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Next Monthly Meeting
October 7, 2024
CCCGC Anniversary
Celebration

Family Services Center
 21500 Gibraltar Drive
 Port Charlotte, FL 33952
 No Zoom

[Click Here For Directions](#)

President's Message Grover Mudd

Dear members,

Our 40th Anniversary get-together is coming up Oct 7th and I am looking forward to seeing everyone who has signed up to attend. Looks like we will have around 80 members attending.

Election of officers and board members is coming up and if you or someone you know would like to be involved please call the office or let myself or Mark know. Jane McDonald is heading the committee and you can contact her as well. Her email is janemcd@yahoo.com.

We badly need computers and mice and if you have any to donate, please bring them into the office.

Hope to see all our snowbirds back soon.

Have a great month.

Thank you,
 Grover Mudd
 President

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Welcome New Members

Gerald Dethlefs Marie Mayberry James Lyons
 Rose Marie Sanders William Scott

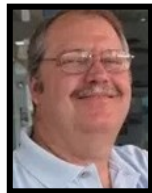
The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

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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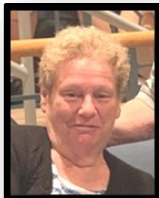
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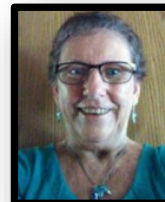
Mary Burns



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 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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September 2, 2024 General Meeting
No meeting due to Labor Day Holiday





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Member Drawings
None in September





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Future Events & Presentations

[October 2024 CCCGC Classes & Programs](#)

- October 3 **Maintenance & Backup**
2-4PM
Lydia Rist
- October 7 **Family Services Center Anniversary Party**
3-5PM
No Zoom
- October 10 **Beginners Help**
2-4 PM
Mark Krider
- October 17 **Maintenance & Backup**
2-4PM
Lydia Rist
- October 25 **Board of Directors Meeting**
2PM
[Zoom Link](#)

October 25 **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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Are you using paid antivirus software such as Avast, Norton or McAfee? You may want to reconsider.

<https://tinyurl.com/3y67sp6x>

Apple is upgrading it's operating system. IOS 18 is here. For a look at what's inside click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4ba5kc58>

Here's a pdf list of all of the updates in IOS18.

<https://tinyurl.com/2ny7zm9v>

Some Apple AirPods Pros may soon be usable as hearing aids. Here are a couple of articles about that.

<https://tinyurl.com/2e7s23jf>

<https://tinyurl.com/4vnvww8b>



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Tired of seeing all of those security hacks of your personal and financial information? Me too!

Here's a repeat from a few months ago about how to freeze your credit reports. Locking your credit is different and unfortunately the wonderful credit reporting agencies that have taken it upon themselves to monitor our credit and personal information, want to charge you to "lock" your credit. Freezing appears to be pretty much the same and it's free. **No reason I can see not to do it.** Yes, you do have to unfreeze your credit if you are applying for a loan or credit card and then refreeze it but to me it's worth it.

In May, George Kopenc presented as his favorite of the month, Credit Freezes. Credit Freezes help to protect your finances by locking down your credit. This makes it much more difficult for someone to open accounts like credit cards, in your name.

Here's a link to an article about Credit Freezes.

<https://tinyurl.com/2wersew6>

Credit Freezes can be done by phone or over the internet. You can set up accounts at the credit reporting agencies thru which you can freeze or unfreeze your own credit. Remember, you want to freeze, not lock.

Everyone has their own Freeze meaning husbands and wives each get their own therefore six accounts total, three per spouse.



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Credit Freezes continued:

Equifax: Add a security freeze [online](#), call 888-298-0045 or mail a form.

Experian: Add a security freeze [online](#), call 888-397-3742 or mail a form.

TransUnion: Add a security freeze [online](#), call 800-916-8800 or mail a form.

Finally, here's a link to a recent APCUG presentation on Credit Freezes. Jeff Wilkinson of the Sun City Summerlin Computer Club presenting. It's worth watching.

<https://tinyurl.com/59rcebf6>

One last story. We live in an age of scams. Ever wonder why it seems so bad? It's because it is bad, really bad. All I can say is be aware and be careful with your personal information.

<https://tinyurl.com/3bjxx2n3>



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Final Thoughts

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandpa, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"



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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:
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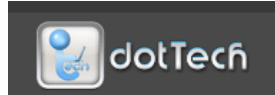
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