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Wednesday, 29 November 2017, 12 noon

**Program: CVGS Members on “Heirloom Show and Tell”
at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F St.) Auditorium**

In November, we will again have our Heirloom Show and Tell event. Please bring a favorite family heirloom to share with the society. Tell us the story of your heirloom and how you came to be in possession of it.

Please send a picture of your heirloom to Gary Brock (gary@brocksystems.com). Please get it to him no later than November 24. Also send Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net) a brief description of your item, so she can plan the program. Items must be listed with her - no last minute additions will be accepted.

Let's have lots of heirlooms and stories, to share.

See the 2016 heirlooms in [CVGS November 30th Program Review - "Heirloom Show and Tell."](#)

Save the Date: 13 December for CVGS Annual Holiday Luncheon – see Page 4

Finding Your Roots TV Schedule (Tuesdays, 8 p.m., PBS) – see Page 7

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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



The Chula Vista Genealogical Society participated in the San Diego History Center's Genealogy Day on 21 October. Karen Yarger, Jane Strawn, Ana Castro and myself attended our table. Randy Seaver, our newsletter editor was one of the speakers at the seminar. The event was not as well attended as last year. However, we did get visitors to our table.

Rhadamés Figueroa from the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* Spanish newspaper *HOY* wrote an article on our Family History Day presentation of "Who is David Bejarano." It appeared in the October 20th issue in Spanish. It was a really well written article. Ana Castro translated the article to English and Gary Brock posted it to our web site. When you go to the CVGS web site, click on NEWS and you will find the article.

The holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Don't forget our CVGS Christmas Potluck is coming up on December 13. Check the CVGS website for the food sign up list and details.

Membership Address Changes

Members, if you move, or change contact information such as your email or phone number, please notify our Membership person, Karen Smith, at freelady72000@me.com. This way we can keep information coming to you!

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the Computer Group on the CVGS website – www.CVGenealogy.org. Log in with your member ID, then click on "Events" and the Register button for each event, and follow directions. This will help with meeting planning and speaker handouts.

Member Services – Contact Karen Smith

Karen Smith is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Karen at freelady72009@me.com so we can get a card to that member.

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <http://www.CVGenealogy.org>

Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog: <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>

The Board Meeting and Program Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at <http://www.CVGenealogy.org> on the "Members" tab.

Next CVGS Saturday Workshop – 6 January 2018

There will be no Saturday Workshop in December at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library. **The January 6th Saturday Workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road).** The program will be “TBD” presented by Susi Pentico.

Next Computer Group Meeting – 15 November 2017

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.).

There will be only the afternoon Computer Group meeting in November, since Gary will be out of town. Shirley will lead the group, starting at 12 noon in the Computer Lab. We will use the library computers, and will check some of the genealogy websites and stay until 1:30 p.m.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting – 15 November 2017

The Lemon Grove Research Group now meets once a month at the Lemon Grove Branch Library (location is 3001 School Lane in Lemon Grove) from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP1@gmail.com) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- **Wednesday, 15 November, 6 to 8 p.m.:** “What Does the Group Want to Do in 2018?” by Susi Pentico.
- **Wednesday, 20 December:** No meeting

Don't Reshelve Books in Genealogy Section of the Library

CVGS members are requested to NOT reshelve the genealogy books in the Family History section of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. our Library books. Please place them on the table by the wall.

The Library staff keeps track of which books are used, and will put them back on the shelf in the proper location.

CVGS Presents Books to the Children's Library



President Ceasar Castro and Education Chair Susi Pentico present Gina Latas with a set of beautifully illustrated graphic novels, *Mouse Guard: Legends of the Guard*, by David Petersen.

Susi obtained the books from the author as a donation to the Chula Vista Children's Library. The adventure stories show children examples of loyalty, good manners, and ethics.

SDHC/SDGS Genealogy Day Review, by Ana Castro

The San Diego History Center and the San Diego Genealogical Society held their 3rd Annual Genealogy Day on October 21, 2017 at the History Center from 8:00 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.

