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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter



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Computer Help . Drop-In
2:00-4:00 PM Nov 25, 2019
Next meeting of User's
Group: 12/09/19--1:00
2:00 pm

Questions/Answers
2:00 – 4:00 pm: Our
presentation will be from
Redwood Credit Union by
Rebecca Miller, Assistant
Manager Windsor branch.
Her presentation is
entitled "Navigating
Banking Technology:
Feeling Secure with Mobile
Banking".

*NO Drop-in Computer
Help in December 2019.*

Today's Program: During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, Questions/Answers and **Jim Tubb** will discuss "What is Windows Store and What's in it."

Then during the 2:00-4:00 pm time slot, our presentation will be from **Office Dept, Windsor. Bobby Tagnolli**, Windsor Store Manager and **Michael Banuelos**, Senior Sales Tech. will be discussing "What's New".

WSCUG Membership Drive Win! Win! Win!

They win, you win, we win.

We will be having a membership drive **September, October and November.**

The member who brings the **most guests** during those months will win a 1 hour in home consulting session with either Andrea or Jim, so give those friends a call.

Articles for November

a) DNA, laser-etched glass, and beyond: A peek into the future of data storage By Luke Dormehl

11.04.19 "We're running out of storage space. Literally. With the 3.7 billion people who currently use the internet generating around 2.5 quintillion bytes of data each day, more and more data centers are needed to keep up with demand."

Some researchers are working on next-gen storage solutions to "solve the world's data problem". The article discusses DNA storage, creating molecules that can store magnetic information, and quartz glass. Each one of these futuristic technologies has its own set of challenges to overcome.

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/the-future-of-storage-as-we-know-it> and related article:

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-heres-why-we-just-stored-the-whole-superman-movie-inside-a-bit-of-glass>

b) How to maximize the battery life of your Windows 10 PC by Ed Bott, 11.04.19. "This article assumes you're using a portable PC designed for Windows 10, with a modern processor that's capable of entering the Connected Standby state, running a recent Windows 10 release." The article contains 9 steps to follow to get the most out of your laptops battery. <https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-to-maximize-the-battery-life-of-your-windows-10-pc>

c) Ask Yourself These Questions Before Setting Up a Smarthome by Josh Hendrickson, 10.13.19. "Are you thinking about starting up smarthome?...you should ask yourself a few common-sense questions. What Changes Can You Make to Your Home?, What Do You Want to Accomplish?, Do You Want to Do it Yourself? How Much Do You Want to Spend?, What Voice Assistant Should You Get?, and Will Your Family and Guests Like Your Smarthome? Don't (continued next page)

Thanks for **Refreshments** to Cassandra Lista.
Thanks for being **Welcome Lady** to Audrey Leyhe.
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c) (cont.) make the mistake of diving right into the first smart gadget that catches your fancy."

<https://www.howtogeek.com/443121/seven-questions-you-should-ask-yourself-before-starting-a-smarthome>

d) Fitbit is doomed: Here's why everything Google buys turns to garbage by Jason Perlow, 11.06.19.. "Late last week, Google announced its intention to purchase Fitbit...its track record with acquisitions over the past 10 years has been awful." The author reviews 4 of Google's most significant acquisitions from the past 10 years and expresses concerns for this Fitbit acquisition.

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/fitbit-is-doomed-why-everything-google-buys-turns-to-garbage>

e) Secured-core PCs offer new defense against firmware attacks by Mark Hachman, 10.21.19.

"Microsoft, chipmakers, and several PC makers on Monday announced Secured-core PCs, which use hardware-based defense mechanisms to combat firmware-level security attacks. A Secured-core PC uses hardware as a shield. 'Secured-core PCs combine identity, virtualization, operating system, hardware and firmware protection to add another layer of security underneath the operating system,' according to Microsoft...essentially what

a Secured-core PC does is boot the system using the existing firmware, then re-initialize it into a trusted state."

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3446781/secured-core-pcs>

f) FBI warns about attacks that bypass multi-factor authentication (MFA) by Catalin Cimpanu, 10.07.19. The FBI has sent a security advisory to industry partners saying hackers can bypass MFA solutions. The FBI says cyber-criminals have ways around such account protections, but recommends that companies use MFA. "MFA is still very effective at preventing most mass and automated attacks."

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/fbi-warns-about-attacks>

Comments from Ross: Hacked Email Account Scam:



I'm sure everyone has received at least one email from a stranger saying that they hacked your email address. They go on to say that they planted a virus on your computer and have been monitoring you. They go on to say that they even know your password! And shockingly, they tell you what that password is proving that they hacked your account. **R-E-L-A-X!** It is **FAKE** and a **SCAM**. You are not hacked, you are not being monitored, and they have NOT hacked your account. Here is a website describing this in more detail: <https://blog.malwarebytes.com/cybercrime/2019/02/sextortion-bitcoin-scam-makes-unwelcome-return/>

Internet

Cyber insurance: here to stay, whether we like it or not

<https://blog.malwarebytes.com/ransomware/2019/10/cyber-insurance>

How to Get the Most Out of Your Digital Wallet

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/09/technology/personaltech/how-to-get-the-most-out-of-your-digital-wallet>

The 3 safest ways to pay online

<https://www.komando.com/tech-tips>

What Happens to Your Smarthome When the Power Goes Out?

<https://www.howtogeek.com/403888/what-happens-to-your-smarthome>

This free Windows 10 upgrade offer still works. Here's why -- and how to get it

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-free-windows-10-upgrade-offer>

Has a Hacker Really Hacked My Email Account?

<https://askleo.com/has-a-hacker-really-hacked-my-email-account>

What's New in Windows 10's November 2019 Update, Available Now

<https://www.howtogeek.com/437112/whats-new-in-windows-10s-19h2-update>

Bill Gates: You'd all be on Windows Mobile today, not Android, but I screwed up

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/bill-gates-you-d-all-be-on-windows-mobile-today>



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