

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

March 7, 2019

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 29 members and guests to our 7 March 2019 meeting. We have 141 paid members. He mentioned the upcoming VRCC election of officers..... with no takers on the open slots.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings time.

He also showed the poster of the **Indian River Genealogical Conference** on April 12, 2019 at the LDS facility. Here is the link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MEHY3wdQGJdsd9GyT-ks7D8mfOhTDaQG/view?usp=sharing>.

There will be over 20 different how-to FREE seminars that you will not want to miss if you are doing any ancestor or DNA searching. You can see it at www.facebook.com/irgconf or pre-register at <https://tinyurl.com/IRGC2019>.

Also, Ancestry.com is having a DNA sale for \$59 for St Patrick's Day this is a 40% reduction.

There **will** be a Genealogy meeting at 3pm on Wed, March 6, 2019 with Sandy McKenny.

Jurgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers visited us for the last time this season and if you did not attend, you missed a great in-depth presentation on the Windows 10 operating system. Win7 will not be updated after 2020 as current hardware will not support this old operating system. He brought a copy of Norton anti-virus when we raffled off to a member present. He explained that Win 10 is a much safer and they are seeing 1/3 less virus compromised computers in their shop. He currently has 8 techs on his staff; the new one being a woman who he will bring next fall. She was at the Heath & Business fair with him on Tuesday.

WINDOWS 10:

Microsoft is migrating to 2 free major updates a year and they usually take longer than 2 hours to install. Plan ahead so you are present and do not stop the update. Make sure that you set computer hours [active hours] available for updating and leave it on to do so; current version is 18.03 and the 'Home Version' is what most people need. You can leave a tower desktop on but a laptop should be turned off when not using or use a cooling mat. Remember after a major update, Adobe and Chrome may have difficulties as the defaults change.

He showed where the all icons are on the screen, even the hidden ones and explained what they do and how to use them. 'Edge' is the resident browser in Win 10, but you can add Chrome which he prefers. He spoke about settings and showed how to find them and change.

It has a listening device called Cortana which acts like Siri and Alexa.

It recognizes new devices and does an auto-install for drivers needed.

Shut down your machine instead of putting into 'sleep' mode.

Shortcut: Win key + x = administration menu.

Shortcut: Win key + E = file explorer.

Go to the Microsoft Store for new apps.

To get a scroll bar; click on the right side of your screen.

Do not change the resolution on your screen, stick to the default for your equipment.
One Drive is 'cloud' storage and is now integrated in the operating system. 7 GB of storage are free and it is great for snowbirds wanting their files in FL and up north. Your data is synced when you are online.

Question: What to buy in a new computer: 8GB Ram [16 better], a solid state hard drive at least 250 GB- they last longer. They use Western Digital or Kingston hard drives and only install the ss drives now.

Several other things mentioned:

Keep a notebook of all the information regarding your computer and update whenever you make changes or settings.

One change at a time if you have to reverse the process.

Be careful of how you close your laptop, hinges are difficult & expensive to repair.

You can use a third party anti-virus & Malwarebytes with the built-in Win 10 Defender.

Our next meeting as usual is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning March 7, 2019 in the kitchen of Pine Arbor Clubhouse with Eileen of Coastal Concierge Services. She and three other ladies from the local Healthcare community will tell us all we need to know about homecare, Medicare, rehab, etc. Please bring a spouse/neighbor/friend to hear this timely presentation.

Sandy McKenny, sec.

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Please go to our <http://www.vrcc.info/> website for archived Meeting Minutes, Calendar of Events, Genealogy Resources and more. You can also set your own computer home page to <http://www.vrcc.info/home.html> to make it match the home page on our Lab machines.

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