

WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group

Newsletter for Today 5/14/18

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. News – This Month's Latest News



a) Everything you need to know about the T-Mobile and Sprint merger

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/t-mobile-sprint-merger>

b) Comcast boosts internet speeds but not for cord cutters, <https://www.komando.com/happening-now/458253/comcast-boosts-internet-speeds-but-not-for-cord-cutters>

c) 2018 Google Developer Festival, May 8-10, <https://events.google.com/io/>

d) Apple Worldwide Developers Conference,- June 4-8, <https://developer.apple.com/wwdc>

3. Articles: a) Trying to understand Facebook's Community Standards? Here's the gist by Will Nicol,



4.27.18-- "Facebook claims its standards are built around three pillars: Safety (removing content that harms others), Voice (the ability for users to express diverse views and ideas), and Equity (applying the same standards to all users)...Facebook's community standards also include a section on "integrity and authenticity," which covers a few things. Spam is verboten, as is fake news...you're supposed to use your real name, and if you should happen to die, your relatives can have your account converted into a memorial, so nobody is making it seem like you're posting from beyond the grave... Facebook's rules state that while users 'own' and control any of the stuff they post on the site, they need to respect intellectual property laws."

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/social-media/facebook-community-standards-explained>

b) How to See What Data Windows 10 is Sending to Microsoft, by Chris Hoffman, 4.30.18- "Microsoft is making Windows 10's telemetry more transparent with the April 2018 Update. You can now view the exact diagnostic information your Windows PC is sending to Microsoft. You can even delete it from Microsoft's servers....By default, Windows 10 collects 'Full' diagnostic data and sends it to Microsoft." The article

explains how to view the data, how to send less data to Microsoft, and how to "delete diagnostic data that's been collected from your PC from Microsoft's servers."

<https://www.howtogeek.com/348699/how-to-see-what-data-windows-10-is-sending-to-microsoft>

c) Intel boosts class-leading speed with Optane SSD 905P drives-- By Sean Portnoy, 4.6.18 "Starting at \$599, the new drive family promises improved performance and offers greater capacity for workstation users and desktop enthusiasts...the 905P comes in U.2 or HHL (half-height half-length) expansion card form



but doubles the storage capacity to 480GB and 960GB, respectively...In fact, Tom's Hardware has already declared the 905P HHL drive the fastest SSD available ..." <https://www.zdnet.com/article/intel-boosts-class-leading-speed-with-optane-ssd-905p-drives>

d) Online security 101: Tips for protecting your privacy from hackers and spies By Zack Whittaker, 4.12.18 "Your privacy, at its core, relies on your data being secure...Your phone is your ultimate endpoint. You carry it everywhere and it usually holds your most personal secrets and sensitive information." The article contains tips for securing your smartphone and PC, texting, email and browsing, WIFI, and setting up two factor authentication.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/simple-security-step-by-step-guide>

e) Is the Chinese government using smartphones to spy on you? Komando On Demand podcast, 4.27.18 "Is it protection or paranoia? The head of the FBI has warned that the Chinese government may be spying on U.S. citizens who use smartphones made by Huawei or ZTE. Both makers deny the surveillance, but the idea of cyber snooping comes with precedence." This is a 20-minute podcast.

<https://www.komando.com/listen/episode/100000553/is-the-chinese-government-using-smartphones-to-spy-on-you>



Happy Memorial Day and Happy Armed Forces Day

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



The best laptop 2018: our pick of the 15 best laptops you can buy this year-

<https://www.techradar.com/news/mobile-computing/laptops/best-laptops>

Cybercriminals secretly use your Chrome extensions to steal from you-

<https://www.komando.com/tips/449231/cybercriminals-secretly-use-your-chrome-extensions-to-steal-from-you>

What's the Best Online Backup Service? <https://www.howtogeek.com/347545/whats-the-best-online-backup-service>

Understanding Libraries--https://windows.tips.net/T011989_Understanding_Libraries

How to Find Contacts in the New Gmail– <https://www.howtogeek.com/350563/how-to-find-contacts-in-the-new-gmail>

Verizon, T-Mobile, AT&T and Sprint unlimited plans compared <https://www.cnet.com/news/how-does-verizon-unlimited-plan-stack-up-against-the-others>

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

5. Comments from Andrea: When trying to troubleshoot problems with the Internet, techs will ask "What browser are you using?" When asked this question, one client responded "I use Google". Then over the course of a few minutes it was clear, they were not using Google Chrome, which is Google's browser. They were using 'Google' the search engine. What's the difference between a browser and a search engine? A web browser is software that allows you to view information on the internet. The information can be in the form of text, images, videos, and/or audio. Google Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Safari and Internet Explorer, are examples of web browsers.



You enter a URL or address into the browser and then the browser displays the content of that URL on your screen.

The main purpose of a search engine is to search for information on the internet. Search engines are software programs that search for websites based on the keywords typed in. They go through their databases of information to locate information you are looking for. Google, Bing, Yahoo, and Duck Duck Go are examples of search engines. You have to use a Browser to get to a search engine. In the example above, the client opened Firefox (a browser) and went to www.google.com (search engine). What browser are you using?

6. Thanks for Refreshments to Yvonne Eschenhorst.

7. Thanks for being Welcome Lady Ines Williams.

8. Computer Lending Library—Changes are happening to O'Reilly's printing of books and their focus and emphasis - it is more Techy. No



more new printed books from them, but you can get free webcasts if you are interested. Their email address is "O'Reilly Media <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 today, **1:00-2:00**, we will have Q\A and Jim Tubb and Andrea Antonik will be giving a short talk on Browser Tips and Tricks.

Then during the **2:00-4:00 pm time slot**, our speaker will be our own Ross Guistino, System Administrator, Computer Consultant and Member of Bd of Directors, WSCUG. His topic is "File Organization and Backup"



We are very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable speaker.

10. Computer Help – Drop-in. Next meeting will be May 21, 2018 --2:00--4:00 pm (**this is the third Monday as the fourth Monday is a holiday!**)

June 25, 2018 – 2:00-- 4:00 pm

No preregistration–But Donation

11. Next meeting of User's Group 6/11/18 – 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 a representative from Sonic. Their topic TBA.

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.

"We are all broken, that's how the light gets in." – Ernest Hemingway