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 **Events Calendar**

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Next Monthly Meeting May 5, 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 gear up for another exciting summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on recent developments and share some updates with you.

Happy Easter!

I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter filled with joy and family moments.

Website Update

We're thrilled to announce enhancements to our website, designed to improve communication and provide a smoother online experience. A major feature is the ability to renew your membership online using a credit or debit card. While there have been a few hiccups, we're working diligently to address any issues. If you encounter problems, please email us at cccgcoffice@gmail.com, and we'll gladly assist.

A special thanks to the Website Team—Vera Hendricks, Fran Robitaille, Lydia Rist, and intern Kylie Connor—for their hard work. Explore the updated site and its new features at CCCGC.INFO.

Preparing for Change: Windows 10 Support Ending

Mark your calendars! The official end-of-support date for Windows 10 is October 14, 2025. After this date, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or technical assistance for the operating system. To help you prepare, we'll host a presentation later this summer—tentatively in August or September. Stay tuned for updates!

Summer Office Hours

As we transition to warmer months, CCCGC will adjust to summer office hours. To ensure we can accommodate your needs, we encourage members to schedule appointments during this period. Details on the start date for summer hours will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with CCCGC.

Warm regards,
Mark Krider
President, CCCGC

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Welcome New Members

Cathy Fyock	Jim Fyock	Kathy Harris
Richard Engel	Mary Hayes	Ted Karpen
Cynthia Zeman	Rob Zigler	

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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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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April 7, 2025 General Meeting Regular Session

April's Presentation

This month's presentation was by Jim Austin, a local photographer. For all intents and purposes, we all have a pretty good camera with us all the time. Jim's presentation was all about using that camera to our advantage. How to take better pictures with the equipment we already have.

Here's a link to the presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7wwsa5>





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Member Drawings

April 7, 2025

Barbara Troike was the lucky winner
of the \$25 Gift Card.



Robert Moore won \$35 in the 50/50
drawing. He generously donated it
back to the club.





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Future Events & Presentations

May 2025 CCCGC Classes & Programs

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| May | 1 | Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist |
| May | 5 | Family Services Center
Monthly Meeting
3-5 PM
Zoom Link |
| May | 8 | Windows Open Forum
2-4 PM
Mark Krider |
| May | 15 | Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist |
| May | 26 | Office closed for Memorial Day |
| May | 30 | Board of Directors Meeting
2PM
Zoom Link |



May 30

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

Please register for a class by
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Next, click on the desired class
on the date you wish to attend.
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the RSVP form.



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Skype

Does anyone use Skype? Apparently Microsoft, which owns Skype, doesn't think so either. As of this writing, the end of the road is here. Microsoft is shutting down Skype. If you're still using it, you'll have to find an alternative.

Here's a link to further reading XDA website: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2j6b2k>

Create a Rescue Disk for Windows


Did you know that if your computer won't start, you might be able to get it going again with a Rescue Boot Disk?

Here's a link to see how to make your own rescue or recovery disk.

From Wired Magazine: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxwhuk3>



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Patch My PC - Home Updater

Anyone using Patch My PC? Patch is a slick program that looks at most of the programs on your computer and offers to update them. Patch can also be used to install many programs on a computer. For anyone who has used it in the past, the look has changed with a recent update. It's a worth giving it a try. It costs nothing to use.

Here's a link to an article about Patch My PC which also includes a video about using it.

From the NeoWin Website: <https://tinyurl.com/3xrcn7j6>

Or check our website www.cccgc.info, click on Downloads then Software/Tools.



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Final Thoughts

Windows 10 days are numbered. Support is supposed to end on October 14, 2025. That day is coming fast. Many of us have been hoping that Microsoft would ease the eligibility rules for at least some hardware that would make more computers eligible for a legitimate upgrade to Windows 11. So far that hasn't happened. It's too bad because there are millions of perfectly good computers running in the world that could become junk should their owners decide to buy a new computer that is 11 eligible. Doesn't seem very environmentally friendly.

What are our options?

1. Microsoft will apparently offer some type of paid support for perhaps 3 years.
2. There's also another company that will offer paid support for possibly 5 years. The company is called Opatch. They will offer paid support I believe for 5 years.
3. Buy a new Windows 11 computer.
4. Switch to a new operating system such as Linux.
5. Keep using your unsupported computer. It will keep working.
6. Have the club update your ineligible Win10 machine to Win 11.

The risk here is that Microsoft may someday decide to shut down computers that are upgraded in that way. They haven't so far.

The next 5 months or so will be interesting. More information to follow.



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