Jeff Around Town – August 9th, 2024

Otis: Time to go around town. Jeff Around Town. Jeffrey? How are you?

Jeff: Good morning.

Otis: Good morning. Cyber seniors aye? You see my T-shirt. Cyber Seniors.

Jeff: I… uh not that you resemble that remark. uh well I do I do have a question for you and I know the answer to this already, but Otis have you ever had any frustrations with technology?

Otis: (Angry Gibberish) That's usually how I react. You know electronics. Yeah.

Jeff: Yeah well

Otis: That's why I had a son.

Jeff: Yeah, well that's right. Same here.

Otis: Who I call.

Jeff: My IT. Yes. Well, uh if you're over 55, and well yeah Otis I'm not sure if you are but uh or if I am?

Otis: Yeah, I'm on the edge

Jeff: Oh yeah me too. Uh, but did you know that there is a team of volunteers in Omaha ready to help you and anyone else who…

Otis: I will need a whole team of volunteers but go ahead please explain.

Jeff: It take… So, uh you know if you can't seem to download that app or maybe you've downloaded it but now you're not sure how to use it.

Otis: I downloaded, look at my screen.

Jeff: I know or this happens. I hate when this happens. Your device updated while you were sleeping and now you can't get it to work like it did. They changed things. Just leave it. I want it to stay as it is but no they're going to make it better, but they maybe make they make it worse. And then, or maybe your kids or grandkids gave you a new tablet for a gift and now all you want to do is see photos of your family but…

Otis: Silly

Jeff: Where are those photos? How do I get to them? So, there is a small army of savvy volunteers at Do Space.

Otis: Okay, Do Space.

Jeff: Do Space, who will help you do.

Otis: D.O. space

Jeff: So, they used to be on 72nd and Dodge they're returning, but you know because there's the new library…

Otis: Building a big thing.

Jeff: They're building the big thing, so temporarily they are over at Abrams Branch on North 90th. And it's Cyber speed… Seniors happens every Thursday morning 9:30 to noon. It's free. So, I recently went to Abrams, I didn't need any help that day it's very… I can always call my son but I may need help, and I know where to go. So, I went to see an old friend of mine from South O, Joe Gulizia who now lives in… in Council Bluffs now. There's a Joey Gulizia the wonderful musician.

Otis: Is he related to Joe

Jeff: I don't know that they are, but that you would think that.

Otis: You would think.

Jeff: I have to ask Joe about that. So, Joe spent time at UNO actually studying broadcasting as well he's been volunteering at Do Space for several years. In the past he's worked for SCOLA, you remember SCOLA the international TV channel?

Otis: Yeah, all the news from around the world.

Jeff: Oh, incredible. Has great stories about that and now he works like a million jobs but still finds time to volunteer. So one of Joe's things is that, and this is important to Cyber Seniors, he tells dad jokes. He's got this really dry sense of humor and I'm not going to attempt any of his jokes here, you've got to stop by Do Space at Abrams to hear them for yourself. But it's also it's not just a place for seniors to go to you know get help, but it's really a chance to hang out. And you know they've all these great volunteers including like former Apple employees, so really sharp people. So, while I was there, I met a few of the other volunteers like Carl Fosco who is a retired HR guy from Blue Cross. And he's there donating his time for you. There's also Steve Bodie, a longtime photographer, had a long-time photography business and he's got all these stories. Otis, when I was there, he was telling this great story about a skunk in his yard who had a Freddy's… is it Freddy's? You know fast food place. Had a cup stuck on its head and the Humane Society had come out. He has photos, he's got all these great..

Otis: Steak burgers.

Jeff: Yeah, yeah so there's also… I was hanging out with a former PGA golfer, Bob McCormick, who was hanging out there

Otis: Woah.

Jeff: Anyhow it's all… it's free and it's all about helping each other out with tech because tech can feel so intimidating and cold. and what these volunteers do is they help you out and

they tell stories and dad jokes, and they put a very human touch to tech. And here's... here's a little secret I'm gonna let you in on Otis and anyone else, even though it's called cyber seniors…

Otis: Yeah?

Jeff: They will help anyone.

Otis: Anybody?

Jeff: No matter your age, so…

Otis: Will they tell mom jokes?

Jeff: They will tell mom jokes. So, if you're if you're having trouble finding your photos or downloading that app stop by Abrams Library 90th and Fort, Thursdays 9:30 to noon. And again it's free and as I say, bring your questions, devices, and your passwords and they'll bring the dad jokes.

Otis: Okay. All right buddy. Thank you

Jeff: Thanks Otis.

Otis: Cyber seniors, give me a T-shirt. That's all I can say. Thanks, Jeff. Jeff Around Town every Friday 8:45 or thereabouts.