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## President's Letter

In this final 2017 Newsletter, I'm going to computer/computing news of general information is of primary importance and Club has a major issue and handicap that somehow have just not gotten the point handled or a major service of the Club will **EDUCATION** which we view it as oxygen important for many non-members as well. *PC classes is frankly endangered!* This therein is our problem. The **Education Chair** has been vacant since early this year. Our campaign to recruit a replacement has so far been unsuccessful. Ironically, we have all the necessary Staff and resources to fulfill resident's expectations and continue the Education function, but we're an Orchestra without a Conductor!



depart from our usual sharing of interest. Instead, the following significance. I want to stress that the could be resolved easily, but we across. This dilemma must be likely be discontinued. The subject is for the Club and our members; and *Unfortunately, continued delivery of* function requires Leadership and

As you may know, our PC classes are designed and conducted by Volunteer members who see value in assisting fellow-residents grow in knowledge, skill and enjoyment of their computing device(s).

Place a check in front of items below that you have done:

- Planned, or assisted in planning a Family or Class Reunion,
- Planned a major Wedding Anniversary or Birthday Celebration,
- Planned a College or High School Graduation Celebration,
- Planned the (major) Annual Event for your Church, Synagogue or Social Club or Fraternal Organization.

Please read on -

I suspect many of us can place a check in front of *at least one* of the above. That tells me that you are very well qualified to assist our Club by assuming the position of **Chair** of our **Education Department**. You clearly have the necessary basic planning, organizing and managing skills, coupled with good interpersonal behavior to succeed in accomplishing objectives such as these.

We do not expect a candidate to have either Teaching nor Administrative experience in an Educational setting!

The solution to our issue is quite simple: someone reading this (or someone you talk with about it) needs to contact me – or any Board Member – to discuss the specifics of this role.

If you're a person who would enjoy being part of a dynamic team of Volunteers who sincerely enjoy assisting others, a team with great camaraderie, a "can do" attitude and a reputation of getting things done – then please make contact! Remember - we do not expect a candidate to have either Teaching nor Administrative experience in an Educational setting.

I can be reached at my Club E-mail address: [president@thepclub.org](mailto:president@thepclub.org) or by phone: 949.354.3443. I would love to hear from you. ~



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**WE WISH YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS  
THE FALL SEASON BRINGS!**



## Keeping Your Files Safe in Google's Cloud

By [J. D. BIERSDORFER](#) SEPT. 6, 2017

**Q.** *When I upload a file to the Google Drive cloud, where is it actually stored, and is it protected from hackers?*

**A.** According to Google, the files you add to your [Google Drive](#) app or folder are stored on servers [in secure data centers](#). Your [data stored with Google is encrypted](#) during transfer from your computer — and while it sits on Google Drive servers. (Many online file-storage sites offer similar protection, but check before you sign up if you have security concerns.)

If you choose to use it, Google's Backup and Sync app will store copies of your computer's selected folders on Google Drive. The New York Times

Cloud services are often targets for thieves, but personal security by the account holder is often the weak link. Google recommends using [two-step verification](#) on Google Drive accounts to add an extra layer of protection, and it says to always [fully log out of your account](#) when using shared or public computers. The [Safety Center](#) area of the company's website has other tips and tools for many of its products, including Gmail, Android and Chrome.

In addition to providing a place to store files, Google Drive includes [Google Docs](#), an online software suite for creating and collaborating on documents, spreadsheets and presentations. This summer, the company [announced a desktop app](#) for Windows and Mac, called [Backup and Sync](#), that keeps [Google Photos](#) and [Google Drive](#) files backed up online.

Google Drive [has been around since 2012](#), and some people have raised concerns about Google's [scanning user content for its own purposes](#), like selling targeted advertising. The company's overall [Terms of Service](#) document states, "Our automated systems analyze your content (including emails) to provide you personally relevant product features, such as customized search results, tailored advertising, and spam and malware detection. This analysis occurs as the content is sent, received and when it is stored."

