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I was humming through the park one day, in the merry merry month of May!



A hummingbird's wings flap between 12 to 80 times per second. For movies typically on film at 24 frames per second, it fools the slow human eye into seeing it as continuous.

May CUE Meeting

The next CUE members' meeting is on Thursday May 16th at 7:00 PM, which includes a presentation by speakers from Marquette Savings Bank, with a topic of Online Banking.



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CUE Calendar



Calendar events are subject to change. SIG stands for Special Interest Group.

CUE Membership Meetings (typically 3rd Thursday of each month)

Thursday May 16th at 7 PM

Thursday June 20th at 7 PM

Beginner's User Group (BUG) SIG Meetings

To Be Scheduled Upon Request

Digital Photo SIG Meetings (typically 1st Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Saturday May 4th at 9:30 AM

Saturday June 1st at 9:30 AM

Genealogy SIG Meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday May 7th at 7 PM

Tuesday June 4th at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month)

Saturday May 11th at 9:30 AM

Saturday June 8th at 9:30 AM

Smartphone & Tablet SIG Meetings (typically 4th Monday of each month) (RSVP John Fair)

Monday May 27th at 7 PM

Monday June 24th at 7 PM

Windows SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month)

Saturday May 11th at 1 PM

Saturday June 8th at 1 PM

CUE Picnic

Thursday July 18th at 6 PM

Presentation at May CUE Meeting

Speakers from Marquette Savings Bank include:

Debra Ray, Training & Organizational Development Manager

Lisa Lopez, Deposit Operations

Scott Shaffer, Information Security Manager

Online Banking, also known as Internet Banking, can be convenient for both customers and banks, and can often save money. You should be aware of how to protect yourself from risks, though some rumors report so-called risks that are basically false. There are many options with Online Banking, some that you may not be aware of yet. Plan to learn more about Online Banking, at the CUE meeting on May 16th!



Save That Date! Thursday July 18th 2019

The Erie Runner's Club pavilion at beach #1 is reserved for the CUE Picnic!
Try to keep that date open for a time of food and fellowship!



The Votes Are In!

Election of officers and board members took place at the CUE meeting on Thursday April 18th, 2019. Congratulations to the chosen and the voters!



Those elected, match the Slate earlier proposed for the 2019 to 2020 year. Here are the names. You can find their contact information, along with other people, like SIG Leaders, near the back of the newsletter.

President: **Paul Francis**
Vice President: **John Fair**
Secretary: **Don Grim**
Treasurer: **Janice Castro**

Board of Directors:
Louis Cioccio
Suzanne Matthews
Susan Mueller
Don Rhodes
Conrad Sobczak

Alternate At Large Board Members:
Marcia Keller
Hal Kelley
Allison McKinstry

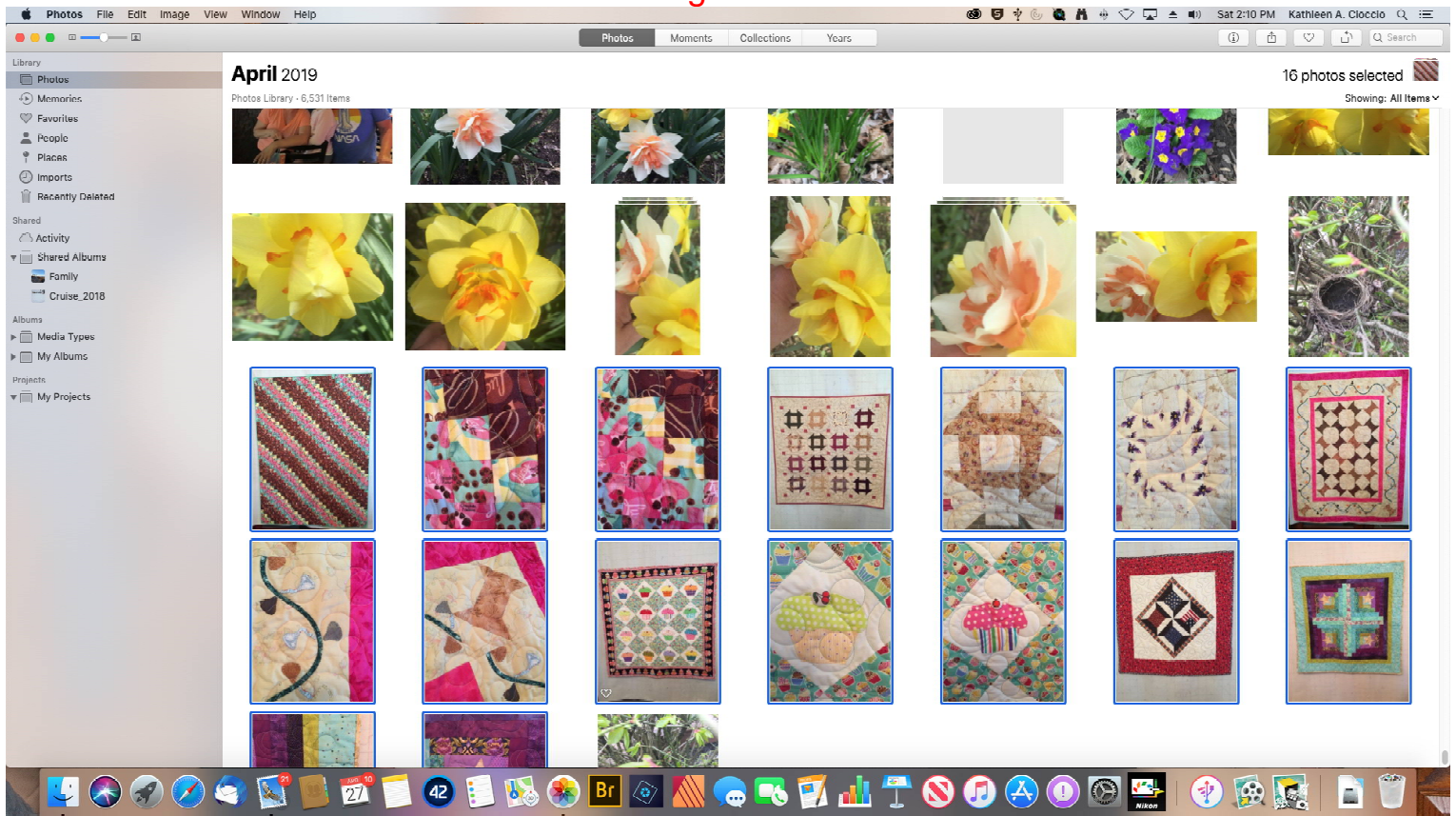
Using MacOS X Photos

By Lou Cioccio at Computer Users of Erie

I normally do not use Photos.app as I like to manage my own images but this was at the wife's request to move some images. Awhile back, her iPhone was running out of space so we decided to use Apple's iCloud feature and since these are images, we decided on the 99¢ a month plan for storage. As some of you may or may not know, I have been hit by criminals on some of my credit cards at one time or another. So I am very paranoid in using a credit card...but that's another future article.

