

Vista Royale Computer Club
February 8, 2018 Meeting Information & new classes

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 36 members and guests this week and mentioned that in his recent conversation with AT&T, they said they have 'vacation mode' for their internet package. Because of problems in the past, he suggests that you ask them about it for next year; making sure there is no ETF [Early Termination Fee] and keep a record of your conversation & date.

One of our speakers this week was Margretta Anderson showing us how she uses the photo site www.Snapfish.com. She typically takes photos all year and then makes an annual printed photo album with them. She took us through the steps of uploading the photos she selected and then she moved to her laptop to design her book online. First she started with choosing a cover and adding a photo. You can add up to 12 photos per page and even do a back cover. She then explained the different things you could do or control in this site such as: size of paper, background color, crop photos, adjust color, add text/size/color/font, and insert embellishments on the various assortment of pages. Her end product can be saved as you go along; even letting you wait for a 'special price'---saving you sometimes half. When done, click 'Review & Buy, put in any discount code and check-out. A 20 page book is typically \$29; additional pages- 2 @ a time- are \$1.99. When you sign-in to the site, look for 'deals' at the top. You can also upload photos to share with your children regardless of you printing any. Really good overview of what you can do with all those photos, especially ideas for gift albums.

Then Dick Anderson, a music enthusiast discussed using Pandora and then moving to Apple Music for \$9.95 a month which he really likes and can be bluetooth'd to speakers or your TV. He showed his small portable 'VenStar' speaker with its rechargeable batteries which has superior sound. He demonstrated some of his favorite Apple apps which include:

Music ID to identify music [Apple only]

Astronomy: StarWalk to show what is in the night sky in your location \$2.99

Maps: National Geographic Atlas as well as Google Earth map

White Noise app to play to cancel out other sound

Decimal meter to see how loud something is: dbmeter Pro

Altimeter to show land maps with elevations

Podcasts; listen to all sorts of newsletters, weekly shows or multi-episode seminars on every imaginable subject.

FlightRadar: lots of things pertaining to flights, etc.

Leaf snap app to identify plants [Apple only]

Library: sign into your local library or your library 'OverDrive' to borrow up to 6 books for 21 days. You can avoid a mandatory return after that time-frame by setting your device on Airplane Mode. Some of his demo was difficult as the number of users of WIFI in the building made for an impossibly slow signal. This was a very interesting session, thanks to both of you for such pleasant informative presentations.

Vicky Getz reminded members to have a Recovery system for your email, either another email address or cell phone for a validation when you cannot remember your password. Keep an accurate email and password log so you have options in a pinch. Do not lose your Apple ID or password as it is almost impossible to retrieve.

Vicky is teaching a 1 session '**Cut-Copy & Paste Class**' next Monday, Feb 12; sign-up in the Lab; class size 8. This is one of best features of the Windows operating system and a tool you will use every day.

The week after that she is holding another 2 night '**iPad/iPhone Class**' on Monday Feb 19th & Wednesday Feb 21st from 7pm to 8:30pm. Sign up in the Lab, class size 8 In this workshop she will cover restarting the tablet, closing apps, using the keyboard, editing, copy, paste. Rearranging your home screens, downloading the user manual into iBooks, Safari basics, managing contacts, setting up accessibility options, taking a photo and sending it via email. Also adding a calendar event, setting an alarm, using the spotlight search and downloading an app.

Prerequisites: You must have your iPad or iPhone already set up, and **you must know your Apple ID and Password**. Bring your own device.

Sandy McKenny reported on her invitation to the Vista Garden Long Range Planning Committee a couple of weeks ago. They apparently are exploring starting up their computer club again and wanted to know how we operate. Hopefully they will accept our invitation for a tour of our Lab in the near future. FYI..... there will be **no** Genealogy session 3-5 pm in the Lab on Wednesday, Feb 22nd & 28th.

Next week our guest speakers will be Scott Malcom and an associate from our local Wells Fargo Bank giving us look at the new money transfer app 'Zelle' that you can get through their bank. This should be very interesting.

Sandy McKenny, sec.