

# WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 2/13/17

1. **Questions/Answers????** - General Discussion. Computer dialog - what's new, what's different, what works or doesn't work? Computer Tips: Upcoming events and Computer classes: SRJC, SR Cm Center, Windsor HS, Healdsburg HS, SSU Ext, and Healdsburg Senior Center. Computer Consultant: Ross Guistino [rossg@sonic.net](mailto:rossg@sonic.net). Jim Tubb, Consultant, Drop-in Computing Help Coordinator, [drdelta91@gmail.com](mailto:drdelta91@gmail.com)



WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb & Donna Crawford--We Need more new Directors!!!

## 2. News – This Month's Latest News:

(a) **Steam (The World's biggest game store)**

**Direct will let any developer sell any PC game.**

Expect more wacky, wild games to choose from in the world's biggest digital store.

<https://www.cnet.com/news/valve-steam-direct-spring-2017-greenlight-no-more/>.

3. **Articles:** • **Windows 10's Creators Update Bug Bash begins-** Feb. 3 to Feb 12 - Submit your feedback and help make Windows better!



“On Friday, February 3, 2017, Microsoft announced the launch of its “bug bash” for the Windows 10's Creators Update, a sign that it's beginning to slowly wind down its development process before it finally releases the next major version of Windows. Historically, Microsoft begins each iteration of its milestone Windows 10 releases by fixing a few last-minute bugs from the previous version. It then begins rolling out and testing all the new features of the upcoming milestone to Windows Insiders in the preview program. At some point, though Microsoft moves into the last phase of its development process, fixing all of the bugs that Microsoft employees and its Windows Insider beta testers discover in the imminent release. That phase typically begins with a huge bug-fixing exercise, known as the “bug bash,” whose current



iteration will run through Feb. 11. ....Our guess of the end of March is still valid for release of the update.”

*Ed note: It is not my suggestion that you participate in the “bug bash” but just that you will be aware of what takes place.*

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/3165302/>

• **The Windows 10 Creators Update**—also known as Redstone 2—is due to hit PCs in Spring 2017. Like other [updates to Windows 10](#), it's free, and includes a host of new features. *Repeat For your information!*

<http://www.howtogeek.com/278132/>

• **5 quick tips to get a handle on Twitter.**

Amanda Kooser, Komando.com 2/8/17 “Here's an intimidating Twitter statistic: Twitter has 313 million monthly active users. Those people generate millions and millions of tweets per day. How are we supposed to keep up with all that information flying around in 140-characters-or-fewer at a time? Fortunately, Twitter gives us tools to help sort through all the fuss and get to the information we're really after. It's just a matter of learning to use them effectively.

1.) **Start** with your Timeline. 2.) **Make** a list. ... **Tip within a tip:** Twitter is full of confusing

acronyms such as IRL (in real life), BTW (by the way) and FTW (for the win). Use this handy cheat sheet to keep track of what they mean.

<http://www.komando.com/tips/339597/> “How to Use Twitter like the boss” HTH! (hope that helps)

3.) **Don't** follow everyone. 4.) **Explore** with Twitter

5.) **Take a moment.** —If you come to Twitter looking for diverse views on current events, then the “Moments” tab symbolized by a lightning bolt, is the place for you. Twitter refers to Moments as “curated stores showcasing the very best of what's happening on Twitter.” *Of course you must register in Twitter first.*

<http://www.komando.com/tips/387680/>



Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day



### 3. Articles continued:

- **Powerful, free and easy to use digital photo editing program.** By Francis Navarro, Komando.com 1/23/17

“In this age of social media and photo sharing, stylistic individuality is almost a must. Filters, effects, borders and stickers can push an average photograph into a spectacular work of art if done right. Yes there’s always Photoshop or GIMP for serious photo editing but for those quick spontaneous artistic inspirations, we recommend Pixir. Brought to you by the fine folks from Autodesk, Pixir is a free but powerful photo editing software that’s easy to use and it come with all the editing tools you’ll need for your next masterpiece.

[www.komando.com/downloads/377803/](http://www.komando.com/downloads/377803/)

### 4. Internet -Web sites: (If these don’t work, let me know – Editor Donna)

**3 Amazon apps all shoppers need** - <http://www.komando.com/apps/388123/> --

**One step you must take to secure your Facebook account now** -

<http://www.komando.com/happening-now/389020/>

**Hack proof your life 5 key steps to boost your life online** -

<http://www.komando.com/columns/385794/>

**How to opt Out of Personalized Ads from Google** 1/3/17 -

<http://www.howtogeek.com/285835/>

**The Five Stages of Chromebook Acceptance** - <https://www.cnet.com/news/the-five-stages-of-chromebook-acceptance/>

Giving up Windows or MacOS for a Chromebook requires a mental journey through anger, denial and bargaining, all on your way to acceptance.

**What is a chipset and why should I care?** - <http://www.howtogeek.com/287206/>

\*\*\* Favorite Web Sites: What is yours? Let me know and I’ll include\*\*\*



**5. Comments From Ross** This week Ross’s comments are on “Real vs Fake Anti-Virus Software” and are attached to this newsletter. There is also a link to a copy on our web site: [www.sonic.net/wscug](http://www.sonic.net/wscug) .

**Thanks, Ross**

**7. Thanks for Refreshments** to Ines Williams

**8. Thanks** for being **Welcome Team** to Yvonne and Fred Eschenhorst.

**9. Computer Lending Library**—Be sure to check out new books from O’Reilly. Thanks to Ernie Lopez for coordinating this important task. Note O’Reilly Media discounts: [www.oreilly.com](http://www.oreilly.com)

**10. Today’s Program:** Our speakers will be Ms. Sandra Mendoza, Consumer Sales Lead from Sonic. Inc. ISP: Internet, Phone and TV. Her topic will be “Sonic’s got your back!” Their history, our privacy and helping you discover other TV options.”. Thank you Sandra for sharing your expertise.



**11. Computer Help – Drop-in.** Next meeting will be:  
February 27, 2017 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
March 27, 2017 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm

**12. Next meeting of User’s Group 3/13/17** – All senior computer enthusiasts are invited to join us. This information gathering shares ideas, resources and networks. *No preregistration.*  
1:00 – 2:00 pm General Question/Answer  
2:00 – 4:00 pm Program: Our speaker will be Mr. Dan Rosaschi, Private Banker, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. who will be discussing/demonstrating “Understanding Online Banking and Bill Pay”. We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

**13. Genealogy free programs. SRJC Older Adults Program.** See flyer on our web site, under resources.

**If you have questions,** please call me (home 838-4737), (e-mail: [donna@sonic.net](mailto:donna@sonic.net) ) or you can call the Senior Center 838-1250 for dates/times of computer events. See [www.sonic.net/wscug](http://www.sonic.net/wscug) for Computer Information. WSCUG – go to [www.sonic.net/wscug](http://www.sonic.net/wscug) for all of Windows Tips and Tricks.

**This is your User’s Group - What are your goals? Help to make this group what you want it to be.**

“Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.” *Albert Einstein*

*Take Time to Smell the Roses*

Bits, Bytes and Nanos

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