

## MAC INTEREST GROUP Anton Petre

Canadian Broadcasting reporter and podcast creator, Felicia Latour, was the main attraction at the March Mac Group meeting, which was also attended by a good crowd of general SeniorNet members who wanted to learn all about podcasts. Felicia gave a very professional presentation and demonstration, and also impressed with her friendly approach and ability to remember names of those she had been talking to before the meeting started.

At half time, Anton drove Felicia back to the Kina property where she was staying, while Lindsay Hunter talked about his new Amazon smart speech device, the Echo Dot. Think of Siri on steroids. The Echo Dot (2nd Generation) is a hands-free, voice-controlled device that uses computer “voice” Alexa to play music, control smart home devices, provide information, read the news, set alarms, read audiobooks from Audible, and more. It connects to speakers or headphones through Bluetooth or 3.5 mm stereo cable to play music from Amazon Music, Spotify, Pandora, iHeartRadio, and TuneIn. It also controls lights, fans, switches, thermostats, garage doors, sprinklers, locks, and more, with compatible connected devices. It hears you from across the room with 7 far-field microphones for hands-free control, even in noisy environments or while playing music, and it includes a built-in speaker so it can work on its own as a smart alarm clock in the bedroom, an assistant in the kitchen, or anywhere you might want a voice-controlled computer.

After Anton returned it was back to questions and discussing problems and ideas. No time left for any instructional videos...  
maybe next month.