



**Community Computer Connections Program**  
*Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Suffolk*  
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## **MESSAGE FROM CCCP PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

**Stan Meyers**

I want to thank Pegi Orsino, the outgoing Executive Director of RSVP for her assistance and in guiding me with CCCP's operation.

I want to welcome Maryflorene Brennan the new Executive Director.

It is most important to me to know that all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy. I, like many of you lived through many disastrous and dangerous events. The depression, World War Two, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, the Middle East situation, 911, Iraq, Afghanistan.

Many health events like, polio and measles epidemics, MRSA, Asian Flu, etc. do not seem to match the COVID-19 Virus. We have never been inundated with minute by minute updates which exacerbate our sense of danger.

Our condolences go out to Kevin Pechin, RSVP Web Master who lost an Aunt to this insidious virus.

The following was primarily written by Bob Simmons and expresses my sentiment and the importance of why CCCP must survive to continue fulfilling our Mission.

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"While we have been in a dormant state, I believe if we don't try something positive we will be in permanent dormancy. Another factor is that while Rita (Schmidt) created a Facebook page, if it remains dormant nobody will care. Finally most of our endorsements were collected over 5 years ago except for Stan J's and some words of praise we received from several agencies. If we can't get to our clients, we have the email addresses of our clients' agencies and a word of endorsement from them will have value."

"In the last year or so we have seen the darkest days in our existence. Financial crisis, loss of some major agencies, loss of volunteers and few new active volunteers and, of course, lack of laptops.

Like a wounded animal on the side of the street or in the woods, we must do SOMETHING to continue to survive or yes, we will face "permanent dormancy". That is not sensationalism. It is a statement of fact.

There is merit to all comments, but, lets balance the input and agree on some action plan even if it involves only a few persons, donors or clients.

We can continue to pursue and accept financial donations. We can use Facebook and any other social media to get our message out by email or any other means... the same message as before, we all know what it is. You would have to be living under a rock (not a bad idea) to not be aware that we, like everyone else, "are" not be able to make home or agency deliveries. Will not be going INSIDE anyone's home or any company to pick up or drop off computers.

Agree on a message, always hard to do, and post it - Facebook - RSVP site, yes, hard to do too - or email out - we are a smart bunch, think of something and DO IT.



Laptop donations, since that is all we REALLY NEED, can be done. I recently picked up 3 laptops - Stan and Robin have the details on how that was done. It was FAR safer that going to the supermarket market because I had total control over the situation - something rare these days. If other laptops are offered, let me know and I will do what I can to get em, without jeopardizing our agency or myself.

AGAIN, do something, reasonable and safe to survive.”

Respectfully submitted from under my rock, Bob Simmons

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It is critical that CCCP survive Covid-19. Our services are extremely important to our clients especially since we are all home bound. More so with students going to school via the internet, people shopping from home, attempting online contact with family members.

**WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND MUST CONTINUE TO DO IS PROVIDE COMPUTERS TO THOSE WHO MEET OUR CRITERIA.**

I am hoping we can conduct our next scheduled General Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Plainview-Old Bethpage library.

**HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES STAY HEALTHY.**

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**MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RSVP**

**Maryflorene Brennan**

Dear RSVP Volunteers:

I am so grateful to become the new Director of RSVP Suffolk during National Volunteer Month. It is with sincere appreciation that I want to thank you for being a volunteer.

Thank you for reaching out to RSVP and offering your experiences, talents and skills to bring hope, joy and strength to our community. I know that because you are passionate about caring for others and give so much of yourself, you make a profound difference. Our communities need your care and leadership.

You are truly amazing, and all of us at RSVP are so proud to work with you.

Sincerely,

Maryflorene Brennan

Executive Director



*Maryflorene visiting Fire Island National Seashore, one of RSVP's partnering sites along with her buddy Finn! She looks forward to meeting many of you in the days ahead!*



## Some Helpful Ways to Stay Safe if you MUST go out.

To prevent COVID-19 it is safest to avoid physical contact when greeting. Safe greetings include a wave, a nod, or a bow.

How should I greet another person to avoid catching the new coronavirus?



World Health Organization

#Coronavirus #COVID19

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Yes. Respiratory viruses can be passed by shaking hands and touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Greet people with a wave, a nod or a bow instead.

Should I avoid shaking hands because of the new coronavirus?



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No. Regularly washing your bare hands offers more protection against catching COVID-19 than wearing rubber gloves.

You can still pick up COVID-19 contamination on rubber gloves. If you then touch your face, the contamination goes from your glove to your face and can infect you.

Is wearing rubber gloves while out in public effective in preventing the new coronavirus infection?



