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# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 31 January 2018, 12 Noon

**Program: Margaret Lewis on “Exploring Your DNA Results”  
at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street) Auditorium**

Margaret “Marti” Lewis, is a compelling and influential voice in the genealogy community. She has been featured, quoted, profiled and published in several major media publications. Marti volunteers as a Contributor to Find a Grave, is a Consultant on African American Research at the San Diego Family History Center, is a former Administrator for the African American Genealogy Research and the California pages on Facebook. She is also the President of the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group. Marti is available on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. To 8 p.m. at the Family History Center (4195 Camino Del Rio South) for personal consultations and a free class. Although Marti’s focus is African American Research all her presentations offer research strategies for other nationalities as well. Everyone is welcome!



This presentation will be **“Exploring Your DNA Results Today - You Can Discover Who You Are, Where You Came From, and Analyze your Ethnicity with DNA Testing!”** This presentation will take you on the journey Marti took to unravel the mysteries of her ancestors, and substantiate her Family Tree back to 1522. Marti admits she is no DNA expert ... she would just like to stress the importance of the strategies she uses with pedigree charts and on-line family trees to explore her DNA results to create her Family Tree.

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## President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



We had a great Holiday Luncheon on 13 December 2017. I need to thank the people who stepped in and helped setup and tear down the rooms. I want to thank Jane Strawn for cooking the turkey and ham. I want to thank Marcia Mautner, Virginia Taylor and Karen Yarger for setting up the rooms and helping in the clean up afterwards.

Virginia and I have been working with Barbara Zaragoza of the South Bay Historical Society on our 24 March 2018 joint meeting. We met with the speakers for the meeting: Connie Gunther (Descendants of Early San Diego Families), Joaquin Blanco (Otay descendants) and Victor Contreras (South Bay descendants). Each will speak about 20 minutes. The theme of the meeting is “The First Pioneers in the South Bay.”

The society is in need of more volunteers. We need someone to help Gary Brock with meeting setup and with our web presence. We need someone to help Carole Sobke with the Ways and Means committee. We need a Librarian to replace Wanda Brock, who is ill. Volunteering is the essence of the CVGS; consider volunteering to help the society to flourish and continue to promote general interest in Genealogy, History, and of course Ancestors. Think about the

Society and volunteering to help.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 – 3 February 2018

The February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 “How to Do Research” presented by Susi Pentico.

## CVGS Computer Group is on Hiatus

Until further notice, the Society's Computer Group meetings is on hiatus, due to a lack of interest and low attendance. The meetings will be reinstated in the future if members express enough interest.

## Lemon Grove Meeting is on Hiatus

The Lemon Grove Research Group is on hiatus until the meeting space is determined. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, [SusiCP1@gmail.com](mailto:SusiCP1@gmail.com)) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome!

## We Need You!!

Several of our senior Board members are retiring from their positions as committee chairs. We are in desperate need of volunteers to fill these vacancies. Can you help by lending your expertise? Most only require a modicum of your time. Here are the positions we need to fill:

\*\*\* **LIBRARIAN** - The Librarian and his/her committee maintains and inventories our collection of genealogical research materials and book collection housed in the Chula Vista Library, and works with the Library in acquiring new materials. Purchases memorial books for our deceased members.

\*\*\* **WEBMASTER CO-CHAIR** - Aids Gary Brock in maintaining and updating our website [www.cvgenealogy.org](http://www.cvgenealogy.org), working with Wild Apricot. Tech expertise is requested, but training is available. Also, **AUDIO-VISUAL ASSISTANT** to help set up mikes, equipment, etc. for presentations.

\*\*\* **WAYS & MEANS CO-CHAIR** - Assists Carole Sobke with raffles and other fundraising activities.

\*\*\* **CEMETERY COMMITTEE ASSISTANT** - Works with Historian Susan Zimmer in collecting and organizing data from La Vista Cemetery, Glen Abbey Cemetery, and others as needed to make the information available to genealogists and families.

