

Vista Royale Computer Club

December 6, 2018

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 23 members and guests to our 1st meeting of the 2018/2019 season. He thanked Susan Fortino for her many years as our treasurer and wished her well in her new home and life. Mary Thieman was appointed to replace her by our President.

The next item on the agenda was the new Club By-laws which were passed by the Vista Royale Board of Directors in June. After a motion and second, VRCC members passed this version to conform to the official Committee/Club By-Law standard of the Vista Royale Association. In the next few days we will be changing our checking account over to the Vista Association Federal ID number, thus putting our officers under the protection of a \$25 million dollar liability umbrella.

Mike also reminded us to please return the current proxy to the Vista Association regarding the change in our community voting rules. This is very important to our life at Vista. If you did not get one, please contact the office.

Our Lab #5 Win7 machine died this week and we will consider fixing or replacing it when we determine how busy the lab is this season. In the meantime we will be re-using the extra flat screen monitor to have another extended/dual monitor desktop on the #6 machine after we receive the specialized 'digital port to HDMI' cable to connect to the tower. Many people find that 2 monitors increases productivity especially when doing genealogy. Try it out in the Lab and see if it is something you want to do at home with an extra monitor.

Vicky Getz announced that we have purchased a new Windows 10 Lenovo laptop from ACT Computers. The Windows 10 operating system on it is good until 2025. We were fortunate to find one that has 3 USB ports, Ethernet port, HDMI and VGA ports as well as a DVD tray. It also has a solid state hard drive and 16" screen. Now she will have to work her magic on it loading on our software, DeepFreeze and configuring everything..... a big job. She recommends that if you are considering a new Win10 machine that you familiarize yourself with one in the lab before you make your purchase and consider doing some Win10 tutorials for a jump start.

Sandy McKenny reported on the Vista Clubhouses' free WiFi situation that occurred in May and said that a more in-depth talk with Jurgen at ACT Computers might shed some light on solving the situation. She said that we have purchased 2 specialty cables so that our members with no Ethernet port in their laptop can connect to our hard-wired Lab network for updates. A further discussion of WiFi is forthcoming.

She then suggested that members sign up for AARP's newsletter and start reading some of the information that they put out concerning fraud, scams, etc. Here is the link for the 'Perfect Scam' podcast: <https://www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam/info-2018/bonus-episode.html>; there are over 12 of them that are very informative. She also pointed out that Consumer Report has many articles that are of interest. She also shared the particulars on some of our forthcoming programs which she & VP David Kimball are organizing.

After an amusing photo quiz and a funny video, https://www.youtube.com/embed/ub1Dc3NHZ3s?autoplay=1&cc_load_policy=, Mike showed how to access and safely download a free copy of Malwarebytes through our Links page at www.vrcc.info. This is the place to go for a correct safe download link. For more information, check out this blog link: <https://blog.malwarebytes.com/101/2017/06/somethings-phishy-how-to-detect-phishing-attempts/>

Vicky suggests that you buy the full \$39.99 software if you have had trouble with Malware in the past; don't depend on the free version. The paid version works in the background all the time, keeping you safer.

Our next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen of Pine Arbor Clubhouse as usual on Thursday morning December 13th 2018. Our guest speakers, Jurgen Schwanitz and Christopher Martinson will be here from ACT Computers demonstrating their new toy, a 3D printer. They will be finishing an object right in front of our eyes. Check our Lab door for Open Hours.

Sandy McKenny, sec.

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Please go to our <http://www.vrcc.info/> website for archived Meeting Minutes, Calendar of Events, Genealogy Resources and more. You can also set your own computer home page to <http://www.vrcc.info/home.html> to make it match the home page on our Lab machines.

Words of the Week: Two adages pop to mind in regard to 'Back-ups'

1. Don't place all your back-up eggs in just one basket.
2. LOCKSS= Lots Of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe

These multiple copies of paper and digital files need to be stored in widely dispersed locations. Don't save copies solely at a relative's residence that is just across town from your own. One hurricane or other disaster could destroy both!