The focus of the day was to “Make your Family’s Story Interesting.” The Keynote speaker for the morning session was Dawn Parrett Thurston, who spoke on “Be a Good Ancestor: Write Your Own Story. She demonstrated how to organize and structure your writing to enhance the story telling to make it compelling and informative. She has written several books on her family’s genealogy.

Randy Seaver, CVGS and SDGS member, presented “Discovering Jane’s Roots in California, Australia, and England.” He explained his research journey to find his wife’s ancestors.

Del Ritchhart, SDGS member, demonstrated “GENSMARTS - Using Artificial Intelligence to Assist with Your Research,” a software program. The program analyzes genealogy software program databases to detect missing data and suggest sources for finding information.

Peter Steelquist, SDGS member, presented “Research Local Libraries: Your Guide to Success”. Ways to effectively research genealogy library collections and what local libraries and archives have to offer genealogical researchers.

Chula Vista Genealogical Society members Ceasar Castro, Ana Castro, Jane Strawn, and Karen Yarger represented the society at our exhibitors table. Handouts offered were society bookmarks, newsletters, membership applications and general information, plus a 2-page handout for "Planning a Research Trip to Courthouses and Cemeteries." Our Glen Abbey Cemetery volumes drew the most attention and questions.

Annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, 13 December 2017

The CVGS Annual Holiday Luncheon will be Wednesday, 13 December, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chula Vista South Library (389 Orange Avenue) in the Conference Rooms.

Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided by CVGS. The potluck breakdown for the rest of the meal will be coordinated by JoAnn Bonner (phone 619-421-3628, email jbonner13@gmail.com) and Ana Castro (phone 619-781-8441, email creastro@cox.net). Please contact them by 12/10 to coordinate the potluck dishes. The schedule is:

- **A to F Surnames: Appetizers, Condiments, Snack Trays**
- **G to K Surnames: Potatoes, Vegetables, Casseroles**
- **L to P Surnames: Desserts**
- **Q to Z Surnames: Salads, Rolls, Butter**

There will be a free door prize drawing, opportunity drawings for table decorations, and there will be a bring one/get one gift exchange item (\$10 limit). Attendees are requested to bring non-perishable food and/or unwrapped toys for donation to the Salvation Army. Attendees are also requested to wear their best ugly Christmas sweaters.

The business meeting will include member sharing about "What was your best Christmas gift ever, why and do you still have the item." If you still have it please bring it to share if it is not too big to carry.

October 25th Program Review, by Karen Yarger

Do You Believe in Ghosts? If you didn't believe before, perhaps you changed your mind after attending our October 25 general meeting. In an appropriately Halloween-themed program, we were treated to tales of "Ghosts of the USS Midway" by the Midway Museum's curator David Hanson. In addition to being museum curator and a military historian, David is also leader of the 900 member San Diego Ghost and Paranormal Group. As the Midway's 'ghost expert,' he has logged and researched hundreds of ghostly sightings and paranormal incidents on the Midway, beginning when she was commissioned in 1945.



His tales of spectral high jinks – doors opening and closing, electric fans turning on and off (but the cords were cut!), and sailors walking through walls were enhanced by photos of ghostly faces and even an (EVP) voice recording, "What is the name of this ship?" David recounted some paranormal investigations in 2006, in which paranormal experts and professional mediums explored the ship after hours and recorded the spirits of crewmen who had died onboard and others who were 'just passing through.'

Other spirits had no apparent ties to the ship – including two women in turn of the century clothes. This might indicate that the ship is some sort of portal through which they can move on to their final destination. While there are no longer paranormal investigations on board, and the Midway doesn't publicize these ghostly tales beyond Halloween, reports of strange sights and sounds are still reported by staff, volunteers, and even visiting guests, who sometimes report seeing uniformed sailors where there are none (live ones, anyway).

