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Wednesday, 30 May 2018, 12 noon

CVGS Program Meeting

**Patricia Diane Godinez on “Finding Home Here & There –
A Guide To Canadian Research ”**

at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street) Auditorium

Starting in British Columbia, Canada, with her Canadian parents, Patricia Diane Godinez's presentation will take you on a trip with stops in Saskatchewan, Ontario, Ellis Island, and ending in French Canada. If you have had immigrant ancestors coming from England and Europe, you'll learn and sympathize with her relatives as they endured trials and tribulations as War Brides, Home Children, or as Members of the Petworth Project. Come learn how researching in Canada can help you with your research in the United States and beyond.

Diane Longhurst, as she was called when she made her new home in the USA, has done extensive research in Canada and Mexico. She has four decades of experience after taking an introductory set of classes at the LDS Church. She has also given classes in beginning Family History and shares her love of finding people and putting families in touch with one another again. She has participated in numerous Family History Fairs and is a fan of DNA testing to break through brickwalls. You can tell when Diane is around because she is forever taking everyone's picture and sending those along to her friends and to the CVGS newsletter or website.



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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



At the last CVGS Board meeting Randy Seaver suggested that we start a DNA User Group. I think it is an excellent idea and I offered to help. Randy suggested that the DNA Group could meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 12 noon during the time slot that the Computer Group met. The big question is: “Is there enough interest in the society for a DNA User Group?” If you are interested in participating in a DNA User Group, let Randy know (email randy.seaver@gmail.com).

The Society will be awarding two high school scholarships this year, \$500 and \$250. Susi Pentico, the Education Chair, has organized soliciting the applications from the SUHSD schools, and, with a number of CVGS members, judging the entrants. There were 16 submissions. I will announce the winners in the next newsletter, after they have been presented.

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, and the Research 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 freelady72000@me.com so we can get a card to that member.

Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Randy Seaver publishes Genealogy News Bytes on Tuesday and Friday with links to news articles, new online databases, genealogy education opportunities, bargains, neat stuff, and more. See example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/05/genealogy-news-bytes-4-may-2018.html>.

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 – 2 June 2018

The June 2nd 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.

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.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting

The Lemon Grove Research Group will be at the Lemon Grove Public Library.

- Wednesday, 16 May, 6 p.m.: “Names and their changes” moderated by Susi Pentico.

Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP1@gmail.com) for more details.

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:

*** **WEBMASTER CO-CHAIR** - Aids Gary Brock in maintaining and updating our website www.cvgenealogy.org, working with Wild Apricot. Tech expertise is requested, but training is available. Also, we need an 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 (ceasarrcastro@gmail.com)

Scholarship Donations Welcome, by Karen Smith

Our society awards college scholarships each year. The amount, and number, of scholarships can increase if we have unexpected revenue, such as donations. Recently a Board member said that if every member donated \$5 once a year, we could give an additional \$500 scholarship that year. It made me think about my weekly (or twice weekly) Starbucks habit. So instead of getting a Starbucks every week, I can contribute and help a deserving 17 or 18 year old pay some college expenses. I plan to think about that and donate to the scholarship fund regularly. Next time you come to a meeting, look for a container marked for scholarship donations. Please help us! Any amount is welcome.

New Season of Who Do You Think You Are? Starts on TLC on May 21st!

TLC's Emmy Award-winning series, *Who Do You Think You Are?* is celebrating its tenth anniversary with the return of a new season on Monday, May 21st at 9 p.m. featuring a new group of celebrities who are eager to explore their family roots. The new episodes feature Hilary Duff, Jean Smart, Jon Cryer, Laverne Cox, Molly Shannon, and Megan Mullally.

Lisa's Story, by Helen Sauer

Lisa had always known she was adopted, but details were never provided. What she was told was that she was chosen while the bio-mom was pregnant, that they didn't know her sex, that the delivery was two months ahead of time. So she was, at just over two pounds, in the neonatal unit for a time. Her adoptive parents were middle aged and established. So this was an open adoption where the birth parents and the adoptive parents had some kind of connection.

The adoptive father died about five years ago and the mother three years ago. Lisa was to get the house ready for sale. After the house was emptied, she cleaned the garage. The adoptive mother had saved a

lot of things. Lisa was told that they had nothing but her birth certificate. She had stopped asking long ago, saying it didn't matter. She made a pile in the middle of the garage and began dumping stuff onto it. She got to the bottom of a box and immediately realized she had found her adoption papers (and her brother's, which is another story). She thought

“Who cares at this point.” She double bagged them and put them under her eaves for two years, saying “I will decide later, not now.” Last year she decided to see if the papers had survived. Just as she went toward the trash, she thought: “I'll just look at the first page.” And thereupon was the name of her birth parents. She read through the whole package. Also included was a sheet from the lawyer's file, which maybe wasn't supposed to go to them. So she deliberated on it and got an AncestryDNA test and signed up for Ancestry.com. Which is where I come in.

