

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes and Information of the Meeting
January 7, 2016

Mike Johnson, President, welcomed 49 members and guests for our first meeting of 2016. Our paid membership is now over 100 members. Please pay your \$20 dues so that you can keep your membership active.

Mike reminded everyone that the Vista Royale weekly bulletin board in all buildings now shows the computer club hours at the TOP of the sheet. You can also find it in the calendar on the front page of www.vrcc.info and on the door of the lab. Our programs are ALWAYS at 9:30 on Thursday morning.

Vicky's first class in the New Year on ipads/iphones is full and the names on the alternates list will be offered the same class the following week. Make sure that your name, phone and email is correct when you sign-up. FYI our speaker on Jan 21 will also be speaking on the same subject.

Mike also pointed out the completed 'History' section of our website which you might find interesting. He also drew names from our sign-in sheet to give away two of our old rolling chairs. Next week we will be giving away our old laser printer which still functions.

Sandy McKenny: Sandy handed out bright colored info sheets to give to friends to tell them about the club. Then she showed everyone the 'Genealogy' section of the website which should be a good resource for all members.

There are about 4 slots still left in the Wed. Genealogy Group which meets each week on Wed afternoon from 3-5 in the Lab. This is 30 minutes of lecture and the remainder of the time doing research or getting help. The sign-up sheet is in the Lab.

She also handed out a sheet to determine the number of members who would like to attend an evening Beginner session in the next few weeks. A date will be announced next week after consulting with Vicky on the schedule.

She then made an announcement that the Club has purchased a subscription to the WORLD version of Ancestry.com for use by members in the Lab. This is a good draw for new members and a bonus for all of us. Then she demo'd how to use it. To make things easier, Vicky has made an automatic sign-in icon on the front page of every computer in the Lab. All you have to do is click on the correct 'TREE' and then start researching when Ancestry loads. Remember you will have to print or save any info or images on a thumb drive or send to yourself by email. Kathy Sabourin has also donated her 3 month subscription to the Canadian version of Ancestry.com so that 2 more people in the Lab can access this site at one time.

There are a number of members who will be able to assist you if you need more help with this website or a genealogy question. We will purchase this subscription again next year if we determine that it was beneficial.... this is the only thing we have spent your money on other than equipment & supplies, so let us know if you have used it and want it again next year.

Vicky Getz: This is all the WIFI information she gave us at the meeting. You might want to print out the section that pertains to your computer.

The Vista Royale Unsecured Wi-Fi Hotspots were renamed over the summer

<u>Club House</u>	<u>Hotspot 1</u>	<u>Hotspot 2</u>
Royal Palm	RPCH-2.4	RPCH-5 (safer)
Pine Arbor	PACH	
Royal Oak	RoyalOakClubhouse	
Lake View	LVCH-2.4	LVCH-5 (safer)

You'll also see xfinitywifi in the vicinity in the clubhouse. Xfinitywifi is a Comcast open Wi-Fi hot spot for Comcast Customers. If you have the the Preferred or Blast level internet service from Comcast, then xfinitywifi is free to use. If you have the lower tier of Comcast service or no wifi service, you can purchase an Access Pass from Comcast Access Pass.

\$2.95 an hour
\$7.95 a day
\$19.95 a week
\$54.95 a month

The problem for many is that they have auto-connected to xfinitywifi and they don't know how to get rid of it. Since xfinitywifi is everywhere, they keep auto-connecting to xfinitywifi and not their own. Its very easy to disconnect once you know how.

ON ANDROID TABLETS AND PHONES

TAP Settings->
Tap Wifi->

Tap the wifi-name,
Tap Forget

ON iPADS AND iPHONES

Go to Settings->

Tap Wifi
Tap the wifi-name
Tap Forget this network.

(In Apple you can only forget networks that are in range, unless you go in and forget all network names)

WINDOWS

In Windows you can disconnect or you can remove the Wi-Fi from the list of managed Wi-Fi networks. If you are having trouble connecting to a Wi-Fi Network, removing the connection from the managed connections might solve the problem.

ON WINDOWS 7

---Disconnect

Click on the Wi-Fi network
Right click on the wi-fi-name
Click Disconnect

---Remove from the list of managed networks
Click on your WiFi-network icon (in the lower right hand corner)

Click on "Open Network and Sharing Center"
Click on "Manage Wireless Networks" (left hand side)
Right Click on the wi-fi-name
Click on Delete

WINDOWS 10

---Disconnect

Click on the Wi-Fi-Network icon (in the lower right hand corner of the desktop)
Click on the wi-fi-name
Click Delete

---Remove from the list of managed networks

Click on your Wi-Fi-Network icon (in the lower right hand corner of the desktop)
Click on "Network Settings"
Click on "Wi-Fi" (on the left hand side)
Click on "Manage Wi-Fi Settings" (on the right hand side)
Scroll down to where it says "Manage Known Networks"
Click on the wi-fi-name you wish to delete and click Forget.

On this page you would be wise to turn off "Connect to networks shared by my contacts", because you might end up connecting to your neighbor's wifi, if they are in your contacts, or you facebook with them.

I recommend turning off "Connect to suggested open hotspots" also. Microsoft collects information on the hotspots that any Windows 10 users have connected too. If enough people have connected to that open hotspot, you'll be automatically connected to that hotspot too when you are in range.

ON APPLE OSx

Select the Wi-Fi symbol along the top menu bar and click on Open Network Preferences at the bottom of the drop down menu.

Click on Wi-Fi in the menu on the left and click Advanced located at the bottom right of the pop-up window.

Select the Wi-Fi network you want to delete, and click the minus sign as indicated in the image below. Click OK.

ON A CHROMEBOOK

Sign in to the Chromebook with the account that has been designated as the owner.

Click the status area in the lower-right corner, where your account picture appears. Select Settings.

In the "Internet connection" section, click the "Wireless network" menu.

Select Preferred networks.

Hover over the network in question with your mouse and click the X.

BASIC UNSECURED WI-FI HOTSPOT SAFETY

Remember on a hotspot anything transmitted in HTTP can be snatched out of the air from up to ¼ of a mile away.

Sit closer to the router. The farther away you are, the more likely you can become the victim of an evil twin.

Set your connection type to public to keep others from rummaging through your files.

If you are conducting financial transactions over an unsecured hotspot, you should be extra careful about your HTTPS status, and check your certificate information.

You would be best using a VPN (virtual private network) service so that you can be safer. A VPN service can be had for as low as \$5 a month, or there are even some free ad supported VPN's.

Next week [January 14] our speaker will be Jurgen Schwanitz from ACT Computers and he will be telling us all about the new operating system: Windows 10 and answering questions. You will not want to miss this one as we will all have to deal with Win10 when we buy a new computer.

Regards, Sandy McKenny

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