

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 6/12/17

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.

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WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik-----Need new Directors!!!

2. News -Events in the news this month:

(a) Microsoft Data Summit June 12-13, 2017 -

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/datainsightssummit/>

(b) Cisco Live Event - Las Vegas, NV, June 25-29-, 2017

<https://www.ciscolive.com/us/> Cisco Live

(c) World Wide Developers Conference, San Jose, CA---June 5-9, 2017

<https://www.wired.com/2017/06/everything-apple-announced-today-wwdc/>

<https://developer.apple.com/wwdc/>

<https://www.cnet.com/news/michelle-obama-apple-wwdc-reminds-tech-industry-girls-can-code/>

"The updated Skype client has a new look and feel, using more colors, gradients, bold type and "squiggles" (signs of activity)."The main purpose of the update is to "change group chats into shared experiences," says Amritansh Raghav, corporate vice president, Skype.""
<http://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-begins-rolling-out-overhauled-skype-consumer-app/?ftag=TR Ee331754&bhid=19614335330120747866900120080377>

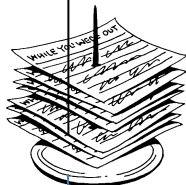
(c) How the NSA 'leaker' was tracked down using a printer- By Mark Jones, June 7, 2017

"If you've been paying attention to the news lately, you've probably heard of allegations that Russian actors tampered with the 2016 U.S. presidential election. In fact, an online news

outlet recently published an article dealing with a leaked, classified NSA document."

"According to a blog on Errata Security, 'most new printers print nearly [invisible] yellow dots that track down exactly when and where documents, any document, is printed. Because the NSA logs all printing jobs on its printers, it can use this to match up precisely who printed the document.'"

http://www.komando.com/happening-now/403575/how-the-nsa-leaker-was-tracked-down-using-a-printer?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=notd&utm_content=2017-06-07-article-title



3. Articles -

(a) Google will block bad ads (even its own) with a filter built into Chrome - By Michael Simon, Jun 2, 2017

"While Google has long offered a way to block pop-ups in Chrome, it's never been a feature that's been very easy to find. To turn it on you'll need to dig deep into the settings, and most people who use the browser probably don't even know it's there. But now Google is finally getting serious about annoying ads."

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/3199372/google-apps/google-will-block-bad-ads-even-its-own-with-a-filter-built-into-chrome.html>

Ed note: This new feature is expected to be added to the browser next year.



(b) Microsoft begins rolling out overhauled Skype consumer app-By Mary Jo Foley, June 1, 2017

"Starting today, June 1, Microsoft will begin rolling out the latest iteration of its Skype consumer client app, beginning with Android devices.

WSCUG - See our web site for new information: www.sonic.net/wscug. Details during 1st hour. "Also Scams, Spams (unwanted email or phone calls) and unwanted attachments and ransomware are more and more common. I have been taken. Listen to solutions. Be cautious. Thanks. Donna"



Happy Father's Day, Happy Flag Day and Happy 4th of July

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

How to Check for Windows Updates- <https://www.howtogeek.com/308618/how-to-check-for-windows-updates/>

Need to convert a PDF document to Word? -

https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/convert-pdf-toward/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DT:%20Brief%20Daily%202017-05-21&utm_term=DT%20Newsletter%20-%20Daily%20Subscribers

Alternatives to Microsoft Office - <http://www.techradar.com/news/the-best-free-office-software>

Easy Ways to Add Bluetooth to your vehicle - http://www.komando.com/cars-trucks-tech/395019/3-easy-ways-to-add-bluetooth-to-your-car?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=totd&utm_content=2017-05-12-article-title

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



5. Comments From Ross “MalwareBytes recently sent out an email to its customers who are running their free version of MalwareBytes software. They were promoting their paid version which will help block ransomware, the unfortunate new way of forcing people to pay the bad guys to unlock their software after taking control of your computer. By now we have all heard of the recent attack of hospital records in the UK, and quickly spreading around the world. MalwareBytes claims that for \$40/year you can have peace of mind against



ransomware when you buy their Premium version of Malwarebytes. It is important to note that their free version **will not** protect you against ransomware. And it is also important to note that it is possible that ransomware can infect any external backup drive you have connected to your computer. This is something that I have to think long and hard about and may consider either buying Malwarebytes premium, or changing my backup strategy to having one external drive connected 24/7 one week, then disconnect it and connect a second external drive for the following week, then start the pattern all over again. That way I always have a good backup that is not connected to my computer in the event of a ransomware attack. At the most, I will have lost one week's worth of data. The upside to all of this, however, is that Microsoft has patched any security holes in Windows, as long as you have run Windows Update and kept your computer up-to-date. Also, anyone still running Windows XP should upgrade IMMEDIATELY. Despite the patching, it may be worthwhile to make sure you have a good backup and then disconnect the external drive until the next time you backup. *Thanks Ross.*”

6. Thanks for Refreshments to Audrey Anawalt.

7. Thanks for being **Welcome Team** today Yvonne and Fred Eschenhorst.

8. Computer Lending Library—Be sure to check out new books from O'Reilly. Thanks to Ernie Lopez for coordinating this important task. Note for O'Reilly Media discounts: www.oreilly.com

9. Today's Program: Our speaker is Mr. Al Loebel, Computer Specialist for Healdsburg Senior Center and he will talk about "Internet of Things (IoT)". We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

10. Computer Help – Drop-in - Seniors can drop by the Senior Center, first come/first serve, and will receive one/one opportunity to get their questions and projects addressed. Bring your laptop to work on or a list of inquiries for Coordinators Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik to answer. Windows 7 and 8/8.1 and 10 spoken here. *No preregistration—But Donation*

June 26, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

July 24, 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

11. Next meeting of User's Group 7/10/17 – 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. Ross Guistino, Computer Consultant and System Administrator. His topic will be "Common Browser mistakes and how to avoid them". We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

If you have questions, please call me (home 838-4737), (e-mail: donna@sonic.net) or you can call the Senior Center 838-1250 for dates/times of computer events. See www.sonic.net/wscug for Computer Information



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

"I was fourteen when my father died. I missed everything about him. He taught us that we shouldn't be people of success; we should be people of values, because that was the only thing that endured." *Robert F. Kennedy Jr.*