Vista Royale Computer Club
December 5, 2019

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 27 members and guests to our 1st meeting of the 2019/2020 season. We have 43 paid members so far and you can renew your membership any time the Lab is open. Use the calendar online and the schedule on the Lab door for hours. Dues are the same price, $20 cash. Please bring your badge for a new sticker; they are due on January 1st, 2020.

He introduced our new Vice President, Ned Lynch, who took the place of David Kimball who went back to work full time. Ned recently moved back to Vista after appx. 5 years; he was our VP then. Introduce yourself to him on a Friday morning when he is our Lab Monitor. He and Darryl Daniels are members of the Program Committee along with Sandy McKenny, so see them if you want to make a suggestion.

Don't forget to sign in to the meetings as we frequently have items to give away to members; after the first of the year we will have a laptop to raffle and an extra screen to give away. We still have 2 free chairs in the Lab for any member that needs a task chair; the free ones have sticky notes on them.

All of our Lab computers now have Windows 10 operating system and we have added another monitor to one -thus duel monitors; great for genealogy.

Mike reported that Moen faucets have a lifetime warranty and sent him free parts for one of his- quite a savings. He also suggested that you check occasionally for pharmaceutical prices; good ones are Good RX and Health Warehouse. I will put the names of the others in next week's notes.

He then showed an amusing YouTube video about 'computer gender'; good for a great laugh. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1QoFSQ50H0 He also had been saving some 'Pickles' cartoons for us.

Sandy McKenny mentioned all the extra work and ensuing frustration Mike and Vicky Getz had opening the Lab this past October. They went above and beyond the call to get everything functioning properly before we opened. She then mentioned that Comcast Phone is now showing 'probably fraud' on some of the phone calls; very helpful. She also warned against emails mentioning 'shipping your ???' and needing the correct address; PURE SCAM. Always carefully check to see who sent the email.

We have once again subscribed to ProQuest "Ancestry.com Library Edition" which cost about $6 per member and a total of almost $900. Sandy reported on the new items on the bulletin board behind the door regarding local Genealogy happenings. Ancestry and *Deep Freeze* are the only fees we pay for software; everything else on our machines is free; therefore, you can download the same for your own computer. Use the 'Links' section on our website: VRCC.info for safe downloading of common apps. We also recycle ink cartridges and batteries on our black desk.

She then reiterated what Mike said about Microsoft discontinuing service to Win 7 machines as of January 14, 2020; thus, making people transfer or upgrade to Win 10. She related the steps she took when being proactive and purchased a new laptop. It is best to keep track of what you do to a new machine so that if some of does not work the way you want it to; you can change the settings; keep track either on a computer file or on paper.

These are some of her recommendations:

- load on anti-virus software immediately
- make your mouse larger [which she demo'd]
- transfer any files or pictures from your old computer
- set your default settings for opening different types of files
- make an image of your laptop and set up your backup schedule
- download Open Office using the Link on our website
- load on any apps that you own or need to re-purchase because you do not have the CD's or it is not compatible with Windows 10
- put favorite shortcuts on Task Bar: Chrome, OpenOffice, Thunderbird mail, notepad, WordPad, snipping tool
- if you use any unusual fonts, you will have to load them on as well

Vicky Getz filled us in on the new printing problems with Win 10. Here is her work around:

Printing pictures from an email attachment was never very intuitive. Most people want to print directly from the browser (IE, Edge, Google Chrome, Firefox) and none of these provide you with decent output. To get more control, you'll want to download the picture. In Windows 7, we had all picture formats opening in a Picture viewer that had a print option that brought up a great little photo printing dialog that let you resize the prints to standard picture sizes, full page, 5x7, 4x6, wallet....

Windows viewer is no longer an option in Windows 10, and all the other picture/photo options Paint, Photo, Gimp don't print well either.

Now that we've upgraded all of our computers to Windows 10, there is a new procedure you'll have to remember. Download the picture, and then navigate to the download area; probably the 'Download Folder', pick the pictures you want to print, using the control+click method.

Then Right Click on any of the pictures that are highlighted in blue and pick 'Print'.

Pick the size prints you want.

And then switch to the Color printer if you want it in color.

If you want to have a higher quality picture, we have brochure paper in the bottom file cabinet drawer which is available for 25¢ a sheet plus 20¢ for a color print. Load the paper in the printer paper drawer. **Print**, and put $ in Honor System Jar. We will place these instructions in the Lab for future reference.

Other reminders for computing in the new year and new place:

Change your Location on your phone now that you are in Florida

Change the default printer to the one you use in your condo

Put a list of your current passwords in a safe place

Our next meeting is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning December 12, 2019 in the kitchen of Pine Arbor Clubhouse with our favorite speaker, Jurgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers. See you then, bring a friend.

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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.

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