

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 2/11/19



1. Questions/Answers???? - General Discussion. Computer dialog - what's new, what's different, what works or doesn't work? 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, Ines Williams, and Ernie Lopez

2. In The News

a) U.S. government files criminal charges against China's Huawei

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/us-governemnt-files-charges-against-huawei>

b) Cyberattacks to watch for in 2019

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/cyberattacks-to-watch-for-in-2019>

c) Apple fixes its FaceTime bug. You'll get a software update soon <https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-says-it-fixed-the-facetime-eavesdropping-bug>

d) Support for Windows 7 is ending

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windowsforbusiness/end-of-windows-7-support>

3. Articles:

a) Can you spot when you're being phished? - We have been discussing phishing scams more and more lately. Google has put together a quiz to see if you can spot the fake emails. Take the Quiz to see how you score.



<https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com>

b) Podcasts -- how they work, where to find them, which are best (Komando's, of course) By Amanda Kooser Jan 25, 2019 "...podcasts are digital audio files that you listen to online or download from the internet. What they represent is a way to keep up on news, dive deep into a topic, or learn about some bit of ephemera.... You can listen to a podcast at your own convenience.... on a commute or a road trip.... while cleaning the house or kicking back on the couch." The article explains how to listen to podcasts from your smartphones, tablets or PCs.

<https://www.komando.com/tips/533197/how-podcasts-work-and-get-the-best-ones>

c) **Learn@50+** AARP has short online interactive videos. To take advantage of these courses, you should create an AARP log in. Here are links to technology related offerings:

<https://elearning.aarp.org/Pages/Catalog/coursecatalog.aspx?subject=26>

<https://elearning.aarp.org/Pages/Catalog/coursecatalog.aspx?subject=22>

d) **Learn@50+ Podcast SeriesPro** - AARP also has a series of podcasts with categories varying from using technology to caring for a loved one.

<https://soundcloud.com/learnat50plus>

e) **Protecting your data, no matter where you go on the web**, by Kurt Thomas and Adam Dawes Feb 5, 2019.

"...we're introducing two new updates that will help keep your data secure, beyond just Google's sites and apps: Password Checkup, a Chrome extension that helps protect your accounts from third party data breaches, and a new feature called Cross Account Protection... We help keep your Google Account safe by proactively detecting and responding to security threats. For example, we already automatically reset the password on your Google Account if it may have been exposed in a third party data breach—a security measure that reduces the risk of your account getting hacked by a factor of ten.

But we want to provide you with the same data breach protections for your accounts, beyond just Google apps and sites. This is where the new Password Checkup Chrome extension can help. If we detect that a username and password on a site you use is one of over 4 billion credentials that we know have been compromised, the extension will trigger an automatic warning and suggest that you change your password."

<https://www.blog.google/technology/safety-security/google-password-checkup-cross-account-protection>

f) **Getting the Steps Down** by Eric Wyatt, Jan 24, 2019.

Ever need to remember how to do something on your computer? You try to write the steps down so you won't forget. But when you try to use those steps you wrote down something is missing or you forgot a step?

"...Windows 10 Steps Recorder can be helpful. Steps Recorder does just as the name suggests—it records your actions (steps) and produces a file of everything you did during the recording." This article explains how to use the built in Windows 10 Steps Recorder.

https://windows.tips.net/T013612_Getting_the_Steps_Down



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

- Windows 10 how-to: Ed Bott's free tech support and troubleshooting guide**
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/free-how-to-help-windows-10-ed-botts-tech-support-troubleshooting-guide>
- Here's how you can still get a free Windows 10 upgrade--**<https://www.zdnet.com/article/heres-how-you-can-still-get-a-free-windows-10-upgrade>
- Kim's top 11 picks from CES 2019-**<https://www.komando.com/tips/531070/kims-top-11-picks-from-ces-2019>
- What Should I Do About the Latest Breach?--** <https://askleo.com/what-should-i-do-about-the-latest-breach>
- Best online DIY tax software to use in 2019--** <https://www.komando.com/tips/535435/best-online-tax-software-to-use>
- Everything New in Windows 10's April 2019 Update--** <https://www.howtogeek.com/402569/everything-new-in-windows-10s-april-2019-update>
- Raspberry Pi reveals Compute Module 3+: From \$25, cooler, 8x more storage--**
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/raspberry-pi-reveals-compute-module-3-from-25-cooler-8x-more-storage>

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

5. Comments From Ross: *Phishing: What is it?* It's defined as the fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive info by disguising as a trustworthy entity in an email. Phishing emails often use emotions to trick you; greed, curiosity or fear. Red flags to look for are spelling errors, unexpected emails and requests for personal info. The phishing email may have a file attached that, when clicked on and opened, installs a malicious program on your computer to gather info without your knowledge and/or leaves a door open for hackers to



take control of your computer or do things behind the scenes. But what about anti-virus/anti-malware software? The fact is that if you let something

into your computer by opening a malicious link or attachment, then it's too late. Before you click a link or an attachment, stop and read the email. Are there spelling errors? Wrong punctuation? Requests for passwords? Immediately mark it as junk/spam.

Thanks to Ross

6. **Thanks for Refreshments** to Ines Williams.
 7. **Thanks for being Welcome Person** to Lynda De Martini.



8. **Computer Lending Library**– We no longer receive printed books from O'Reilly. They are now a paid online subscription learning service. Our current inventory of books is still available for borrowing. Thanks to Ernie Lopez for coordinating this important task.

9. **Today's Program:** During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, Jim Tubb will give a short talk on "*Windows Update 1809 Features*".

Then during the 2:00-4:00 pm time slot, our speakers will be Dave Harrison, Windsor Local Coordinator for AARP Tax Aide Region CA2, and Mike Berry, volunteer Training Coordinator for AARP Tax-Aide Sonoma-Napa District. Their presentation is entitled "*The Electronic Tax Return, why we need it and how we got here*".



10. **Computer Help – Drop-in.** Next meeting will be:

- February 25, 2019 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- March 25, 2019 - 2:00 – 4:00 pm

11. **Next meeting of User's Group 3/11/19** – 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 Dan Ryan, Desktop Technician and Corporate Trainer at KLH Consulting. His presentation is entitled "*Office 365-What is it and How To Use It?*"

If you have questions, please call Donna (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.
In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.– Abraham Lincoln