

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes of the Meeting
April 9, 2015

Mike Johnson welcomed our about 34 members and guests.

The winter is winding down and he announced that our last meeting of the season will be Thursday, April 16th. The last day of the LAB will be Friday the 17th. The LAB will be completely closed this summer as usual and pack-up for hurricane protection will be on Tuesday the 21st. Let him know if you can help.

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Sal Bonocore, a 9 year Navy veteran, gave us a brief overview of the Honor Flights which take WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans to all the war memorials in Washington, DC and then a welcome home party back at the home airport. There are 140 hubs, and over 100,000 men and women have been honored in this way so far. The program is all volunteer and funded by donations. He showed a short video on Honor Flights and the interview he had in his home town. He also gave us information on current legislation pertaining to veterans affairs. Another of our members, Gordon Bradley, took one of the flights from Melbourne in March.

Ron Carboni showed us the website, PC Pitstop, and explained how it worked to clean up your computer and suggested that you use the Tech Talk page, forums and articles you will find there. He also showed how to compare medical prescriptions prices by using GoodRX.com and suggested that everyone stop using Download.com as it is no longer a safe site as it has 'tag along' software. He warned that Avast antivirus has vulnerabilities, Adaware is not recommended and AVG has been contaminated. There are many lapses in computer security so make sure that you educate yourself.

Craig Laubenthal had lots of information on bluetooth digital hearing aids which he got from FL Medical Hearing Center. He is very pleased with his new advanced aids which can be paired with a TV and/or a cell phone and is good at reducing background noise. Apparently it is able to be tweaked to your advantage and is \$500 to \$2000 less than other hearing aids. His audiologist will be one of our guest speakers next winter.

Vicky Getz then showed us her surprise: an app for an iPhone called "Be My Eyes". Android phones will have this app soon and you can be put on a waiting list. Over 190,000 people have signed up to help, including Vicky. It uses the camera on a vision impaired person's phone to show the volunteer on their phone what needs to be done. It can be used to assist that person in reading labels, find dropped objects, getting directions, etc. all in real time. Take a look at it if you are interested in helping.

See you on Thursday for more interesting stuff at the last meeting of the winter.

Respectfully submitted,

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