September Meeting Announcement

Members Helping Members

President's Message
By
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The first thing I must tell you is that our monthly meeting will be held at the Coronado Center 6:30 pm, September 23rd. The POA has hired an IT professional and he is going to be our guest speaker. His name is Will Rainwater and rather than a prepared presentation, we will be doing a question-and-answer session. This should be interesting.

During out recent Board of Directors' meeting, the board decided to cancel the Christmas Party this year. With the virus still rampant, we decided to cancel the December meeting and party. We normally hold the elections of officers at that time, this year we will do it via email. All of this is an effort to keep our members safe.
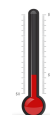
We are looking forward to putting together a series of classes in early 2022. Based on what we see at the help sessions we are putting together a series of to give you a hand on backing up files and computers, security, do I upgrade my computer or buy a new one, what do I look for when purchasing a new machine, and more. If there is a subject you think we should cover, let me know.

If any of you have serviceable laptops running Windows 7 or newer, Computers for Kids may be able to put that older laptop to good use. This of course depends on the processor and the ram. I have had the opportunity to clean the hard drives for club members. When I say clean, I mean to delete the partitions and then use a program to write 1's and then 0's to the drive seven times so there is no trace of information that was once on the drive. Then I turn it over Computers for Kids program. If you have a machine like that, we can help! See the article below for more information on this program.

Hope to see you at the meeting on the 23rd.

Check our scholarship fund status.

Click the thermometer. We're starting back up for the 2022 School year, all donations are welcome.

Paid up 2020 members have had their dues waived for 2021 due to the virus and all activities being cancelled.
If you or a friend would like to join for 2021 membership, fill out the form here: https://cchsv.org/membership.html. Mail in your form and check (address on the form) or bring it to any of the meeting and help sessions.
We didn't have renewal forms this year so it is possible some of your contact information has changed and we don't know it. If you think we might not be current in regards to you, email the membership director with your current information.
Members@cchsv.org

Covid Precautions

With the continuing problem with CoVid variants and climbing rates of cases, we are going to encourage people to wear masks at any Computer Club meeting or help session.

Help Sessions

Remember the half hour before the monthly meeting is also a help session. It starts at 6:00pm then the meeting follows at 6:30. Check our website for information on the schedule of all the month's help sessions.

Don't forget, if you just need a question answered, you can email Help@cchsv.org for assistance.

Here's a big "Thank You" to our members. You see, over the past months, we have been able to contribute a number of slightly used computers to a program that refurbishes them and then gets them in the hands of students who might otherwise not be able to have a computer. Thanks, members and if any of you have such a slightly used computer, contact Pat McCarthy at **(832)338-5925** or David Kirsch at **(281) 458-2655** and they'll be happy to pick it up. This is just another example of our Computer Club helping others. This group is at the Unitarian Universalist Village Church on Barcelona Road.

The UU Village Church sponsors the Computer 4 Kids Program which refurbishes laptop and desktop computers as an authorized Microsoft Registered Refurbisher. All computers donated to the program have their disk drive(s) wiped, and current Microsoft software (Windows 10 Pro and Office 2010) and several utility programs are installed on each computer (CCleaner, Malwarebytes, Picasa, etc.), Refurbished computers are distributed to Middle or High School students who qualify for the National School Lunch program. Some of the refurbished computers (primarily laptops) are distributed to college-bound students who would not otherwise have a computer. In addition, adults involved in programs operated by non-profits organizations can qualify for a computer. Personal computers which have Windows 7 or a later OS or have dual-core processors qualify to be refurbished. Please consider donating your unwanted computer to the C4K

program and make your friends and neighbors aware of the C4K program. To arrange a pick-up or to drop off a computer, visit the UU-C4K website (uuvc.org/c4k), send an email to (c4k@uuvc.org) or call (501/781-0598), leave a message and someone will call you back.

- **Zoom Tips**.
- **Scholarship fund**

Tech News and Tips

Get started with Zoom Tips

Preparing to Zoom - still good information

You can use zoom on your desktop, portable device or phone.
On your desktop you can prepare for a meeting by downloading the Zoom client here: **https://zoom.us/download#client_4meeting**

If you are using a phone or tablet make sure you download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app from your app store.

A search in the App Store or Google Play Store will reveal a lot of products called Zoom, and a lot of other products by the actual makers of Zoom as well. Downloading the wrong app--especially if your meeting is happening soon--can be frustrating.

The app you're looking for is called Zoom Cloud Meetings. Other Zoom apps are for integrations or conference room scheduling, which are useful for enterprise workers, but not necessarily those who just need to host or attend a Zoom meeting on their mobile device.

Click here to get the rest of the instructions in a PDF with plenty of pictures.

Scholarship fund and donation opportunities

Our scholarship fund is restarting for the 2022 class. Thanks to Pat and David and all the individual donations we were able to award two $1250.00

scholarships.

If you want to help with Pat and David's efforts, they are collecting old devices (phones and tablets), making sure they are cleaned of all personal information, and selling them at a reasonable price. Android or Apple, it does not matter. They have contributed over $1,000 to the scholarship fund.

We usually have several club members who are willing to match donations to the scholarship fund. If you would like to mail a check to the club post office box, the address is:
Computer Club HSV
P.O. Bos 8387
Hot Springs Village, AR 71910
Please note the zip code. Since the post office is outside your gated community…..

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