Google's terms are not unlike those of other companies offering similar services and can be seen as the price of "free." If they bother you, you can look for a different service with more agreeable terms or encrypt the stored data yourself.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/technology/personaltech/security-google-cloud.html?em\\_pos=small&emc=edit\\_ct\\_20170907&nl=technology&nl\\_art=10&nid=51693217&ref=headline&te=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/06/technology/personaltech/security-google-cloud.html?em_pos=small&emc=edit_ct_20170907&nl=technology&nl_art=10&nid=51693217&ref=headline&te=1)

## Greetings from LWV PC Club co-webmasters, Shelton and Kathryn Green.

In our PC Club website, you'll find information about our PC Workshop services and hours; the PC Learning Center classes; the topic, time, and place for our PC Club's next meeting and events; the PC Club volunteer opportunities; and cyber security alerts. Note that all tuition and registration fees for club membership, classes, and event activities may be scheduled and paid online through our website.

We genuinely enjoy maintaining our new website. Our 2016 conversion from a WordPress site to a less code dependent, drag and drop, Weebly hosted site that is mobile phone and tablet friendly has been a complete and great success. Happily, hosting our website on Weebly spared us from concerns about the recent changes in the LWV club website hosting services.

Please also note the most recent website additions: Volunteer Opportunities and Cyber Security webpages. The Volunteer Opportunities webpage includes brief descriptions of volunteer activities and an application form. The Cyber Security webpage topics include Scams, Ransomware, Fraud, Malware, and ID Theft alerts. You should visit this area regularly – we suggest weekly – to ensure that you're keeping abreast of information and developments in this area. One cannot take security and safety for granted any longer (unfortunately) nor can we have a very casual indifferent attitude about it.

You are cordially invited to browse our website at <http://www.thepcclub.org>, suggest a class, get information on the latest cyber security alerts, and/or apply to join our family of PC Club volunteers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [webmaster@thepcclub.org](mailto:webmaster@thepcclub.org) if we may be of assistance.

Shelton Green has two Master's Degrees from USC in Electrical Engineering and Systems Management and a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State in Electrical Engineering. He worked on the modernization of GPS Federal program and as a Director for the freeway emergency phone program. Kathryn Green has a Master's Degree in Career Counseling and a Doctorate in Education. She was a tenured professor, career counselor, and program facilitator for the Assessment & Employment Center of a local college.



Interesting Internet Finds - July  
Steve Costello, Boca Raton Computer Society  
[editor@brcs.org](mailto:editor@brcs.org)  
<http://ctublog.sefcug.com/>

**Keep Reading...**

While going through more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things I think might be of interest to other user group members.

The following are some items I found interesting during the month of July 2017.

### ***What's the Difference Between Internet Bandwidth and Speed?***

<https://fossbytes.com/whats-the-difference-between-internet-bandwidth-and-speed/>

I never thought about it before reading this post. Now I know there is a difference. If you read this you will too.

### **Image Copyright Do's and Don'ts**

<https://todaysauthor.com/2017/07/12/image-copyright-dos-and-donts/>

This post is from one of the creative writing blogs I follow. If you are a Newsletter Editor, Blogger, article writer, etc., or create presentations that include images, you should read this.

### **5 Portable Apps for Mac That Should Go Everywhere with You**

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/portable-apps-for-mac/>

I don't have a Mac, but I use portable apps all the time on my Windows machines. Three of the five I use all the time on Windows.

### **Know When to Use Which File Format: PNG vs. JPG, DOC vs. PDF, MP3 vs. FLAC**

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/know-when-to-use-which-file-format-png-vs-jpg-doc-vs-pdf-mp3-vs-flac/>

I know there a lot of users that don't even think about the format they are using. Most just go with the default. This post explains the differences of various formats, and when you should use one over the other.

### **How Does Wireless Charging Work?**

<http://joyofandroid.com/wireless-charging-work/>

Ever wonder how wireless charging works. If so, check out this post. It does not get very technical, so don't be afraid to check it out.

### **How to Use a Gmail Account to Create Your Own Customized Note-Taking App**

<https://whatsonmypc.blog/2017/07/06/gmail-note-taking/>

I use the paid Evernote version, which is where I keep all my interesting finds before posting. That said, this sounds like a good alternative for someone who needs more than the free Evernote.

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Most Fridays, more interesting finds will be posted on the *Computers, Technology, and User Groups Blog*: <http://ctublog.sefcug.com/tag/interesting-internet-finds>. The posts are under Creative Commons licensing.





