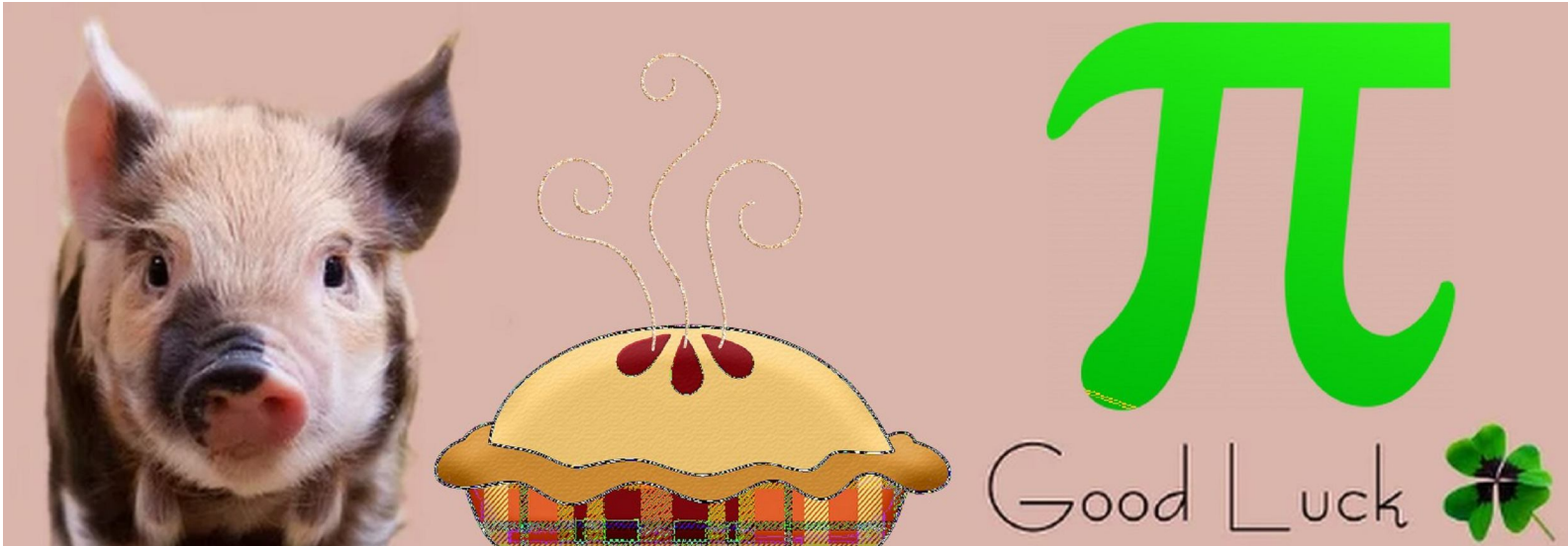


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March CUE Meeting

The next CUE members' meeting is on Thursday March 19th at 7:00 PM. No special details are available yet for the meeting. Look for details to be announced at the CUE website.



Visit the CUE Website at:

www.cuerie.com



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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 March 19th at 7 PM

Thursday April 16th 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 March 7th at 9:30 AM

Saturday April 4th at 9:30 AM

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

Tuesday March 3rd at 7 PM

Tuesday April 7th at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Saturday March 14th at 9:30 AM

Saturday April 11th at 9:30 AM

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

Monday March 23rd at 7 PM

Monday April 27th at 7 PM

Windows SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Saturday March 14th at 1 PM

Saturday April 11th at 1 PM

CUE Picnic

Thursday July 16th at 6 PM

CUE Christmas/Holiday Party

Wednesday December 9th at 6 PM

Recent Video Links

Did you know that certain smart watches can perform an electrocardiogram (EKG), check blood pressure, check heart rates, monitor sleep disturbances, hold health statistics history, and more? Wearable Technology is an exciting and helpful field!

There were two videos run at the February 2020 CUE meeting, "Saving Your Life With Wearable Technology" by Ron Brown and "An AI Smartwatch That Detects Seizures" by Rosalind Picard. You can find links to those videos below:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ-sZBkW4ec



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I would like to be known as a retired technologist. My career started as a Flight Surgeon in 1976. In 1981, we settled in on Vancouver Island and I left the military to start a family practice. PC's were just being produced and Microsoft Windows was going to integrate everything. I wanted an electronic office and bought interest in a start-up software company in Calgary that made an Electronic Patient Record. As my family practice grew so did our software company. Over the next 20 years it grew into an international company and had me traveling across Canada and the US giving papers at many conferences. The topics ranged from patient management, lab integration, security, and data input.