For more information, please contact President Ceasar Castro ([ceasarcastro@gmail.com](mailto:ceasarcastro@gmail.com))

## January 24<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to the Family History Library

On Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, John Finch will lead a group to the Family History Center and Library in Mission Valley. We will meet to carpool on the second level of the Chula Vista parking garage on Third Avenue (between Fuddruckers and Marie Callendars) by 10 a.m., at which time the carpools will depart. We'll leave the Library at about 2 p.m.

If you plan to join us - and especially if you can drive, please contact John at [jan27@cox.net](mailto:jan27@cox.net) or Karen Yarger at [khy13@hotmail.com](mailto:khy13@hotmail.com).

## The La Vista Cemetery Project, by Susan Zimmer

The La Vista Cemetery Project has been going on since 2006-07, and it's time to bring it to completion. The plan was to gather the burial records going back to 1869 and present them in a database format which could be used by the cemetery office and made available to the public who might need the information.

At this point the data is gathered, and the final step will be to double check each reference for accuracy. While we have had a core of faithful volunteers working on this project over the years, Cemetery Committee Chair, Susan Zimmer, asks for additional workers with good technical skills to help complete the project. That's the goal for 2018.

If you can help, please make contact with Susan. The work can be done by volunteering a couple of hours at a time in a convenient place, such as the F Street Branch of the library or the Bonita-Sunnyside Library. Susan would also like to find someone to act as her assistant on the Cemetery Committee.

### Upcoming Family Tree Webinars ([www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com))

- Wednesday, 10 January, 5 p.m.: J. Mark Lowe on "[Quality, Time and Completion: Developing a Research Plan \(Part One\)](#)"
- Friday, 12 January, 11 a.m.: Nicka Smith on "[Full Circle: Tracing the Descendants of a Slaveholding Ancestor](#)"
- Tuesday, 16 January, 11 a.m.: Daniel Horowitz on "[Genealogy for Beginners: Start Your Online Family Tree](#)"
- Tuesday, 16 January, 5 p.m.: Pam Stone Eagleson on "[Finding Thomas' Father: an 18th Century Prince William County Virginia Case Study](#)"
- Wednesday, 17 January, 11 a.m.: E. Randol Schoenberg on "[Introducing the Geni World Family Tree](#)"
- Wednesday, 24 January, 11 a.m.: KC Reid on "[Finding Jamestown Ancestors](#)"
- Tuesday, 30 January, 11 a.m.: MyHeritage Webinars on "[Understanding DNA Matching Technology](#)"
- Wednesday, 31 January, 11 a.m.: Sunny Morton on "[Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage](#)"
- Wednesday, 7 February, 11 a.m.: Eric Basir on "[Photo Restoration Roadshow](#)"
- Tuesday, 13 February, 11 a.m.: MyHeritage Webinars on "[Have Nordic Ancestors? Count Yourself Lucky - Nordic Records are Amazing](#)"
- Tuesday, 20 February, 5 p.m.: Jill Morelli on "[Using Swedish Taxation Records to Solve Tough Genealogical Problems](#)"
- Wednesday, 21 February, 11 a.m.: Golan Levi on "[Tribal Quest: A special project to document the family histories of tribal people](#)"
- Friday, 23 February, 11 a.m.: Geoff Rasmussen on "[Legacy 9 Unlocked \(part 2\): Adding an Online Document](#)"
- Wednesday, 28 February, 11 a.m.: Gail Blankenau on "[Find Your Roots in German Farm Histories](#)"

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](http://www.familytreewebinars.com). Membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 600 webinars at any time.

