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Preventing *Cybercrime!*



Preventing Cybercrime at Work:

Let's start with the easy part: don't fall for phishing attacks. You can spot them by searching for common red flags such as poor grammar and terrible spelling, a sense of urgency, a call to click on or download something, threatening language, and unrealistic promises.

Of course, not every phishing attack will exhibit those red flags. So double-check the "from" address. Hover over links to reveal the full URL. Remain skeptical of any requests for sensitive data or money. When in doubt, don't click, don't respond, don't download anything. If it appears to come from someone you know, contact that person, and confirm they sent the message.

Phishing aside, keep your work area organized and lock your workstation when not in use. Be sure to close doors behind you. Never allow someone to borrow your credentials to log into a system or enter a secured area. Always follow policy. And report security incidents immediately.



Preventing Cybercrime at Home:

Let's start with the easy part: don't fall for phishing attacks (see above).

Next, we recommend developing a security policy for your household, similar to what most organizations enforce. Here are a few security action items to apply to your personal life:

- Protect every account and every device (including your router) with a strong, unique password.
- Enable automatic updates wherever possible.
- Set social media accounts to fully private and only "friend" people you know.
- Limit what you share on the internet.
- Set up different user accounts on shared devices and limit administrator access.
- If you have young children, consider using parental monitoring software.



Preventing Cybercrime on Mobile:

When you're out and about, never connect to a public network without using a virtual private network (VPN), which encrypts your connection and prevents data theft. Even when using a VPN avoid logging into accounts that contain highly sensitive data.

Before downloading any apps or software, research the developers, and only install from trustworthy sources. App stores are frequently targeted by cybercriminals who attempt to spread malicious apps that often impersonate legitimate versions.

Never leave your devices unattended. Consider enabling "find my device" services if available. These allow you to locate your phone via a second device or remotely reset it to factory default (removing all personal information).

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Board Approves 2020 Allocation:

Venture Communications is proud to announce the approval of a \$11,573,621.00 capital credit allocation for the year 2020. The allocation was distributed among members who had services with the cooperative in 2020. Allocation statements were printed on the May 2021 billing statement. Statements were mailed to all members who no longer have service with Venture Communications. The allocation amount cannot be applied as a credit to your Venture bill and is not payable at this time. Cash payment of credits will be made only when a general retirement is distributed to the whole membership or to an estate.

Please keep us informed:

- *In order to get future allocation statements or checks to you, please keep us informed of your current address.*
- *In the event of a death of a member, please notify Venture as early retirement of capital credits may be possible.*

For details go to www.venturecomm.net



Resa Konrad

Best Wishes to *Resa Konrad* on Her Retirement!

Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks go to Resa Konrad for many years of dedication to Venture Communications. After 22 years of loyal service to the cooperative, Resa has chosen to pursue the next chapter in her life.

Resa began her duties at Venture Communications in 1999 as a sales representative in the marketing department and ended her career as the IT Specialist for the cooperative. Throughout her years at Venture, Resa assisted customers with Internet services; managed the computer network, program software, & network security; and so much more. The IT world has changed vastly since she began her duties in the IT department. As a proactive employee, Resa met every challenge of today's ever-changing technology head on. Her knowledge and experience in the role she filled will be missed by the Venture Team.

Resa, we wish you the very best as you step into retirement. Thank You and Congratulations!

REMINDERS:

- **The deadline for the Directory Photo Contest is Monday, July 26th.**
- **The August newsletter will have details about the 64th Annual Meeting!**



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