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MESSAGE FROM CCCP PROGRAM COORDINATOR Stan Meyers

The past months have had some interesting and almost devastating impacts on our program. We went through a financial crisis that almost forced us to halt operation but due to the concerted efforts of Joel Becker and one of his long established friends of CCCP, Barry Rudofsky and his kind friends, we had a reprieve. While we are currently solvent, we still must continue to find and appeal to previous and new donors. We must recruit a new and energetic Outreach Manager to allow Joel Becker to re-retire and take on his new pursuit full time to save the planet, see his write up. We went through a period of time where we were lacking computers, especially laptops but we are currently in a reasonable state but this comes about due to a serious reduction in the number of new clients. We need to vigorously push our current agencies and pursue new agencies for clients. This again is suffering because we do not have anyone to take command of this effort. Many of the recent donations of computers have been provided without hard drives and this of course increases our cost of refurbishment. Our current financial status will allow us to meet these costs but it will affect our long term financial status.

Please read Ed Brown's write up on how you can help us make broader appeals for donations and finding new recruits. RSVP/CCCP was awarded a \$5500.00 grant from the SC Veterans' Marathon Grant.

Starting in the fall we will be conducting only 3 General Meetings through June of next year. As soon as these meeting dates are established we will let you know. We are hoping that this will result in greater attendance at these meetings. We also want your feedback on how these meetings can have a greater appeal to everyone. Please feel free to provide me or any of the members of the Advisory Group your input on this matter.

On a brighter note I want to congratulate Pegi Orsino on her successful aneurism operation.

Welcome our new volunteers from last year and this year: Matthew Lindsey, Anna and Daniel Rohring (Daughter and father), Scott Rich, Maria Scutari, Christina Janiak.

Happy Spring - I hope to see everyone at our next General Meeting. 6:45pm Thursday, June 20th at Plainview-Old Bethpage Library.

From Pegi Orsino, Executive Director RSVP

Happy Spring CCCP Volunteers! Although this weather doesn't qualify as spring like weather. This morning the temps as I left the house were 41 degrees but it says "feels like" 38! So I haven't traded my turtle-necks in just yet!

Congrats to all of you on the grant that Stan Myers authored for the Suffolk County Veterans Agency for its Marathon Funding! Much gratitude to the **anonymous donor** who so generously gave 10K in CCCP's darkest hour to bolster its very scarce coffers. Another faithful supporter, Barry Rudofsky, CCCP volunteer from years past, requested his guests to celebrate his 50th Birthday by donating their gifts in the form of financial donations to CCCP. Capitol One which Barry suggested CCCP to has given 2k to the cause. Happy Birthday and thanks for thinking of us!

While all three are a god send and certainly welcome now is the time for all of us to collectively be aware of looking at support opportunities to line up additional funding so that there can be stability in the program and operations can continue to run smoothly. If anyone has suggestions or "leads" to banks or community resources that I can write a request for please call or e-mail me directly.

Thanks for all your labor efforts and especially a **big thank you** to those that have undertaken to make deliveries of finished computers to community recipients. Getting the finished product to those requesting families and vets give the CCCP its integrity and completes the program's objective! Keep up the good works.



Technical Notes

From Ken Bove.....

Systems with small disks won't be able to install Windows

10 May 2019 update. Ars Technica Peter Bright - 4/26/2019



Traditionally, Microsoft would use the release of a new operating system to bump the minimum hardware requirements that the software needs. With Windows 10 being the "last" version of Windows, Microsoft is using the major updates to bump specs. The May 2019 update, version 1903, takes the opportunity to do just this.

Previously, 32-bit Windows had a minimum storage requirement of 16GB, and 64-bit Windows needed 20GB. Both of these were extremely tight, leaving little breathing room for actual software, but technically this was enough space for everything to work. That minimum has now been bumped up: it's 32GB for both 32- and 64-bit versions of Windows.

Part of this growth may be due to a new behavior that Microsoft is introducing with version 1903. To ensure that future updates install without difficulty, **7GB of disk space** are permanently reserved for the install process. While this will avoid out-of-disk errors when updating, it represents a substantial reduction in usable space on these low-storage systems.

If your system can't be upgraded, it'll be stuck with version 1809 for the remainder of its supported life; that's currently set to expire on May 12 2020 for Home, Pro, and Pro for Workstations editions, and May 11, 2021 for Enterprise and Education editions. Version 1809 also has a long-term servicing channel counterpart, which will receive bug fixes and security updates until January 9, 2024 and security fixes until January 9, 2029. It would be nice if Microsoft offered these fixes to hardware that's left abandoned by a feature update, but we wouldn't hold our breath.

The new disk requirements also don't apply to the Windows 10 IoT edition. This version should have a smaller disk footprint in general, so should have more breathing room for future updates. There's also no change for Windows Server's hardware requirements; that version of Windows already required a minimum of 32GB disk space.

From Ed Brown.....

PC UserBenchmark

Just found this great Bench Mark software that evaluates and gives a great report on the ram and other parts of a computer.



It sends the report to your default browser. It doesn't install the software, it's just a load and go (execute). Here's the site link: <https://www.userbenchmark.com/>

Joel Becker Reminds Us.....