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## Get to know your fellow volunteers.....

### **Stan Meyers**

CCCP Program Coordinator

Sandi and I celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December. We have 5 married sons. 4 are corporate Execs and 1 works for the IRS. We have 12 grandchildren, one of whom is married, 2 grand-step-sons and one great step daughter.

Bachelor and Masters Electrical Engineering, MS Industrial Management, completed all courses or a PHD in Operations Research and Systems Analysis.

Worked for Grumman for 31 years and retired as Director of Advanced Systems in Grumman Data Systems. Corporate and Program Management Consultant supporting numerous companies in strategic planning, operational improvements and systems and software engineering projects.

While at Grumman I worked on several major aircraft programs including the E2A Hawkeye, A6A and A6E, Advanced F-14 systems/software design and F-111B. I was Assistant Project Engineer on the Orbiting Astronomical Observatory after redesigning the electronic systems after first satellite failed in space. Resulting satellite exceeded mission operational requirements by over 4 years. I also held many management positions, Group Leader, first Grumman Software Program Manager, headed several software research programs. I worked on and led several tiger teams to expedite the design and testing of the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM).

I received numerous commendations from the Departments of Defense and Commerce. Participated in numerous DOD and DOC advanced concept study groups.

I was Cub Master and Pack Leader, President of the Smithtown YMCA Athletic Program, and a founding member of the Smithtown Soccer Club.

I'm a Korean War Veteran serving at White Sands Proving Grounds as a microwave radio technician during the early testing of the Army Missile program.

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### **Sam Shapiro**

OK, this is my first time doing anything like this, so I hope I don't blow too much smoke..... 😊

I started a career in computer programming back in 1974. For the next 35 years I worked mainly on IBM mainframes. At one point, I was actually elevated to Director of Technical Services, but I couldn't stand the politics so I went back to being a programmer.

I joined CCCP in 2014 or 2015 (senior memory lapse) initially doing refurbishing and deliveries. I've always liked knowing how things work, so while doing the basic work I learned how to put together a desktop from scratch and then learned how to do the same with laptops. Two years ago, after our almost fatal brush with ransomware, I learned how to install the operating system for and maintain a Microsoft box server, and currently support our organization's unit along with Sandy Schneck who created and maintains the PATS inventory system. I live in Farmingdale with my wife of 47 years, Ellen.



## How to properly handle donations from Bob Simmons (Shed Head)

### Laptop Donation Implied Objective - GET EM

I received word that a guy had 3 laptops with power packs and would like to donate them to our organization. I agreed to arrange the pickup. It was a *Do and Don't Die Mission*.

A few detailed emails were exchanged outlining the steps to be taken. He agreed to meet at our storage facility (the shed). Date and time were fixed. He was instructed to meet me outside the front gate - I would open my truck - I told him I would be leaving a brochure outlining CCCP's mission in my truck and asked he broadcast our mission and the need for laptops far and wide - he was to drop the units in my truck and take the brochure - I supervised the switch from 6' away, up wind (any germs would blow back on him, ha ... don't think he was aware of my safety maneuver) - He told me he had sanitized the units - I asked where the units had been in the last 15 days( he was not under oath, but, had an open and honest face), he said in his car - Without prompting, he said he would have a few more units in 3 weeks - I exhibited joy and requested he contact me when they were available. As is my custom, I researched the gentleman prior to our meeting and determined that he was 28 years of age, lived not far away on the North Shore and was in the computer field. I noted that he came with a young female accomplice and had two surfboards strapped to the top of his 2008 Honda Civic, broadcasting he was, indeed, a cool guy. He asked that no thank you note be sent, possible wanting to erase and signs of the drop off.

I proceeded to the shed to number and store the units. They were still damp from his sanitizing exercise. With gloved hands, I wiped them down with a fresh paper towel. I removed my right glove and wiped the units (including power cords) down again with a solution of 80% rubbing alcohol. I then dried, numbered and stored them. I returned home to log the new numbers into our computer system wash my hands and settled in for a short nap.

My final step was to turn in a detailed report to my superiors.

All involved appeared to be safe and sound; we will know for sure in a week or so.





## Some Humor

### **covidiot** *noun*

co·vid·i·ot | \ kou-'vi-di-ət \

1. a stupid person who stubbornly ignores 'social distancing' protocol, thus helping to further spread COVID-19.

*'Are you seriously going to visit grandma? Dude, don't be such a covidiot.'*

2. a stupid person who hoards groceries, needlessly spreading COVID-19 fears and depriving others of vital supplies.

*'See that guy with the 200 toilet paper rolls? What a covidiot.'*

