

## VRCC Minutes & Information

Thursday, Dec 8, 2016

Hi Members:

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 35 members for our 2nd meeting of 2016-17, our present paid members are 65. He announced that Ron Carboni is temporarily taking over as treasurer and Steve Getz has volunteered to be our Webmaster. Thank you both for stepping up to the plate. Now for a Vice President!!!

Jurgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers was our presenter this week and the subject was Computer Security. He started the presentation with a video on their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/actvero/>. Each week they film a short news program from their shop which is both informative and entertaining. Take a look at them.

He commenced his presentation with an explanation of the typical types of scams and viruses and how they work. If you contract one of these, Turn Off your machine and reboot. Occasionally that will work but the important information he gave us was that pre-planning might save your computer from one of these ransomware scams. Here are a few simple rules on how to avoid getting caught:

Do not open files or emails that you do not recognize or create.

Do not run "Macros" and say no if your computer asks you if you want to.

Back-up to at least one external hard drive, 1 hard drive off -site and 1 cloud backup

Keep your anti-virus such as 'Norton' up to date

Shut down your computer if you get one of those nasty threatening messages

Do Not Pay Ransom!

You may have to wipe your Operating System on an infected PC

### **Other advice:**

Turn on your firewall

Turn off file sharing

Be careful of Public Networks

Make sure that you connect to the correct network

Do not blindly trust search results

Protect mobile devices, webcams and tablets with anti-virus, good passwords, location services and good back-ups.

Be aware that some Apps contain viruses.

Reboot your phone every couple of weeks.

Do not allow 'remote connections'

When all else fails, hire a professional. There was a lot of information and we have provided only a small portion of it here. We always look forward to Jurgen's seminars; they are so timely. We look forward to his January program on Windows 10.

New week, Sandy McKenny will demo our ProQuest Ancestry Library Edition which is now working on all of our Lab machines. We are so please to be able to offer this service in our own community, so please use it and spread the word. She may have time to discuss 'Hurricane Season and how one prepares for it'; and do a bit of 'Show & Tell'.

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### Indian River Genealogy Society

If any members are interested in joining the Indian River Genealogy Society and attending either their 3 day class or their 6 week class, you will want to sign-up soon as they get filled up quickly. Consult their website for the registration form: [www.irgs.org](http://www.irgs.org) - click on the Register Now box; or take a photocopy of the one hanging on the bulletin board in the Lab.

Introduction to Genealogy - taught by Diane Macgowan - Saturdays January 7 and 14. 10:00 am - 12:00 noon and

Friday, January 20, 9:00 - 11:00 am

The first two classes will be in the History Room on the 2nd Floor of the Main Library.

The third class will be in the Genealogy Department at the Main Library

Classes are free - but you must pre-register

To Register - sign up on sheet at Genealogy Department at the Main Library

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How to Begin Your Family History Research - taught by Pam Cooper; - Tuesdays -  
January 24 and 31 and February 7, 14, 21, and 28

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Large Meeting Room - 1st Floor - Main Library

Course Fee - \$10.00

[Download Registration Form](#) or pick up a copy at the Genealogy Department

Please Register No Later Than January 17, 2017

Regards, Sandy McKenny  
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