## December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon Review

**The Annual Holiday Luncheon was held on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 at the Chula Vista South Bay Library. There were about 30 in attendance. A food catastrophe was averted when the two Hospitality chairs, JoAnn Bonner and Ana Castro, were ill and could not cook the meats or organize the luncheon. Jane Strawn stepped in and cooked the turkey and ham, and brought them to the event.**

**The food was set up in one of the conference rooms, and the luncheon and meeting were held in the other conference room.**

**The attendees brought the other food items for the potluck - appetizers, condiments, snack trays, salads, rolls, butter, potatoes, vegetables, casseroles, and desserts. Nobody went home hungry!**

**CVGS President Ceasar Castro gaveled the meeting to order at 11 a.m. and sent the first table off to the serving room, and soon everyone had full plates and were busy eating and sharing with their seatmates.**



**After the meal, Gary Brock shared some humorous YouTube clips on the screen, and then we went around the tables sharing "What was your best Christmas gift ever?" There were many sentimental and memorable gifts mentioned from the 1950s onward. Gary showed some of the items on the screen, and others held up or passed around the items or photographs of the items.**

**The opportunity drawings for the table decorations, the gift exchange drawings, and the door prize drawing were held.**



**Guests filled several tables to overflowing with donations of unwrapped toys and nonperishable foods for the Salvation Army - a testament to our members' generosity.**



## **Blaine Bettinger is Speaker at SDGS Annual Meeting**

The San Diego Genealogical Society (SDGS) Annual Meeting and Seminar will be held at **Marina Village, Captain's Room (1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109) on Saturday, 13 January 2018 starting at 9 a.m. PST.**

**The Guest Speaker is Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.:**

**Blaine's four sessions are:**

- \* **Session 1: Introduction to DNA**
- \* **Session 2: Using Autosomal DNA for 18th & 19th Century Mysteries**
- \* **Session 3: Using Third-Party Tools to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA**
- \* **Session 4: Phasing and Mapping Your DNA**



For more information about Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D. see his [biography](#) and [website](#).

The program day includes coffee and tea with pastries in the morning, and a box lunch with a drink. The schedule is:

- \* **Check-in time is 8 a.m.**
- \* **Seminar is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- \* **Lunch is 12 noon -12.30 p.m.**

Registration is now open. For registrations on or after December 17, 2017 the price is \$50. The last day to register is January 11, 2018. As of 6 January, there are seats available.

Please [click here](#) to register online. Please [click here](#) for a paper registration form. Please pay online, or mail us your check along with the registration form/invoice to:

**Joann Orendurff, Treasurer SDGS, 450 East Bradley #97, El Cajon, CA 92021**

Make checks payable to San Diego Genealogical Society.

### **Notable Blog Articles**

- [Book Review: The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 4th Edition](#)
- [Tamura Jones's "Genealogy 2017" and "GeneAwards for 2017"](#)
- [Genealogy Software Users Choice Awards for 2017 announced by GenSoftReviews](#)
- [MyHeritage Year in Review 2017](#)
- [Free Family History Library Classes and Webinars for January 2018](#)
- [Randy's Best Genea-Musings Posts for 2017](#)

## January 10<sup>th</sup> Research Group Meeting

There was no Research Group meeting on December 13th. The next Research Group meeting will be Wednesday, 10 January 2018 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910).