Back to the wife's problem, we use iTunes cards rather than a credit card at the Apple Web site, not that I do not trust Tim Cook but do not trust criminals. So periodically we will refill the iTunes credit with cards. By going to the iCloud we were able to free up space plus we are on unlimited data plans for the family, another plus!

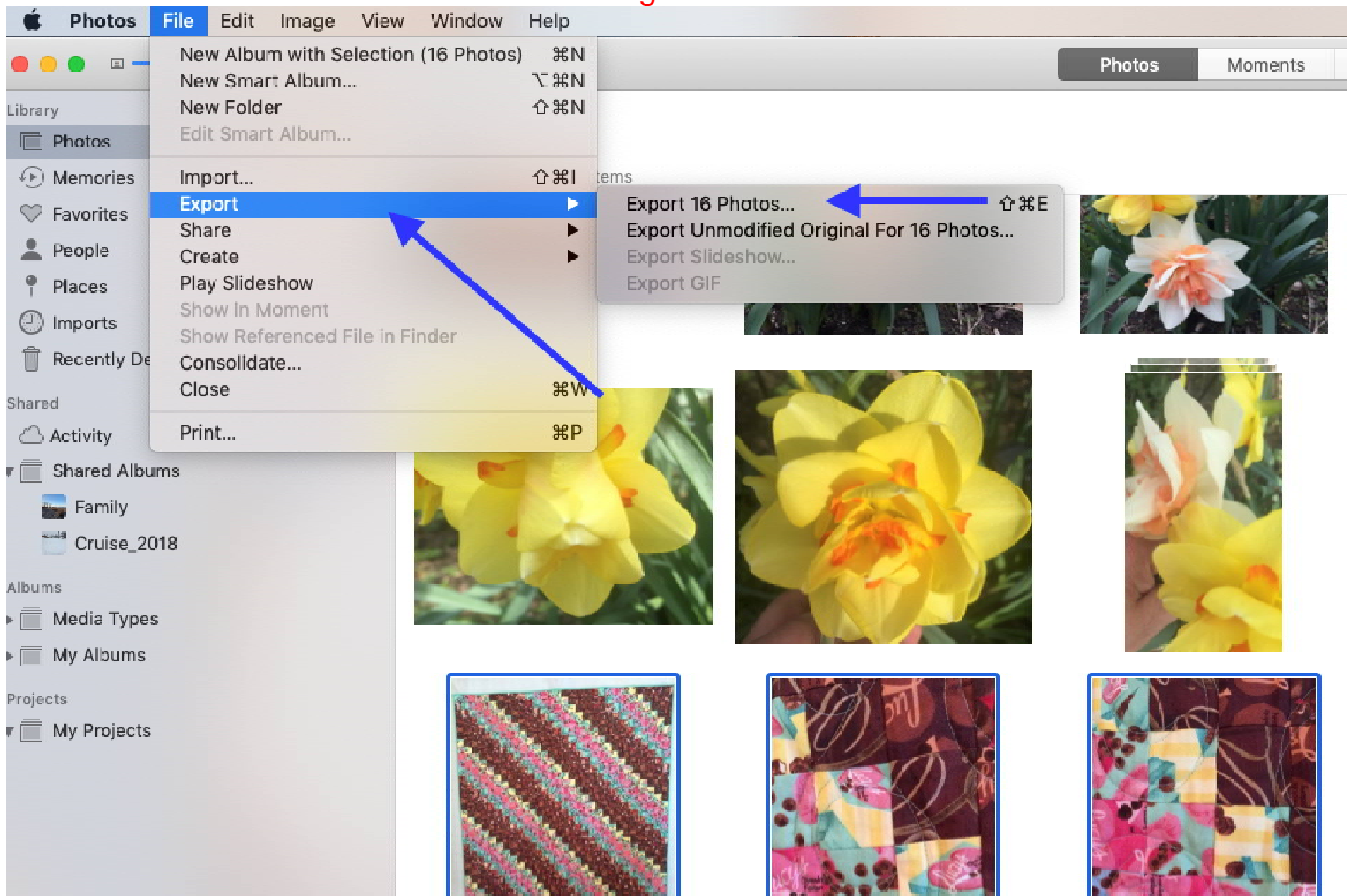
Figure 1:



Here is her Desktop with Apple Photos open and a selection of images she wants to send, and she may want to crop or enhance with Photoshop Elements, at {Fig1} above. She selected the Images.

