

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB
February 27, 2020

President Mike Johnson opened the meeting with a couple of announcements regarding upcoming events and reminded members to send in their Vista Royale Ballot & Proxy. Also looking for nominations for Club Officers for next year. There were 29 members & guests.

If you missed the 'Long Range Plan' Presentation to Residents & BOD on Monday morning, you can read it here: See what the committee suggests and advocates for Vista Royale in the next few years.

<http://www.vistaroyale.org/view/document-center.aspx> to be found under Documents>reports after you sign in.

Monday, March 2nd-first day that badge 'proximity patches' are necessary to access the pools & clubhouse

Tuesday, March 3rd-Royale Palm Clubhouse: Health & Business Fair, a fun and informative event with lots of giveaways and door prizes.

Sandy McKenny was our speaker for this week 'Tips & Favorites' showing a couple of essential tips on saving any material you find online. Especially important for genealogy buffs. She also demo'd the 'Genealogy' section of our website, www.vrcc.info and showed a few of the sites where you can do your research for **free** on your own machine and at home.

Heads up for any members interested in the genealogy live streaming or videos from Roots Tech in Salt Lake City: www.Rootstech.com. It started Wednesday and goes through Saturday. FEBRUARY 26 – 29, 2020. You should sign up for their newsletter so you can view the current streaming presentations as well as dozens of the fantastic video seminars for free in their video archive.

[SHMc: NOTE: These are streaming in MOUNTAIN TIME, adjust two hours. I just finished watching a German research seminar that was very informative.]

GENEALOGY 101:

A few of the tools needed or wanted:

One size paper that can be filed; no stickies!

Mechanical Pencils that are always sharp: Pentel Quicker Clicker .5 is my favorite

Smart phone for photos

Portable scanner

Magnifying glass

Plastic coated paper clips & rubber bands
Flash or Thumb drive
Computer Paraphernalia

Best Place to start your Genealogy Journey

www.VRCC.info

Genealogy tab on the menu bar at the top right

Resources tab

Safe links for most common sites

CC Moore: DNA story in her family

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnIMibkkV1Q>

Fronczak [stolen baby] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDGvyE9DbGc>

Long Lost Family [British Show] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQVwoDTChl8>

Do a Google search for podcast episodes to learn a lot: "genealogy DNA podcasts"

NOTE: Vicky Getz is our resident DNA expert!

www.pinterest.com

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/get-to-know-us-census/>

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/quit-attaching-records-to-family-tree/>

DNA considerations

Know why you are taking the test

Do the correct test

Understand the consequences

Make sure that you upload a tree and then link it to your DNA.....

<https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/dealing-with-the-unexpected-result>

advice from experts: If you aren't ready for the TRUTH, do NOT take a DNA test!

25 Best Genealogy Websites for Beginners- [most are on VRCC.info]

by Sunny Jane Morton for Family Tree Magazine

https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/25-best-genealogy-websites-for-beginners/?trk_msg=023NRERHGNC4H739J4TBB8NOF4&trk_contact=3S1V45UD9TPP1OKRNJ346P49K4&trk_module=new&trk_sid=O99O3S8T0OJSFI20H2QUPBENEC&utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=25+Best+Genealogy+Websites+for+Beginners&utm_campaign=FT+Newsletter&utm_content=02-20-2020

Windows Explorer

Make a family folder on your computer 'Adams Family folder' and name all the files going into it in the same manner so they will sort alphabetically:

Adams-George-birth

Adams-George-marriage

Adams-George-1840 census

Adams-Mary-death

Adams-Zeke-directory

How to use Flash Drive to save information you find.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nvv_6Mrs1PU

Label it on outside.... and inside with name and with owner's 'read me" file

When finished, properly 'eject' with the icon on the bottom taskbar

Pull straight out, do not wiggle

Add all your files to your computer

Do not use for your only back-up

Maple Stars & Stripes podcast is sponsoring a bus trip to Quebec August 16-22, 2020.

<https://maplestarsandstripes.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/FLYER-TRM2020.pdf>

See you all next week when we have Jurgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers as our guest. I will post the subject on our website calendar when I find out.

Sandy McKenny, sec

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