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# Charlotte Bytes

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## August 5th, 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

Please read. The board has decided to cancel the September Monthly Meeting due to it falling on Labor Day. **The August meeting will be held as usual on the 5th. There will not be a monthly meeting in September at the Family Services Center.** Meetings will resume in October.

Another month has gone by and our summer hours seem to be working well. I want to take this time to apologize for not being able to Zoom last month's meeting.

George and Rose Kopenec are not doing well and Mark Krider had surgery and is doing better. Jan got critically ill on our Alaska trip and is doing much better and hopes to be back in office on Wednesdays.

Given all of the issues affecting our volunteers, we felt it would be difficult to successfully Zoom the meeting. Hopefully we are good to go with the August meeting.

On a more positive note, we have had good results with people coming to volunteer in the office. Thank you for that.

Hope all are doing well and look forward to seeing you at our August 5th meeting.

Thank you,  
 Grover Mudd  
 President

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## Welcome New Members

Linda Cashio      Victor Carabott      George Deitering  
 Carol Howard

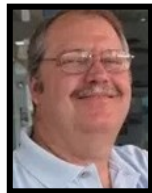
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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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**Grover Mudd**  
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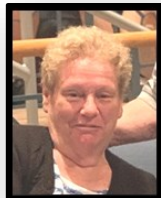
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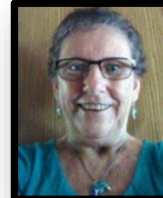
**Mary Burns**



**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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## Charlotte County Computer Group (CCCGC) Needs Volunteers!

**If you love technology, we need your help in any of these areas: teaching, presenting, troubleshooting, hardware, software and leadership of the organization. General office help is also needed. Please consider volunteering. We can use your help.**

CCCGC is a nonprofit with the mission to promote computer literacy. We are an all-volunteer run agency that refurbishes computers that are then distributed to non-profits, to students, and Veterans. Members can drop off their computers for repair and they can stop by our office if they have a computer challenge. Monthly, we provide computer classes and technical presentations.

Please call CCCGC for more information at  
941-585-0356



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## July 1, 2024 General Meeting Regular Session

### July's Presentation

July's presentation was about Home Automation and Security. It was presented by Bill James of APCUG. It's a couple years old but the basic rules remain the same.

Keep your devices updated.

Use strong passwords.

Use 2FA or two factor authentication.

See my article on page 7 for more related information.

Here's the presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/mpa2ncdx>



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## Member Drawings July 1, 2024



**Jane McDonald was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. She won \$22.**



**Harold Howard was the lucky winner of the \$25 American Express gift card.**



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## Future Events & Presentations

### [August 2024 CCCGC Classes & Programs](#)

**August 1 Maintenance & Backup**  
 2-4PM  
 Lydia Rist

**August 5 Family Services Center**  
 21500 Gibraltar Dr.  
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
 3-4 PM Q&A Session  
 4-5 Main Presentation  
[Zoom Link](#)

**August 8 Clipchamp Video Editing**  
 2-4 PM  
 Mark Krider

**August 12 Members Helping**  
 2-3:30  
 George Kopenec

**August 15 Maintenance & Backup**  
 2-4PM  
 Lydia Rist

**August 29 Board of Directors Meeting**  
 2PM  
[Zoom Link](#)



**August 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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=apcug)



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## Computer Tech by Fran Robitaille

Did you know that 10 Billion passwords have been leaked on a hacker web site. Often, when web sites get hacked, the hacker will take passwords and user names. They'll also take Social Security numbers and dates of birth if they can. They're trying to put together enough information about the rest of us such that if they wanted to, they could impersonate us, steal our identities and then steal our money. It's pretty scary.

What should you do? First, if you haven't done it recently, consider changing your passwords. Especially those for critical accounts such as your bank or broker, the IRS and Social Security, etc. Second, set up Two Factor Authentication (2FA). If someone has your password, they will still need your phone to access the 2FA code to authenticate that it's really you. Third, consider using a password manager to handle your passwords and to create new passwords that are unique. Finally, fourth, watch for account compromise. Keep an eye out for bogus emails. Don't click on any links if you're not sure.

Here's a link to the password leak article: <https://tinyurl.com/52yjxk4m>

Here's a link to a web site that will check your email to see if it's part of any data breaches: <https://haveibeenpwned.com/> Breaches are so common that it's highly likely your email is out there. Finally, there's a link in the article where you can enter your passwords to see if they have been stolen. I'm not that excited about entering legit passwords so I'll probably not try that link.



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### CrowdStrike Strikes

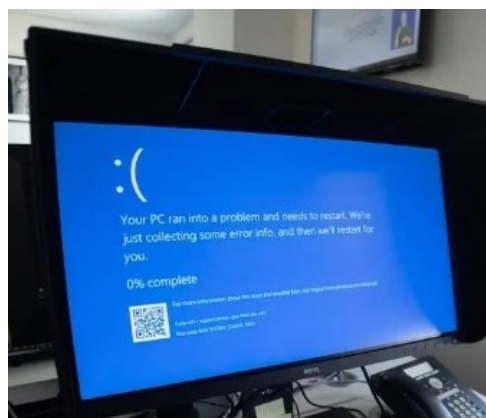
Recently a computer security company called CrowdStrike issued a patch or a security update to its customers. Turned out the update wasn't ready for prime time and it caused computer systems around the world to crash. All of these systems were running Microsoft software and using CrowdStrike security software. Airline reservations were snarled, banks systems messed up and even hospital surgery schedules were wiped out. Quite the mess and it wasn't even perpetrated by bad actors. Unfortunately it will take a while to completely clean up.

Here's a link to an article about the story. <https://tinyurl.com/y9ttb7vp>

One interesting note is that Southwest Airlines had no issues with the CrowdStrike update. Why? Because Southwest is still running Windows 3.1. Yes, that's right Windows 3.1 from 32 years ago. Southwest had issues last year with scheduling because their software was so old but this time, the old software saved the day, for them at least.

Here's a link: <https://tinyurl.com/4sype6sh>

Who remembers the Blue Screen Of Death?







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### Final Thoughts

Why did the computer go to the dentist? ....To get his Bluetooth checked.

Why was the mobile phone wearing glasses? .... Because it lost its contacts.

Why did the computer go to therapy? ....To deal with its motherboard issues.

### 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](http://www.cccgc.info)

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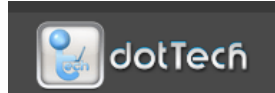
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