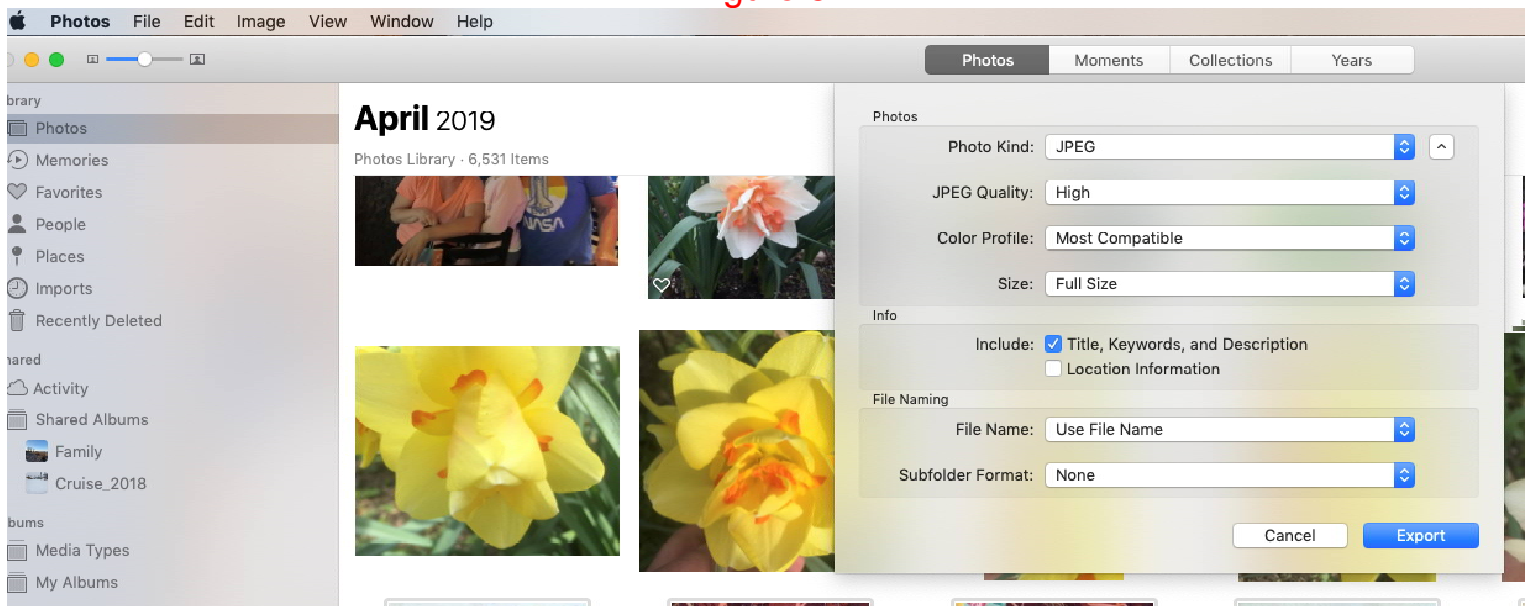
Using MacOS X Photos Continued

Figure 2:



Here she goes to {Fig 2} and selects File and Export for the 16 images.

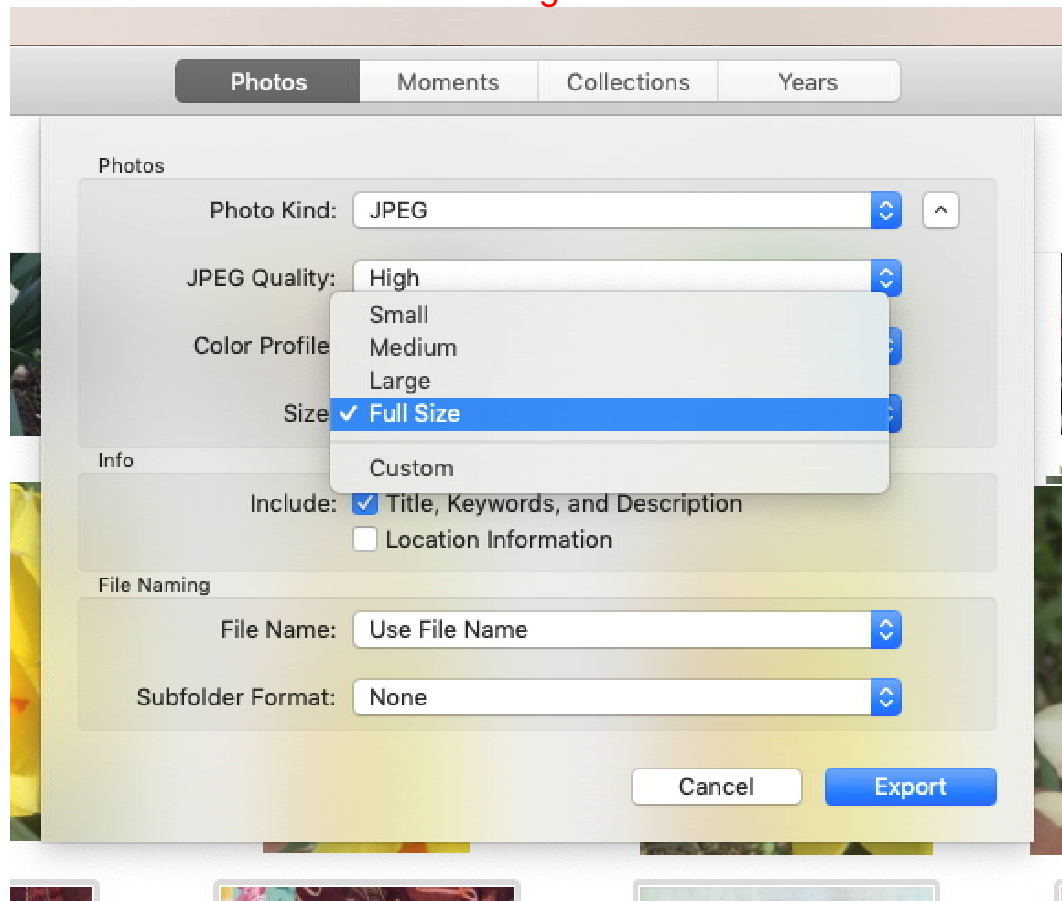
Figure 3:



In {Fig 3}, she selects the type JPEG and may do some selections as in the next {Fig 4}.

