

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes of the Meeting
January 14, 2016

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 48 members and guests with another great cartoon. Our paid membership is now over 133 members. Please pay your \$20 cash dues so that you can keep your membership active; grace period ends Feb 1st. Take your Vista badge with you when you pay so you can get your VRCC sticker. There are stickers waiting for a few members who have already paid..... you need a sticker to use the equipment in the Lab.

The people who have signed up for classes or are on waiting lists will be notified by the instructor of the time and place. Always notify the instructor if you are unable to attend so that another member can be included.

Mike reminded everyone that the Vista Royale weekly bulletin board in all buildings now shows the computer club hours at the TOP of the sheet. You can also find it in the calendar on the front page of www.vrcc.info and on the door of the lab. Our programs are ALWAYS at 9:30 on Thursday morning. For your personal calendar watch for the future programs that include: smart TVs, Florida Residency, new digital hearing aids, long term care, Cybercrime/FBI, Facebook, senior travel, and online banking.

Jurgen Schwanitz from ACT Computers gave us another great presentation; this time on the new operating system Windows 10. If you have Win 7 on your machine, he suggests sticking with it until you need a new computer. If your computer is over five years old, he suggests that you do not try to upgrade, just buy a new computer as you may have difficulty with your drivers because of age.

He pointed out the positive improvements in Win10 over Win8.1, and tells us that we will feel right at home in this new system because of the return of the 'start menu'. It also has a new browser instead of Windows Explorer called 'Edge' which is very fast and very safe. One advantage is it enables you to make web notes. Currently Edge may have difficulty with some of your secure websites, such as your bank, and you will have to get to them using the Chrome browser until the websites are updated. Edge also uses 'Bing' as the search engine.

There is also a virtual personal assistant, Cortana, similar to Apple's Siri. It will learn your voice commands the more you use it. He also recommends using Microsoft's One Drive free cloud storage which gives you 7 GB for data & photos; it is quite easy to manage. As with all new operating systems, there are still improvements and enhancements to come.

Next week, January 21, our speaker will be Mirja Heide of www.Refreshfotos.com. Mirja is the owner, instructor and consultant specializing in computer, iphone and ipad training. She also has photo management & organizing services. Her brochure and business cards are in the Lab. This should generate a good audience if seeing the numbers from Vicky's class is any indication. We look forward to her presentation as well as a question & answer period.

Regards, Sandy McKenny

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