

### CLUB BYTES



"friends helping friends"

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### **Shop news:**

On September 15<sup>th</sup> the repair shop made another trip to the local scrap yard with old computers, tablets, cell phones, electrical power cords, and miscellaneous electronic items. The Club received \$321 for these member donations. Donated computers that could be refurbished have also brought in additional money for the Club's operating expenses. Since January 1 all of the member donated items have brought in over \$1,200 which helps keep your membership dues low. (also, 36 repairs)

### **Membership**

The Club has 291 households with 496 individual members.
New members since the last newsletter are:
Enessia Jones
Debbie McLeod
Miles & Jean Hart
Hank Dewald
Margaret Connell
Debbie Harper

#### **Current Software**

**Armon & Sue Pfeifer** 

Windows 10 22H2 build .6332 Windows 11 24H2 build .6588 MAC OS Sequoia 15.7 Mac OS Sonoma 14.8 iPhone iOS 18.7 or 26 iPad OS 18.7 or 26 iWatch OS 11.6.1 or 26

# October 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Are your checks safe?

CHECK FRAUD IS UP OVER 400%!
So, what steps can you take to protect yourself? Join us for a discussion on check fraud.
Also, Larry Java will return and will discuss scamming, ransomware, identifying scam emails, texts, and social media. How to identify a scam and avoid them. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING.!

## Sept 9th Meeting Recap Linux Mint actually comes with a demo!

You can test run Linux Mint on your laptop or desktop without disturbing your Windows 10 Operating System! At the September member meeting Don from our shop demoed Linux Mint. It is free, and it also runs a free equivalent of Microsoft Office!

Attendees were offered a loaner laptop from the shop to to take home and try it out for 2 weeks.

Bob Roegner gave an excellent overview of Windows 10 end of support and options available.

## November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We will be voting on a few bylaw changes this year.

Among those changes will be one to shorten the term for board members to one year (it had been 3 years). Also, we need to add a couple more board members and are looking for candidates. Let me know at the October meeting if you are willing to serve.

Also, Our guest speaker will be Fillmore Bowen. Phil will discuss cyber / internet / phone / device security!

### SCAM!

If someone asks you to "Do Me a Favor" over text, phone or email, don't respond.

Scammers often ask for gift cards as they are difficult to trace and can instantly download your money.

### Your Credit Rating

It is recommended that you check your credit rating on a monthly basis. Free credit scores are often offered by your bank and by your credit card company.