Using MacOS X Photos Continued

Figure 4:



She selects Full Size in {Fig 4}:

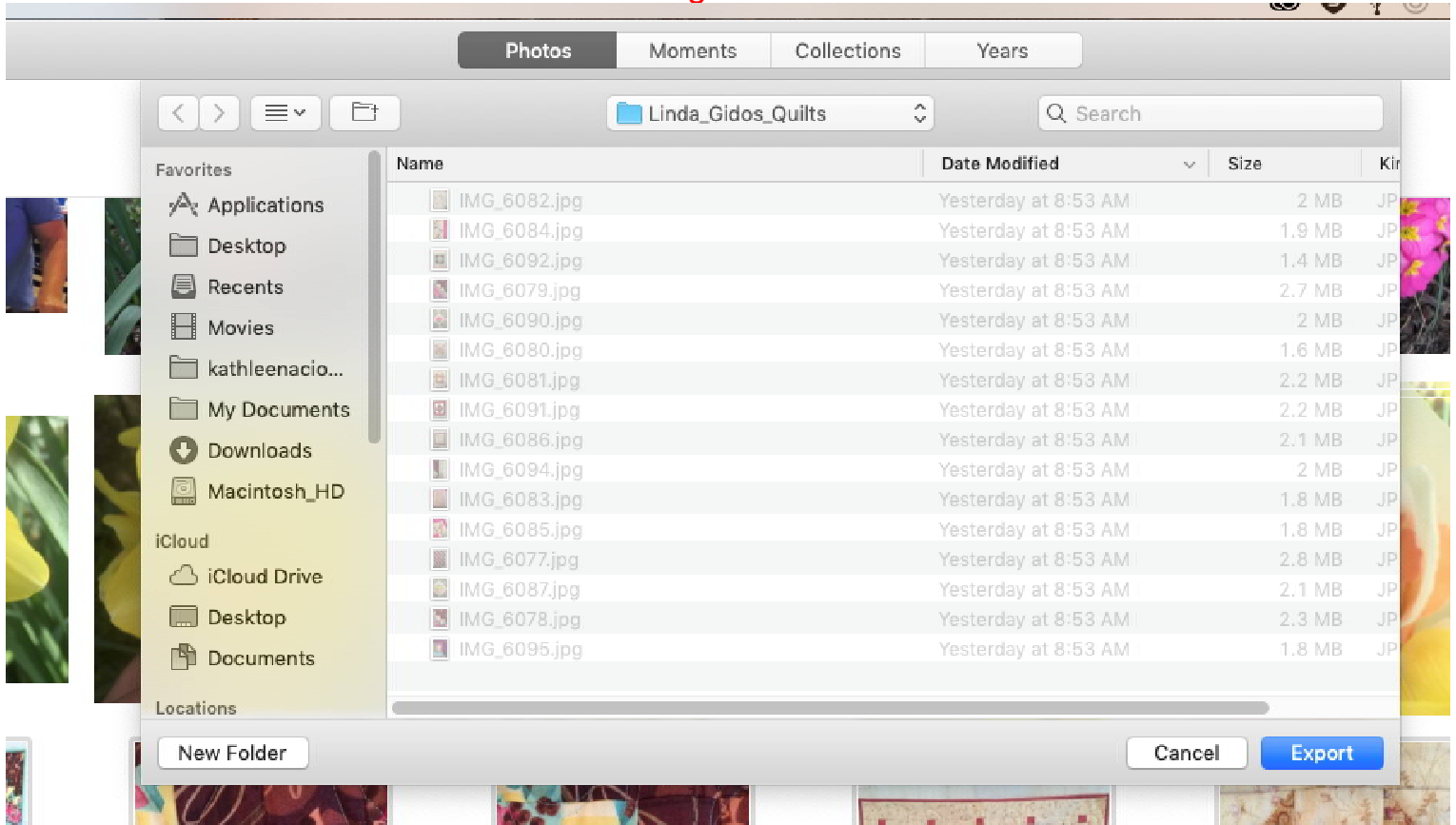
Figure 5:



Using MacOS X Photos Continued

in {Fig 5}, she says to Use File Name. She also has other options as you can see.

Figure 6:



Finally in {Fig 6}, a Finder Window opens similar to File Explorer in Windows OS and she had to navigate to a folder named Linda_Gidos_Quilts, and exports the images there.

Now she can enhance or crop the images and even resize them for emailing to the person she wants to. In fact, she could send these to Walgreens for printing.

So using Apple's Photos.app can help in organizing your images and exporting, or even emailing directly. I am only showing one feature.



More About Browsers

by John Fair at Computer Users of Erie

If you open a website you are using a browser. Your computer or mobile device came with a browser installed, but is it the "right" one or the only one you should use? Why would you consider installing one of the other browsers? Since the CUE program "About Browsers" in March I have continued reading more articles describing the latest browser news and I wanted to share some of my research and opinions.

Browsers are more complex and powerful than most folks appreciate. Their components include front end and back end user interfaces, networking, data storage and engines for rendering and executing Java Script. A web server that you contact by typing a web address into the front end user interface or clicking on a link responds by sending your computer a string of information that your browser must turn into a web page. The rendering engine of the browser reads the content which contains HTML and CSS code to create the image you see on your screen. The Java Script interpreter allows you to change what you see on the screen.

Browser function also includes encryption and decryption. If the site provides secure communication by public-key encryption (the "s" in https), the browser checks for a valid certificate issued by a trusted source. Once validated, the browser creates a password, encrypts it and sends it back to the server to be decrypted with the server's private key and then the secure communication begins using the shared secret password. All in the virtual blink of an eye! Look for the https with any website that asks for personal information.

Probably because of the complexity of modern browsers and the difficulty for each to be compatible across all web sites, the number of different browser engines in use has dwindled over time. Apple uses WebKit in the Safari browser for computers and will allow only WebKit to be used for any browser installed on mobile devices. Chromium Blink, a fork of WebKit, is the foundation of the Google Chrome browser as well as Microsoft Edge, Opera, Vivaldi, Epic, Brave, and a number of minor players. Firefox and Tor use the Quantum engine. These browser engines are all open source but the bells and whistles that distinguish each browser may not be. Although Internet Explorer (and its proprietary engine Trident) at one time dominated with a 95% market share, IE is being discontinued by Microsoft and with obvious implications for support and insecurity. No one should be using a version older than the current IE 11 and even that version has had recent security problems. Microsoft is replacing IE and the original Edge with a Chromium based version of Edge, soon to be released.

Full disclosure, I am an Apple device user and as such have become accustomed to using Safari. I realize that Safari is not the best browser and it is not compatible with all features of some websites. For example, I have been frustrated when filling out a form on a website only to find the "submit" button does not work. If I open Chrome or Firefox on my Mac, I have no such problem with the same website. So if you are an Apple person, the easy answer to the question of how many browsers you should have is more than one. (I have four browsers installed on my

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Mac: Safari, Chrome, Firefox and Brave.) In fact, my answer to all users whether Apple, Windows, Android or Unix is the same: have more than one browser.