David explained the differences between 'ghosts' (souls who have not crossed over to their final destination), 'spirits' (souls who have 'gone to the light', but for whatever reason have returned for a visit), and 'residual energy or hauntings' (a non-interactive vision or sound or sensation – sort of like a video loop). Most of these are benign and in the cases of some of the ghostly sailors, may feel that they are still on duty on their old aircraft carrier. It's still interesting when a museum visitor reports an encounter, as one family from Arizona did in a narrow passageway below deck. Or when one asks a docent, "Do you know there are people on board who don't know they're dead?"

Genealogy Bargains

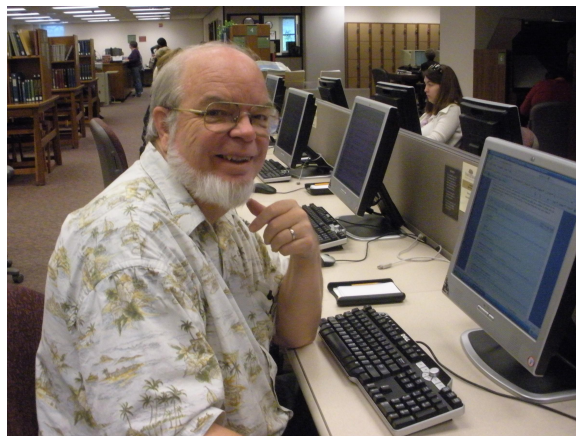
- Thomas MacEntee publishes a list of Genealogy Bargains (freebies, reduced price, etc.) every day on his Genealogy Bargains (<https://www.genealogybargains.com/>) blog.
- Ancestry.com has a 20% discount off Gift Memberships through 23 November (new memberships only) – see <http://www.ancestry.com/cs/gifts/gift-selection>
- AncestryDNA has a 20% discount (\$79) off an autosomal DNA test through 23 November
- MyHeritage DNA has a 40% discount (\$59) off an autosomal DNA test through 23 November (see <https://www.myheritage.com/dna>).
- 23andMe has a 50% discount (\$49 each) for two autosomal DNA tests through 23 November (see <https://www.23andme.com/dna-ancestry/>).

October 11th Research Group Review

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society Research Group meeting on 11 October had 14 attendees.

In the first hour, Randy provided information on:

- * "Finding Your Roots" series has started on PBS on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. Pacific time.
- * "Genealogy News Bytes" published on Tuesday and Friday on www.GeneaMusings.com.
- * Best of the Genea-Blogs is published each Sunday on www.GeneaMusings.com
- * He defined his ["Genealogy Work Flow Using RootsMagic TreeShare"](#)



In the second hour, the attendees discussed their successes and challenges, including:

- * Diane Googled an ancestor, Eliza (Mansbridge) Burton, and found a Find A Grave memorial with her photograph and family information.
- * Virginia's great-grandfather was in a Civil War database on Ancestry.com that provided his regiment history and information about the siege at Vicksburg, Mississippi.
- * Helen's brother received a request for a DNA sample from a researcher working on World War II Normandy Beach soldiers. Her uncle died in the assault in an explosion on the beach, and a report on him was sent by the researcher.
- * Jean T. found a photograph of her ancestor Richard Dramsfield in an Ancestry Member Tree.
- * Nancy is trying to find a death record for her relative, Sanford A. Painter (1894-1918). She thought he had died in Texas. A search on Ancestry found him with a New York death record, and entries in two Ancestry Member Trees which provided the mother's maiden name.
- * Linda went to Salt Lake city for three days researching her Hispanic ancestry at the Family History Library. She learned how to use the FamilySearch Family Tree, FHL catalog, microfilms and digital microfilm. She also has an AncestryDNA test result and wants to get her Legacy Family Tree into an Ancestry Member Tree in order to get DNA matches with other testers. The group suggested creating a GEDCOM file of her Legacy database and uploading it to an Ancestry Member Tree, then identifying herself associated with the AncestryDNA test.

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 8 November at 12 noon in the Auditorium of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910).