After I retired, we bought a home in the Silveridge Resort in Mesa Arizona where we spend our and Winter. I love technology and spend my spare time doing presentations at resorts in the East Valley and teaching a variety of programs in our resort. I have 10+ prepared presentations on a variety of topics and would be happy to be a guest speaker via APCUG's Speakers Bureau.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkYdxjaqt58



Save That Date! Thursday July 16th 2020

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!



Big Changes Coming To Media, Entertainment, Newspapers

By Michael Shalkey & John Weigle at Channel Islands PCUG (www.cipcug.org)

Things are changing quickly in the world of media, entertainment, and newspapers, Michael Shalkey said at our last meeting.

Lawyers, big corporations, money and the Internet are behind the changes, he said.

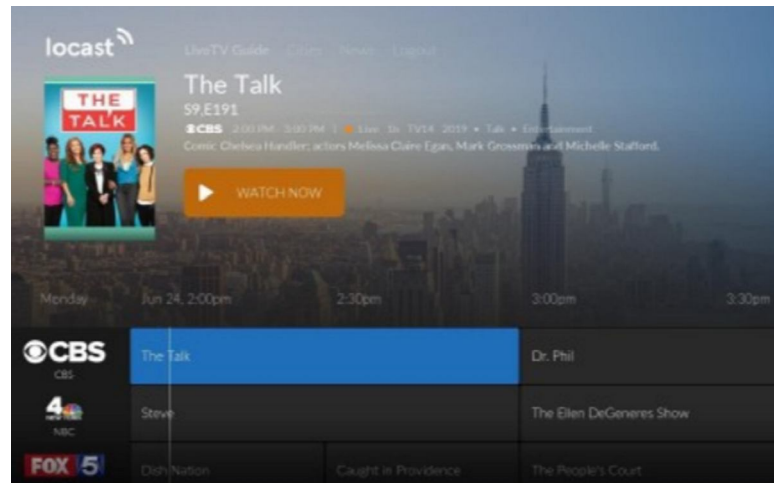
TV networks used to broadcast over the air using signals of a certain frequency. The broadcasters had to pay a fee for the frequencies, and they charged businesses for advertisements. Anyone could put up an antenna and get the broadcasts as free TV.

When cell phones came in, fewer people were getting over-the-air signals. The government took some of the frequencies back and is selling them to cell phone carriers. On June 12, 2009, they went from analog to digital, a different type of wave form.

You may not have noticed then because most of us are getting our TV from cable or satellite providers. Those providers pay TV channels to be included in their package. You have seen disputes for years about these fees.

Recently CBS and Direct TV fought over the amount that CBS would be paid to be on the Direct TV service. For a few weeks you couldn't watch CBS, but they resolved it (for now) and you can now watch CBS like normal, but I think the death of TV as we know it is coming soon. CBS did this because, although it came out with CBS All Access in 2014 it is now ready to really push it with exclusive streaming-only content.

That time when you couldn't watch CBS was the genesis for this presentation. Here is how to watch CBS on your TV using an app for your streaming box.



All of us hate the amount of money we spend each month for TV. Many have added boxes to watch content from the internet. Some have already become cord-cutters and get their TV only that way.

Definition first. Sometimes the word streaming means following the TV schedule, just over the internet, sometimes it is used for on demand, which means I want to watch something, and I want it now.

Live TV is now viewable using the LoCast app. It is very, very interesting. It's a non-profit that can legally pick up signals for free. It can put its own ads over the other ads. Because it's a local service, the programs available differ from area to area.

Some of you may remember a similar service a few years ago called Aereo that had antennas in New York that received

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over-the-air signals and allowed subscribers to view those signals. Lawsuits went all the way to the Supreme Court, which ruled against them partly because they were reselling the content without permission of the copyright owners. The hope for LoCast is that as a nonprofit, it is not selling anything. There will be lawsuits, but one of the supporters of LoCast is ATT, which has donated generously to LoCast.

You can get LoCast with most of the boxes like Roku, FireTV and similar boxes — and even a smart TV. The on-demand services like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, and HBO Go are also available on those boxes but they charge a monthly fee. These are becoming so popular that if you have never tried them, you probably will soon.

If you want to start a conversation waiting in line at a store or bank, say, “I just got Netflix. What should I watch? You can shut up for 10 minutes.”

Toby Scott said to expect a fight over something that’s recommended.

Many shows are exclusive, meaning they’re available only on one of the services.