Which of the available browsers to install is a deeper question. Chrome has about a 2/3 market share of all browsers worldwide and it has a huge library of extensions to add functions and features to the basic browser. Google, however, has a history of harvesting and monetizing your information which makes some users limit their use of Chrome. Firefox, a product of the not-for-profit Mozilla Foundation, is designed for security and privacy as outlined in the Mozilla Manifesto (suggested reading). I have both on all my devices, and I currently favor Firefox Quantum.

In addition to the focus on privacy and security, here are some features I like about Firefox for a computer. The newer code in the Quantum engine is designed to make use of multicore processors rather than the single core used by Chrome. As processors gain more cores, the browser will work faster. Chrome also uses more RAM and slows as more tabs are opened. While the speed of both browsers is initially similar in most tests, Firefox is designed to gain speed as CPU technology improves. Also, as a traditionalist, I like the ability to add a separate search bar since I was never a fan of combining url and search functions in the same bar. I like taking screenshots and that function is built in to Firefox, but then again, it is built into the Mac OS. Reader View and Pocket are built in, not ad-ons. Like Chrome and Safari, Firefox can be synchronized across devices so

that bookmarks I add on my Mac as well as search history automatically appear on my iPad and iPhone. By the way, if you are weary of the ad-supported search results that appear at the top of a Google results list, you may want to look into DuckDuckGo as your search engine as I have in Firefox. Try them both and you will be surprised at the difference in quality of results. You also won't see the mysterious ads for products you researched as happens with Google.

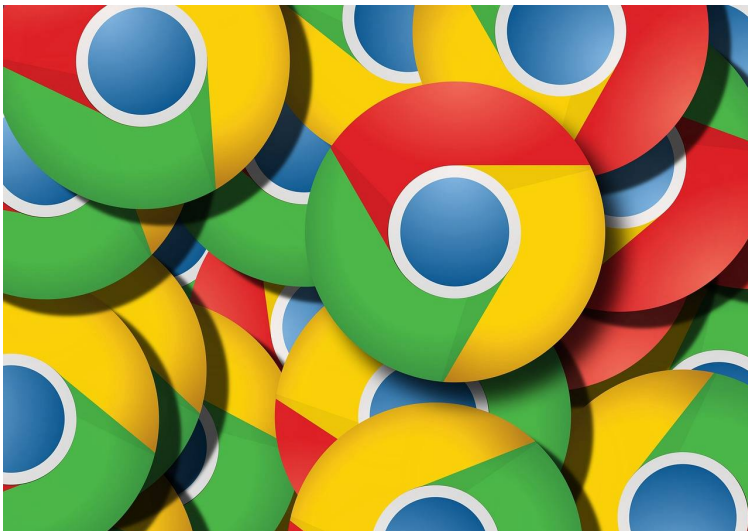
You should carefully choose from the many extensions or ad-ons for either of these browsers and here are ones that remove distractions and enhance privacy and security. uBlock Origin is favored over Ad Blocker to limit advertisements. You may choose to "white list" some sites that object to the use of ad blockers of any type. My opinion: if they didn't have such obnoxious ads, perhaps I wouldn't be motivated to use the ad blocker in the first place! HTTPS Everywhere is a great extension to force secure connections when available. Browsers may have a similar sounding function built in but are less assertive. Privacy Badger is the recommended tool to prevent third party tracking. Privacy Essentials by DuckDuckGo also prevents tracking but has the additional feature of giving the site a privacy grade as well as blocking trackers. I have all four installed on both Chrome and Firefox and they do not interfere with each other. Users have reported no interference in any of the forums I have visited.

There are a handful of other add-ons or extensions that I believe enhance everyday functionality. I installed the Last

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Pass extension in all browsers so I can use that password manager. I recommend using a purpose-built and maintained password manager rather than a similar function that comes built into a browser. Just Read provides the same functionality to Chrome as Reader View which is built in to Safari and Firefox. It provides a clean text without clutter and ads and is great for printing an article. Wikiwand reformats Wikipedia pages for a more modern, easier to read look in either Chrome or Firefox.

Finally, make sure your browser is set to automatically update itself. These updates are necessary for security. Both Chrome and Firefox may receive updates every several days to block vulnerabilities and keep current the information needed for proper functionality. If the browser you are using has only monthly updates (IE was known for this), it is an inviting target for exploit by hackers.



Genealogy Report for 4/2/19 SIG Meeting

The Genealogy SIG met at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Hal and Gretchen Kelley.

Those attending were: Susan Mueller, Hal Kelley, Hadley Jones, Pat Mickel, Tim Donlin, Margaret Dutkowski, Conrad Sobczak. Suzanne Matthews, Joanne Haulik, Bill Klauk, Nancy Group, Lucia Doyle, Sue Mueller, Janice Castro, Carl Hull, and guest Barbara Jones, Hadley's wife. We welcomed Barbara to our meeting.

Hal Kelley showed a short video of 1:30 minutes on the concept of putting QR codes on gravestones as memorials to a loved one. One using an iPhone, Android phone or similar device can visit the gravesite of a loved one or friend, scan the QR code, be connected to a website and receive data, pictures, memorial statements, etc about a loved one. Such products have been available for 4-5 years and have gained some popularity around the country. We have talked about the subject several times at SIG meetings. Some people who have adopted this approach of using QR codes on gravestones have undoubtedly found comfort in such "living memorials."

There are some cautions about the use of QR codes on gravestones, and there are some alternatives to them, some better ways practically and technically to accomplish what a QR code on a gravestone can offer to those who wish to have an enduring "living memorial" for their loved ones. On this point, Hal directed those who are interested in this whole subject to go online and read the thoughtful article "Don't Use QR Codes on Gravestones!" by Dick Eastman,

December 15, 2015. Dick Eastman maintains the "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – The Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter" .
<https://blog.eogn.com/>.

Tim Donlin shared notes on his progress with his DNA findings. Only three weeks after receiving his Ancestry DNA results, Tim Donlin has been finding new cousins. At the top of the list was a 1st cousin born in 1937 from an uncle's first wife. The second name tied into the same family. I knew about the 2nd cousins listed as the third and fourth names. They are from my paternal grandmother's line since our grandmothers were sisters.