2017 Genealogy Rockstars Announced

The 2017 Genealogy Rockstars were announced in six categories (International, USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia/NZ and DNA). See the list of winners in <http://www.geneamusings.com/2017/10/2017-rockstar-genealogists-announced.html>

Finding Your Roots, with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Schedule

The remaining TV broadcast schedule for the 2017 season of *Finding Your Roots* on PBS:

- Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Black Like Me” with **Bryant Gumbel, Tonya Lewis-Lee and Suzanne Malveaux**
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Children of the Revolution” with **Lupita Nyong’o, Carmelo Anthony and Ana Navarro**
- Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Relatives We Never Knew We Had” with **Tea Leoni and Gaby Hoffmann**
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “The Stories We Tell” with **Donna Brazile, Ty Burrell and Kara Walker (encore broadcast from Season Three)**
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Family Reunions” with **Sean Combs and LL Cool J (encore broadcast from Season Three)**
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 9 p.m. PT: “Tragedy + Time = Comedy” with **Jimmy Kimmel, Norman Lear and Bill Hader (encore broadcast from Season Three)**
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Southern Roots” with **Questlove, Dr. Phil and Charlayne Hunter-Gault**
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 8 p.m. PT: “Funny Business” with **Garrison Keillor, Amy Schumer and Aziz Ansari**

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com)

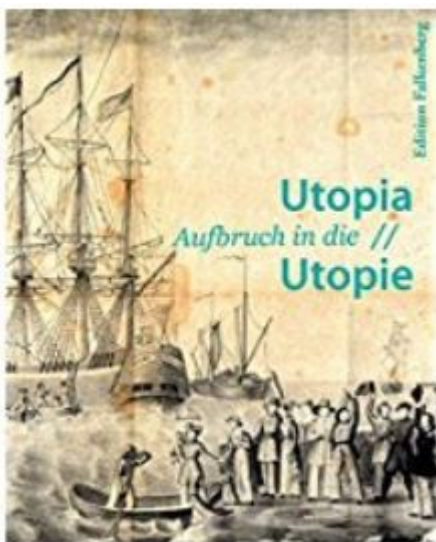
- Wednesday, 8 November 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[New York City Genealogical Research: Navigating Through The Five Boroughs.](#)” by Michael Strauss
- Friday, 10 November 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence.](#)” by Jill Morelli
- Wednesday, 15 November 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[British and Irish research: the differences.](#)” by Brian Donovan
- Tuesday, 21 November 2017, 5 p.m. PST: “[Research in Federal Records: Some Assembly Required.](#)” by Malissa Ruffner
- Wednesday, 29 November 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Understanding Alabama.](#)” by Rorey Cathcart
- Wednesday, 6 December 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Finding Your Roots in Catholic Records.](#)” by Lisa Toth Salinas.
- Wednesday, 13 December 2017, 5 p.m. PST: “[I Thought He Was My Ancestor: Avoiding the Six Biggest Genealogy Mistakes.](#)” by James H. Baker.
- Friday, 15 December 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Finding Your Nordic Parish of Birth.](#)” by Jill Morelli
- Tuesday, 19 December 2017, 5 p.m. PST: “[The Law and the Reasonably Exhaustive \(Re\)Search.](#)” by Judy G. Russell
- Wednesday, 20 December 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Palmetto Pride - South Carolina for Genealogists.](#)” by Rorey Cathcart
- Wednesday, 27 December 2017, 11 a.m. PST: “[Problems and Pitfalls of a Reasonably Shallow Search.](#)” by Elissa Scalise Powell

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and for a week after the live event. You must register to view them live at www.familytreewebinars.com. Membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 550 webinars at any time.