One of the people in the audience wants to watch TV at a louder volume than others in the room. He wants to have earphones. He can pair a device with his Bluetooth headphones to the Amazon Fire Cube through settings or through the newer Roku boxes that have a headphone jack in the remote control. (See photo above)

Shalkey was showing two devices: Amazon Fire Cube and Roku version 3. The headphone jack in the Roku remote shuts the volume off on the TV and puts it in the headphones or earbuds you have plugged in.

The August 2018 TOE has the program on the Amazon Fire Cube including the voice activation and channel changing.



One Fire TV Cube feature — as you can see — is the slideshow feature (above). As you know, I like wine. My wife and I went to a wine event in Paso Robles. We can take as many pictures as we want on our phones and upload them to Amazon

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Photo. It's free. I then put those photos in their own folder. Now I can set the FireTV Cube to show the pictures in that folder and talk about them when friends come over.

For streaming services, the big three are Hulu, Netflix and Roku. The up-and-comers are HBO-Go, YouTubeTV, CBS All Access, and the new Disney Plus (launching in November).

With Netflix, Hulu and Amazon you can have profiles so you will be offered films that match your previous choices, he said. Some of the shows on these channels could not be sold to the big networks, he added.

A lot of the old favorite shows are being pulled back by the networks that broadcast them originally.

Q: Do you see the future as cord cutting? Michael Shalkey: Yes. I think in the future no one will have home phones, newspapers and cable TV. The satellite and cable people are doing this to themselves. For people who are cutting the cord because of the cost it's going to be hard to decide what they want to keep and to be sure that cutting the other things are not more expensive than the bundle.

Q: If you get rid of the phone and TV what are you going to pay for internet? Michael Shalkey: It depends on where you are and what you need. Depending on where you live, you might not save much by cutting everything. When you are calculating, please do the math right. If you are already an Amazon Prime member, there is no cost for Amazon Prime Video. If you

currently have Internet in your house (and who doesn't)? you can't really count that as an added cost in the cord-cutting scenario unless you are seriously thinking about getting rid of the internet at home.

Q: I have a home with two TVs for two families and Wi-Fi for cell phones. What speed do I need to run effectively? Michael Shalkey: It depends. I would not think of moving into a new home now and having less than 15 megabits per second. It really depends on your users. Music is already streaming. How many of you have bought a music CD in the last year? How many of you have an AM radio (few said yes). Big producers have changed the music world. The TV world is not far behind and many changes have been made in music.

Q: I was watching a Prime movie, and there were commercials, which I haven't noticed before. Michael Shalkey: It's their platform. I haven't seen them, but they can advertise their own shows particularly before the movie (kind of like a movie trailer in a theater).

Q: Can we have more than one of such devices and listen to different things in different rooms? Michael Shalkey: Yes. I can watch a movie on Netflix in the bedroom while my wife watches something else in the living room on her box. I don't think smart TVs are that smart. The manufacturers don't update the apps.

Q: How many options do you have and what do you pay for them? Michael Shalkey: You pay for the Roku box but you don't pay to use it. I pay for Netflix, and I pay for Hulu and I'm a prime member of

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Amazon, but I don't count it as a monthly expense because I buy so much. I'd be saving a lot of money if I could get my wife to drop Direct TV, but she does like her Hallmark Channel.

Q: What about live sports and news reports? Michael Shalkey: It depends on what you want and what the channel you want is doing. LoCast is live TV, but that is only the traditional over-the-air networks. It does not include ESPN, CNN or MSNBC.

Q: Do you find much overlap in the channels you get? Michael Shalkey: Yes and no. Yes, different boxes get the same "channels" like Netflix, but I don't pay more per month for each device, so that's no problem. I don't see much overlap.

Comment: The Amazon Echo can also play radio stations, and if you have more than one they can be used as an intercom. Michael Shalkey: You can also use them to make phone calls.



Genealogy Report for 2/4/20 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, Tim Donlin, Suzanne Matthews, Bill Klauk, Connie Edwards, Lucia Doyle, Liz Wisniewski, Carl Zalewski, Carl Hull, Paul Francis, Hadley Jones, Barbara Jones, Joanne Haulik, Conrad Sobczak.

Conrad Sobczak shared some pictures of his relatives from Poland. He continues to work on organizing his family history / genealogy work.

Lucia Doyle showed the SIG a wonderful picture of Mary Kolb's parents' wedding in the 1920's in Erie. There were more than thirty people in the picture. Mary's mother was Helen Carlson and her father was Emil Pearson. The wedding was held at a home near the former Bethany Swedish Lutheran Church. Mary is Lucia's cousin once removed. Emil was Lucia's great uncle. The Pastor, The Rev. Goran Forsberg, was Lucia's great grandfather; he had eleven children by two wives.