The name at 3rd cousin was a surprise on the Slovak side through my mother. I interviewed my mother's 1st cousin Mary way back in the late 1980's. She told me about a relative in Winamac, Indiana. The family name was the SAME as the DNA hit! It pays to review all notes you ever made even if they don't make sense at the time.

Also, Mary mentioned that my maternal great grandmother's husband died and she married a man whose wife had died. I'm not sure if they had children together. In any event there are many children to sort out.

Another two names at the 3rd cousin DNA level are Slovak names but I have not made a connection to my family tree. I am really just getting into all the DNA and linked family tree research. Stay tuned.

Sue Mueller made available for our perusal a Vital Records Chart. The chart

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indicates when statewide and county vital-record-keeping began in each state - that's when countries started to collect birth, marriage and death information and report it to state offices. Some counties or towns kept statistics earlier, and some were slow to comply with state laws, so one should check with ancestors' local government for record availability.

She also demonstrated how a website called www.genwed.com works. For those (few) states that have a statewide marriage database, they can be accessed at www.genwed.com. Most states maintain their marriage records at the county level, however, and those are not readily accessible online. However, the genwed site offers some interesting links to available records when there is no statewide data base. She also shared a link to the Randy Majors map site. One can enter a place name and a date and tell exactly what state/county (or worldwide country) the place was in at the time. You can also watch the changes over time. See historical US and/or world maps at <https://www.randymajors.com/>.

Hal brought up an interesting educational video to show the SIG from the Ancestry Academy section on Ancestry.com. Click on the "Extras" tab. It is entitled "Pennsylvania: Genealogical Research in the Keystone State." It is a 12- part course, 1:7:06 long. The parts are Pennsylvania History, Vital Records, Census Records, Federal Tax Records, County and State Tax Records, County Records: Introduction and Overview, County Records: A Trip to the Courthouse, Part 1., County Records: A Trip to the Courthouse, Part 2, Land Records, Military Records,

Pennsylvania Repositories, and Conclusion. The presenter is Michael D. Lacopo, DVM.

A story shared by Janice Castro at our SIG meeting:

How Online Resources, a state Historical Society, DNA, and Sweet Serendipity found me my new cousins.

We use many resources in our genealogy research, some that we find in books and family members' personal papers, some in courthouses and libraries, a great many online. Increasingly, our resources take the form of some newly discovered family members introduced to us by DNA services which identify us by some centimorgan swatches we share. There is no perfect place to start the family history hunt. The fact-checking can be exhausting, since so much of the information we see on Ancestry and other genealogy sites has not been verified, and because family histories are to some extent about creating the narrative we like.

I've spent many hours over the last several years trying to learn more about my grandmothers and their families. As we all know, the life stories of many of our female ancestors seem to be lost to us the moment they take a new surname. They become part of a new family, and the records do not always give us clues to their birth names. Often, their stories are not part of the family narrative we learn growing up. This is a story about how I found new cousins related to two of my great-grandmothers, and made use of DNA matches, a California historical

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society, Irish vital records and online research in the process.

Discovery One: I am from California. My father's family has lived there since the late 1700s. Thanks to a tip from Sue Mueller, I uploaded my DNA to MyHeritage.com a few months ago. In February, the site connected me with a couple of "DNA relatives," one of whom appeared to be a second cousin named Christopher whose wife owns a successful manufacturing company in Connecticut. I contacted him, and was amazed to learn that we had grown up about three miles from one another. Why had I never heard of his surname in our family? Neither had my brother or sister. Christopher sent me a brief family history that his father had written up at some point. We realized that his grandmother was the sister of my paternal great-grandmother. The history document said Christopher's grandmother's family had come from County Cork, Ireland, but he had never been able to find any other documentation of that. As it happened, I know some cousins from the same side of the family in California. I mentioned our new cousin and Cork to one of them and she said, oh yeah, she had seen that 'family history' years ago. She went to the California Historical Society to check it out. It turned out that the author was hospitalized after surgery when he wrote it, and was looking for something to do, so he wrote it based on stories his family had told him. But he had never fact-checked it. Lesson Number One: Check your facts. We still don't know if that part of our family comes from Cork, but we were able to share some other information. And along the way, realized

that growing up, we probably sat a couple of pews apart for Sunday mass.

Discovery Two: When I started researching the family of my Dad's maternal grandmother a few years ago, I was surprised that no one in our rather large family seemed to know anything about her, except for her first name, Catherine. OK – a child of Irish immigrants named Catherine. How hard could that be? I knew she'd married an Irish immigrant named Bernard. I guessed at her age. I had one other relationship to work with: a small newspaper article that mentioned (perhaps accurately) that the maid of honor for Catherine's daughter, my grandmother Rose, was her first cousin, also named Rose, from the Bay Area in California. I knew an elderly woman named Rose when I was small. I never knew exactly who she was or why we, she, and her sister Elizabeth seemed to be family. Were they family? Was their mother Catherine's sister? I knew Rose's last name. She had never married. So I started a separate family tree connecting my Dad's grandmother and Rose, and worked backward, trying to find out where Catherine came from. I was helped by learning early on that Catherine and Bernard had built a successful business. That gave me her married name, and on the marriage license of one of her sons, her maiden name. After a vast amount of searching and dead-ends, I was pretty sure that Catherine came from a large family named Smith that settled in Wisconsin in the early 1800s, when it was a territory. A number of daughters of my great-grandmother's generation were named Catherine. Then, thanks to DNA, I met a cousin who was able to help me pin

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down which branch of the Smith family we shared. I now know the names of my great-great-grandparents, from County Monaghan in Ireland. I have learned some fascinating stories about my Wisconsin ancestors. The Smiths were one of several families from County Monaghan who moved to the same area in the territory of Wisconsin, and became some of the founding families of the state.

