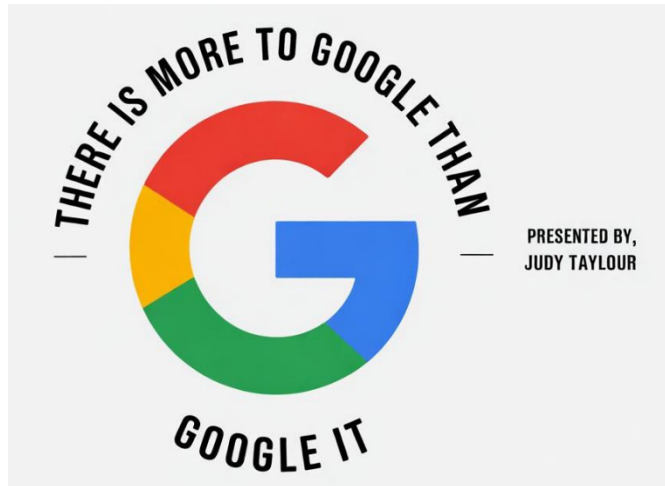


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Free Help Desk and Meet & Greet Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Business Meeting 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Presentation 1:00 p.m.

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## Membership

LCACE membership is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. To join, come to one of our meetings.

## Meetings

LCACE meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at Alto Senior Living, 1865 East Belvidere Road, Grayslake, Illinois. There is a free help desk and meet and greet before each meeting. This begins at noon. Business meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. Program topic presentations begin at 1:00 p.m.

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## President's Ponderings

In May we celebrated and remembered the people who have served our armed forces. It was a time to celebrate graduates as they enter the next phase of their lives. For Dave and I, it was a special moment as our son-in-law took the oath to become a U S citizen. There were 94 people becoming citizens from 31 different countries. The presiding judge's speech and the oath by the inductees reemphasized to us what the foundation our county was built on and what it means to be an American.

It's almost time for our July picnic. The picnic will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Alto. Appetizers will start at noon, with the luncheon shortly after that. The club will provide sandwich fixings. If you have not signed up for the picnic, please do so asap so we can get an accurate head count and what people are bringing. Setup for the picnic will start at 11:30 a.m.

In this issue, you will find a new section that will be listings of social events happening around Lake County. Pick some events to attend and you may find other members are attending them as well. If you have events to share with the club, send them to [diane.carlson@gmail.com](mailto:diane.carlson@gmail.com).

The board is soliciting ideas for a new website. We need to move the location of the website to another server. This gives us the opportunity to redesign our website to better meet our needs. If you have suggestions, please attend the next core meeting or send your suggestions to [diane.carlson@gmail.com](mailto:diane.carlson@gmail.com).

We have been sending out emails for people to join the various email groups we have created. The groups are LCACE-Members (general email notifications), LCACE-Core (for members that want to attend board meetings) and LCACE-Social) for Lake County social activities). If you wish to receive any of these notifications, be sure to hit the reply button in the email(s) so you are added to the group(s). If you have not received an invitation(s), please contact a board member so an email invitation can be sent to you. The tentative date for converting to Groups.IO is August 1, 2025.

Diane Carlson  
President LCACE



## Fast, easy teleconferencing

(submitted by member Lester Larkin)

Teleconferencing is great for meeting with people over the internet. You can talk to friends, relatives, or business associates, and look them right in the eye while doing so. Jitsi is one of several services that enable you to make those connections.

Jitsi is a free teleconferencing service that can be used on a computer, tablet, or smart phone that are equipped with a browser. I doubt that there are any of those devices that are *not* so equipped! Here are some of its important features:

- Jitsi is FREE!
- It is open source.
- It starts up much faster than Zoom.
- Familiar Zoom-like look and feel.
- Requires no installation of extra software.
- No 40 minute timeout, like the free version of Zoom.

