

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 12/10/18

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. Ross Guistino, rossg@sonic.net, Consultant, Jim Tubb, Consultant, Drop-in Computing Help Coordinator, drdelta91@gmail.com and Andrea Antonik, aantonik@sonic.net, Consultant, Drop-in Computer Help
WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik, Ines Williams, and Ernie Lopez



2. In This Month's Latest news:

(a) **These are 2018's biggest hacks, leaks, and data breaches:** <https://www.zdnet.com/pictures/biggest-hacks-leaks-and-data-breaches-2018>

(b) **List of data breaches:** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_data_breaches

(c) **Microsoft's new Office icons are part of a bigger design overhaul:** <https://www.theverge.com/2018/11/29/18117580/microsoft-office-new-icons-2018>



(d) **America's infrastructure is under attack by Russian hackers:** <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/515267/americas-infrastructure-is-under-attack-by-russian-hackers>

(e) **This is how artificial intelligence will become weaponized in future cyberattacks:** <https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-is-how-artificial-intelligence-will-become-weaponized>

3. Articles:

(a) **Should you turn your computer off at night? We asked an expert**--By Arif Bacchus, 11-28-18--"The idea that you should avoid turning your computer off at night is pretty popular. After all, frequent shutdowns and startups are going to have an impact on the components and wear them out faster. Aren't they? On the other hand, you'd imagine having your computer running all the time is going to contribute to wear and tear as well, wouldn't you?...Should you turn it off or leave it on?" The article discusses reasons to leave your computer on or turn it off. "The answer depends on how you use your computer, and what you need it to do."
<https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/should-you-turn-off-your-computer-at-night>

(b) **Latest Windows 10 update is still causing problems**
By Francis Navarro, 11-27-18.-"Two months ago, Microsoft halted the public rollout of the Windows 10 October 2018 Update just days after its release due to numerous complaints that it was deleting large chunks of user files....After its investigation, Microsoft finally resumed the

Windows 10 October 2018 Update general public rollout... to compatible machines....Microsoft has acknowledged at least three bugs with the re-release but it's promising to resolve the issues soon....Wait a while before you install the Windows 10 October Update until these glitches and any others that are found can be fixed." The article lists some of the bugs in this re-release and ways to defer or postpone Windows updates. <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/513441/latest-windows-10-update-is-still-causing-problems>

(c) **Has a Hacker Really Hacked My Email Account?** by Leo Notenboom--"A scam claims your email account has been hacked, possibly even including a password you've used. Don't be fooled." The article shows



examples of spoofing emails. Then explains in easy to understand language how the messages "look like they came from your email address" and about any passwords that may have been contained in the email. It also discusses what you should do. <https://askleo.com/has-a-hacker-really-hacked-my-email-account> -Here is a link to another article listed in this article for more information on spoofing: "[From](#)" [Spoofing: How Spammers Send Email that Looks Like it Came from You](#)

(d) **Marriott breach impacts 500 million customers: here's what to do about it** by Malwarebytes Labs, 11-30-18.-- "Today Marriott disclosed a large-scale data breach impacting up to 500 million customers who have stayed at a Starwood-branded hotel within the last four years.



While details of the breach are still sparse, Marriott stated that there was unauthorized access to a database tied to customer reservations stretching from 2014 to September 10, 2018." The article lists the Starwood properties involved in this breach and what you should do about it if you were an impacted customer.
<https://blog.malwarebytes.com/101/2018/11/marriott-breach-impacts-500-million-customers-heres-what-to-do-about-it>



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



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



❖ **The Best Ways to Back up Your Mac--**

<https://www.howtogeek.com/392290/the-best-ways-to-back-up-your-mac>

❖ **Amazon vs. Best Buy vs. Target vs. Walmart: Which has the best shipping?**

<https://www.komando.com/tips/507378/amazon-vs-best-buy-vs-target-vs-walmart-which-has-the-best-shipping>

❖ **5 Technologies you'll get sick of hearing about in 2019--** <https://www.zdnet.com/video/5-technologies-youll-get-sick-of-hearing-about-in-2019>

❖ **Using Microsoft Fix It--** https://windows.tips.net/T009958_Using_Microsoft_Fix_It.html

❖ **Whats-the-difference-between-the-web-and-the-internet--**<https://askleo.com/whats-the-difference-between-the-web-and-the-internet>

❖ **ios-12-1-1-is-now-available-fixes-an-annoying-facetime-feature--** <https://www.zdnet.com/article/ios-12-1-1-is-now-available-fixes-an-annoying-facetime-feature>

❖ **What to do about Quora hack?--** <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/517187/giant-online-hack-leaks-millions-of-accounts>

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

5. **Comments from Ross-Backup:** How many of you are backing up your computers? I'm guessing there are quite a few of you that still lack a backup plan even though we talk about it frequently. I have one word for you, and this isn't an advertisement— Carbonite.



I recently had the opportunity to use it when a client's computer had a catastrophic crash. She had an external drive but it was empty. However she did have a subscription to Carbonite and by simply logging into her account, all of her files were magically restored to her new computer and she was up and running in minutes. So her \$6 a month investment turned out to be invaluable. To get started, go to www.carbonite.com. (*Thanks to Ross*)

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

7. **Thanks for being Welcome Lady** to Audrey Leyhe.



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:** During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, Ross Guistino will be giving a short talk on “**Google Photos: What is it and what it does**”.



Then during the 2:00-4:00 pm time slot, our speaker will be Mr. Sean Anderson, RCU Windsor Branch Manager. His topic is “**E-Banking: A Step-by-Step to Your Capabilities and Security**”. We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.



10. **Computer Help – Drop-in.**

There will be no Drop-In Computer Help in December. Next Drop-In Help will be

❖ January 28, 2019 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

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

11. **Next meeting of User's Group 1/14/19** – 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 speakers will be

Detective Sean Kerr and Criminal Investigator David Kahl from NC3TF (North California Computer Crimes Task Force). They will be discussing/demonstrating “**Computer Crime and Identity Theft**”. 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.

Kindness and Compassion are among the principal things that make our lives meaningful.” –Dalai Lama