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 Events Calendar

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Next Monthly Meeting July 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](#)

**Summer office hours
started June 2nd**

President's Message Mark Krider

Dear Members of the CCCGC,

Hope you are enjoying an exciting summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on recent developments and share some updates with you.

Preparing for Change: Windows 10 Support Ending

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**. However, it has been noted that **Windows Defender** will continue to be updated on Windows 10 through 2028! So, with the addition of a 3rd party security patch such as 0Patch (free) may be an option to consider. To assist in preparation, a presentation will be hosted in August to discuss other possible options.

Website Update

Members are encouraged to check out the updated website, which now includes the ability to renew memberships online using a credit or debit card. While some issues have arisen, efforts are ongoing to address these problems. Members experiencing difficulties are advised to contact us at cccgcoffice@gmail.com for assistance. Acknowledgment goes to the Website Team—Vera Hendricks, Fran Robitaille, Lydia Rist, and intern Kylie Connor—for their contributions. The updated site and its new features can be explored at CCCGC.INFO.

Summer Office Hours

A reminder of CCCGC summer office hours are in effect. Office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. Members are encouraged to schedule appointments to ensure their needs can be accommodated during this period.

Have a Safe 4th of July

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with CCCGC. And when you have the opportunity thank the Volunteers that keep CCCGC operating!

Warm regards,
Mark Krider
President, CCCGC

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Welcome New Members

Michael Dach

Karen Klotz

Roger Klotz

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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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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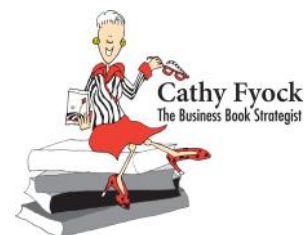
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June 2, 2025 General Meeting Regular Session

June's Presentation



Cathy Fyock - Using AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Cathy is a local (Punta Gorda) writing coach. Her tagline is, "Working with professionals who want to write a book and change the world!"

Cathy's gave a presentation about using AI to improve your personal life or business.

Here's a link to her presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/4c684zad>

Here's a link to a story in CANVASREBEL which is all about Cathy and includes her contact information.

<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-cathy-fyock/>



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Member Drawings

June 2, 2025

Attendance at the June 2025 meeting was 31 members.

Gloria Pearse was the lucky
winner of the 50/50 drawing.
She won \$34.



Budd Dethlefs won the \$25
Amazon gift card.





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Future Events & Presentations

[July 2025 CCCGC Classes & Programs](#)

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| July | 7 | Family Services Center
Monthly Meeting
3-5 PM
Zoom Link |
| July | 10 | Windows Open Forum
2-4 PM
Mark Krider |
| July | 17 | Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist |
| July | 31 | Board of Directors Meeting
2PM
Zoom Link |

July 31

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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on the date you wish to attend.
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the RSVP form.





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Tech Info

Is Windows 11 built-in antivirus good enough? Check out this article from MUO (Make Use Of): <https://tinyurl.com/4tf3www8>

Look over the Essential Security Practices later in the article. Protect yourself.

Passkeys—What are passkeys? It seems to be the direction that password security is going. I use CVS for prescriptions. Recently, to sign into my CVS account, the website would ask only for my phone number or email. Next I get a text (or email) with a code, much like 2 Factor Authentication. I haven't entered a password for CVS in a couple of months. Is this a passkey or something close? I'm not sure. They sure are confusing.

Here's a video explaining Passkeys: <https://tinyurl.com/4jsaufwj>



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Ever signup with 23andMe to have your DNA tested? There are several companies in the business including AncestryDNA and My Heritage DNA, 23andMe and several others. Most of these companies offer ancestry screening as well as health reports regarding genetic predispositions and traits.

Many people have used these services. Unfortunately, 23andMe has recently filed for bankruptcy and a major pharmaceutical company, Regeneron, has agreed to buy the bankrupt company. Regeneron has agreed to respect the privacy rights of 23andMe customers who have had their DNA screened. Is that good enough?

Here's an article from MalwareBytes that explains what your options are if you are a 23andMe customer.

Click here to read: <https://tinyurl.com/2zn5chpj>



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Final Thoughts

God's Plan for Aging

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things, thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose co-ordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

God looked down and saw that it was good.

So, if you find as you age you are getting up and down more, remember, it's God's will.



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Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years. You were wondering how this is related to computers.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.



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