To start a Jitsi meeting, go to <https://meet.jit.si>. At the browser screen, click the “Start meeting” button. The next screen is where you can click “Join meeting”, or click one of the 5 buttons below the Join button. Of those 5, the middle button shows you invitation options for inviting others to your meeting. When selected, a small window pops up that gives you several options for sending the invite(s) to a prospective attendee(s).

One of the fun options is that you can create your own imaginative pass phrases that uniquely identify your meeting.

Here’s one I typed: Comon Joe - Lets meet at 3 pm

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This is how the link looks: <https://meet.jit.si/ComonJoe-Letsmeetat3pm>

This is displayed on my Jitsi screen: Comon Joe Letsmeetat 3 pm

Notice how it deals with spaces and dashes. There are some characters that are not allowed. You will be informed of those in red letters while you are composing.

I have used it for several meetings, mostly computer club related, and I find it very easy to work with.

Have fun with this great free tool!



## TING – FIRE SAFETY, SIMPLIFIED

(CONTRIBUTED BY Linda Koudelka)

Ting simply plugs into any outlet in your home, connects to Wi-Fi, connects to the Ting Sensor App, and is ready to better protect your home in minutes. A single sensor provides coverage throughout your entire home and continuously monitors your home's wiring, plugged-in devices and appliances, and even the power from your utility provider.

Ting detects dangerous electrical arcing signals – the precursor to most electrical fires. It leverages advanced AI to analyze 30 million electrical signals per second, enabling detection with unmatched precision and speed.

State Farm Homeowners Insurance offers a free Ting sensor and internet monitoring and will never be billed by 'whisker Labs. If you don't have State Farm, see what other companies offer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sue Muchowski  
Deborah Sirilla  
Gary Quarnstrom

**Social Event(s):**

**Gurnee Park District:**

Monthly Mixers 6/13 and 7/11 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Grayslake Performance Pavilion:**

Concert in the Park

Sunday, June 22, 2025

6:00 pm 7:30 pm

**Lake County Forest Preserve:**

Concerts in the Plaza

For details including parking, food, and drinks go to <https://www.lcfpd.org>.

June 17/Brooklyn Charmers/Steely Dabn Tribute/Jazz Rock

June 24/How Rude!/ “90s Tribute

July 1/The Mackenzie O’Brien Band/Country

July 8/Gizzae/Reggae

## MEETING DATES AND TOPICS FOR 2025:



June 14 – There Is More to Google than Google It

July 12 – Annual Indoor Picnic

August 9 - TBA

September 13 - TBA

October 11 - TBA

November 8 -TBA

December 13 – Annual Holiday Party

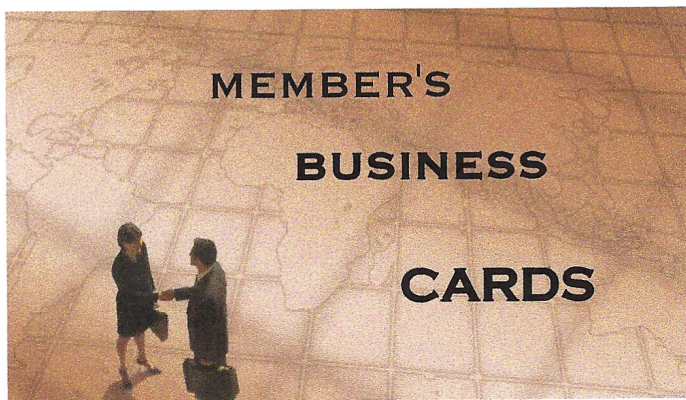
Come join us for any (or all) of our meetings. We meet the second Saturday of each month at Alto Senior Living, 1865 E Belvidere Road, Grayslake, Illinois. There is a check-in procedure involving facial recognition, but usually that only takes a couple minutes.

Meet and Greet and free help desk are from 11:30 – noon.

The Business Meeting begins are 12:30 p.m.

Presentations/demonstrations start at 1:00.

