

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes of the Meeting
February 11, 2016

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 38 members and guests. We now have 176 members. Please use the calendar on our website to see who will be our next speaker: www.vrcc.info.

Fire Inspector Lt. Peggy Parmenter was our quest speaker today. She talked about fire safety, different types of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and being prepared for storms.

There are several different types of fire extinguishers. She recommends the A, B, C multi-purpose type. If you have one in your unit you should mount the extinguisher on the wall so it does not move. Extinguishers should be replaced every 10 years. When using the extinguisher she recommends the PASS method: Pull the pin, Aim the nozzle, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep side to side.

There are not any sprinkler systems in Vista Royale buildings. We have fire extinguishers on the buildings within 75 feet of your front door. If you have a fire shut the door and call 911. They know our area well and can come quickly. Smoke detectors have to be up to code. The new code requires smoke detectors to be in each bedroom plus one in the hallway outside the bedroom to alert you of fire. Do not place the detector near heat. Always have a battery backup and change the batteries every six months. Detectors can be purchased that have a sound and a light. The object of the detector is to get you out of the area. Smoke detectors save lives. They can save your computer, too!

Some people want to stay in their homes during a hurricane. They are not safe because the halls are dark and there is not any power during the storm. When you leave your home you will need water and your medications. Lt. Parmenter suggested calling 211 which is a free and confidential service that helps people across North America find the local resources they need. This service will answer almost any questions.

If anyone needs additional information about the National Fire Protection Association visit their website: <http://www.nfpa.org/>.

Vicky is working on her next class which will probably be Internet 101. More details will be available later.

As a reminder, the fifth annual Vista Health Fair and Business Expo will be held next Tuesday, February 16, 2016, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Royal Palm Clubhouse.

The Annual Members Meeting and Election of Directors will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 1:30PM at the Royal Palm Clubhouse. Please cast your ballot and complete your proxy prior to the meeting.

Next week, February 18, our program will be presented by Jurgen Schwanitz from ACT computers. He will discuss computer security. He will be available to answer computer questions. Our programs are ALWAYS at 9:30 AM on Thursday morning. Future programs include new digital hearing aids, long term care, Facebook, senior travel, and Florida residency. Let us know if you have a subject you would like covered for our meetings. We will attempt to find a speaker or demo it ourselves if we can.

Regards, Carolyn Johnson, Substitute Sec.

Thank you Carolyn for taking care that our members got their minutes this week. Sandy Mc

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