**LET'S MEET...**

**TONI BARRIER**

We are pleased to welcome Toni, a leader in LWV, to the position of Membership Chairperson in the PC Club. Toni is a native of Orange County, worked in Washington D.C. for 9 years and returned to this area six years ago. With her daughter, 2 growing grandchildren and elderly mother living nearby, LWV has been a welcome choice.

Toni comes to us with excellent computer skills and managing experience with the huge database at the Hearing Loss Association of America in Washington, D.C. In addition, she communicated with and “nurtured” the 200 chapters of the Hearing Loss Development Groups all over the country. Not surprisingly, she told me that she loves to cook and her social life often involves small group gatherings at her house for dinner.

When she arrived here and discovered that the Hearing Loss Club in LWV had lost its leader, Toni immediately volunteered to take over. She renamed it the “Hearing Well Club”, and has watched it grow again. She is working with VMS to upgrade listening devices in many places in the community. She also is working to help the PC Club tailor their classes to accommodate the hearing needs of the 50% of the Laguna Woods community that are affected.

Toni recently joined the Video Club to learn how to video tape her Hearing Well meetings and publish them to YouTube to expand knowledge and encouragement to a bigger audience. Toni also indicated she’d like to be a teacher for the PC Club, when she narrows down her ideas on what to teach!

It was such a nice experience to get to know Toni at Clubhouse Three on a quiet Saturday morning, sharing part of her story, her passions and her interests. Her willingness to give of her talents and time will be invaluable in the PC Club and I think we can look forward to many more ideas and innovations to enhance all our enjoyment of the club. THANKS TO ANOTHER VALUABLE VOLUNTEER!

By Shirley Muse

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# -APPS CORNER-

## Fall/Winter 2017

Chances are you not only have a Windows computing device but an Android phone or tablet as well. While you may be quite familiar with the apps that were preinstalled by the device manufacturer and/or your wireless provider, have you ever gone on a shopping spree at the **Google Play Store**? Like Apple, Google offers a cornucopia of Apps for our use that simply boggles the mind. Go online and see what's new from the clever developers who design and submit their creations to Google. <https://play.google.com/store/apps> Remember too, a serious developer will modify, refine and/or upgrade his creations after users send their comments and suggestions. See below for some new finds or additions to this column for our Fall/Winter Newsletter. Past issues include an **App Corner** and can be found on our website. (this feature started in 2015) Click on the "Newsletter" link - <http://www.thepcclub.org/>



**Sygic Car Navigation** (4.4) Free. An offline navigation app, optimized for car infotainment systems. Just connect your Android phone to your car with a USB cable and enjoy navigation via car's built-in in-dash display. Use on your daily commute, when traveling, on holidays or on your business trips. Offline access without internet; lifetime FREE map and POI updates; pedestrian navigation to walk and explore; car audio integration – blue tooth or cable.



**Free Mobile Print App** Hammermill® Papers. (4.7) Free. Print directly from your phone or tablet via Wi Fi, Bluetooth or USB cable to any printer without a compute. Direct mobile scanning is available for selected multifunction printers. Print any Office documents - DOC, XLS, PPT, PDF, TXT; also, images and photos, E-mails and attachments. No in-app purchases necessary.



**Find Near Me** (4.0) Free. This app helps you find ATM, Bank, Gas Station, Restaurant, Bar, Café, Hospital, Hotel, Taxi, Movie Theatre, Beauty Salon, Wi-Fi spots or virtually anything near you.

Highly customizable - it allows you to add and save your own search terms for future use. Automatically finds your current location and plots it on a map; displays details such as address, phone numbers, distance from current location, etc. for the results from within the app; usable on-the-go to search for places of interest. Supports both portrait and landscape screen orientations. Now available for your Android Wear!



**Packing List for Travel. Pack King** (4.6) Free. App to help you create a packing list for trips or holidays. Generate a personalized packing list based on destination, planned activities, transport, and other personal needs. We'll help you plan what items you shouldn't forget to put into your backpack or suitcase for your weekend, business or holiday trip. Guides you whether you're just interested in essentials, sightseeing, the beach, hiking, backpacking and more. International; supports all types transportation and weather. Upgrade available with no ads.



**Karta GPS - Offline Navigation** (4.5) Free. Obtain offline, content-rich maps that allow you to explore new places and drive with advanced turn-by-turn instructions. Download as many maps as required; use without internet connection; live traffic service; sounds alert when you approach a speed-controlled zone. Full voice guidance with spoken street names; automatic rerouting as traffic conditions change; lane assistance for those complex highway exits. Gives you alternatives for each route; finds a parking spot when you reach your destination.



