

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes of the Meeting
December 3, 2015

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed everyone back for the 2015-16 season and we had 33 members present. He then gave us a run down on the state of the club and the Lab:

3 new chairs
new faster laser black/white printer
Windows 8.1 machine is now Windows 10 operating system
new books to borrow-on tablets and Windows 10
new crate bookcase
new micro-cut shredder

We will be raffling several of the old items we replaced after the first of the year so don't forget to sign-in during the meetings.

He thanked Marie Rokjer and Vicky Getz for the new website that was polished during the summer. We will be replacing the stolen 'smart TV' in the kitchen just as soon as the security cameras are fully operational and the wall fixed to safely hold the weight of the rack and TV. Bill's TV will be installing it and will also give us a program in January on how to set-up and use a 'smart TV'. Other programs include Jurgen from ACT computers, an ipad/iphone instructor, an attorney talking about FL residency, an audiologist, a travel agent, FBI & cybercrime, facebook, etc. He also mentioned that everyone should have an alternate email address or phone number for texting for password recovery. You will need an alternate if you can not get into any of your regular accounts.

Next week Vicky will be showing you how to speed up your computer and on the 17th Ron Carboni will demo how to clean up your computer. We will not have programs for the weeks of Christmas and New Years; check the schedule for the Lab hours for that time frame. Monitors, please post your hours on the Lab door calendar.

He showed the websites: www.KhanAcademy.com for free online learning and www.TED.com for hundreds of informational and interesting presentations.

Sandy McKenny reported on the 2 surveys she sent out: SLOW Comcast connection had 13 replies so far and having a Ancestry subscription on Lab computers had over 10 people indicating they would use it. She showed us how the calendar on the front page of our website, www.vrcc.info, worked. That is one way to keep up on our schedule and programs.

Her subject this week was sparked by the newspaper article: "Don't get Grinched by cybercrime". This article has been posted on the outside bulletin board at the Lab if you did not read it. She pointed out that 17.5 MILLION people have had their Identity stolen this year and a few ways to avoid being part of a statistic. The 3 M's: Minimize exposure by being aware of dangerous personal and computing behavior; Monitor all your bank and credit card accounts regularly; Manage any damage or hack very quickly with your bank and/or your credit card company. Be aware of micro charges of less than a dollar when a thief is testing to see if your stolen card is still operational before selling your information. Do not put off reporting any problems so that you can limit your costs and liabilities. Sandy advocates carrying only 1 credit card if possible and putting the phone numbers of your bank, credit card company and credit bureaus on your cell phone for quick reporting. [It might be advisable

for your children or friend to have these numbers in the event you must have them do the reporting.] It would also be good to have a credit card and a dedicated e-mail address only for holiday shopping online or going on a over-seas trip. Try not to have a debit card connected to a checking account with any amount of cash; better to use a credit card and pay it off each month. Never use an unsecured WiFi connection to check your bank account information..... as in free WiFi in a store or restaurant. Being forewarned is being fore-armed.

These are a couple of the video sites that were played at the end.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy McKenny, Sec

This was a guest speaker at an actual Conference on Aging in California; The speaker is a weatherman, but SHOULD be a stand up comic. Attendees were young and old alike, male and female. . . . very funny.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/LR2qZ0A8vic?rel=0>

SINGING IN THE RAIN LIKE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE !

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