Saturday morning April 24 we held PARC’s first ever computer workshop at the GOP office in Campton. We invited Chris Conway fellow conservative and owner of CEJ Computer Merrimac New Hampshire to help and assist our members with their computer issues.

Marlene Rivers was first up with her old Toshiba which had chronic issues. Chris told her it was never going to be compatible with her 5g home network and therefore impossible to fine tune. So Marlene had her choice of the laptops Chris had brought with him for sale. These laptops are all business grade machines with CEJ’s 6 month warrantee, each with a $25 PARC discount. All computers had the free LibreOffice software consisting of word processing, spreadsheet, and slideshow applications plus a variety of free virus protection software installed. She was up and running on her new machine later that afternoon.
Dan Werman was next to arrive with his personal computer that was experiencing startup issues. Soon Chris had it running like it was right out of the box. Not perfect but way better than before.
Next Paul Sheridan arrived with his laptop. After a short discussion, Paul and Chris decided Paul’s old laptop would need more time and money to fix rather than simply purchase one of Chris’s reconditioned laptops. Paul purchased a new reconditioned laptop which will soon include all of his old files plus the free software mentioned above. Then Mike and Sue McLaughlin arrived (after the Saturday morning flag wave) with the intent to purchase a new laptop for Sue which they did. Holly Willoughby dropped in for a quick visit. Short of time, she made arrangements for Chris to trouble shoot her computer at a later time.

As a byproduct of likeminded people being in the same place at the same time there was a constant level of fun and interesting discussions happening. We all told our stories and offered our opinions about local, national and current events. So nice to share time with birds of a feather.

More importantly...PARC has assisted friends and members with their computer issues and strengthened our overall ability to help fellow conservatives win elections.

We will certainly conduct this successful workshop again. Space will be limited so be sure to sign up as soon as you see the announcement.

Dave Rivers

PARC Chair