And because I was fortunate enough to learn all of that, I made a marvelous discovery a few weeks ago, the day after St. Patrick's Day. I have a dear friend from New York, now living in California. We met back in the 1990s, both of us journalists in New York, and hit it off immediately. I remember the day we met: I came away with a smile on my face, thinking she was so neat and so positive in her outlook. She is about 15 years younger than I am. She is immensely accomplished. I am proud that she calls me a mentor. So a few weeks ago, she was talking about a family reunion in New York, and how she and some of her cousins marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Fifth Avenue. She mentioned off-handedly, "Naturally we marched in the Monaghan unit."

Monaghan unit! Cousin of mine! Within a few days we figured out we are, in fact, related. Not only that, I'm now in touch with a very organized group of family historians, in the U.S. and Ireland, who were happy to learn that I can fill them in on whatever happened to Catherine. And thanks to St. Patrick, they can tell me about what came before.

Thank you, Janice, for reducing your marvelous story to writing for this SIG report.

Margaret Dutkowski shared with the group that she has had success in finding some more family members. She thanked Sue Mueller for encouraging her to upload her DNA results to My Heritage, because she connected with two cousins who are sisters. One is in Utah and one is in Arizona.

The next Genealogy SIG meeting will be held on May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kelleys' home. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Harold D. Kelley

Smartphone & Tablet Report for 4/22/19 SIG Meeting

The SIG meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month at my home.

Since our last meeting Apple released the latest update to its mobile operating system, iOS 12.2. We discussed several of the notable features of the update. It might seem trivial, but the new OS now shows the Model Name in

Settings/General/About. That's convenient since several models of phones and tablets look alike. The News app got a new look and provides access to News+, the subscription service (\$9.99/mo.) providing access to hundreds of newspapers and magazines. Since more newspapers and magazines now charge for internet access, this might become an

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attractive service. If you read a lot online, you might want to explore the list of publications offered.

Apple Maps now offers climate information such as weather and air quality for many locations. Air Play 2 and HomeKit will be offered on selected smart TV models by LG, Samsung, Sony and Vizio later this year. So you will be able to mirror your iPhone or iPad to your new TV without buying a separate Apple TV box.

The Safari browser was improved in a number of ways. Connect with a website providing an HTTP protocol instead of the secure HTTPS and you will see "Not Secure" in the URL bar. We used the CUE website as an example. Motion and orientation sensors are toggled off by default for privacy and can be tuned on for Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality features that are found on some web sites. Apple gave up on the weak "Do Not Track" request in previous versions of Safari and implemented "Intelligent Tracking Prevention" which restricts cookies used for cross site tracking after one day and purges cookies not used in 30 days. That's still not as assertive as some of the ad-ons available for other browsers.

That led us to review the DuckDuckGo browser for iOS. We demonstrated the site rating circle, on the left hand side of the URL bar, which shows trackers blocked, whether the connection is encrypted, and the overall privacy rating of each website. We also urged folks to compare the DuckDuckGo search engine results with those of Google and see for themselves which is preferable.

We shared our ideas on password security with most of folks in attendance still preferring to use a written list of passwords. Safari can autofill from a variety of password managers including 1Password, LastPass and Apple's Keychain. I urged the group to consider using a password manager and told them I prefer a dedicated password manager like LastPass. However, since the meeting I reviewed Keychain more carefully and would say it is a satisfactory alternative if Safari is the only browser you use. Both of these password managers are free to use.

One of our members woke up one morning to what he described as an iPad that didn't work. He took it to Best Buy but no one there could help. We looked at it during our refreshment break and found the device functioned properly, but his mail and Facebook accounts would no longer accept his password. I think he had been hacked. He had used the same simple password for both accounts. One of our members provided a website that described how to reset his mail password. Once that was done he could then reset his Facebook password. I suggested he use a different password for each account and make them more complex.

We also briefly discussed the use Face ID on the newer phones and tablets. There are a number of advantages to the new biometric system over the fingerprint reader on older models. We also described how you could choose to require open eyes or not and how to disable facial recognition and require a passcode to unlock the device. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Monday 5/27.
John Fair

Secretary's Report for 4/18/19 CUE Meeting

Members Present: Paul Francis, Don Grim, Tim Donlin, Ed Group, Nancy Group, Don Rhodes, John Szympruch, Sue Mueller, Janice Castro, John Fair, Lou Cioccio, Suzanne Matthews, Bob Jaworski, Joanne Kleinhantz, William Klauk, Conrad Sobczak, Larry Johnson, George Younkin, John Jackson

Guests Present: "none"

The number of members present (19) exceeded 14, the number needed for a quorum (20% of 74 total members).

The meeting was started by president Paul Francis at about 7 PM.

The minutes for the March meeting were mentioned to be in the newsletter. The minutes were accepted by the members for approval (first and second motions from John Fair and Janice Castro).

Treasurer Suzanne Matthews reported information on the treasury including \$40 of expense for the meeting room, \$118.50 of expense for the pavilion for the CUE picnic, \$202 of expense for an insurance premium, and income of \$18.50 on the latest 50/50 drawing. The current treasury balance was stated as \$3,532.29. The report was accepted by the group for approval.

Hal Kelley was not present to report on the Genealogy Special Interest Group. Sue Mueller mentioned that the latest Genealogy meeting viewed a video and blog on QR codes on tombstones. Tim had DNA results that found new family. Janice found new cousins through DNA. Sue

discussed historical mapping at the SIG meeting.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Digital Photo Special Interest group. Their recent meeting looked at software that can be rented monthly by Adobe. They also looked at Affinity Photo and Photoshop Elements.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Macintosh Special Interest Group. Their meeting discussed the Mojave operating system. The Macintosh group is also discussing Windows computers later in the day after each Macintosh meeting. In the Windows meeting, they discussed folders and navigating.

John Fair reported on the Smartphone & Tablet Special Interest Group. Their meeting discussed DuckDuckGo on iPhones and iPads for security and protection, which also eliminates ads in a search engine. They also talked about cameras, a calendar app, and using joint calendars. They used virtual assistant Siri to send a text message. They also talked about a health app that will allow emergency professionals to find your health information without unlocking your phone.

Conrad Sobczak had no updates on the CUE Picnic but there will be more information as we get closer to the picnic on July 18th.

