President's Message
Passwords, September, 2023

One of the most frequent and difficult problem our volunteer supervisors are asked to deal with pertains to forgotten passwords. Passwords are a necessary part of computer and internet security and over time, we may accumulate many passwords. Forgotten passwords will prevent us from using our email, logging into our banking app, etc. But as long as you use an Apple device in the Apple ecosystem, your Apple ID Password is one of the most important security features.

Think of your Apple ID and Password as you do your Social Security ID. You always know or have your SS number available. So too should your Apple ID and Password always be available and/or known. Sooner or later, you will need that information. It may be to download an App for your iPhone or iPad, to find or replace your lost Apple Device, backup all those photos, etc. Also important to know is the password for your email.

The iCloud is Apple's system of synchronizing data across our devices and storing our data on their servers. The iCloud keeps this data secure by requiring us to use a password. Remember, your iCloud password and Apple ID Account password is the same.

The Mac Club periodically has classes on this subject in our iPhone and iPad classes. Look for these classes as well as many other topics on our class calendar, available in the lab and our website, TheMacClub.org.

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