Sue Mueller introduced us to the [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) "card catalogue" features. It is found on the "Search" drop down menu. It includes a searchable listing of all record collections. One can search by Category, Location and Dates. The Categories are Birth, Marriage & Death; Census & Voter Lists; Court, Land, Wills & Financial; Dictionaries, Encyclopedias & Reference; Directories & Member Lists; Family Trees; Immigration & Emigration; Maps, Atlases, & Gazetteers; Military; Newspapers & Periodicals; Pictures; Stories, Memories & Histories. Some categories have up to 1,000 entries.

Joanne Haulik showed two very old pictures framed in large oval frames. She is trying to identify them. She believes that one of them is of either her father or grandfather.

Hal Kelley was surprised and disconcerted when he discovered that a fourth great-uncle, a farmer, was a slave owner in Baltimore, Maryland as reported in the 1850 Federal Census Slavery Schedule. He owned 10 slaves. The value of his real estate according to the Census was \$55,000.

Suzanne Matthews told us about a new feature in Family Tree Maker 2019. It is called "Tree Vault." It is a cloud service which will keep your data safe online. So, in case you lose anything from your tree, you will be able to restore your FTM information back to your software. The subscription is free for the first year.

There was a lot of Q&A at the meeting, and a number of good small group discussions that took place.

This was the last SIG meeting to be held at the Kelleys' home. Thanks was extended to Hal and Gretchen Kelley for hosting the meetings since February, 2013, helped out by Sue Mueller, who hosted a few meetings when the Kelleys were not available. Beginning with the March 3, 2020 meeting, we will be meeting at the Millcreek Branch Library. The time of the meetings will be 5:30-7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Harold D. Kelley

Smartphone & Tablet Report for 2/24/20 SIG Meeting

This Special Interest Group meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of the month at my home.

A new CUE member, Sam Miller, was interested in learning to use his new iPad. We helped him download the free iPad User Manual from the Books app. After the meeting I sent him the link to the MacRumors Roundups article on iPad OS 13 as it contains more screenshots and is easier to read than the User Guide which is more of a reference manual.

Linda Williams brought her older Samsung phone. She was interested in moving to an iPhone but wanted to know how to move her photos from her Android phone to her Macintosh computer. After the meeting I sent her several YouTube videos: one on how to use Android File Transfer, an app for the Macintosh, and two to help her decide which iPhone would best suit her needs. Links to the latter two videos which would be of more general interest are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv5XvBqBckY>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoY7zp8GkLI>

Marcia Keller brought her new iPhone 11 and relayed the story about how she bought the phone through Spectrum Mobile. She was happy with the price of cellular service and with her new phone but not so much with the "help" provided in the store. Like me, she takes a lot of photographs and has used a total of about

70% of her 50 GB iCloud storage. The staff person in the store said she had too many photographs and too many apps, so he proceeded to remove many of her apps. Note to all: no one but the phone owner should ever add or remove content from a phone without permission. At the very least it is bad manners. Marcia still had her old phone and will add the apps she had on it back to her new phone. If the apps were deleted, the data from the app would be deleted as well. If the apps were offloaded, data from the apps would still be on the iPhone. She will find out the method used to remove the app when she adds the app back into her phone and determines if she can resume using the apps where she left off.

We reviewed new features of iOS 13 Mail on the iPhone and iPad. Open a new Mail message, put the cursor below the Subject line, tap on < above the keyboard and the line that appears will show Aa and other items. Tap on Aa and you can format the Mail message just the same as you would using a Word Processor. The icons in the line to the right of Aa allow you to quickly insert items in your email. Tap on one of the other icons and you can insert a picture from Photos, take a picture and insert it, insert a document, take a picture of a document and insert it, or create and insert a drawing.

One of the most popular functions of any smartphone is its ability to take and show photographs. We reviewed the new ways that iOS 13 allows you to view your photo collection. The Photos tab shows curated pictures in years, months and days with pictures of receipts, etc. removed, but they appear in All Photos

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tab. We discussed the way AI is used to create Memories as well as select Featured Photos in the For You tab. The Albums tab brought out a discussion of how you can search for all the photos with a specific person in them. I couldn't remember how to attach a name to a specific person's photo. I had most of the steps but couldn't complete the process. Here is what I found later: Open a photo containing the face of the person you want to add, then swipe up to see the photo

details. Tap a face under People, then tap Add Name at the top of the screen. Enter the person's name or select it from the list. Tap Next, then tap Done. You can now use the search function to find all photos of that person by entering the name.

