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Next Monthly Meeting October 6, 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
are in effect**

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President's Message Mark Krider

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you that I have recently made the decision to step down as President, and to express my sincere appreciation for the support and trust you have extended to me throughout my tenure.

A few years ago, my brother and his wife—residents of Napa, California—purchased a condominium in Solomon, Maryland in order to be closer to her family. Initially, health challenges prevented them from spending significant time there, but I am pleased to share that my brother's health has improved, allowing them to enjoy the East Coast once again. During a recent visit, Debbie and I learned that another unit had become available.

After careful consideration, Debbie and I chose to acquire the unit so that we too might spend more time in Maryland. At first, I believed I could fulfill my responsibilities as President from a distance; however, it soon became evident that the role truly requires a local presence. This was made particularly clear after recent matters required the President's direct and immediate attention.

Given these circumstances, I concluded that it would be in the best interest of the organization for me to step aside. The timing was also suitable, as there was a natural pause in our meeting schedule due to Labor Day, which I hope will facilitate a smooth transition.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Jane McDonald for assuming the role of President for the remainder of the term. I am confident that Jane will provide excellent leadership for CCCGC, and I encourage each of you to lend your full support.

Thank you again for affording me the privilege of serving as your President. It has been an honor to work alongside such a wonderful group, and I look forward to staying in touch as Debbie and I embark on this new chapter.

Finally to close I would like to remind everyone CCCGC's mission is to help those in need in our community, and its success depends on volunteers both in the office and on the Board. Please consider supporting CCCGC by volunteering your time.

With best regards,

Mark Krider

Former President, CCCGC

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Welcome New Members

Stephanie Eller

Stanley Galper

Janice Johnston

Charles Terry

Patricia Wagner

Walter Wagner

Elijah Finney

Melissa Sebasty

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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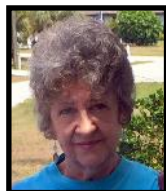
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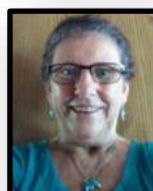
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It is a pleasure to serve you in 2025 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.

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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August 4, 2025 General Meeting Regular Session

August's Presentation

Navigating Windows
10 End of Life:
Options and the
Extended Security
Update Program



August's presentation, by Mark Krider, was all about Windows 10 end-of-life support. Here's a link to the [slideshow](https://tinyurl.com/2ff72428) of the presentation.

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If you would rather listen to Mark's presentation, here's a link to the August 4, 2025 General Meeting. The presentation itself starts at about 12 minutes and 12 seconds into the meeting 12:12.

<https://youtu.be/sCnr-gVIWGk>



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Member Drawings

August 4, 2025

Attendance at the August 2025 meeting was 31 members.

Rob Moore was the lucky winner
of the 50/50 drawing.
He won \$29.



William Keller won the \$25 gift card.





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Future Events & Presentations

September 2025 CCCGC Classes & Programs

September 1 Labor Day
No Monthly Meeting

September 4 Maintenance & Backup
2-4 PM
Lydia Rist

September 18 Maintenance & Backup
2-4PM
Lydia Rist

September 25 Board of Directors Meeting
2PM
[Zoom Link](#)

September 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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on the date you wish to attend.
Finally, click on and complete
the RSVP form.





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Everything you always wanted to know about QR Codes

What's a QR Code? What do you do with a QR Code?

What's the difference between a QR Code and a barcode?

These questions ever cross your mind? Then click on the link below for all the answers. Finally, keep in mind that QR Codes can be abused. I was at a beach town that had signs put up by scammers that said that you had to pay to park. The sign suggested using a QR Code to make it easy to pay. Unfortunately it was a scam and the only thing the scammers wanted was credit card numbers. You do have to be careful.

<https://tinyurl.com/2e25uudw>

Here's a QR Code to the CCCGC.INFO website.
You can make your own using Chrome.





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Speaking of Windows 10 end of life. Recently I got an email from TurboTax saying that for tax year 2025, their software would not work on Windows 10 machines. Here is their message. We will probably see more of these as time goes on. It's unfortunate.

Hi there,



We're reaching out to provide an update on TurboTax Desktop software for tax year 2025. After October 14, 2025, Microsoft will no longer provide software updates, technical assistance, or security fixes for Windows 10 operating system. Because security is a top priority for us, TurboTax Desktop software for tax year 2025 onwards will not be compatible with Windows 10 operating system.

To use TurboTax Desktop software for tax year 2025, your computer will need to run on Microsoft Windows 11 operating system. You can also consider switching to TurboTax Online, which will work on any supported browser (available December 2025).

For more resources and additional information about this change, go to this help article: [How does the end of support for Windows 10 affect my TurboTax Desktop experience?](#)

Thanks for being part of the TurboTax family.

Warm regards,

The TurboTax Team



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Quick question: What company is generally considered the first to develop a computer storage device, what was its storage capacity and how much did it weigh?

Email me your answer(s) at webmaster@cccgc.info. First correct answer gets my gratitude.





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Final Thoughts

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mark and Debbie Krider for their help with the CCCGC over the last couple of years. Mark and Debbie have decided to move to Maryland to be closer to family. I told Mark that Maryland isn't much cooler than Florida in the summer but couldn't get him to change his mind.

Mark spent the last 8 months as President running meetings, making presentations, trying to develop office procedures, teaching classes, volunteering as a tech in the office during the week and essentially doing whatever he could to help make the club a better place. Debbie spent time marketing the club, volunteering her time trying to figure out how to get more people interested in joining.

Their efforts will be missed. Good luck and best wishes to both Mark and Debbie in their future endeavors.

Everybody reading this should take a look at page 3 where we ask for volunteers. It's more important than ever.

Fran Robitaille

Member of the Board/Bytes Editor



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