### Top 30 Genealogy Web Site Traffic Rankings

1.	<a href="http://Ancestry.com">Ancestry.com</a>	1,159 (Global);	262 (USA)
2.	<a href="http://FamilySearch.org">FamilySearch.org</a>	4,676 (Global);	1,570 (USA)
3.	<a href="http://23andme.com">23andme.com</a>	4,772 (Global);	859 (USA)
4.	<a href="http://MyHeritage.com">MyHeritage.com</a>	5,576 (Global);	2,105 (USA)
5.	<a href="http://FindAGrave.com">FindAGrave.com</a>	7,628 (Global);	1,745 (USA)
6.	<a href="http://Geneanet.org">Geneanet.org</a>	9,268 (Global);	365 (France)
7.	<a href="http://Ancestry.co.uk">Ancestry.co.uk</a>	11,246 (Global);	496 (UK)
8.	<a href="http://Newspapers.com">Newspapers.com</a>	11,520 (Global);	2,907 (USA)
9.	<a href="http://Geni.com">Geni.com</a>	11,811 (Global);	5,147 (USA)
10.	<a href="http://FamilyTreeDNA.com">FamilyTreeDNA.com</a>	22,342 (Global);	6,200 (USA)
11.	<a href="http://WikiTree.com">WikiTree.com</a>	23,518 (Global);	6,332 (USA)
12.	<a href="http://Ancestry.com.au">Ancestry.com.au</a>	24,544 (Global);	421 (Australia)
13.	<a href="http://Ancestry.ca">Ancestry.ca</a>	26,056 (Global);	617 (Canada)
14.	<a href="http://FamilyTreeNow.com">FamilyTreeNow.com</a>	40,425 (Global);	8,194 (USA)
15.	<a href="http://MyHeritage.de">MyHeritage.de</a>	43,470 (Global);	1,836 (Germany)
16.	<a href="http://Findmypast.co.uk">Findmypast.co.uk</a>	44,260 (Global);	2,447 (UK)
17.	<a href="http://GEDMatch.com">GEDMatch.com</a>	45,457 (Global);	10,578 (USA)
18.	<a href="http://NewspaperARCHIVE.com">NewspaperARCHIVE.com</a>	53,122 (Global);	12,750 (USA)
19.	<a href="http://Fold3.com">Fold3.com</a>	56,033 (Global);	13,120 (USA)
20.	<a href="http://Genealogy.net">Genealogy.net</a>	57,263 (Global);	3,503 (Germany)
21.	<a href="http://Genealogy.com">Genealogy.com</a>	57,398 (Global);	13,566 (USA)
22.	<a href="http://Archives.com">Archives.com</a>	57,445 (Global);	14,423 (USA)
23.	<a href="http://GenealogyBank.com">GenealogyBank.com</a>	59,595 (Global);	12,017 (USA)
24.	<a href="http://Findmypast.com">Findmypast.com</a>	69,591 (Global);	22,486 (USA)
25.	<a href="http://Ancestry.de">Ancestry.de</a>	71,251 (Global);	4,044 (Germany)
26.	<a href="http://MyHeritage.es">MyHeritage.es</a>	75,023 (Global);	3,939 (Spain)
27.	<a href="http://CollectionsCanada.gc.ca">CollectionsCanada.gc.ca</a>	82,505 (Global);	5,091 (Canada)
28.	<a href="http://BillionGraves.com">BillionGraves.com</a>	85,630 (Global);	25,690 (USA)
29.	<a href="http://MyHeritage.pl">MyHeritage.pl</a>	96,654 (Global);	1,832 (Poland)
30.	<a href="http://GenealogyToday.com">GenealogyToday.com</a>	98,256 (Global);	27,853 (USA)

These rankings are based on web statistics gleaned from [www.Alexa.com](http://www.Alexa.com).

See a longer list, including genealogy blogs, at <http://www.geneamusings.com/2018/01/selected-genealogy-website-traffic.html>

## Dear Randy Questions

### **Dear Randy - I Took an AncestryDNA Test, Now What Should I Do?**

**Your AncestryDNA results will tell you your ethnicity numbers - percent of Europe, Africa, Asia, etc., with a more specific breakdown in regions on those continents. These are approximately where your ancestors lived over 2,000 years ago. The estimates are not exact, and may vary considerably from the ethnicity you think you know from your genealogy research.**

**But the most valuable information for you, as a genealogist, will be the DNA matches that you will receive - there may be hundreds of other testers who are relatively close cousins or relatives that you don't know about yet.**