Lisa sent me an Ancestry mail that said that I was her second cousin and she wanted to know how. It turns out she had communicated with a lot of people on her DNA match list, most of whom I knew because they were my first cousins. She knew essentially nothing about DNA and genealogy. I thought that what little I know will be compensated for by the fact that I know my cousins and have a large genealogy tree. So I explained that the DNA info is not exact, that she had to be a second cousin. And I figured “How hard can this be, she knows her birth parents' names.” Wrong, wrong.

Lisa sent me a copy of her whole research file. Eight children born, the first four in Modesto. (I was hooked because that is where I went to college and where tons of relatives that started coming to California from 1920's onward, mostly settled.) There were eight children born in ten years. The last three, all female, were adopted. If there were more later, she didn't know, as she was the last at that time.

So where was she born? Los Angeles. I looked at the DNA results again. She thought I was a maternal link. I said “No, it's a paternal link.” She said “You're a Stephens?” I said “No, you are an NPE, a non-paternal event. I am related to your birth father, but your birth father is not a Stephens.” She had already sent for the the Stephens death certificate, which said “divorced.”

Trial and error, back and forth. I tracked my cousin's children's births and found him living in Los Angeles at the same time. Around the time of Lisa's birth, he got a divorce and moved back to the Modesto area. A granddaughter had tested, too. Lisa's birth father was my mother's cousin. He died in 1966.

Oh, the mother's story is Chapter II, when it is solved. ----- Helen Sauer



April 25th Program Review

The April 25th CVGS Program Meeting featured CVGS member Carole Heilbron Sobke speaking on “A New Family Tree to Plant, or How My Hobbies Have Branched Together.” There were 31 in attendance.

Carole's German, English and Scottish ancestors settled in Sacramento in the Gold Rush years and her great-grandfather Heilbron came to San Diego in 1888. The August Heilbron Mansion, built in 1881 by her great-grand uncle in Sacramento, a beautiful Italianate Victorian home, hosted a Family Reunion in 1981, and a book was published in 1984 about the mansion and the family. The family there started as butchers, hotel keepers and brewers.

Her grandfather, Carl Heilbron, had an Electric Contracting Company in downtown San Diego. One of his stores was at 6th and E Streets, Heilbron Electrical Company. Carl, then son Gerald, owned the business and granddaughter, Carole, was the bookkeeper for several years. Carl also edited a 1936 mug book, *History of San Diego County*.

Carole showed photographs of many early 19th and 20th century homes, businesses and street scenes in both Sacramento, San Diego and Germany.

She has collected antique and modern studio art clothing buttons for years and has had custom buttons made to commemorate important places and events in her family history. For instance, she has an enamel button of the Heilbron Mansion, and has produced a display with other pictures of the mansion. She also shared some of her collections of glass paper-weights, and cross stitched cards – all with family ties.

This was an interesting presentation – a mix of local history and family history, with the button collection to add flavor to it.



Southern California Genealogy Jamboree 2018

The 2018 SCGS Genealogy Jamboree Conference is **May 31 to June 2 at the Los Angeles Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel** (2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank CA 91505, near Burbank Airport). The registration, hotel and parking information is on the <http://genealogyjamboree.com/> web page.

There are four separate conferences on the three days:

- Thursday, 31 May: JamboFREE 2018 – no fee, 3 sessions between 8:30 a.m. And 6 p.m.
- Thursday, 31 May: Family History Writer's Conference – registration required, fee, 10 speakers.
- Thursday, 31 May: Genetic Genealogy 2018 – registration required, fee, 25 classes
- Friday-Saturday, 1-2 June: Jamboree 2018 – registration required, fee, 100+ classes
- Expo Hall (FREE!) is open at 12:30 to 6 p.m on Thursday, 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. On Friday/Saturday.

Register at <http://genealogyjamboree.com/registration-faqs/> – fees depend on which conferences you choose. The last day to pre-register is Saturday, 12 May. You will need to register for the Conference before reserving a hotel room at the Marriott hotel. The room block is selling out fast.

Barbara (Largey) Ibaibarriaga Passed Away

Longtime CVGS member, Barbara Louise (Largey) Ibaibarriaga passed away on 12 April 2018. Barbara served as Membership Chair and First Vice-President, Programs while a member of CVGS.

