

VRCC Minutes & information for Thursday, Jan 19, 2017

Open House Door Prize Winners at bottom.....

Hi Members.

President Mike Johnson welcomed 47 members and guests. Our current paid membership is appx 155 and growing every day. We always have a good time 'showing off' our Lab to new comers, so join in the fun and work a few hours.

Mike showed the following links which were very interesting.

<http://www.mylifesite.net/our-story.php> Information on evaluating a Retirement Community

https://www.everplans.com/#/?_k=ny5xmf Everything you need to know about Estate Planning

https://www.att.com/Common/PDF/U-verse_English_Channel_Lineup.pdf New TV Listing

<http://www.gocomics.com/pickles> Cartoons

Sandy McKenny spoke about the upcoming Open House and then proceeded to show the controversial website FamilyTreeNow.com which shows a lot of your public information. People trying to opt-out under the privacy section crashed the site this past weekend. This is NOT a good genealogy site. Stick to the ones listed on our webpage, under Genealogy/Resources.

Sandy will continue the **Genealogy BEGINNER Presentation one more week.....** on Tuesday night [Jan 24th] in the Lab at 6:30 to 8:30. If you have a USB memory stick or drive, bring it along so I refresh your memory on how to use it. I will demonstrate how to use the genealogy software 'RootsMagic7' and several other subjects that we missed last Tuesday. If there are a number of alternates, I will do this class again. In the meantime, I would like current participants to watch at least some of the tutorial at <http://rootsmagic.com/Webinars/>

At the bottom of this page, watch some of "1. Getting Started with RootsMagic."

RootsMagic also offers free, short (15 minutes or less) training videos on individual topics at [RootsMagicTV.com](https://www.youtube.com/user/RootsMagicTV). <https://www.youtube.com/user/RootsMagicTV>

For those of you who already have some research experience, Alison Findlay will open the Lab for independent work on Mondays 3-5. Sandy will do likewise on Wed 3-5pm. This information is on the website calendar. Thank you Alison for volunteering.

Vicky Getz very kindly wrote up her notes on her presentation so you can review them.

Back in December, Vicky Getz sent out an email recommending that we download Windows Movie Maker while it was still available. Movie Maker is part of Windows Essentials 2012.

Essentials 2012 was retired on January 10th, but Vicky told us that Windows Movie Maker is still available through the link on the www.VRCC.info photography page.

The program is free, powerful and very easy to use. That is an unusual combination. MovieMaker allows you to edit your movies, add sound tracks, adjust the volume of individual clips, add titles, captions and combine still photos with movies. The biggest advantage of this version over its predecessor is the ability to save your movies as MP4s. The older version puts out WMVs which is a Windows format, the MP4s are universal.

She did a demo where she took a film that was shot with an iPhone and rotated it 90 degrees to display on a Windows computer. She then showed us a video that had been edited, and combined with still picture with a sound track.

She also mentioned Windows DVD Maker, which allows you to create a simple menu and burn you movies to a DVD for playing in a DVD Player. DVD Maker is part of the Windows 7 Operating System and it is on your Windows 7 machine. DVD Maker is not available on later versions of Windows.

After the meeting someone came up and said she wished Movie Maker was available for Windows 10. Even though the Microsoft website doesn't mention Windows 10, we were able to install it on our Windows 10 machine. Do note however that the Burn to DVD portion of the software will not work on Windows 10.

Vicky also mentioned that the photography group is still in need of a leader.

Next Week: Jurgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers will be here to talk about "Windows 10".

No doubt Vicky will have more to say about the ATT installation as hers was being done today [Sat]. Keep Tuned!

Thank you to all the Open House Volunteers who made the day. We had a small turnout but great refreshments and a lot of new friendships. We even sold new memberships and more to come in the next few day. Nice to be able to show off our Lab to new residents. Thanks again for your hours of work. All the prizes were won by members!

Open House Door Prize Winners

- \$50 Visa Card won by Sue Cook
- Norton Anti-Virus for 1 machine/1 year won by Cindy Johncheck
- Coffee Pot donated by Henry Lewis won by Joyce White
- Lexar Memory Stick won by Mary Lou Campbell..... don't forget to put your name on it, Mary Lou!
- Truffles won by Barbara Van Dine
- Truffles won by Tom Linder

You can pick up your prizes in the Lab by showing some ID to a monitor who will check you off the list.

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