

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023

Sandy McKenny, Sec, welcomed 30 members and guests, a really good turnout for our guest speaker. We have 170 paid members and the 'two for one' membership dues sale will continue for the rest of the Club spring season. Remember your membership is good until Dec 31, 2023.

NEXT WEEK: "How to Handle your Digital Estate" by Sandy McKenny

DIGITAL ASSETS

- What they are.
- How you inventory them.
- How do your heirs manage them.
- Do various states handle them differently?
- Do you need a Digital Executor?
- and more

Our presenter, Paul Ferrante and wife, Maria, are two of our newer Vista Owners who is quite well known as a contributor for Sports Collectors Digest and has meet many of the famous and beloved baseball players, announcers and writers of past decades. He is now an author for youth mystery/paranormal novels with his series of TJ Jackson Mysteries which combines his love of history and travel into his stories. As a former teacher his books also embody such concepts as inclusion, interaction with your peers and peer pressure for the teen audience which are so important for this age group.

He explained and showed us his way of writing and publishing his mystery and baseball books. He handwrites his manuscripts and then dictates them into a digital file using software call 'Dragon Speaking 12 premium'. His words show up right on his computer screen as good editable text. This is his way of overcoming his lack of 'touch typing' skills. After Maria reads his new book, he has two proof readers, his daughter and a former colleague. Now he self-publishes his own books which necessitates a lot of self-edits and finding his own cover artist.

One of his favorites is the stand-alone book about the 1927 Red Sox baseball season. You can find a complete list of his published novels at <http://www.paulferranteauthor.com/>, a nice website created by his daughter, Caroline, who is also a filmmaker.

His parents, the late Nate & Claire Ferrante, lived in Vista for many winters and Claire was a loyal member of our club. Hopefully she will return for a visit soon. I have just downloaded the number one of Paul's mystery novels called: Last Ghost at Gettysburg and am well immersed in it; love a good mystery. Paul gave us some homework before we finished and when they are returned, he will read them probably at our last meeting

on March 30. He handed out 3x5 cards so we could add to this beginning of a good story.

One Day at Vista Royale... It was a glorious May morning at Vista Royale in Vero Beach, Florida. Tropical birds sang in the palm trees, and cloudless sunshine bathed the golf course, pools, clubhouses and tennis courts which blended nicely with the two-story condos that dotted its spacious manicured grounds.

Betty Crandall stood on her second-floor catwalk, savoring a mug of steaming coffee as she watched a foursome navigate the ninth hole a short distance away. The day stretched out before her, full of exciting promise. She turned her tanned face into the gentle breeze that riffled the palms close by and smiled. Yes, today would be one to remember.

And Betty, as it turned out, would be correct...but for all the wrong reasons.

Give it your best shot!

Thanks Paul & Maria for a delightful morning, hope we generated some more fans and inspired our members to gift some of your books to their grandchildren sometime soon.

DRAWINGS:

2 Give Away sign-up sheets in the Lab for the following items that we cannot use, one of them was a donation. We will pick a paid member recipient by random number from the sign-up lists at the meeting on March 23, 2023. If you want one of them, you **have to come to the LAB and sign up for this raffle:**

20" All-in-One Asus touch screen computer with Win 10 operating system. It is a clean machine and Vicky has just updated it. It does have WIFI like a laptop or can use an ethernet cable but the DVD drive does not function. We do not do tech support on machines that we give away, but we do have all the paperwork.

26" Visio TV [model E260 MV] that was given to the club. It can be used as a TV or as an extra monitor hooked to your laptop. It does not have a remote control, but that can easily be replaced. No need for one if you use as extra monitor to leave here in Vero.

To make sense of your own Digital Estate make sure that you don't forget to come to Pine Arbor on Thursday at 9:30 am.

Sandy McKenny, sec