The next meeting of this Special Interest Group is on Monday, March 23.

John Fair

Secretary's Report for 2/20/20 CUE Meeting

Members Present: Paul Francis, Janice Castro, Tim Donlin, Don Grim, Charlie Bennett, Nancy Group, Edward Group, John Szympruch, Susan Gerg, Jeanne Brickell, Anne Rosthauser, Liz Wisniewski, John Fair

Guests Present: Sam Miller

The number of members present (13) did not exceed 17, the number needed for a quorum (20% of 83 total members).

The CUE meeting was started by president Paul Francis at about 10 AM.

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

Treasurer Janice Castro mentioned that the current treasury balance was \$2,930.19. She mentioned that the budget committee will study our income and

expenses to propose a budget for this year.

With Hal and Sue not available to report on the Genealogy Special Interest Group, Paul mentioned that Conrad talked about digitizing pictures in the last meeting and that Sue shared sources on Genealogy resources. The next SIG meeting will be at the Millcreek library in March.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Digital Photo Special Interest group. The latest meeting was canceled because his guest had to cancel.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Macintosh Special Interest Group. There were two guests. They updated a laptop that was going dark and asking for a password. They were considering an option to disconnect the sleep sensor on the motherboard. They also replaced a hard drive by using a drill bit to open it.

Lou Cioccio reported on the Windows Special Interest Group. They also replaced

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a hard drive in that group and fixed a sleep mode in a printer.

John Fair reported on the Smartphone & Tablet Special Interest Group. The group worked with allowing for a second birth date in contact information. They also examined privacy options in the OS.

The meeting was adjourned with no motions carried.

John Fair shared some videos on wearable technology, especially about smart watches. One video was about saving your life with wearable technology by Ron Brown. Another video was about detecting seizures with a smart watch by Rosalind Picard.

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 that you can find recent news at the CUE website (cuerie.com). At times, the website will have more recent news than the CUE newsletter since the website is updated continuously and the newsletter is updated monthly.

Editorially Speaking, Don Grim



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August \$24	September \$22	October \$20	November \$18
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April \$8	May \$6	June \$4	July \$2

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

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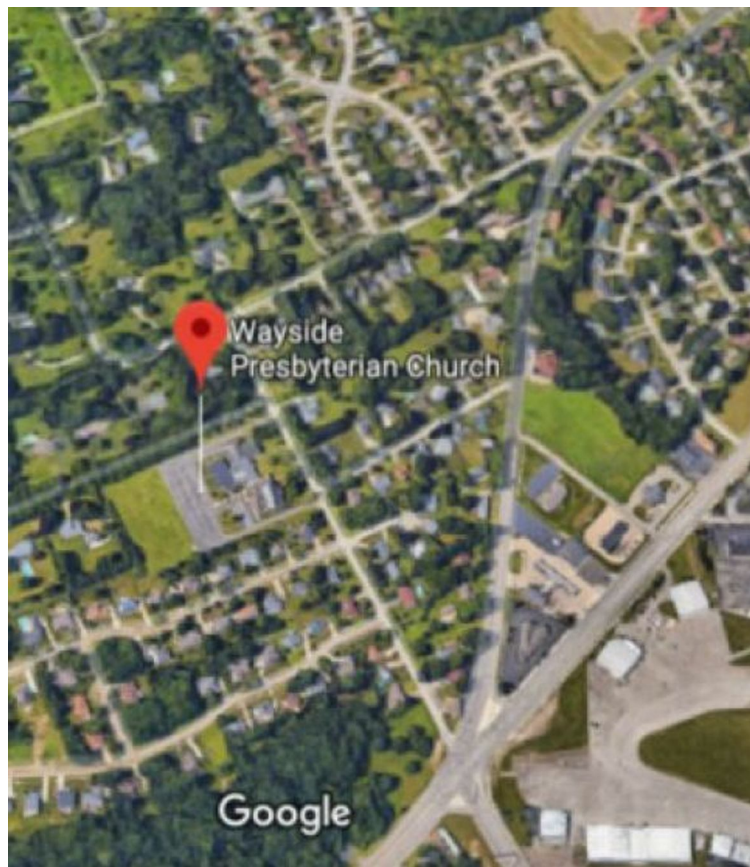
Directions to Wayside Presbyterian Church for CUE Meetings

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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CUE Membership Benefits



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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