

# WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 12/11/17

**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) and Andrea Antonik, [aantonik@sonic.net](mailto:aantonik@sonic.net), Drop-in Computer Help  
**WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik--We need new Directors!!!**



The WSCUG Board of Directors has approved Ines Williams, starting in 2018, to be a new director in charge of organizing and reminding group members who have Refreshments for a meeting and also those who are Welcome People. Please welcome her, and if you have questions, contact her at [Inesw@comcast.net](mailto:Inesw@comcast.net).

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



(a) Happy birthday, SMS! The text message turns 25:

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/sms-text-message-turns-25>

(b) The most damaging software

vulnerabilities of 2017, so far:

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/the-most-damaging-software-vulnerabilities-of-2017-so-far>

(c) Tesla actually built the world's biggest battery.

Here's how it works: <https://www.popsci.com/tesla-building-worlds-biggest-battery>

(d) Russian trolls pushed graphic, racist tweets to American voters:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/social-media/russian-trolls-pushed-tweets-american-voters>

## 3. Articles

(a) **Firefox Add-on Armageddon Arrives: How to see if you are going to be hit** --By Chris Duckett, |

November 14, 2017.-- Firefox 57 was issued on November 14. In this newest edition, "a huge number of browser extensions and add-ons are set to stop working....Many popular extensions have already been ported to the new framework, but due to extra restrictions imposed by WebExtensions, some existing add-ons are simply unable to do what they once did." If you are still using Firefox 56 and earlier, you can use the "Add-on Compatibility Reporter" to see what will disappear after the upgrade to Firefox 57."

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/firefox-add-on>

(b) **Microsoft drops Edge browser into iOS and Android for free**,--By Alison DeNisco Rayome, Dec 1, 2017.--

"Microsoft Edge is now generally available as a free download for iOS and Android, giving Windows users a

better way to sync their work and passwords across devices.... The apps bring features including a user's Favorites, Reading List, New Tab Page, and Reading View across both their PC and phone, making it easier to continue browsing or researching for work on any device.... Microsoft Edge is now available for iOS in the Apple Store and for Android in the Google Play Store."

<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/microsoft-drops-edge-browser-into-ios-and-android-for-free>

(c) **Intel Chip Flaws Leave Millions of Devices Exposed**

-by Lily Hay Newman,, Nov 20, 2017.- Intel "released a security advisory that lists new vulnerabilities in ME,"(an Intel remote administration feature known as the Management Engine)."Intel found the vulnerabilities after conducting a security audit spurred by recent research...As with previous ME bugs, nearly every recent Intel chip is impacted, affecting servers, PCs, and IoT devices. Compounding the issue: Intel can provide updates to manufacturers, but customers need to wait for hardware companies to actually push the fixes out...The good news is that most of the



vulnerabilities require local access to exploit; someone has to have hands on a device or deep in a network."

<https://www.wired.com/story/intel-management-engine-vulnerabilities-pcs-servers-iot>

**UPDATE on above article: Computer vendors start disabling Intel Management Engine** By Steven J.

Vaughan-Nichols, December 4, 2017.-- Because ME is very insecure, "three computer vendors -- Linux-specific OEMs System76 and Purism and top-tier PC builder Dell -- have decided to offer computers with disabled ME...Intel has released a detection tool so Linux and Windows users can detect if their machine is vulnerable. The company also has a page that provides links to support pages from each vendor, as they confirm vulnerable machines." The article contains a link to the 'Detection Tool' and lists the CPUs Intel has admitted are vulnerable.

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/computer-vendors-start-disabling-intel-management-engine>



Andrea Antonik

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Happy Solstice and Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year



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



- \* **Holiday laptop buyer's guide**  
<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3237951/computers/laptop-buyers-guide>
- \* **Where Do Cookies Come From?**- <https://askleo.com/where-do-cookies-come-from>
- \* **Microsoft says Windows 10 now on 600 million monthly active devices**  
<http://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-says-windows-10-now-at-600-million>
- \* **Vivaldi: A stellar web browser, but don't make it your default yet**  
<https://www.techrepublic.com/article/vivaldi-a-stellar-web-browser>

\* **How to save your text messages** --<https://www.komando.com/tips/399464/how-to-save-your-text-messages>

\* **Discontinuance of Microsoft Office Viewers**-- <https://office-watch.com/2017/office-viewers-going-now-2018>

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

**5. Comments From Ross:** “Browser Issues: Recently I've been having some strange things happening whenever I use Internet Explorer. I'd go to a website and click a link within the site and nothing

would happen. Like many impatient people, I'd click and click and click and nothing. It's like the browser was just sitting there laughing at me. Yet when I went to a different browser,

Chrome in this case, everything worked smoothly. Another example is a client of mine uses Norton as her anti-virus software and one day it stopped working, that is, it was no longer monitoring her browser; she used Firefox exclusively. I told her to use another browser, again I pointed to Chrome, and Norton came back to life and was once again telling her what was a good page and what wasn't. The moral of this story is, if at first your browser doesn't succeed, then try a new one. I use both Chrome and Firefox interchangeably, and never use Microsoft Edge and only use Internet Explorer because that is the company standard at my office. So don't be afraid to download Google Chrome or Firefox and have it alongside Internet Explorer or Edge. It's ok to have multiple browsers installed. Happy Holidays.” **Thanks Ross.**

**6. Thanks for Refreshments** to Donna Crawford.

**7. Thanks for being Welcome Lady** to Ines Williams.

**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](http://www.oreilly.com)

**9. Today's Program:** During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik will be giving a short talk



on Smartphone Tricks and Tips: "**Organizing Your Apps**".

Then during the 2:00-4:00 pm time slot, our speakers will be Mr. Jeffrey Vaillant, Director, Marin County Genealogical Society, and Mr. Pat Travis, Director of the Family History Center. Their topic is "**What's New?**" since the **Genealogy field is changing almost daily!**



#### 10. Computer Help – Drop-in.

**There will be no Drop-in computer help in December.**

Next Drop-In Help will be

\* January 22, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Of course you can email any of the directors with questions.

**11. Next meeting of User's Group 1/8/18** – 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 Detective Sean Kerr and Criminal Investigator David Kahl from NC3TF (North California Computer Crimes Task Force). They will be discussing/demonstrating "**Emergency procedures, Computer Crime and Identity Theft**". They will also be talking about External disc backup and Cloud backup. We are very fortunate to have such knowledgeable speakers.

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.

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

"A goal should scare you a little, & excite you a lot." – Joe Vitale