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**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**November 4, 2024**  
**Nomination of**  
**Officers and**  
**Directors**

Family Services Center  
 21500 Gibraltar Drive  
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952

[Click Here For Directions](#)

[Click here for Zoom](#)

## President's Message Grover Mudd

Dear members,

I hope everyone made it through the hurricane with limited or no damage. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting on Nov 4th at the Family Services building at 3 PM as usual. We will take nominations from the floor for board and officer positions. Consider nominating yourself or a friend/significant other if we can interest you in volunteering. We can use the help.

Remember elections are December 2nd in place of the regular meeting. The December meeting will also be our Christmas party and potluck. Plan on coming to vote and bringing your specialty to share with everyone.

Sincerely,  
 Grover Mudd  
 President

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## Welcome New Members

Peggy Hombake      Evelyn McLucas      David Riddell  
Danielle Rotondella      Carol Tonkinson      Elizabeth Francois  
Andrea Zawada

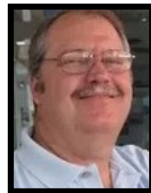
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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**  
cccgpresident@gmail.com



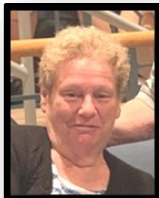
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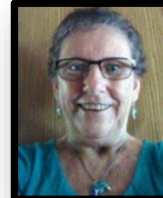
**Mary Burns**



**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 running for the board of directors. 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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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 Gibraltar 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

It's not too late to submit your name or someone else's name in nomination for a position on the board. Having more names than we need is always a good thing.

Here's a link to the nomination form. If interested, please print then complete and return to the CCCGC office by Wednesday November 13, 2024.

Nomination Form: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5trbfd>



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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 holds a B.S. in Statistics and a Masters in Information Architecture. She joined the club in early 2024 and has become involved with modernizing and improving CCCGC's website. She is also a Zumba instructor and ballroom dancer. Besides CCCGC, she volunteers with AARP Tax-Aide which provides free tax preparation for many of the Charlotte County residents. She is happy to assist with tax-related questions, as well as consumer-level technology inquiries.

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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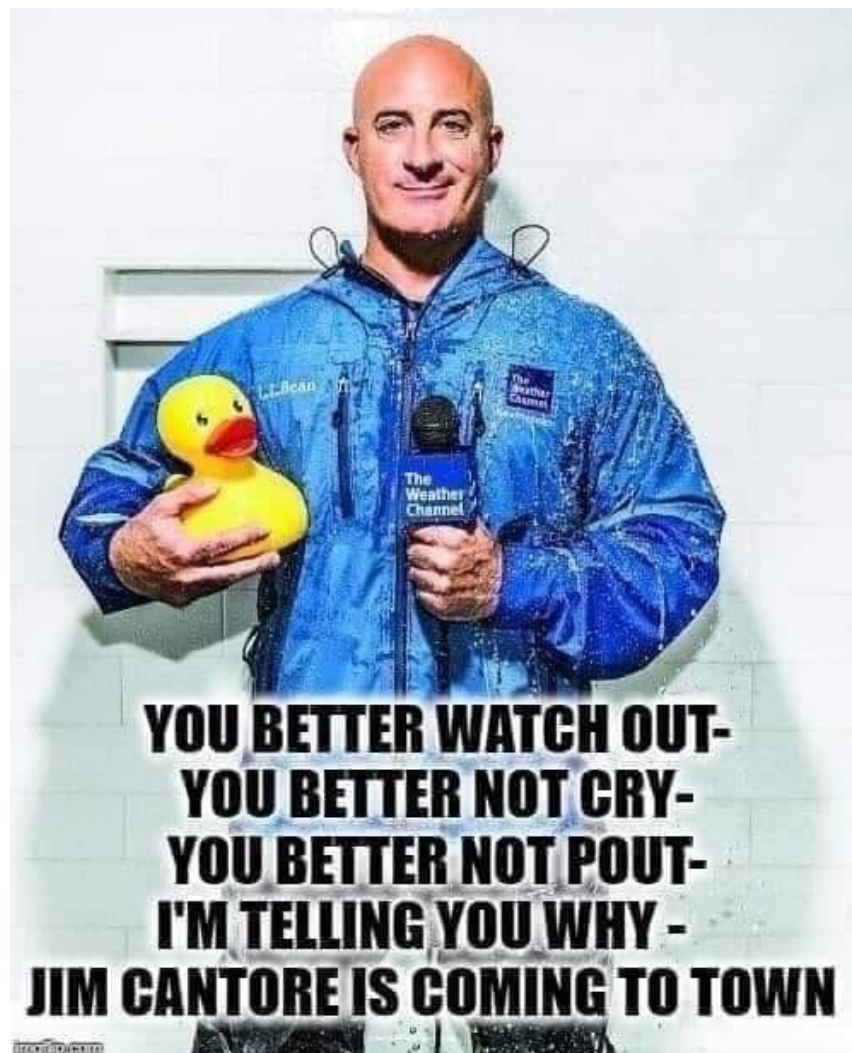
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**October 7, 2024 General Meeting**  
**No meeting due to hurricane Helene**







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**Member Drawings**

**None in October**

Another hurricane got in the way. Have we had enough yet?

Florida is under there somewhere.



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## Future Events & Presentations

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

- November 4 Family Services Center  
Nominations for  
Officers and Directors  
**3-5PM**  
[Zoom Link](#)
- November 7 Maintenance & Backup  
**2-4PM**  
Lydia Rist
- November 14 Beginners Help  
**2-4 PM**  
Mark Krider
- November 21 Maintenance & Backup  
**2-4PM**  
Lydia Rist
- November 22 Board of Directors Meeting  
**2PM**  
[Zoom Link](#)



**November 22** 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



Ever wonder what a million dollars looks like? How about a billion or maybe a trillion? Here's a graphic representation of what each looks like. The U.S. debt numbers in this graphic are old and much worse today, more than twice as much debt as in 2011.

Check it out!

<https://tinyurl.com/2nzd4dxu>



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What's the latest identity theft scam we're seeing today? To me it seems the theft of one's property or real estate done by filing fraudulent papers with the county registrar. Charlotte County has a service you can opt into that might help protect your property this form of theft.

Here are a couple of stories about the scam.

<https://tinyurl.com/etj2s3s4>

Here's the Elvis Presley story from several months ago.

<https://tinyurl.com/4vb8chkf>

Here's a link to the county clerk's office. Sign up now. It's free!

<https://fraudalert.charlotteclerk.com/>

**Don't forget to lock your credit reports.**



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Are you using Gmail? If so beware of scams to take over your Gmail account. If someone gets access to your email, they may also get access to your passwords if you save them to the Google password manager.

Here's a story about an IT manager who almost got taken.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9sebhu>



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### Final Thoughts

Nothing like a hurricane to come through and make you realize what's really important in life...**internet access!**

What do you get if you combine a hurricane and a card game?

**A Bridge over troubled water.**



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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)

For more information

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

Forms, Supplements, Membership, Classes, Bytes, etc.

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