

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB  
January 30, 2020

President Mike Johnson opened the meeting with a couple of announcements regarding.....

The Ron Carboni Fund Raiser for Easter Basket Fund which buys school supplies & an outfit for appx 65 kids in the 2 homeless shelters was very successful and the fund now has \$1255 and donations are still coming in.

Note from Vero Beach Flash newsletter: The Cleveland Clinic is hosting a whole health series that might interest you. FREE Community Education Seminar Series

<https://www.indianrivermedicalcenter.com/community-education-seminar-series/>

A former member has a \$35 ticket & lunch for the Indian River Genealogical Society annual all-day Valentine Day Seminar on Saturday, February 22, 2020 9 am – 4 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, Florida 32960. The price is the members discount and she is going to throw in the lunch ticket. Check here for the particulars and speaker: <https://irgs.org/> Contact Judy Fuller or Sandy McKenny if you are interested.

The winner of the raffle Win 10 laptop was Sally Laubenthal. Craig was happy as he is still running a Win 8 laptop; I am sure she will share. We had a good turn out with 38 members and guests; the membership count is over 120 residents.

Craig Laubenthal was our speaker and he gave us a really thorough look at the Radio App: Pandora which has changed and morphed over a lot of years into quite a nice way to get your music, comedy or podcast fix.

Wikipedia: Pandora.com

PANDORA: American music streaming and automated music recommendation internet radio service powered by the Music Genome Project and headquartered in Oakland, California. The service, operated by Sirius XM Satellite Radio, is available in the United States. The service plays songs that have similar musical traits. The user then provides positive or negative feedback (as thumbs up or thumbs down) for songs chosen by the service, and the feedback is taken into account in the subsequent selection of other songs to play. The service can be accessed either through a web browser or with its mobile app. Pandora is a freemium service; basic features are free with advertisements or limitations, while additional features, such as improved streaming quality, music downloads and offline channels are offered via paid subscriptions. Pandora Plus is about \$60 annually with Pandora Premium at \$110 the last time he looked and can be purchased at Walmart or Best Buy. The history of the company at Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandora\\_Radio](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandora_Radio) is quite interesting.

In 2014, Pandora had about 76 million monthly users, and about a 70% share of the internet radio market in the U.S. Pandora's Promoted Stations rely on its core Music Genome Project. Overall, the Music Genome Project of more than 450 attributes assigned to each song with a human-curated database of recorded music. In February 2019, Sirius XM Satellite Radio acquired Pandora for \$3.5 billion in stock.

Craig suggests establishing an account by downloading the app from your Play or App store or go to [www.Pandora.com](http://www.Pandora.com). You will be asked to sign in or set up an account. Then you will need to provide your email address, a password, year of birth, gender and zip code. Use a laptop or tablet for set-up as trying to program it on your Smart TV is tedious.

It is quite easy to set up on your tablet or phone as well and you can use the app already on your 'Smart TV' after you are established. The sound is superior if you have a sound bar with that TV. By using the same account on all devices, it is handy for changing your shuffle, setting up new stations, deleting stations, adding variety, etc. Once logged into your free account, start creating a number of your own 'radio stations' of music in your favorite genre; maximum of 100 custom radio stations. He has 57 different ones which he listens to depending on his mood. You can make the shuffle meaningful to you taste. There are many more special features, even settings for you to use Pandora as an alarm clock. He & Sally even have some with comedians or various podcasts. Thanks Craig for a very thorough, well researched and prepared presentation as usual. Also appreciated all your notes.

Another member mentioned that 'Tune in Radio' app works about the same way, has a free trial and includes news, talk, podcasts and sports broadcasts.....even a kids' Corner. <https://tunein.com/>

The 6 of February will be a presentation by Millennium Cremation Services who offered to bring coffee and bagels for all of us. You might want a bagel before the 9:30 meeting.

Sandy McKenny, sec

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