

VRCC Minutes & information for Thursday, Jan 5, 2017

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 40 members and guests for our 4th meeting of 2016-17, our present paid members are 122. We are still looking for a President, Vice President, etc!!! We are also looking for more members with some intermediate plus skills as we are getting lots of members with specific problems, especially with their tablets, phones and Apple products. Let us know if you know of someone who might consider joining.

Membership fees are due for the 2017 year, so please bring your Vista Badge when you pay your \$20 cash to any monitor in the Lab during our open hours. Monitors will be checking badges for current stickers.

Mike asked for volunteers for the Open House on Saturday, Jan 21 10-1pm. Since we did not pass around a sign-up sheet, please let us know if you can help with the refreshments, membership sign-up, Door Prize slips or help in the Lab. We really need someone to organize and oversee the refreshments. The signage, posters, publicity, etc are almost done. You can contact Sandy at vrcomputerclub@gmail.com if you can help us out.

JoAgnes Pasquarella was our presenter this week and the subject was 'Tips on organizing and keeping track of your finances'. She had several comments on dealing with your bank, credit card and insurance companies and suggests that you watch your credit rating as it impacts on your condo insurance premiums. Keep one of your previous policies in case you need to refer to it. Always balance your accounts each month to stay on top of any problems and be very aware of your auto-pay/bill pay situation with vendors and your bank. Check to see that the interest rates on your accounts have not been changed. Handouts included several income & expense sheets, some sample and others were blank so you can photocopy them and use. More were printed and placed on the black desk in the Lab for you to pick up. We will have a link to the blank ones for you shortly.

She is a advocate of color-coded folders and hanging file folders to stay organized and suggested several types of folder names to get you started. One of her favorite tips is keeping track of every item you buy for your property to help with capital gains when you sell. This is one place that most people fall down. She uses 'ProForma" one check system to pay all her bills which positions you for easy year-end tax figures. All in all, an excellent, information packed presentation. Thanks Jo Agnes.

Next week, Jesse Stewart, from the AT&T Store [AT&T Mobility] on Rte 60 will be here with the latest information on phones and packages that they are currently selling. This will not be connected to our AT&T U-verse TV situation.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, sec