**Find My Device**, Google LLC (4.3) Free. Android Device Manager; helps you easily locate a lost Android device, and keeps your information safe and sound while you look. Locate your phone, tablet or watch. Plays a sound to help you track down your device when it's close by. Allows you to lock, erase or show a message. With Find My Device you can secure your device remotely and help someone get in touch.



**Open Table** (4.5) Free. Use OpenTable to find, explore, reserve, and manage restaurant reservations free and instantly - anytime, anywhere. OpenTable's app helps you find new restaurants; view restaurant menus, reviews, and photos; and earn reward points towards your next delicious meal. Find and explore restaurant reviews, photos, menus, and more: find restaurants by preference - party size, date, time, cuisine, price, or distance; easily change, cancel, and re-book. Coordinate with friends by sending OpenTable invitations and adding restaurant reservations to calendars. Use in U.S., Canada, Mexico, U.K., Ireland, Germany, Australia, Japan, and more!



**Wunderlist: To-Do List & Tasks** Free (4.6) Wunderlist will assist you by capturing ideas, things to do and places to see. Whether you need to share a grocery list, work together on a project, or plan a vacation, Wunderlist makes it easy to share your lists and collaborate with anyone. Wunderlist instantly syncs between your phone, tablet and computer, so you can access your lists from anywhere. Other features include creating unlimited lists, setting a Reminder, organizing information using Folders and more.



**WebMD**, WebMD LLC Free (4.2) WebMD helps you with your decision-making and health improvement efforts. Features include symptom checker, drug, treatment and first aid information, local health listings and resources. You'll have access to first aid information even without internet access. Voice search capability as well as maps. App can be customized for your specific issues and needs.



**SYSTEMS ANALYST**

I met with Charles in a last minute and casual interview because of an upcoming trip he'd just announced. Charles has been with the PC Club for almost a year, having moved from about an hour away in Covina, CA. He accepted the invitation to volunteer at a General PC Meeting because computers are what he's interested in and he loves to solve problems. He has several computers at home and even creates personal websites, not for business, but just for fun!



Though Charles was a chemical engineer in research, his facility gave him a 'side' job of being in charge of the computers on site. He grew up with the small IBM's at the site at the beginning of the computer era and was there when everyone switched to personal PC's all networked together and worked with them the rest of his career. Hence, Charles is perfect for a Systems Analyst in our PC Learning Center! It's a behind the scenes job when he updates all the software on the 21 computers and keeps them running perfectly! He likes the job and doesn't find it over challenging. He did admit, however, that occasionally things do go wrong and then he calls on his experience and expertise to troubleshoot and solve the problem.

Charles finds time to play Ping Pong and make projects in the Woodworking Room here in the Village. He has made bowls recently and is working on PENS for his grandchildren. I remarked that those sounded like a unique, handmade, personal gift. In addition, he and his wife attend Saddleback Church Services in Clubhouse 5 on Sundays.

As we were concluding our time together, Charles admitted his mind was on his very imminent vacation. He and his wife were soon on their way to visit both children and their several grandchildren in different parts of the country; northern CA and South Carolina. Following those visits, in December he and his wife are on their way to enjoy land tours of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji for a month! After his trip, I'm sure he will have many wonderful stories to tell, if you look him up at a General Meeting!

As I've imagined a month on land in those magnificent countries, I couldn't help but wonder if perhaps one of those personal websites he works on will feature their December, 2017 trip. HM-m-m. Just an idea, Charles.

Charles, it's been so nice to learn some important things about your life and let our members get to know you better. Thank you too for being another one of OUR VALUED VOLUNTEERS!

