

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 7/9/18

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. Computer Consultants: Ross Guistino, rossg@sonic.net, Jim Tubb, drdelta91@gmail.com and Andrea Antonik, aantonik@sonic.net.



WSCUG Bd of Directors: Ross Guistino, Jim Tubb, Donna Crawford, Andrea Antonik, Ines Williams, and Ernie Lopez.

2. In the News:

a) Five years on, Snowden inspired tech giants to change, even if governments wouldn't--

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/edward-snowden-five-years-on-tech-giants-change>

b) AT&T/DirecTV Now prices are rising, weeks after Time Warner deal closed--

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/talkingtech/2018/07/02/some-t-and-directv-now-fees-rising-after-time-warner-merger-->

c) Wi-Fi security is starting to get its biggest upgrade in over a decade--

<https://www.theverge.com/circuitbreaker/2018/6/26/17501594/wpa3>

3. Articles

a) The 8 Best Features in the New Gmail by Justin Pot July 1, 2018. "Google is changing how Gmail looks and works. They launched the new Gmail back in April, but until now it's been optional. That changes in July, when the new Gmail starts rolling out to all users. Everyone will be switched over 12 weeks after the transition starts." A few of the new features include: hover actions, snooze



emails, gentle reminders, suggested replies and autocomplete, confidential mode self-destruct, and more.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/356781/the-8-best-features-in-the-new-gmail>

b) What is Reddit? A beginner's guide to using the front page of the internet by Francis Navarro May 21, 2018

"Reddit is the self-described 'front page of the internet'....As of February of this year, Reddit had 542 million monthly visitors, making it the fourth most visited website in the U.S....Reddit is a great resource for essentially anything under the sun." An account is not necessary, but recommended. "When you land on its main page, you'll be greeted with what looks like an endless message

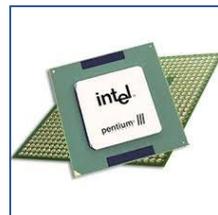


board....Reddit comments are a valuable resource themselves and they almost always give you further insight on a particular topic." The article explains how to navigate, vote and share.

<https://www.komando.com/tips/460129/what-is-reddit-a-beginners-guide>

c) Microsoft unexpectedly drops Windows 7 support for some ancient CPUs-by Ed Bott June 25, 2018- If you are still using Windows 7, your PC maybe using an older CPU which does not support SSE2 (Streaming SIMD Extensions 2). "SSE2 support became a big deal in 2012, when Microsoft announced that it was one of three mandatory CPU features required for its new OS.

Windows 10 has the same requirements." Problems began when Windows 7 security updates were causing stop errors "on computers that don't support Streaming Single Instructions Multiple Data (SIMD) Extensions 2 (SSE2)." In June, Microsoft added this text to the issue: " 'Upgrade your machines with a processor that supports SSE2 or virtualize those machines.' ...Beginning with the March update, those cumulative Windows 7 patches won't install on a Pentium III system."



<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-unexpectedly-drops-windows-7-support-for-some-ancient-cpus>

d) Five easy ways to recognize and dispose of malicious emails by Pieter Arntz, June 19, 2018. A good article to help you "differentiate between simple commercial spam and the types of emails that want to get us in trouble...Knowing what you are up against helps you determine what to do with all that spam—whether it's simply a nuisance or a landmine waiting to detonate....If you are still unsure whether an email is malicious or just regular spam after checking all the points we stipulated, simply delete the email and go about your day."

<https://blog.malwarebytes.com/101/2018/06/five-easy-ways-to-recognize-and-dispose-of-malicious-emails>



July is National Blueberry Month
August 7 is National Friendship Day

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



- When's the best time to buy a TV, laptop or smartphone?---

<https://www.cnet.com/news/tech-release-calendar-when-to-buy-your-gear-apple-samsung-iphone>

- How Do I Know if My Machine is Free of Malware? <https://askleo.com/how-do-i-know-if-my-machine-is-free-of-malware>

-How to Use Windows 10's Hidden Video Editor <https://www.howtogeek.com/355524/how-to-use-windows-10s-hidden-video-editor>

- 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>

- 5 essentials when buying a connected car--<https://www.komando.com/tips/466094/5-essentials-when-buying-a-connected-car>

-Why Doesn't Blocking Email Senders Work? <https://askleo.com/4731>

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

5. Comments From Ross--"Google Calendar" Last month I wrote about keeping all of your contacts in Google Contacts so that you have access to them from any computer at any time from any location. This month I'm talking about Google Calendar. I used to carry around a small planner that I'd scribble notes and dates in and my wife did the same. The problem is I never knew

what she had on her calendar and vice versa. Now we have one calendar and we can see each other's appointments from any computer at any time from any location. If you haven't created a Google account yet, then get yourself a Gmail

account now so you can enjoy the benefits of the Google applications. Once you've established an account, you can begin adding things to the Google Calendar. To get to the calendar, just go to www.google.com and in the upper right corner you'll see a block of dots. Click the dots and then click on Calendar. Creating an appointment is as easy as double-clicking on the date you want to set up, filling out the time and other pertinent info and you're done. Google Calendar has become an invaluable tool for me since I can now check my calendar on my cell phone, tablet, laptop and my desktop computer at home. (Thanks to Ross)

6. Thanks for Refreshments today Helen Baum.

7. Thanks for being Welcome Lady today Lynda De Martini.



8. Computer Lending Library--Changes are happening to O'Reilly's printing of books--focus and emphasis is more Techy. No more new printed books from them, but you can get free webcasts if you are interested. Their email address is "webcast@post.oreilly.com". More information will follow. 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, 1-2, we will have Q&A and Jim Tubb will give a short presentation: "**Windows Tips and Tricks - What are All Those Extra Keys on your Keyboard**".

In the 2-4 time slot, our speakers will be representatives from BestBuy: Niko Froehner, Geek Squad Manager; Mickale Jones, Mobile Dept. Supervisor; Cristian Tobar, In-home Agent and Dylan Preuss, Mobile Team member. Their topic "**What's new in health devices, smartphones and their data plans, laptops and more!**" We are very fortunate to have such knowledgeable speakers.

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 or smartphone to work on or a list of inquiries for Coordinator Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik to answer. Windows 7 and 8/8.1 and 10 spoken here. *No preregistration–But Donation*

July 23, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 pm

August 27, 2018 2:00 – 4:00pm

11. Next meeting of User's Group 8/13/18 – 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 speaker will be Vicki Chavez, Librarian at Windsor Library. Her topic is "**How to Use Free Library E-Books and Audiobooks**". We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

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.



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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.

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