

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 11/14/16

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--We Need more new Directors!!!

2. News –*This Month's Latest news:*

(a) **Elections** – How will it affect the Internet, the FCC?

(b) **These were the biggest hacks, leaks and data breaches of 2016** - Over two billion records were stolen in 2016 alone -- and the year isn't over yet.

<http://www.zdnet.com/pictures/biggest-hacks-security-data-breaches-2016/> .

• **The best web browsers for speed battery life and customization.** How to Geek –10/24/16 “Let's be honest: Modern web browsers are all pretty solid. Even Microsoft



Edge is much better than older versions of Internet Explorer. But we believe Google Chrome is still the best web browser for

most people. To start, it just feels snappier than other browsers like Firefox and Edge, although Edge has improved somewhat since Windows 10's release. Google owns Chrome and uses it as a platform to improve and advance the web in general, so Chrome often gets new features before other browsers. If Chrome doesn't have a feature you want, well you're in luck; it has built up a massive catalog of extensions over the last few years, so any feature you want to add, you probably can. While Chrome has its strengths, long battery life is not one of them. The best for customization: Mozilla Firefox. No one browser will be on top forever. The browser wars will continue, and competition is constantly making every browser better.“ <http://www.howtogeek.com/273606/>

• **Solid State Drives Are the Future** – Ask Bob Rankin, 10/31/16, “Solid state drives are one of the few bright spots in the PC marketplace these days. Even though sales of PCs are trending downward, customers are getting excited about SSDs, due to the benefits they offer over traditional magnetic hard drives. While PC shipments plummeted more than 6% in the first quarter of 2016, sales of SSDs mushroomed by 29%, amounting to nearly 31 million units sold. Solid-state hard drives offer increased

speed, reliability and save energy as well. The price of NAND memory used in SSDs is falling steadily. Today you can buy a 120 GB SSD for about \$40 at Amazon. (NAND flash memory is a type of non-volatile storage technology that does not require power to retain data.) That makes a SSD's blazing speed, quiet operation, and energy efficiency very affordable. Many consumers are buying SSDs as system drives, and storing their data on traditional magnetic media.”

http://askbobrankin.com/solid_state_drives_are_the_future.html?awt_l=LtVK.&awt_m=JdvPhEqCyeP6SL

• **7 things you should never do online.** Komando 11/23/16 “Here are the 7 things you should *never do online*. **1.** Be gullible to posts and videos. **2.** Skip setting up 2FA (Two-factor authentication.) Don't let this throw you. It just means that to login to your account, you need two ways to prove you are who you say you are. **3.** Use the same password for multiple sites. **4.** Sync your social media accounts. **5.** Share too much information about your kids. **6.** Use Public Wi-Fi without giving it much thought. **7.** Get into arguments on Social Media.”

<http://www.komando.com/columns/378327/>

• **Get a Facebook privacy checkup.** By Komando Staff, Komando.com “Facebook is one of the most popular social media sites around. The number of worldwide users is approaching a whopping 2 billion. To access Facebook



Privacy Checkup on a PC or Mac,

Click the padlock button found at the top right-hand corner of any page on Facebook. Click Privacy Shortcuts. Also you can perform a Facebook Security Checkup.” See article: <http://www.komando.com/tips/376952/>

3. WSCUG Windows Tips and Tricks Series - It is on our web. www.sonic.net/wscug . Mr. Jim Tubb will talk about Jump list with Windows Tips and Tricks today. **Thanks, Donna**



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

Wikimedia is a global movement whose mission is to bring free educational content to the world. <https://www.wikimedia.org> This is a repeat – did you check it out?

Public Domain Collections: Free to Share & Reuse – NY Public Library -

<https://www.nypl.org/research/collections/digital-collections/public-domain>

Watch out. Malware disguised as Microsoft update. - <http://www.komando.com/happening-now/378364/>

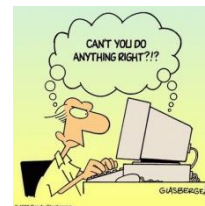
How to know when your SSD will die - <http://www.pcworld.com/article/3118830/>

Google Home review: A promising step towards the future- http://www.zdnet.com/product/google-home/?loc=newsletter_large_thumb_related&ftag=TRE17cfd61&bhid=49082910

Don't touch that dial – Bug in Chrome Browser –

http://askbobrankin.com/dont_touch_that_dial.html?awt_l=LtVK.&awt_m=Ix9hhRenOeP6SL

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



5. Comments From Ross “Ads - Lots and lots of ads. Some good, most are not. Take in point an ad that you may see along the side of your screen

when you're browsing a webpage. The ad promises you THE WORLD, will make your computer faster, will make it sing and dance, and might even cook you dinner. Ads don't lie, do they? So you go ahead and click on the ad with the hopes

that all of your problems will be fixed for good. I've mentioned this before but it's always worth repeating...if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is just a bunch of empty promises.

Don't be fooled, what you're going to end up with is a piece of software that a) you have to pay for and b) will leave your computer in worse shape than it may already be in. Don't click the ads,

ever. Someone asked me the other day about some software he saw in an ad. Lucky for him he asked me about it before clicking on the ad. The be-all end-all software was called Scanguard. If

you see it, please ignore it. It promises to be free...that is until you install it and run the

software. It may catch malware but when you ask it to clean it, Scanguard will re-direct you to their website where you will have to buy something in order to clean your

computer. FREE they say, Click HERE they say, YOU NEED THIS SOFTWARE they say. Lies, all lies. A quote I recently read in a blog says it all "...any business that employs deceptive tricks in order to get my business...WON'T...not ever!"

Thanks Ross.

7. Thanks for Refreshments to Cassandra Lista.

8. Thanks for being Welcome Lady to Audrey Anawalt.

9. 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'ReillyMedia discounts: www.oreilly.com

10. Today's Program: Our speaker will be Mr. Bobbie Tagnolli, General Manager and Michael Benvelos, Tech Support for Windsor Office Depot, who will be discussing/demonstrating “Tablets and Laptops”. Thank you Bobbie and Michael for sharing.

11. 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 Donations*

November 28, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 pm

There will be no Drop-in computer help in December

12. Next meeting of User's Group 12/12/16 – 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 be from Santa Rosa Best Buy who will be discussing/demonstrating "New hardware/software for 2017." 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

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

“You don't just luck into things. You build step by step, whether it's friendships or opportunities *BarbaraBush*

Take Time to Smell the Roses