 2024

Ronald Stare won the $25 gift certificate.

Shannon Jones was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. He took home $32.

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Future Events & Presentations

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May 2 Maintenance & Backup
2-4 PM Office
Lydia Rist

May 6 Family Services Center
21500 Gibralter Dr.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
3-4 PM Q&A Session
4-5 Main Presentation
Zoom Link

May 9 Internet Browsing Tips
2-4 PM
Mark Krider

May 14 Open Forum
2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
Mary Fleenor
Fleenor Class Link

May 16 Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist

May 31 Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom Link

May 31 Board of Director Meeting
2:00 pm
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
CCCGC Board Meeting

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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 <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

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Computer Tech by Fran Robitaille

Windows Snap is a feature that easily allows multiple windows on the screen. It's worth experimenting with.

https://tinyurl.com/ye29dyes

Here's a quick article about Mirroring/Casting.

https://tinyurl.com/mrvjbp4s

Another Article about Mirroring

https://tinyurl.com/ynkmx22j

Is Windows Defender enough?

https://tinyurl.com/y6t6cy63

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A Few Thoughts

I changed my password to "incorrect". So, whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".

I tried to say, "I'm a functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult," and sometimes I feel like that's more accurate.

If Bill Gates had a penny for every time I had to reboot my computer... Oh wait, he does.

Some early CCCGC Volunteers (1984)

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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**

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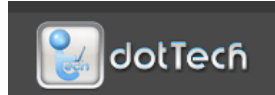Is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization as classified by the Internal Revenue Service.

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TechRegar
just tech stuff

Digital Citizen

ghacks.net

The How-To Geek Daily Article
Daily Computer Help from your Friendly How-To Geek

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