“We are in the forefront of reusing, not recycling old computers.”

Joel Becker for Friends of the Planet.....



AN INVITATION TO JOIN **“FRIENDS OF THE PLANET”**

If we hear of a case of malaria a dozen miles away, we immediately check our surroundings for still water where mosquitoes lay eggs. If we read about a case of bird flu a few towns from where we live, we immediately become concerned about exposure.

An increasing number of us believe, based on science and observation, that the effects of global warming are being felt now, and that the burgeoning, and soon, irreversible damage to our planet is as real as the dangers of untreated strep throat is for our children/grandchildren and ,if they survive, our great grandchildren.

FOTP is an online group. It is a by-invitation group (I encourage you to ask others to ask to join) that will have no political agenda and will not take any stand on issues. There will be no fund raising or sharing of membership list.

Our objective is to share information and create a dialogue about the effects of global warming: hurricanes, storms, flooding, tornadoes, crop losses, drought, polar ice melting, forced relocation and other observations including personal experiences germane to the reality that our neighborhood, the earth, is under attack.

We intend to obtain resources which will allow us to become further informed about how to mitigate the greenhouse gases that cause global warming and ultimately sequester them.

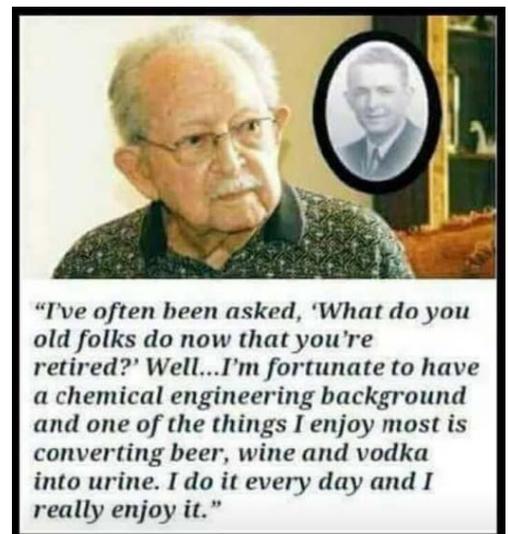
Members will be able to alert the group about things happening in communities around the country upon which individuals might want to act.

I believe you are someone concerned about the future of the planet in the face of global warming.

You'll need to have a google account. If you don't have a Gmail account, you can create a Google identity by going to the link below:

<https://accounts.google.com/SignUpWithoutGmail>

1. Type “Google Groups” in the search bar. Then search for “Friends of the Planet” (*not “earth”-which is a separate group*)
2. To join the group, click “Join group” or “Apply to join group”.





Kudos to Stan (the man) Jurgielewicz

Dear CCCP / RSVP Family,

Yesterday new volunteer Maria Scutari and I completed six deliveries in Patchogue. Two were to families with school age children who didn't have a home computer to do their school work. The Ramos family Mom told us how her son was doing "computer coding" on his phone then transferring it to the school computer. Sometimes it got lost on the phone. Well not anymore. He'll now do his coding on his CCCP/RSVP computer. Both families are extremely grateful for the wonderful gift from CCCP/RSVP.

Sincerely,

Stan Jurgielewicz

New CCCP/RSVP
Volunteer
Maria Scutari

Padilla
Family

Ramos
Family



Using Nextdoor.com to Solicit Volunteers from Ed Brown

NextDoor.com is a national site that allows one to connect with neighbors (both very local and surrounding area) with needs and suggestions.

To register you have to provide your name and address and phone number. They will verify that information.

It's suggested that volunteers register for NextDoor and post the attached flyer, asking for Volunteers. It also introduces neighbors to our group.

When posting, you can elect to post to local areas or to close-by areas, widening the area.

I've posted it on my neighborhood. I will repost in a short while.

I did get one reply from another group that would like to publicize our group on their newsletter.

Just a suggestion, you can also distribute the following flyer in your local library and wherever postings are allowed, for example, in a large supermarket.

Download or print it [here](#) from our Google site.



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The Community Computer Connections Program (CCCP) is seeking volunteers in Nassau and Suffolk Counties

CCCP is an all volunteer organization, sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, a not-for-profit agency. CCCP provides refurbished computer systems free of charge to needy individuals/families and to veterans, across Long Island who would otherwise not be able to afford this technology. Since 2006 CCCP has delivered over 5400 computers to qualified clients.

These internet ready computer systems are an essential tool to enhance job skills, promote academic success and, for the homebound, provide a means of communication with the outside world.

CCCP helps to bring technology to deserving families. CCCP volunteers help to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our technical volunteers

- Refurbish computers
- Provide remote “call center” computer repairs
- Deliver computers and install them for clients
- Exchange computers when a client’s computer malfunctions

Our management/administrative volunteers

- Solicit donations (computers and financial)
- Contact Potential Client Agencies
- Create and maintain Social Media platforms
- Manage the critical elements of the organization

There is no specific volunteer schedule or number of hours required, most work is done from home. You accept assignments based on your capability and availability.

To volunteer or to learn more about this program
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