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Next Monthly Meeting
December 2, 2024
Annual Meeting,
Elections and
Holiday
Gathering

Family Services Center
21500 Gibralter Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Click Here For Directions

No Zoom This Month

President's Message
Grover Mudd

Dear members,

This will be my last month as President and I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Remember to attend our annual Christmas election party on Dec 2nd. Bring your favorite finger food snack to share.

Mark Krider will be running for your new President. I am sure he will do a great job for everyone. Please support him as well as you did me.

I have to thank all the volunteers that helped me through this past year.
Thanks again,

Sincerely,
Grover Mudd
President

Happy Holidays

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Welcome New Members
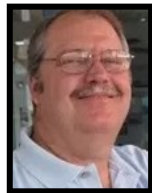
Christy Evilsizor   Brandy Philman

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

President
Grover Mudd
cccgcpresident@gmail.com

Vice President
Mark Krider
cccgcvp@gmail.com

Secretary
Ron Muschong
cccgcsecretary@gmail.com

Treasurer
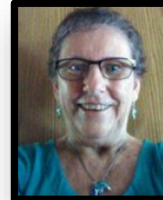**Lydia Rist**
cccgctreasurer@gmail.com

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. <u>Please consider running for the board of directors</u>. 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
<u>941-585-0356</u>

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Secretary

Dear CCCGC Members,

Per section 6.2 of the Corporation by-laws, notice is hereby given that the annual membership meeting of the Charlotte County Computer Group, Corporation will be held on December 2, 2024 at 3:00 PM at the Family Services Center, 21500 Gibralter Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 and shall elect a Board of Directors and Officers for the year 2025. This notice shall be posted in the November and December issue of the Bytes.

Ronald J. Muschong, Secretary

6.2   Annual Meeting: The regular meeting in the month of December shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors. The Secretary shall post a notice of the Annual Meeting giving the date, time and location in the November and December issues of the newsletter.

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2025 Slate of Officers and Directors

President: Mark Krider

Vice President: Jane McDonald

Secretary: Ron Muschong

Treasurer: Lydia Rist

Directors: Shirley Hammond

                    Vera Hendricks

                    Janice Krumwiede

                    Fran Robitaille

                    Rosemary Sexton

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Mark Krider: (For President) Mark holds a B.S. in Computer Science and an MBA in Leadership. He is the current Vice President. He joined the group in 2021 and became a board member the following year. He offers courses on cord-cutting, Zoom, and Video Editing, and assists members with technical problems.

Jane McDonald: (For Vice President) Jane is a recent volunteer to the CCCGC after joining in February of this year. She is presently serving as the Nominations Committee Chair and also volunteers in the office providing tech help to members. Her career involved working in the IT industry in many sectors and many capacities for 50 years.

Ron Muschong: (For Secretary) Ron Muschong is the current Secretary. He has been a member of the Computer Club for 14 years, served on the Board for nine of those years, and has been an officer for six years. He volunteers in the office and assists members. He is looking forward to continuing to serve and is asking for and will be most appreciative of your vote.

Lydia Rist: (For Treasurer) Lydia Rist has been a member since 2001 and has served for the last 3 years as Treasurer. She was also Secretary for a total of 11 years, Vice President for 1 year, and Director for 11 years. Lydia was instrumental in developing the Refurbishing and Recycling Department and currently oversees that area. She also installs the operating systems and programs on both desktops and laptops for distribution to school students, veterans, etc.

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Shirley Hammond: Shirley has been a member of the Charlotte County Computer Group for 11 years. She was a CCCGC volunteer at the Cultural Center before moving to the Punta Gorda location where she continues to volunteer in the office.

Vera Hendricks: Vera is a recent addition to the volunteer staff. She has been working to help make office procedures and paperwork more efficient. She has also been helping develop a new web site for the club and has presented at general meetings.

Jan Krumweide: Jan joined the Computer Group 2 years ago and immediately became an asset. She has been a member of the Board for 2024. She is a faithful office volunteer and is always eager to assist members.

Fran Robitaille: Fran Robitaille has been a member of the CCCGC for 7 years. His activities in the office have been as a volunteer tech helping members with computer problems as well as updating machines for donation. Fran has served as a Director for the past 4 years.

Rosemary Sexton: Rosemary joined the computer club 15 years ago and immediately knew it was a place where she was comfortable and could grow her computer skills. She regularly attends the monthly meetings and often the board meetings.

Rosemary has been a regular participant in weekly in-person classes held by Dick Evans and later with Mary Fleenor, and in 2020, when they were switched to Zoom classes, she was there. She has served on the desk in the office and continues to be "on call" for the office if needed. She was the Nominating Chairperson for the 2023 club election of officers and directors.

Rosemary and her husband spend the summer months in Western North Carolina where she continues to Zoom the monthly meetings and often the board of directors meetings.

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November 4, 2024 General Meeting

Jane McDonald - Nominating Committee Chair

Jane McDonald began the meeting with a report on the nominations for members of the 2025 board and officers. She also asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The final slate of nominees can be found on pages 5 thru 7 of this issue of The Bytes. Don't forget to vote on December 2, 2024 at 3:00 PM at the Family Services Center.

Following the nominations presentation, Mark Krider made a presentation on the status of Windows 10.

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Member Drawings

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Jonas Lewis was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. He won $25.

Betty Sterling was the lucky winner of the $25 gift card.

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Future Events & Presentations

December 2024 CCCGC Classes & Programs

December   2 Family Services Center
Elections For
Annual Meeting
Officers and Directors
3-5PM
No Zoom

December   5 Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist

December   12 Internet Browsing Tips
2-4 PM
Mark Krider

December   19 Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist

December   20 Board of Directors Meeting
2PM
Zoom Link

December 20   Board of Director Meeting
2:00 pm
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
CCCGC Board Meeting

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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

Still using paid anti-virus like Avast, McAfee or Norton? Here's an article that suggests it may be a mistake and that Windows built in anti-virus is as good as most paid services.

Click here to read more: https://tinyurl.com/4zkcz74j

Here's another story about Kaspersky, a company which has had many legal issues with the US. Kaspersky recently switched customers without permission or forewarning to a product called UltraAV. Many users thought it was a virus. Not good for Kaspersky customers. Ever hear of UltraAV? I haven't either.

Click here to read about it: https://tinyurl.com/tm425594

At the club we suggest using Windows built in security software. We also suggest using Malwarebytes, SuperAntiSpyware, and Wise Disk Cleaner. Use the free versions of each. Update them, don't upgrade them. Run each periodically.

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Final Thoughts: My Next Life By Woody Allen

My Next Life
by Woody Allen

In my next life I want to live backwards.
You start out dead and get that out of the way.

Then you wake up in an old people's home
feeling better every day.

You get kicked out for being too healthy,
go collect your pension, and then when
you start work, you get a gold watch
and a party on your first day.

You work for 40 years until you're young
enough to enjoy your retirement.

You party, drink alcohol, and are
generally promiscuous, then you
are ready for high school.

You then go to primary school,
you become a kid, you play.
You have no responsibilities,
you become a baby until you
are born. And then you spend
your last 9 months floating in
luxurious spa like conditions with
central heating and room service
on tap, larger quarters every day
and then, Voila!
You finish off as an orgasm!

I rest my case.

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For more information

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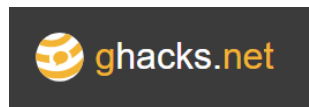## Articles in the Bytes are courtesy of these Tech Sites

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