

VRCC Minutes & information for Thursday, Dec 15, 2016

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 31 members for our 3rd meeting of 2016-17, our present paid members are 86. We are still looking for a President, Vice President, etc!!! Mike mentioned the 1 billion member Yahoo.com data breach that has been in the news. This is what Norton has to say about the situation:

How To Protect Your Accounts:

In situations like this, we cannot stress enough the importance of using safe and secure passwords.

Here are some tips on creating a secure password:

- *Use a random combination of at least ten symbols, letters, and numbers.*
- *Don't use the same password for multiple websites. Ever.*
- *Don't use words in your passwords- cybercriminals have programs that can crack those passwords in a heartbeat.*
- *Don't use any personal information in your password- not even your birthdate.*
- *Do not open emails from unknown sources and delete anything that appears questionable.*
- *Do not rely on security questions to protect your account/password. Most security questions are common across applications, and the answers are often found on public social media sites.*

You can also visit Yahoo's Safety Center: <https://safety.yahoo.com/> for more information on how to secure your account. Yahoo also offers a Yahoo Account Key: <https://login.yahoo.com/accountkey/setup> which is an authentication tool, similar to two-factor authentication as well.

Sandy McKenny was our presenter this week and had two topics. She demonstrated the ProQuest Ancestry.com Library Edition and talked a bit about starting your journey into the genealogical world. After a successful search you can now send yourself an email link so you can save the document on your own computer. Of course, this did not work during the demo, but was worked perfectly on when she got home. Don't we love glitches. There will be a couple general beginner evening genealogy sessions in the new year to help members get up to speed with their research. She will send out a specific email tell you the particulars in a couple of weeks. Hopefully there will be two afternoons 3-5pm that will be dedicated to using Ancestry.com in the lab. Anyone interested in being a monitor for some of these sessions, please contact Sandy as she has not figured out how to clone herself. This is the first video of 5 for anyone starting to use the Ancestry Library Edition:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2f72zOSfEE&list=PL-aFAdxOSTDcpY0OQQoffKmX2AEjpUYUP&index=1.3>

She then talked about disasters, the different kinds, how to prepare for them and some of the things she would improve if ever being in Vista Royale for another hurricane. Thankfully, hurricane Mathew was downgraded as it went past Vero Beach. Here are parts of a plan that you might want to think about:

Critical Records List

In the event of a death or natural disaster, certain types of paperwork will be needed immediately to function effectively. You may want to initiate a Disaster Recovery Plan for your records. Gather all of your most important documents and **copy** or scan them so that you have a set of records in one file and another in a safe deposit box or a different location, preferably about 200 miles away in a sealed envelope with a trusted individual or relative. [The should already be a part of your estate plan for your children.]

You must to be able to prove your identity as soon as possible after a disaster, so that you can identify and claim your damaged or destroyed property. This checklist gives you an idea of the records to duplicate and store elsewhere..... or take with you in a water-proof file box if you evacuate. You can add your own particular items to this list. It is recommended that “*” records are very important and the originals should be stored in a bank safe deposit box or fireproof safe or box. All others should be kept in a safe, dry place in your home where others know where to find them. Put a copy of this list in the front or at the top of your water-proof 'Grab & Go Box'.

√	Records to Copy and place in your waterproof “Grab & Go” Box	Current Location of Originals
	Address/Telephone Book-include all pertinent 800 numbers	
	Safety Deposit Box Information, Keys, List of Contents & Signers	
	Computer Backups or External Hard Drive	
	* Family Historical Information, Photos	
	Bank Checking & Savings Account # & Statements	
	Credit Card Information & Statements	
	Photocopy of contents of purse or wallet	

	Auto Insurance Identification Card/Policy	
	Driver's License (Number or Copy)	
	Car Registration & Car Insurance Policy	
	* Car Title (Ownership Documentation)	
	* Deeds, Mortgage & Closing Papers, Appraisals, & other loan records	
	Homeowners Insurance Policy or Number	
	Household Inventory & Videotape/photos of home & possessions	
	Warranties & Service Contracts	
	* Birth Certificate, * Adoption Papers	
	* Citizenship or Visa Papers	
	* Passport	
	* Military Records & Discharge Papers	
	* Marriage License, * Pre-nuptial Agreements	
	* Divorce Decree, * Death Certificates, * Custody Papers	
	* Will / Trust	
	Life Insurance Policies or Numbers	

	Living Will or Advance Directives	
	Durable Medical Power of Attorney	
	Burial Arrangement or Instructions, draft Obituary	
	Social Security Number (Card) [give # to a family member]	
	Tax Returns (previous 5 yrs, w/appropriate backup records for substantiation or audit)	
	Investment Records [* Stock Certificates, IRAs, Cert of Deposit]	
	Educational Records [necessary for future employment]	
	Employment History & Benefits Information, Income Statements	
	Pension or Retirement Information, inc Beneficiary Designations	
	Business Records Required to Survive or Rebuild	
	Medical Insurance Identification Card/Policy	
	Medical & Immunization Records	
	List of Medications & Doctors	
	<i>"Vial of Life"</i> worksheet-copy of one you have in your refrigerator	
	Last minute Additions to your Box:	
	Cash, quarters, jewelry, extra keys, phone, tablet & laptop including	

	cables and chargers, check books, thumb drives & exterior back-up drives	
	Fanny pack to safely carry some of the above items at all times	
	Applicable maps	

If anyone wants the whole file with additional lists to print out, please ask or email her as it was wise not to attach it to this newsletter. It will be put it on the website in the next week or so. There is a lot to consider, but being proactive is the key. She brought a whole box of her hurricane supplies & purchases and next time will add these items to her hurricane kit: a one-burner Coleman stove w/fuel, instant coffee, a blow-up mattress, lots of extra batteries, ear plugs, a roll of plastic sheeting and a medium rolling cooler. She might even break down and buy a 'smart phone', plus explore the cost of some hurricane shutters. It was suggested that the club compile a list of grocery stores and gas stations with generators for future reference. Apparently the South Vero Square Publix has just installed a generator since the storm.

We will be open in the Lab through the holidays with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day. Check the website www.vrcc.info calendar for any schedule changes, or look at the calendar on the Lab door.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from VRCC officers.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, Sec.

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