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 Events Calendar

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Next Monthly Meeting April 7, 2025

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 Link](#)

President's Message Mark Krider

Dear Members of the CCCGC,

As we approach another exciting summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some recent events and updates and share some important information with you.

Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who joined us for our fun-filled 40th Anniversary party on March 3rd. It was truly a joyous occasion, filled with laughter, memories, and a sense of community that makes CCCGC so special. Your presence and participation made the celebration a grand success, and I hope each of you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Website Update Success

I am thrilled to announce that we have successfully updated the CCCGC Website. This project has been a critical part of our efforts to enhance communication and provide a seamless online experience for our members. The new design is more user-friendly and offers a wealth of resources at your fingertips. A huge thank you to the Website Team of Vera Hendricks, Fran Robitaille, Lydia Rist and our intern Kylie Connor. I encourage you to explore the updated site and take advantage of its many features. Go to CCCGC.INFO

Summer Office Hours

As the warmer months arrive, we will begin our summer office hours. During this period to better meet your needs we encourage you to schedule appointment times as we will have a limited staff and want to provide ample opportunity for you to connect with us. Stay tuned as we will update the membership when summer hours will begin.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with CCCGC.

Warm regards,

Mark Krider

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Welcome New Members

Eileen Bacchi

Gloria Lewis

Kathy Ferro

Joe Ferro

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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Janice Krumwiede



Fran Robitaille

It is a pleasure to serve you in 2025 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. 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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March 3, 2024 General Meeting Regular Session

March's Presentation

The March 3rd, 2025 General Meeting was used to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Charlotte County Computer Group, Corp. Attendance was a little over 80 members and guests. Here are some pictures of the event.





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Debbie Krider Cooking Up A Storm





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Mark Krider - President



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40th Anniversary Celebration

First Issue of the Bytes, March 1984

(Initially the Group was named CCPCUG Charlotte County PC Users' Group)

Following are excerpts taken from the first newsletter which began with a single page letter to the group. It was mainly issued to announce the date of the next meeting, the scheduled program which was given by one of the group members, and perhaps one or two news items.

Charlotte County PC Users' Group

March 26, 1984

Dear Member:

The next meeting of the Charlotte County PC Users' 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.

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 this 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. (Thirty years.....Nothing has changed) 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.

Bill Millholland

In 1987 the Editor of the 2-page April Bytes was not listed. It could have been James R. E. Smith who was the Librarian. The 2 page newsletter announced program presentation, Program Questions/Answers and the discussion of Software and Shareware.

By December 1987 it had expanded to 3 pages. By the end of 1988 there were 3 Editors Bill Millholland, Don Frazier and Bob Miller. Bill Millholland was editor through 1989.

In late 1987 John Skinner began helping with some of the programs and was Program Chairman in 1988. He took on the job of Newsletter Editor as well in 1989. 1990 he became a Director. He continued as Newsletter Editor and Program manager. In 1992 he was installed as President.

In 1987 the Bytes increased to a 4-page newsletter. It was in 1991 that John produced a 6-page publication and soon afterwards it expanded to 8 pages.



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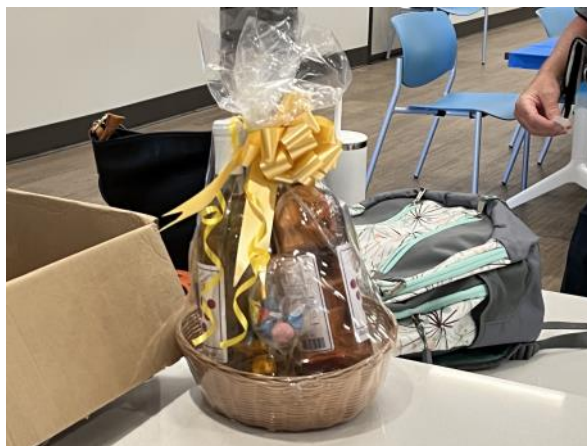
40th Anniversary - Member Drawings March 3, 2025



Nelson Borrero - Winn Dixie Card



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Gift Basket



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Lieda Boyko - Walmart Card



James Lyons - Gift Basket




Mary Burns - Gift Basket



Jan Krumwiede - Winn Dixie Card



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Future Events & Presentations

April 2025 CCCGC Classes & Programs

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|-------|----|--|
| April | 3 | Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist |
| April | 7 | Family Services Center
Monthly Meeting
3-5 PM
Zoom Link |
| April | 10 | Windows Open Forum
2-4 PM
Mark Krider |
| April | 17 | Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist |
| April | 25 | Board of Directors Meeting
2PM
Zoom Link |

April 25 **Board of Director Meeting**
2:00 pm
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda
[CCCGC Board Meeting Zoom Link](#)



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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According to Wikipedia, March 31st is **World Backup Day**. It is a commemorative date celebrated annually by the backup industry all over the world. It highlights the importance of protecting data and keeping systems and computers secure.

I know it's April now but the message is the same, you should be backing up your computers. A couple of months ago I referenced a free program called Hasleo Backup Suite Free. It's a good piece of software and you can't beat the price.

Here's a link to the website. <https://tinyurl.com/7t87x5zz>

Here are a couple of videos showing how to use it (Hasleo).

<https://tinyurl.com/yc8r3kyt> <https://tinyurl.com/mwr6df24>

In March, the APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups) ran many presentations during their Wednesday Workshops on different backup techniques and strategies. They subscribe to the "free is better" philosophy where possible.

On March 12th, the APCUG Wednesday Workshop was a presentation by Chris Taylor of the Ottawa PC Users Group, (OPCUG). He went over different methods and strategies to back up data and keep it safe.

Here's a link to the video of the presentation. It's worth watching.

<https://tinyurl.com/2ed9fvtty>



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Ever wonder what's in an iPhone? How do they
make them so small and yet so powerful?
How every piece of an iPhone works.



<https://tinyurl.com/y3r93j7u>

Anyone remember Dick Tracy and his wrist phone?
Talk about ahead of his time (1931).



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Final Thoughts

My wife and I were in Publix on March 14th. She decided to buy a small blueberry pie. At the register, the young lady commented that she just realized that every pie was priced at \$3.14. I said to her that it was because that day, Friday, March 14th, was pi day. Publix picked up on that fact and priced all of their small pies at \$3.14, the same as the mathematical pi, 3.141592654..... Maybe I should have checked the large pies to see if they were also \$3.14. Nah, I doubt it.

What's pi?

Pi (π) is defined as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, meaning that for any circle, dividing the circumference by the diameter will always result in approximately 3.14159.

Here are a couple of videos explaining the parts of a circle as well as a video explaining what you can do with pi. It's a pretty useful mathematical function.

All about circles: <https://tinyurl.com/3kcmftbe>

What you can do with pi: <https://tinyurl.com/ybwtnbks>

Now finish your pie.



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