



## **Computer Club of Rossmoor**

**2020- 2021**

**Year in review**

In March of 2020 the everyday activities world-wide changed dramatically due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. For safety precautions social interaction had to be kept to a minimum. We were asked to stay home. Travel and public gatherings were restricted. We do not go out shopping, have social gatherings and in many cases we could not go to work. Those businesses that were not considered vital to the wellbeing of the public, or that could not operate virtually were not able to stay open for business. In the beginning we were virtually isolated. However, with Zoom, a virtual conferencing platform, it was possible to come together again. With an Internet connection and a smartphone, tablet, or computer we could do business and visit with our families and friends. Businesses could allow their employees to work from home and hold their team meetings via Zoom. It's not the same as doing these things in person. But at least we had a portal to stay connected to the world.

Using Zoom, the Computer Club was able to remain open for business. We just did it virtually. We presented our Tech-Together and Flash Classes online. House call service was provided via remote access technology. Through creative use of some Zoom features we were able to offer drop-in technical support virtually. Our world went from personal interaction to virtual connection. But we were still able to provide support to our members.

The going was tough, but the Computer Club is tough and we got going. Eventually the pandemic will get under control enough that we can resume public gatherings. We will go back to having in-person Tech-Togethers and Flash Classes. Actual in-home house call services, Drop-in support and other services offered at the Center will resume. Some of our virtual services were so popular though, that we may continue them even after the doors open again. Until then just 'click on the link' in your invitation email and join our virtual gathering.

Jane Norbeck joined the Board of Directors in 2021, taking over the role of publicity from club president Rhona Lishinsky.