WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group
Newsletter for Today 5/9/16

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.

Jim Tubb, Consultant, Drop-in Computing Help Coordinator, drdelta91@gmail.com

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

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2. News –*This Month's Latest news:*

   (a) Oculus Rift VR   Next Gen**.**Virtual Reality
https://www.oculus.com/en-us/rift/

   (b) Security Alert – 273 passwords stolen
http://www.komando.com/happening-now/357041/

   (c) World Password Day – May 5, 2016
http://www.cnet.com/news/world-password-day-betty-white-4-tips-for-staying-safe-online/

• **How Do I Remove PUPs, Foistware, Drive-bys, Toolbars, and Other Annoying Things I Never Wanted?** Ask Leo, 5/3/16 **"**Casually from installing one download may result in several other things being installed as well. I'll review the steps to remove these pesky, problematic, painful, Potentially Unwanted Programs, or PUPs. Ending up with random software on your machine that you never wanted in the first place is annoying. Uninstall the somewhat well-behaved PUPs using official mechanisms. What that means is that we start in Control Panel's Programs and Features. Right-click the item you want to uninstall and click Uninstall. Run MalwareBytes. {*Ask Leo recommends AdwCleaner from BleepingComputer.com* Think about it before using it.} Prevention: PUPs and related pests arrive in several different ways, but the most common method is by being "offered" to you when you install something else. Often, the offer is hidden and defaulted to Yes."
. https://askleo.com/14152/

• "**Is it safe to use Flash Video and Shockwave video in your browser?"** *Ed note: This was a question from last meeting. The answers are not straight forward and many different answers*.   Most of the answers are by Adobe whose software it is. It is a programming language.
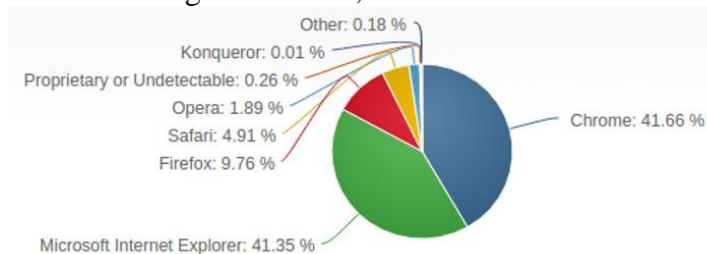http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/faq.html

"Flash is used by millions of websites. In just two recent weeks, Adobe had to release three emergency updates to fix serious security problems hackers were using to attack computers. Unfortunately for Flash, technology moves on and most of what it does can now be done using other better and safer ways." www.komanso.com/tips/296083. Ross Guistino commented "As for Flash, I just tell people to update it whenever the reminder pops up, but be sure to uncheck the "offers" for Chrome or Ask or whatever. If a person doesn't have Flash and a website requires it, then I tell them the same thing, don't install the offers."

• **Internet Explorer, the second-place web browser** 5/2/16 S. Vaughan Nichols, Zdnet . NetMarketShare:

"In May 2016 IE is not the top web browser. By the latest DAP (Digital Analytics Program) https://analytics.usa.gov/ count of desktop, tablet and smartphone web browsers, Chrome is number one with 43.3%,   Safari comes in second with 21.9% and IE dropped to 19.6%." *Ed note: This article compares statistics – choose which one you want.*
http://www.zdnet.com/article/internet-explorer-the-second-place-web-browser/

3. WSCUG Windows Tips and Tricks Series - We are continuing with this series. Today Jim Tubb will do – "Function Keys" It is also on our web. www.sonic.net/wscug. Thanks, Jim **Donna**

Happy Memorial Day and Happy Armed Forces Day

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

  Cell Phone fires in bed: https://www.google.com/#q=cell+phone+fires+in+bed Thanks to Pat Geis

  Online Courses free – Principles of Computing - http://online.stanford.edu/course/principles-computing?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Stanford%20Online&utm_content=Stanford+Online+May+Mailer+FINAL

   Searching for scams – government web site: - www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts Thanks to Chris B

- Six Windows 10 annoyances – How to make them go away for good - http://www.zdnet.com/article/six-windows-10-annoyances-how-to-make-them-go-away-for-good/

   Why Intel is laying off thousands of workers - http://time.com/4304632/i

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

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5. Comments From Ross "I made someone extremely happy the other day. And what I did was such a simple thing but seeing her so giddy made me feel good. I want to pass along a super simple tip that I hope will make you smile every single time you start up your computer. For a client who I helped upgrade to Windows 10 recently, she wanted something pretty on her desktop. But not just any old picture. She was very specific in what she wanted to see every time she opened Windows. She wanted a beach scene. But not too beachy. It had to have just the right combination of beach, blue ocean and blue sky. So here's what I did, and you could too, to make the desktop perfect…I first went to Google and searched for Hawaii, since it held a special place in her heart. As you can imagine, there were hundreds upon hundreds of pictures of beaches but we found just the right one. I clicked on the image to open it, then simply right clicked on the image and clicked on "Set as Desktop Background". Viola! Her desktop was now a beach scene and she smiled. And smiles every day when she logs onto her computer. It's the simple things in life that make us complete." Thanks Ross.

6. Thanks for Refreshments to Helen Baum.

7. Thanks for being **Welcome Lady** today Marie Powers.

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 will be Ms. Katie McDonagh, marketing coordinator from Sonic Internet & Phone, Inc. She will be discussing/demonstrating "The Internet Revolution: How Sonic is Challenging the ISP Industry." Thank you Katie for sharing your expertise.

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 Coordinator Jim Tubb to answer. Windows XP, 7 and 8/8.1 and 10 spoken here. *No preregistration–But Donation*

  May 23, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  June 27, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 pm

11. Next meeting of User's Group 6/13/16 – 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 speakers will Ms. Erin Stroud and Ms. Cindy Bagley, both Recreation Program Supervisors of Town of Windsor. They will be discussing/demonstrating "Getting Started with Facebook and Instagram". We are very fortunate to have such knowledgeable speakers. .

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

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This is your User's Group - What are your goals? Help to make this group what you want it to be.
"Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life." *Sophia Loren*
Take Time to Smell the Roses