Dear Current and Previous Members,

We hope you are all staying healthy and adhering to social distancing.

We want to keep the communication lines open and share some information.

**Visit our Website**

Although the Workshop and learning Centers remain closed, our website is always available. So if you missed our March meeting, the presentation is available on our website <https://www.thepcclub.org/>  Click on Meeting Links

We also have a link for developments in Cyber Security.  Many hours of presentations (Free) and spanning 5+ yrs., is available at this URL  <https://apcug2.org/category/virtual-tech-conference/>  Topics cover all computing subjects and computer devices.

Last but not least, you can refresh many PC skills, and acquire new ones, by searching out presentations here: [https://www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/)  Stay connected by reading this column and visiting our website for further updates.

**Virtually Visit the Orange County Library**

**An additional online resource during this time of distancing**

Earlier this year, the Orange County Public Library expanded its online offerings for patrons to easily and conveniently access thousands of eBooks including Kindle books and audio books, research and reference databases, and music for you to enjoy on your PC, tablet, and Android phone.

The library also made it easier to use its site. In addition to a regular library card, the library introduced eCards. These can be obtained online from home – without visiting a branch library.

From this link <http://www.ocpl.org/elib/elearning> scroll down to the Adults section. In addition to the links you will generally understand, there is one named Overdrive. Clicking on this will bring up a message ‘You Are Now Leaving the County of Orange Official Portal’. This is OK.

With the temporary closures in Laguna Woods Village, and the temporary suspension of the PC Club workshop, please be willing to explore around in understanding and using the resources described here.

To sign up for an eCard, click here

<https://catalog.ocpl.org/client/en_US/default/search/registration/$N?pc=SYMWS>

**What’s Happening with the Tax Program**

AARP has suspended the TCE program and we will be notified when it will be resumed.   This suspension applies to all the tax center throughout the US.

You have until July 15th to file and pay your taxes.   **This applies to both the Federal and State of California Tax Returns.** You do not need to file an extension form as this is an automatic extension.

No one knows when we will have a location to prepare your taxes.   If you had an AARP appointment you are on our list and we will contact, you when we have more information on where and when we can prepare your tax return.

If you believe you are due a refund and would like to move forward and get your taxes done, there are various online tax software for you to use.

Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov/) and link on options to file your return.  Some of the software applications are free and some will charge you to file your return.

Your other choice will be to wait until the program is up and running.

If you have any questions, please contact [treasurer@thepcclub.org](mailto:treasurer@thepcclub.org)

**COVID-19 Stimulus Package**

This is what we know about the Stimulus Package

If you are single and your adjusted gross income is below $75K you will receive a check for $1,200 if you are married filing jointly that income needs to be below $175K you will receive $2,400.

The government has suspended your RMD – so if you have not taken your RMD this year you are no longer required to take it in 2020.

If you would like more information on the Stimulus Package visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov/)

**COVID-19 TAX SCAMS**

Below is a warning from the IRS regarding tax scams.

“If you receive calls, emails, or other communications claiming to be from the Treasury Department and offering COVID-19 related grants or stimulus payments in exchange for personal financial information, or an advance fee, tax, or charge of any kind, including the purchase of gift cards, please do not respond.  These are scams.  Please contact the FBI at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov/) so that the scammers can be tracked and stopped.

**Please do not give any personal information over the phone or email.  Do not open links.   The TCE volunteers of our program will never ask for personal information over the phone**.

If you are unsure if the person on the phone is a TCE Volunteer, ask for their name and telephone and confirm with Barbara Harris by emailing [Treasurer@thepcclub.org](mailto:Treasurer@thepcclub.org).

Stay safe and healthy out there.

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