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Next Monthly Meeting March 3, 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

No Zoom

President's Message Mark Krider

CCCCG Members,

The next CCCC general meeting will be our 40th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, at the Family Services Center in Port Charlotte. This meeting is by member invitation only and attendees must have RSVP'd by February 19th. The meeting will commence at 3 PM.

The Linux class "Replacing Windows with Linux" is now scheduled for March 12th for anyone considering transitioning from Microsoft to Linux. Please check the Events Calendar for additional course offerings and click on the links to register. Remember, all classes are complimentary for members.

If you possess specialized knowledge you would like to share as an instructor or presenter, or if you wish to contribute to CCCC by volunteering at the office front desk, providing technical support, editing the Bytes newsletter, or have suggestions to improve CCCC, please contact us. We look forward to receiving your input at cccgoffice@gmail.com, 941-585-0356, or via the Suggestion Box on <http://cccgc.info/>.

Additionally, please extend a warm welcome to Gustavo Rivero (Gus), who has joined us as a member and tech support specialist.

Take care,

Mark Krider, President

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Does everyone know what pi is? No, not apple pie. This pi, π .

Pi is defined as the ratio of the circumference of a circle to the diameter of the circle. It doesn't matter how big the circle is, the ratio is always the same, pi. It's a constant in mathematics meaning that ratio never changes. As a number pi is 3.1415926.... out to infinity. March 14th is considered pi day. 3/14, get it?



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Welcome New Members

Keith Murphy	Mona Van Hoof	Nakita Harris
Barb Hoffman	Gustavo Rivero	Joan Wassler
Franciska Baer	Adris Boyd	Gearline Boyd
Linda Ecker	Michael Ecker	

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.

2025 Officers & Directors



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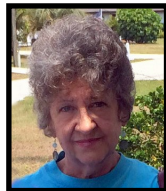
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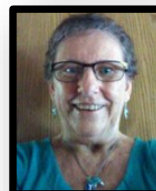
Rosemary Sexton



Shirley Hammond



Vera Hendricks



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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February 3, 2024 General Meeting Regular Session

February's Presentation

February's presentation was made by Vera Hendricks. It was entitled "Demystifying Tax Preparation: Online and In-Person resources."

In her presentation, Vera talked about changes in the tax laws for 2024. She also reviewed the major tax preparation firms and software that are available. Those include the likes of TurboTax and H&R Block.

Vera volunteers with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. AARP and another organization called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provide similar tax services in the area. VITA is operated through The United Way. Both provide free tax preparation services to qualifying individuals and families. VITA has an income limit of approximately \$67000 while AARP has no income limit. Fran Robitaille (also a CCCGC volunteer) volunteers with VITA during tax season with Vera at AARP.

For AARP, make an appointment by visiting a site or call 941-267-9205.

For VITA, contact the United Way for appointments at 941-421-7100.

Here's a link to Vera's presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/mt5cmzrr>



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Here's an article that shows most of the ways you can file your taxes for free.

To read it click here: <https://tinyurl.com/nads3ydp>

And by the way, the tax filing deadline here in Florida is May 1st due to hurricanes in 2024.

Here's a Kiplinger article about deadlines and also a bit of information about claiming losses from hurricane damage. <https://tinyurl.com/5d27n7nw>

Here's a recent article from Yahoo Finance about why taxes are so complicated in the U.S.

<https://tinyurl.com/ffsp57xc>

Happy Filing!



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Member Drawings

February 3, 2025



Carolyn Brandel was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. She won \$22.



Jeanne Niosi was the lucky winner of the \$25 American Express gift card.



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Future Events & Presentations

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| March | 3 Family Services Center
Monthly Meeting
40th Anniversary Celebration
3-5 PM
No Zoom |
| March | 6 Maintenance & Backup
2-4 PM
Lydia Rist |
| March | 12 Replace Windows With Linux?
2-4 PM
Allen Taylor |
| March | 13 Windows Open Forum
2-4 PM
Mark Krider |
| March | 20 Maintenance & Backup
2-4 PM
Lydia Rist |
| March | 28 Board of Directors Meeting
2 PM
Zoom Link |

March 28 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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Cell phone anti-virus software? Do you need it? Is it free?

Apple iPhone Privacy Control - <https://www.apple.com/privacy/control/>

Protect Yourself iPhone - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/102568>

Do you need anti-virus software on an iPhone?

From Tech Advisor - <https://tinyurl.com/mrxetvck>

How about Android?

Here's an article from How-To-Geek that suggests no, you generally don't.

<https://tinyurl.com/mrfe5p9f>

Meanwhile, here's a video that shows some of the Android risks.

<https://tinyurl.com/e44n98me>



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Final Thoughts

Doesn't everyone love the IRS? <https://tinyurl.com/fhejwpxn>

“The hardest thing in the world is to understand the income tax.” — Albert Einstein

“Today, it takes more brains and effort to make out the income-tax form than it does to make the income” — fictitious character in Mad magazine Alfred E. Neuman

“Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.” — Benjamin Franklin

“Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society.” — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

“I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I could be just as proud for half the money.” — comedian Arthur Godfrey

Here's the entire list of IRS one-liners: <https://tinyurl.com/mvyw4xhk>



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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

For more information

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

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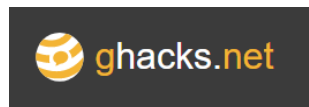
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