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# Charlotte Bytes

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## Next Monthly Meeting June 2, 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  
start June 2nd**

## 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.

### Summer!

As we transition to warmer months, CCCGC will adjust to **summer office hours**. Our hours for June, July and August will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. To ensure we can meet your needs, we encourage members to schedule appointments during this period.

### Website Update

A major feature of the new website 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](mailto:cccgcoffice@gmail.com), and we'll gladly assist.

Explore the updated site and its new features at [CCCGC.INFO](http://CCCGC.INFO).

### 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 for the Windows 10 operating system or the Microsoft Office package. Microsoft will provide Extended Security Updates (ESU) for \$30 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year if you cannot update to Windows 11. We will discuss other options at the August monthly meeting presentation. Stay tuned for updates!

### Join Our Volunteer Team!

CCCGC thrives on the dedication and passion of volunteers—without you, we simply couldn't continue our mission. If you have time to give, we would greatly appreciate your support!

**We are currently seeking volunteers for:**

- **Monthly Meeting Setup and check in**
- **Front Desk Assistance**
- **In-Office Technical Support**
- **Computer Refurbishing & Teardown**
- **Instructors/Presenters**

### Board Members

Your generosity keeps CCCGC going strong. Thank you for being part of our community!

Warm regards,

Mark Krider

President, CCCGC

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## Welcome New Members

Richard Engel	Mary Hayes	Ted Karpen
Cynthia Zeman	Rob Zigler	David Saemisch
Michael DiBiase	Boyd Johnson	Diane Matt
Michael Matt	Joan Matthews	

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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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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May 5, 2025 General Meeting

Regular Session

## May's Presentation

May, 2025's presentation was by Tammy Wilkie, Community Affairs Specialist with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. Tammy discussed things to watch out for and what to do if you're scammed. Scams of all types are becoming more prevalent and with the use of AI (Artificial Intelligence), harder to detect.

Here's a link to Tammy's slideshow from her presentation. It is called Safe and Secure.

<https://tinyurl.com/4yd9m763>

Here's a link to the video of Tammy's presentation at the May General Meeting.

<https://tinyurl.com/256e3647>



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Tammy Wilkie  
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## Scholarship Awards

May 2025

The Charlotte County Computer Group has historically given \$1000 scholarships to deserving students at the three local high schools, Lemon Bay, Charlotte High, and Port Charlotte High School. This year was no exception.

Unfortunately, Matthew Schuler from Charlotte High had a motorcycle accident while travelling to the school. He is going to be okay but missed the ceremony. Here are the three recipients.

Isaiah Porter

Lemon Bay HS



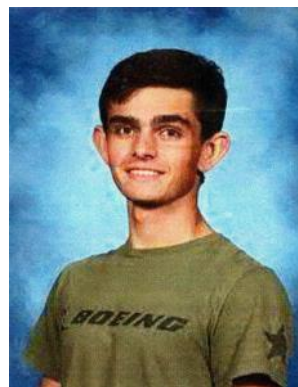
Kevin Mixon

Port Charlotte HS



Matthew Schuler

Charlotte HS







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## Member Drawings

May 5, 2025

Attendance at the May 2025 meeting was 42 members.

Mary De Pouw was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. She won \$32.50 and generously donated it back to the club.




Gloria Pearse won the \$25 gift card.





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## Future Events & Presentations

### [June 2025 CCCGC Classes & Programs](#)

- |      |    |  |
|------|----|--|
| June | 2  | Family Services Center<br>Monthly Meeting<br>3-5 PM<br><a href="#">Zoom Link</a> |
| June | 12 | Windows Open Forum<br>2-4 PM<br>Mark Krider                                      |
| June | 19 | Maintenance & Backup<br>2-4PM<br>Lydia Rist                                      |
| June | 27 | Board of Directors Meeting<br>2PM<br><a href="#">Zoom Link</a>                   |

**June 27**

**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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=apcug)

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## Computer Tech by Fran Robitaille

### Tech Info - OneDrive

What is it? OneDrive is a cloud storage service provided by [Microsoft](https://www.microsoft.com) that allows users to store, share, and access their files from any device. It functions as a virtual hard drive, syncing files and folders between your computer and the cloud, ensuring your data is accessible wherever you have an internet connection.

By default Microsoft gives anyone signed in with a Microsoft account, 5GB (gigabytes) of free space. More space is available for an additional cost or by subscribing to Microsoft 365. By comparison, if you have a Google account (Gmail account), Google gives you 15GB of free space.

So, what's the problem? In many cases, 5GB of space isn't all that much. If you've been accumulating pictures, music, and videos for many years, you could very easily be over 5GB.



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### OneDrive Continued

Microsoft would love to have us back up our computers on OneDrive but there are two problems I see with that. First is the space issue, 5GB won't go very far. Second, backing up on OneDrive works if all you're backing up are files like pictures, documents, music etc. If you want a full system backup, you need to use something else. Full system backup is my preference. If my system crashes, I can restore the entire hard drive from the backup. With OneDrive it would be necessary to reinstall Windows and any programs that were previously on the computer and then you could restore your files to the computer from OneDrive.

Microsoft knows that 5GB isn't enough storage for backing up most users but by encouraging you to back up to OneDrive, they are also encouraging you to buy more storage from them. They know what they're doing.



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### OneDrive Continued

Here are a couple of YouTube videos that do a good job of explaining how One Drive works.

OneDrive Basics: <https://tinyurl.com/4d5phwms>

Storing Files on Your Computer and not OneDrive:

<https://tinyurl.com/4twyx7nc>

Unfortunately, Microsoft has made it pretty confusing. Is a file saved on the computer, in the cloud, or both? It can be either or both. Where you have to be careful is if you delete a file from OneDrive but still want to keep a copy, you better make sure it's saved in a folder that isn't on OneDrive. Otherwise you may accidentally delete it completely from both the cloud and the computer. It could be lost. The second video above looks at where files are or are not saved.



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### Tech Info

#### Windows 11 notification settings you should review

Windows 11 comes with many default settings that allow various notifications to show up on your computer. Some are valuable others are simply Microsoft advertisements. Here are some of the notification settings you should review and possibly change. I turn most of them off.

1. Settings/Privacy and Security/General
2. Settings/Privacy and Security/Account Info
3. Settings/System/Notifications - for individual apps - most off
4. Settings/System/Notifications then all the way down to Additional Settings

The last one is the one you need to change to stop Microsoft from advertising on your computer.



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### Final Thoughts

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Elections are still off in the distance but it's not too early to start thinking about it. We can always use help on the board of directors. If you are a hands-on person interested in the technical side of things, we'll train you to install Windows on refurbished machines. Interested in writing? I can always use help finding subjects and then writing about them for the Bytes. If you're comfortable working on a computer, you might be able to help with the web site or putting the Bytes together every month. We can always use help.

There are plenty of things to do if you're willing.



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