By Shirley Muse





## Don't miss these!

**SUMMER 2017 VTC VIDEOS.** You'll find these YouTube videos at:

Chromebooks Are for Seniors, Ron Brown - <https://youtu.be/4uszFPNL-SU>

Finding Tech Information on Medium.com, Kathy Jacobs - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2DPVIMyz-E>

GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System), Bill Hobbs - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvWxG1vbHak>

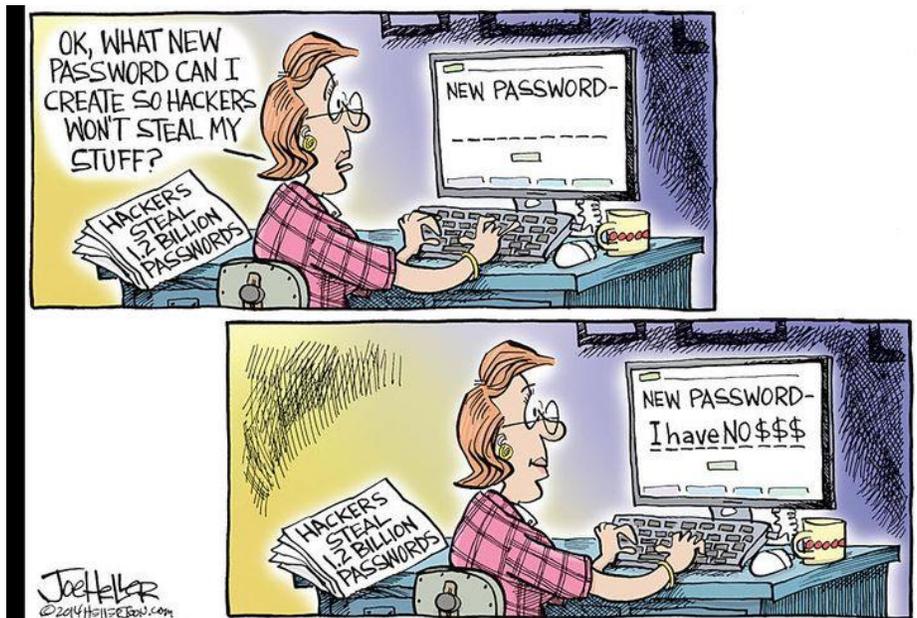
Crypto Viruses, Toby Scott, Tech Guru, Channel Islands PCUG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvaMPRNgb7o>

Picking the Best Back-up Approach, Gene Barlow, User Group Relations -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIJa7j57JdY>

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# INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE

at the  
**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> PC Club Meeting**

All residents and their guests welcome

**Clubhouse 7 @ 7 PM**



**Get to Know the New Village Website**

-Presented by-



**Mr. Chuck Holland**

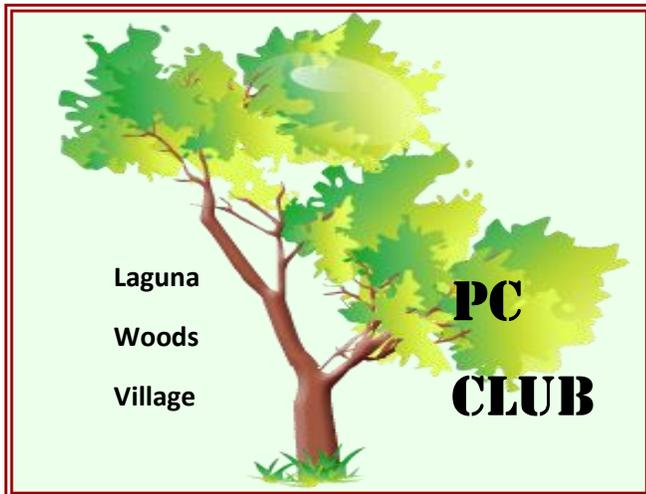
**Information Services Director**

**Bring your questions for the Q and A portion of the meeting.**

**Free Door Prize Drawing – for current Club Members.**

**Renew your membership at the meeting!**

Questions? Email - [president@thepcclub.org](mailto:president@thepcclub.org)



## Benefits of Membership in the PC Club

- Informative monthly meetings *and* eligibility for door prizes!
- Newsletters geared to Senior PC users [free and first via email]
- Discount on PC classes throughout the member's year
- Helps defray Club's expense for new equipment, software and supplies
- Representation in the national Senior's Computer User Group Association <http://www.apcug2.org/>
- Access to Club's Lending Library of PC Books, Manuals and Magazines
- *First* to receive *all* announcements and information, via email
- *First* to know of events involving other Village Technology Clubs: Camera, Video and Macintosh.
- Able to purchase USB flash drives, CDs/DVDs and Photo Paper in the Workshop at a bargain rate!