

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023

Sandy McKenny, Sec, welcomed 16 new and returning members to the 4th meeting of the 2023 season. We have more than 142 paid members and the 'two for one' membership dues sale is good until Feb 1, 2023; less than 1 week away. Also, after that date we will be sending program notes only to current 2023 members.

For better management and continuity, our club is looking for a president and vice president; one of which could be a signer for our checking account. If you are interested in learning about one of the positions, please see Vicky or Sandy.

The Lab will be used next month for Electronic Voting by owners who need help or a computer/internet connection to participate easily. It will be manned by members of the Electronic Voting Committee. Pertinent information will be sent to electronic voters by the committee.

This week Steve Nader presented '**Hearing and Cochlear Implants**'.

He had his implant in 2012 after having to retire from 2 jobs due to his poor hearing. With consultation from a doctor, he qualified for the procedure as he had an 80% hearing loss. The cut-off is usually 60%. Medicare and Medicaid will pick up 80% of the cost, while supplemental insurance usually will pay the rest. Typically, the operation is 3-4 hours out-patient, general anesthesia and healing time almost a month.

His first device was a 'Nucleus 5' and it has rechargeable batteries that last appx 17 hours. Then he had 4 visits. The first to set up the magnetic device, the 2nd to adjust the 22 electrodes and the others visits for adjustment. After 7 years you are eligible to upgrade to a new device and he now has a 'Nucleus 7' that has Bluetooth capability which works with a phone app and also his TV. The newest model, Nucleus 8 is advertised as the world's smallest and 13% lighter than the #7. You chose one of 6 colors and initially you are supplied with a whole compliment of accessories, chargers, etc. and you have free service for 5 years.

He can be in the pool at the 3" depth but does not shower with it on. He is still able to play pickle ball but has given up any contact sports. He does use a 'Snugfit' which is a light, flexible wire that firmly holds the sound processor in place. Steve does wear a regular hearing aid in his other ear to balance some of the sound, but some people need 2 implants.

Any questions/answers can be found at www.cochlear.com and you can request information on their website. Take a look at the newest product accessories, especially the Cochlear Wireless Mini Microphone. Steve was a great speaker and dispensed a lot of information to us. It is very obvious that he is extremely satisfied with his decision and the changes it made in his life.

Thanks again, Steve Nader, for a comprehensive presentation of your odyssey back into the world of the hearing. It was so informative as well as interesting. He willingly gave up his bowling this morning as he felt the information was needed and timely in our community. What a benefit for us.

If you would consider demo'ing a favorite app/software or website when we have our Potpourri Meeting next week [or at another time], please let Vicky Getz know. These demos are some of our more interesting programs. The demo need be for only 15 minutes or so. Also, you may know an owner or renter with an interesting occupation or hobby that would like to give us a program. Think about it.

That is all for this week..... see you on Thursday to learn the favorite apps of our members and how they use them. Don't miss another good presentation.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, Sec.