The Daughters of Union Veterans, Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent #5 Chapter, provided this life summary:

Barbara Louise Largey was born in Los Angeles on May 14, 1950. She later married in San Diego on May 27, 1982 to Fernando M. Ibaibarriaga. Barbara passed away with her daughter Celestial and husband Fernando by her side on Thursday April 12, 2018 just 60 days after being diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer.

Her Great-Grandfather was her Civil War patriot ancestor, Private Daniel Webster Hixson, Company "C", 30th Iowa Infantry.

Barbara was the DUVCW Junior Vice President for quite a few years. Her mother, Joan Largey, who was also a mainstay in the Tent, served as the chaplain until last year. Joan passed on February 12, 2017. Barbara now joins her mother who she dearly missed.

Barbara, during our October meeting, brought us so many interesting stories regarding the Civil War with "eerie" events that would always make our Halloween Season especially fun. Barbara was a bright spot in our midst and that light has now gone from our midst.

A card sent to her daughter Celestial Alls or her husband Fernando Ibaibarriaga would be appreciated. The address is the same as in the directory: P. O. Box 1372, National City, CA 91951-1372.

No arrangements for a Memorial or Funeral have been made at this time. We will keep everyone updated with any events that may be planned in the future by the family.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com)

- Tuesday, 8 May, 11 a.m.: MyHeritage speaker on "[Discover Your Family in School Yearbooks](#)"
- Wednesday, 9 May, 5 p.m.: Cyndi Ingle on "[The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper](#)"
- Friday, 11 May, 11 a.m.: Angela Walton-Raji on "[A Checklist of African-American Resources](#)"
- Tuesday, 15 May, 5 p.m.: Paula Stuart-Warren on "[Good Research Habits](#)"
- Wednesday, 16 May, 11 a.m.: Blaine Bettinger on "[The First 5 Things To Do With Your New Test Results](#)"
- Tuesday, 22 May, 11 a.m.: MyHeritage speaker on "[How to Use the Smart Matches & Record Matches MyHeritage Technologies](#)"
- Wednesday, 23 May, 11 a.m.: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen on "[Quaker Migration Into America](#)"
- Wednesday, 30 May, 11 a.m.: Luana Darby on "[The Palatine Immigrants: Tracing and Locating 18th Century German Immigrants Online](#)"

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 650 webinars at any time.

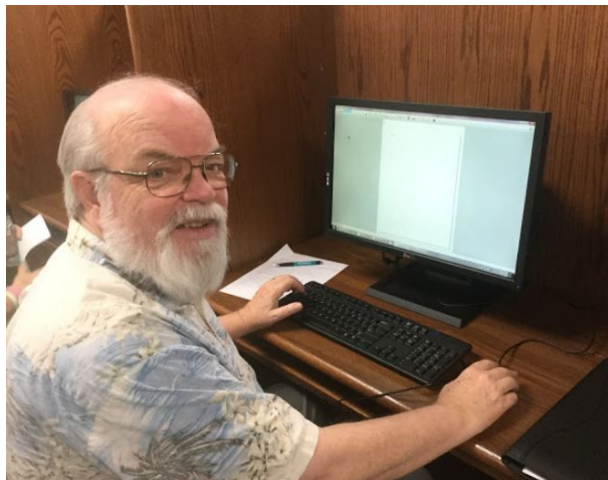


April 11th Research Group Review

We had ten attendees at the CVGS Research Group meeting on 11 April in the Civic Center Library Auditorium.

In the first hour, Randy highlighted:

- MyHeritageDNA has added a chromosome browser and permits download of all matching autosomal DNA segments that can be analyzed in a spreadsheet. He demonstrated the matches, the browser, and a spreadsheet.
- Ancestry continues to have search and match problems on their site. Sometimes users get results that are not linked correctly.
- A Find A Grave request for photos of gravestones was fulfilled for 3rd great grandparents Jonathan and Miranda (Wade) White in Rhode Island.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Sam has been working on standardizing the data in his “Places” in his Family Tree Maker file. He is hoping that this will help when taking trips and looking to see if he happens to have relatives (current or past) in any of the places they may be passing through or stopping.
- Helen received an Ancestry mail from a 2nd cousin who had tested with AncestryDNA. Helen has a large tree and couldn't imagine how someone would be related that she didn't know about. Over a period of time, and a lot of research, and getting to meet each other, they came to realize that Lisa, who was adopted with adoption records, was not the biological daughter of the listed father. The biological father was a cousin to Helen's mother. They are still searching for records for the listed mother, who is believed to be the biological mother, and are having some success, mostly thanks to the help of Randy.
- Bobbie said that two male members of her family had a different Y-haplogroup from 23andMe DNA tests. She found out that one test was done with a version 4 chip and the other one was done with a version 5 chip. One of the haplogroups was actually a subgroup of the other. She recently made a reading list of five books relating to her family ancestors to send to her six siblings and four children. One book was an historical fiction of life in Germany from the 1500's to the 1850s. The other four books were about specific ancestors, two in Quebec Province and two in Acadia (now Nova Scotia).
- John asked about a new DNA feature with Family Tree Maker, but it was agreed we had too little time remaining for this session to explain all the features and we would discuss it at a later meeting.
- Arlene is working on finding the parents of her great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Henrietta Fairchild b. 1820/21 Ohio (no records found yet other than census when she was an adult married to Jacob P. Irwin - she does have marriage record from Ancestry. Curious about the middle name of her son George SUTTON Irwin. She Googled Sueton Fairchild and hasn't figured out which of his relatives might be a candidate for the father. However the Fairchild men were of interest with Wikipedia articles about four of them having been presidents of Oberlin and Berea in Kentucky universities.
- Karen Y. hasn't had time to do much personal research, but is still working on her family history timelines. She reported reading a book about the infamous Tennessee Children's Home scandal, in which 5,000 children were abducted and sold to adoptive parents from the 1920's to 1950. With advances of DNA testing, some of the survivors have found their birth families.

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Save the Date: 29 September 2018 for CVGS/CVPL Family History Day

CVGS is inviting the public to join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library to learn more about genealogy, meet the CVGS membership, and receive assistance on researching their genealogy. The event is free. This year's theme will be "DNA Research."

The FamilySearch Library will have personnel and computers to assist in one on one research.

Family History Day will be in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, and CVGS members are encouraged to attend. Randy Seaver will talk about "Using DNA Results in Your Genealogy Research" at 10:30 a.m. followed by a special presentation at 12 noon on "Who Is ... Greg Cox," the genealogy and family history of the former Chula Vista mayor and current County Supervisor.

Join us, we need volunteers to assist at different activities, or just come and enjoy the day.

What: 3rd Annual Family History Day

When: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Where: Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista

Who: CVGS Members and Public



April 11th Research Group Review (concluded)

- Diane received a 4th cousin DNA match from Ancestry.com. The young woman was on the Gomez side of the Godinez family tree. She knew some things about her family but not that her great-grandfather had two wives, one in Mexico and one in California. In another story, an uncle of Selina spoke about Cipriana Godinez, the woman who married José Asencion Gómez. Relatives in Mexico remembered that Cipriana had died in a fire in Mexico City. So it seems that family members who started out in central Mexico, moved further south to the capital and then some others moved north to San José, California.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 9 May 2018 at 12 noon in the Conference Room of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910).

Recent Genealogy News

- [Free Family History Library Classes and Webinars for May 2018](#)
- [New Book Available – World War I Genealogy Research Guide](#)
- [New Feature: Pedigree View for MyHeritage Family Trees](#)
- [Announcing the Virtual Genealogical Society](#)
- [New England Historic Genealogical Society Publishes "2020 – Your Guide to the Mayflower 400th Anniversary"](#)
- [Report: Police used genealogy sites to track down serial killer suspect](#)

Welcome New Members

Mary Quisenberry

Current Membership (as of 5/1): 88

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Ana Castro, Jo Ann Bonner,
Barbara Ibaibarriaga, Jean Taylor

Meeting Host Volunteers

May 30th: Susan Zimmer and Karen Yarger

June 27th: CVGS Picnic

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

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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Carole Sobke –	619-465-5286

CVGS Society Officers

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Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
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San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, May 12th, 10 a.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Speaker: Warren Bittner, CG on
“Exhausting Research to Find an
Impossible Immigrant”

and

“Bads, Bergs, Burgs and Bachs”

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

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich

cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 22nd, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Sara Cochran on

“Locating Records In Archives From
Your Couch”

Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)

Contact: Jim Jacobson (lj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

Southern California Genealogical
Society (SCGS) Genealogy Jamboree

31 May – 2 June 2018

Burbank, California

Register at:

<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, May 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, at CVCCB Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, May 16, 12 noon – No Computer Group Meeting.**
- **Wednesday, May 30, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Diane Godinez: “Finding Home From Here to There – A Guide to Canadian Resources” at CVCCB Auditorium.**
- **Saturday, June 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD” at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.**
- **Wednesday, June 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, at CVCCB Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, June 21, 12 noon – No Computer Group Meeting.**
- **Wednesday, June 28, 11 a.m. – CVGS Picnic: Theme: “Remembering Wanda Brock” at home of Gary Brock.**
- **Saturday, July 1, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD” 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** Contact Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net) for program details.

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