Voting took place, with 32 voters, with the results matching the proposed slate. For the new 2019 to 2020 year, the president is Paul Francis, the vice president is John Fair, the secretary is Don Grim, and the

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treasurer is Janice Castro. The board of directors is Louis Cioccio, Suzanne Matthews, Susan Mueller, Don Rhodes, and Conrad Sobczak. The alternate at large board members are Marcia Keller, Hal Kelley, and Allison McKinstry.

The floor was opened up for new business. Conrad Sobczak mentioned that the YMCA was given knowledge about CUE. The floor was opened up for old business, with none.

There was a request to adjourn the meeting. The members approved the adjournment of the meeting (first and second motions from Don Rhodes and Janice Castro). There was no 50/50 raffle at the meeting.

A demo followed the meeting from Lou Cioccio on Adobe Photoshop Elements.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Grim, Secretary

A Note from the Editor

As usual, feel free to contribute information for the CUE newsletter. Whether it is small, large, an article, a tip, information, or pictures, you can send it to me and I will plan to include it in the newsletter. You can reach me at grimcyber@yahoo.com.

Remember these special events:

CUE Picnic to be on Thursday 7/18 and the CUE Christmas Holiday Party will probably be sometime in December.

Editorially, Don Grim



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**COMPUTER USERS OF ERIE
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date _____

Last Name	First Name
Address	
City, State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Your Email	

The yearly dues are payable in August of each year. The dues are \$24 annual.

For NEW members only, when you join outside the annual cycle your initial dues are based upon the month you join. Follow the schedule below.

August \$24	September \$22	October \$20	November \$18
December \$16	January \$14	February \$12	March \$10
April \$8	May \$6	June \$4	July \$2

Information provided on this form will be placed into a CUE Membership Directory

What is your Computer or Device: (Circle)

Windows Mac Android iPhone iPad
Tablet Linux Other

What is your level of expertise? (Circle)

Novice I know some I want to learn more
Expert Geek

Send your completed application
to:

Computer Users of Erie

PO BOX 8941

Erie, Pa 16505-0941

What do you wish to gain by joining Computer Users of Erie?

Student membership is just \$15 per year (provide proof of student status)

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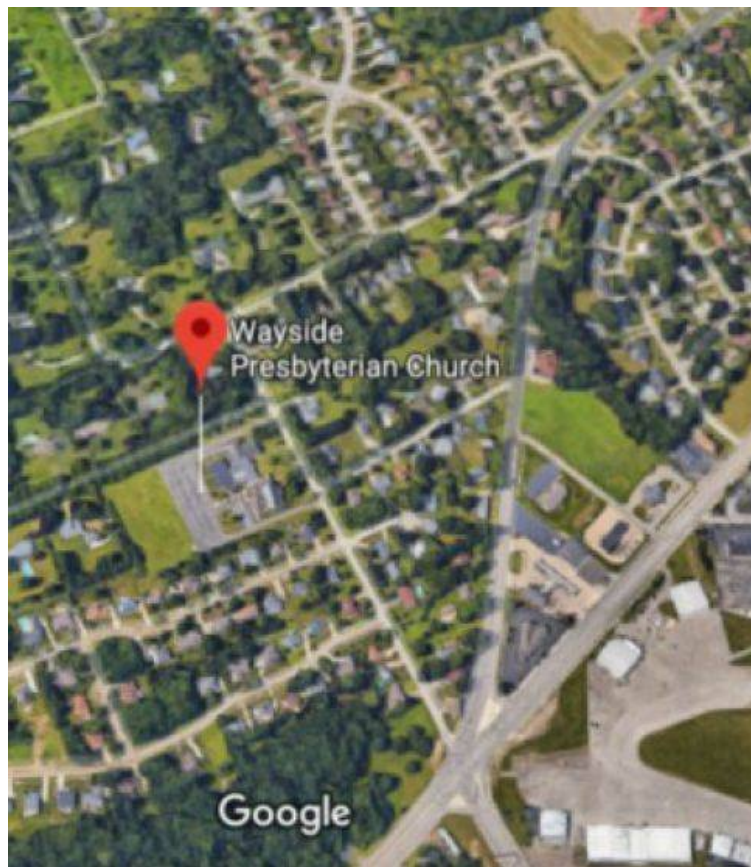
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Wayside Presbyterian Church, at 1208 Asbury Road, is approximately three blocks north of the intersection of Asbury Road and Route 5. This intersection is at the northwest corner of the Erie International Airport property. Following Asbury, turn left at the first marked driveway for the church. During the afternoon winter schedule (10:00 AM for the months of November, January, February and March), entry is through the two sets of blue double doors. Use the buzzer to gain entry if the doors are locked. During the normal evening schedule (7:00 PM the remaining months) use the double doors on the south side of the Christian Education wing. Signs are posted in the building to direct you to the meeting room.

From West of Erie International Airport: Follow Route 5 to the intersection of Asbury and Route 5. Turn hard left onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From South of Erie: Take Interstate 79 north to the 26th Street (Route 20) Exit. Bear left onto 26th Street (Route 20) west. Follow Route 20 about 3.4 miles west to Asbury Road. Turn right (at the Sheetz Gas Station) onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

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As the largest computer users group in northwest Pennsylvania, CUE has served Erie and surrounding communities since 1982. CUE provides a forum for people to learn about computers and have fun doing so. The group meets the third Thursday each month, with the exception of the months of July and December. In July the group gathers for a picnic and December is the annual holiday party (dates vary). CUE meetings are at Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1205 Asbury Road, Erie. Meetings from April through October are at 7:00 p.m. From November through March, the meetings are at 10:00 AM in the morning.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public regardless of age or ability. Many of our members are senior citizens who span a wide range of capabilities and interests but share a desire to know more about how to use computer related technology. Our role is to provide a forum for continuous learning from each other. CUE has a closed Google gmail group that is used to communicate with members and to post questions/problems to seek answers from the membership. Members pay an annual membership fee of \$24 to receive a membership directory, monthly newsletter, availability to monthly general meetings, and any of the Special Interest Group (SIGs) meetings, usually held in a member's home. Locations and times vary, so check the online EVENTS Calendar on the website for the latest information. SIG topics include:

- Digital photography [and photo safari]
- Genealogy
- Macintosh computers
- Computer troubleshooting
- Beginners users group (BUG)
- Handheld smartphones and tablets

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- Free virtual technology conferences
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