Lemon Grove Program Review – 18 October 2017, by Cynthia Teysko

The group met at the Lemon Grove Library on Wednesday, October 18. We enjoyed another fabulous PowerPoint presentation by our own **Carole Sobke** entitled: **“The Giessen Immigration Society: Was my 2nd Great-Grandfather a Member?”**

Tonight we learned about a little-known chapter of German history as it relates to the United States. Carole’s maternal 2nd great-grandfather is Charles H. Schone (1830-1895). He was married to Annie. To learn more about her ancestors’ roots and journey to America, Carole turned to one of the most comprehensive and beautiful history compilations I have ever seen: *Utopia: Revisiting a German State in America*



Briefly, the book covers the beginnings of a private, underground group of Germans who desired to emigrate from their homeland to the New World. They hoped to settle in a rural area of North America and form a Germanic Colony where they would continue to speak their own language, have their own schools and churches, and continue with their customs and traditions far away from the “aristocratic tyranny, economic depression, and religious intolerance” they faced at home. It was a bold idea and required secrecy from the authorities.

The initial group of travelers consisted of 500 and included many classes and occupations: farmers, artisans, merchants, and professionals. In 1834, two ships full of eager passengers proceeded to cross the Atlantic landing at New Orleans and Baltimore. From there, the intrepid Germans found their way to the wilds of the Missouri Territory. The ultimate Utopia these early settlers dreamed of never came to fruition exactly as planned, but German presence and influence in the United States is alive and well even today.

The answer to Carole’s question is still up in the air. The passenger list for the good ship *Olbens*, arriving at New Orleans in June, 1834, listed a C. Schone, age 3, male, that could be her 2nd great-grandfather. No records have been found between the 1834 port of entry card until 1857 when Charles and his wife Annie had their first child in Peru, La Salle, Illinois. She has since found another immigration record from 1852 that also may be her Charles Henry Schone. He did anglicize his name at some point.

The family relocated to Tehama County, California in the 1860’s where Charles became a flour miller. Annie Schone, 40 yrs old, is listed in the 1880 Federal Census as a patient at the Napa State Insane Asylum. She died there 4 months later. Charles died in 1895.

The history alluded to in the book *Utopia: Revisiting a German State in America* would be of special interest to anyone with German ancestry. However, for someone with no German ancestors, I found this amazing story entirely interesting and quite accessible, even without the book in hand, at these online websites: <https://mo-germans.com> - lists the passengers from both ships and <http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org>.

**Reminder: San Diego History Center in Balboa Park is
FREE on Tuesday, 14 November, 10 a.m. To 5 p.m.
CVGS will have an exhibit of our Veteran profiles.**

Welcome New Members

Jaye Wright

Current Membership (as of 10/1): 97

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Bob Page's Family

Meeting Host Volunteers

November 29: Virginia Taylor, Ken and Sharon Robison

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!
(619) 421-3628

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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Karen Smith –	619-656-0996
Carole Sobke –	619-465-5286

CVGS Society Officers

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Computer Group	Shirley Becker
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Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, November 11th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM MEETING

Speaker: Jeannette Shiel on
“Newspapers Beyond Vital Records”
and “The Heart of the Story”

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego

Contact: www.casdgs.org

Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOCIETY COGG

Speaker: Gene Adams on
“Legacy Family Tree Version 9”
at Carlsbad City Council Chambers

(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr,
Carlsbad CA 92009)

contact: Pauline Ballentine
(paulineb@cox.net)

Tuesday, Nov. 28th, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOC. PROGRAM MEETING

Speaker: TBD on
“TBD”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers,
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr.,
Carlsbad CA 92009)

contact: Jean Tempke
(jtempke@roadrunner.com)

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, November 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Wednesday, November 15, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Wednesday, November 29, 12 noon – Program Meeting: CVGS Members: “Heirloom Discovery Day”** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, December 2, 1 p.m. – No Saturday Workshop:**
- **Wednesday, December 13, 11 a.m. – CVGS Holiday Luncheon**, at South Chula Vista Library (375 Orange Avenue, (in Conference Room on West side of library)
- **Wednesday, December 13, 12 noon – No Research Group Meeting,**
- **Wednesday, December 20, 12 noon – No Computer Group Meeting,**

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the **Chula Vista Civic Center Branch (CVCCB) Library**, 365 F Street, Chula Vista
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