Anyone interested in computers and new technologies is welcome.



### Alluring Spectrums



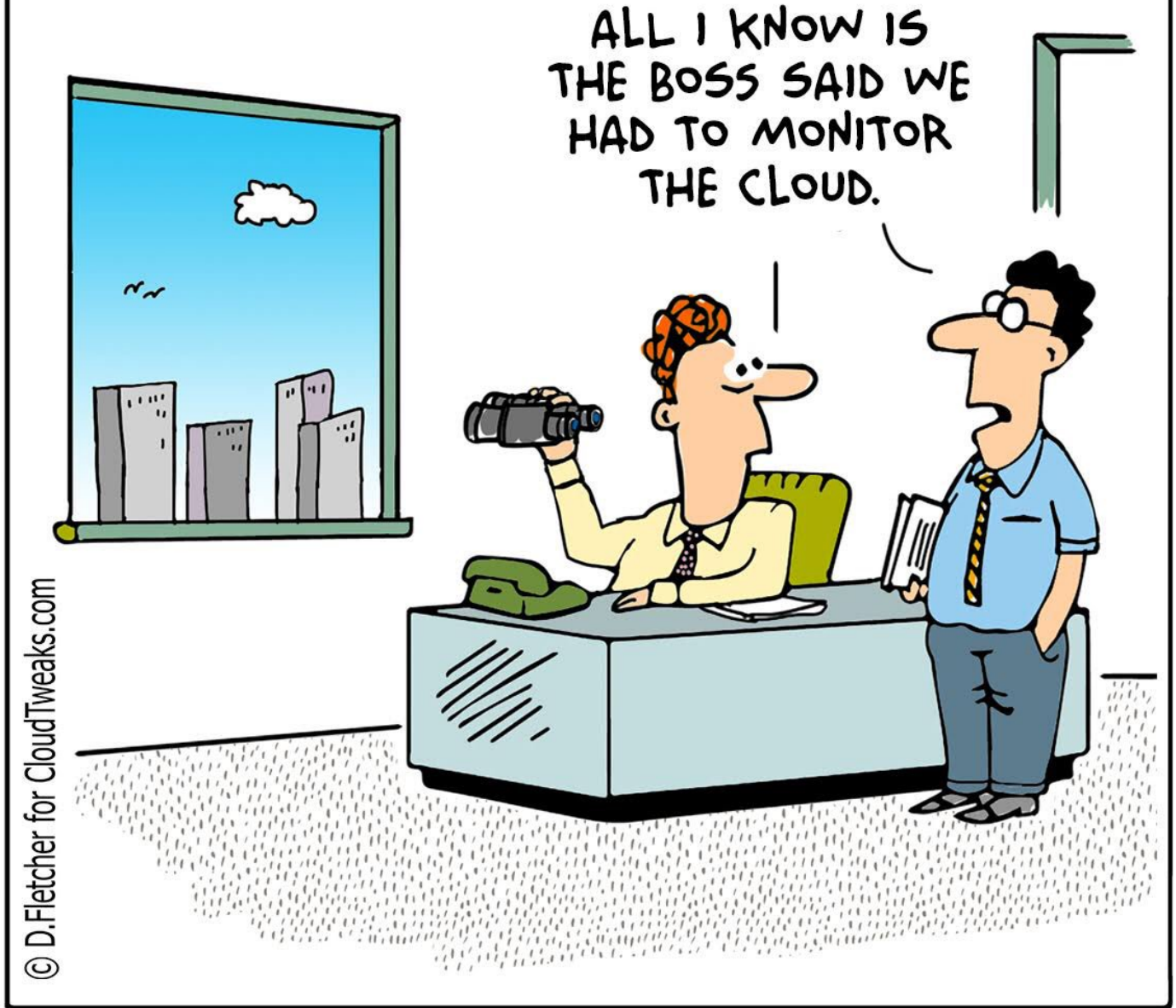
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