**AncestryDNA will give you several lists of DNA Matches. Those include "Shared Ancestors" if you have an Ancestry Member Tree attached to your autosomal DNA test. These "Shared Ancestors" are other researchers who have one or more of your own known ancestors in their tree also. If there are a number of other researchers with the same "Shared Ancestors," then you may find yourself in a DNA Circle where everybody shares segments of DNA on the same segment of one or more chromosomes.**

**The list of DNA Matches will provide you with an estimated relationship of the matches to you. You can find out the amount of the shared DNA, expressed in centiMorgans and percentage (about 68 cM is 1% of the tested DNA).**

**You will probably receive thousands of other DNA matches that are from other testers who do not have an Ancestry Member Tree attached to their DNA results, or have a tree that does not include your shared ancestors. You can look on the "Shared Matches" list to see which other testers these persons match on the same chromosome segment with you.**

**If you do not have an Ancestry Member Tree, you may have a family tree in one of the genealogy software programs like Family Tree Maker or RootsMagic. You could create a GEDCOM file with your software program and upload it to a new Ancestry Member Tree. Use the Help function in your software program to help you create the GEDCOM file.**

**Creating and adding information to an Ancestry Member Tree is FREE at Ancestry. You do have to have a Guest registration with Ancestry.com which is also free. Ancestry has a Support page with helpful articles and videos on how to start an Ancestry Family Tree, and connect your DNA results to it, at <https://support.ancestry.com/s/topic/0TO150000004c4wGAA/member-trees>. You have to have an Ancestry subscription in order to find records or see other Member Trees on Ancestry.**

**You should try to get as many ancestral families into your Ancestry Member Trees as possible. Parents and children are important. Your AncestryDNA results will connect you to cousins who share your ancestors. You will have a good chance of finding "Shared Ancestors" and cousins if your tree goes back past fourth great-grandparents.**

**Finally, you can download your AncestryDNA raw data (use Help to define the process) and upload it to other autosomal DNA analysis sites – like FamilyTreeDNA (this requires a small fee), MyHeritageDNA, and GEDMatch. On those sites, you may find more close cousins among the Matches. FamilyTreeDNA and GEDMatch also have a Chromosome browser so that you can determine which chromosomes and which segments you match with another tester. If both you and the other tester have a family tree, you may be able to determine the ancestor that contributed that segment to your DNA.**



## Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 1/1): 97

## Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Wanda Brock

## Meeting Host Volunteers

January 31: Sunny Van Cleave

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

## Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro –	619-781-8441
Karen Smith –	619-656-0996
Carole Sobke –	619-465-5286

## CVGS Society Officers

President:	Cesar Castro
First Vice-President, Programs	Virginia Taylor
Second Vice-President, Membership	Karen Smith
Treasurer	Sam Seat
Secretary	Karen Yarger

## Committee Chairs

Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Education	Susi Pentico
Family History Day	Ana Castro
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner/Ana Castro
Librarian	Wanda Brock
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

## San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.  
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR

Speaker: **Blaine Bettinger** on

- **Session 1: Introduction to DNA**
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- **Session 4: Phasing and Mapping Your DNA**

in the Captain's Room at Marina Village  
(1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego)

Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.  
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
GENEALICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: **Jean Wilcox Hibben** on  
"Beware! The Enchanted Forest: Perils and  
Pitfalls of On-line Trees"

Carlsbad City Council Chambers  
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)  
Contact: Jim Jacobson ([lj2001@cox.net](mailto:lj2001@cox.net))

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, January 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 17, 12 noon – No Computer Group Meeting.**
- **Wednesday, January 24, 10 a.m. – Field Trip to San Diego FamilySearch Library**
- **Wednesday, January 31, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Margaret Lewis: “Exploring Your DNA”** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “How to Do Research”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.
- **Wednesday, February 7, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 14, 12 noon – No Computer Group Meeting.**
- **Wednesday, February 28, 12 noon – Program Meeting: CVGS Members: “Lost Ancestors” and Annual Business Meeting** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Where to Look For Help”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.

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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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