

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB
Meeting Minutes 1/4/2024

Sandy McKenny welcomed all 29 new and returning members to the first meeting of the 2024 season. She thanked the VRCC's officers: Linda Briggs, Pres., Mary Thieman, Treas, Vicky Getz, Lab Mgr. & Education coordinator, and Steve Getz, webmaster, and all the member monitors have volunteered their time by donating two hours each week, providing all members LAB access on a regular basis. Sandy also introduced Sherry Simmons, Memberships Coordinator, and Nancy Dalley, Sec.

VRCC Announcements (Sandy McKenny):

Upcoming Meetings:

Jan 11 ACT/Jurgen Schwanitz - Artificial Intelligence Updates.

Jan 18 Vicky Getz: Credit Cards - Tap to pay & How to avoid scams & skimming

Jan 25 McKee Gardens

Feb 01 Indian River Sheriff Dept.

Feb 08 ACT/Jurgen Schwanitz - Gaming Machines

Feb 15 TBA

Feb 22 TBA

Feb 29 TBA

Mar 07 Estate Planning - Pamela Hennig, Attny

Mar 14 ACT/Jurgen Schwanitz - Cyber Security

Mar 21 TBA

Mar 28 Linda Briggs

Programs always begin at 9:30 a.m. and are held in the Pine Arbor Clubhouse kitchen
Twelve consecutive weekly programs are scheduled - every Thursday between 1/4/24 - 3/28/24

Membership Fee Sign Up Details:

2 For 1 through January 31 @the LAB

\$20 (cash only) + proximity badge to sign up (\$20 for 2 people) .

VR Association Announcements:

Recreation Council budget meeting @ RPCC 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

All owners are welcome to attend.

Genealogy Opportunities in Vero Beach:

Presenter: Miles Myer

January 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet

11:00 a.m. - Program Begins

Indian River Genealogy Society at:


Church of the Latter Day Saints
3980 12th Street
Vero Beach

Indian River Genealogy Society:
Presenter: Lisa Louise Cook
March 23, 2024
Our History- Your Story
Indian River County Library
1600 21st Street
Vero Beach

Today's program centered around Sandy's presentation about VRCC's weekly meetings, website, and equipment available to use in the Lab or borrow, and Vicky's presentation regarding Ancestry, reverse imagery, and technology cautions and safety.

Sandy reminded us that the website (www.vrcc.info) has a vast amount of pertinent and up to date information and resources. She recommended looking at each page, and particularly these four pages: Main, Lab, Calendar, and Links.

The amount of equipment in the Lab for use and borrowing by members is significant. Here is a list of the equipment Sandy reviewed during her presentation: transfer cable, blue-ray, digitize records, books, genealogy labeler, scan or copy, cut, shred, SSD card reader, digitize slides/negatives, battery tester, borrow a projector, burn cd or DVD, read old hard drive, VHS transfer to DVD.

Vicky's presentation was very helpful and well organized, as always. She gave examples of each topic and answered the audience's questions. Vicky's notes from today's presentation are listed below 

- Review your account recovery information on all accounts now
- Every year at this time, we have a reminder to check to make sure you still have the correct account recovery information for your accounts. It is so much easier to fix this while you still have access to your accounts. This is more important than ever because most of the email providers now require 2 factor authentication when signing on to a new computer and they use your recovery information to do this.
- Do you still have access to the recovery email?
- Do you still have access to the cell phone?
- Do you have the answers to all of the secret questions?
- Did you know the birth date you used on that account?
- WRITE THEM DOWN AND PUT IN A SAFE PLACE!

VRCC's Ancestry

Four of our computers, machines 1, 2, 3 and 6 are set up with a club account for Ancestry, Newspapers Plus, and Fold3® records so you can look up information on your ancestors. Double click on the tree shaped VRCC.

Ancestry icon on the desktop. There are basic written instructions for how to download your records and links to tutorials. Please read the instructions before you start.

Ancestry World Edition provides access to records from around the world. There is a lot of overlap with records found at FamilySearch.org, a site sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, made available to the public. Each service offers records not available to the other.

Newspapers Publishers Extra

Newspapers are an excellent source for obituaries, marriage and birth announcements. They also can give you insights into the events of the time. Newspapers has a basic plan that only offers newspaper images that are already out of copyright. The Publishers Extra subscription includes newer newspapers and cleaner copies of some of the newspapers that are in the basic plan.

Fold3® provides access to military records from around the world, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

With your Indian River County Library card you can also access Fold3 and Newspapers Basic edition for use from home.

Google Reverse Image Search

We had a demo of a reverse image search. A reverse image search, is simply googling with a picture. A very useful tool. Visit Google.com in any browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Safari ..,) ,and click on the camera in the search box, then navigate to the picture, or drag it to the box. If there is no camera in the search box, you may need to add Google Lens from the app store.



Shout out to all who attended this meeting, a GREAT season opener for our VRCC. Your continued support and participation is important and appreciated!!

THANK YOU!

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 14 ACT COMPUTER/JURGEN SCHWANITZ

TOPIC - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATES

9:30 AM. PACH KITCHEN

SEE YOU THERE!!

Nancy Dalley, Sec.

