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Vista Royale Computer Club
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018
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Members: President Mike Johnson welcomed 34 members and guests to our weekly meeting and introduced our favorite speakers: Jurgen Schwanitz and Christopher Martinson from ACT Computers.

Announcements:

This is the last newsletter being sent to the 2017 member list. If you want to continue receiving this informative newsletter, using the Lab, taking free classes, researching at Ancestry.com............ you can pay your $20 cash dues anytime the Lab is open.

Scams currently circulating include the IRS call or email, the 'I need to check your computer' etc. Too many to tell you about. DO NOT ANSWER THE PHONE IF YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE NUMBER. DO NOT CLICK ON ANY EMAIL BUTTON, TYPE ANYTHING INTO YOUR ADDRESS BAR OR PHONE ANYONE when they suggest it. Check the email address of any doubtful email by 'hovering' over the sender. It will likely be an email from Russia or China and you will likely have to have professional help with fixing your machine if you are not thinking clearly.

Mary Thieman is doing a free class in the Lab on Tuesday, Feb 13 from 3-5pm on Creative Uses of Photos using the Walgreen app on your phone. If you are planning to actually purchase something you designed during the class, you will need a phone and probably your credit card. If you already have a sign-in at Walgreen, bring it as well. You can sign up on the 'alternate list' if you wish. Make sure to let Mary know if you are not able to participate so an alternate can take your place.

The lottery sale for the used Lab equipment will be done next week, Feb 1st. Sign up for the opportunity to buy a complete system or an extra monitor, practically giving them away. The speaker this week was Christopher Martinson from ACT Computers on everything 'Apple'. He explained many of the differences between Windows products and Apple ones. The browser in Apple is called Safari and its icon is the compass on your screen. He pointed out the bookmarks, top sites and how the newest iOS 13.??? includes some plug-ins: an ad-blocker, 'go to yahoo', a stop tracker app, and stop unwanted videos from auto-play.

- On the Mac, an free office suite is already included.
- Apple products such as iCloud, iTunes, all use the same Apple ID- make sure you keep track of it.

- System Preferences is the equivalent of the Win Control Panel.
- Dictation capability is in this place; you can also dictate and use your keyboard at the same time.
- Time Machine is the program for Apple back-up which everyone should be using.
- The key stroke: 'Cmd' button & space bar will bring up the search bar. Hold down the 'Cmd' button to bring up Siri.
- Gatekeeper is Apple's anti-virus; make sure you leave the firewall on.

- A Mac cannot run Windows programs/software; repairs by an owner not recommended, and integration with a Windows system is minimal. You can use a UBS memory stick for both systems only if it is formatted correctly.
- If you are moving from a Windows machine to Apple you cannot move your favorite programs or software- only data; you will need to purchase similar software written only for a Mac. In some instances 'Boot Camp' can give you a dual boot machine.
- Web based email is the same on both platforms.

iPHONES & iPADS:

- BEWARE of weather and flashlight apps, many carry viruses & spam which create 'profiles'. If you have any profiles in the Settings>General section of your iPhone, make sure to delete them. In the Apple Store, search for 'Apple' to find Apple built or approved apps to safely purchase and download.
- You will note that the key apps on your iPad are the same on your iPhone and work the same way.
- To move your phone photos to your computer, use the charging cable that came with the phone. To save email photos, press & hold the photo to bring up 'save image' option. You can also scan from your phone; a tutorial is on the Apple website. [Sandy: I searched for 'apple tutorial iPhone scanner']
- Always do an update when Apple offers one. Older device may not have any security update; just be aware of that.
- The recent Apple battery problem can **only** be resolved by going to an Apple Store......... make sure you have an appointment before you waste time driving to one. If it is a distance, make an appointment in the morning so they do not have to keep your phone overnight. The West Palm store is now booking for April, 2018. If you send it back to the company for a new battery, the turn-around can be up to 8 weeks. If you can get through on 1-800-MyApple, they might be able to tell you how to test that battery to see if it needs replacing.
- It is recommended that you completely shut down your devices, iPad, iPhone and iWatch, at least once a month to reset them.

Next week will be a Potpourri Program with various members and will include the 'SoundHound' app, other uses of spreadsheets, a couple of YouTube videos and Tip/Tricks that you might really want to use on your own computer.

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