



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, 27 June 2018, 11 a.m. To 2 p.m.

CVGS Annual Picnic

Theme: “Memories of Wanda Brock”

at Home of Gary Brock (4397 Allen School Lane, Bonita CA 91902)

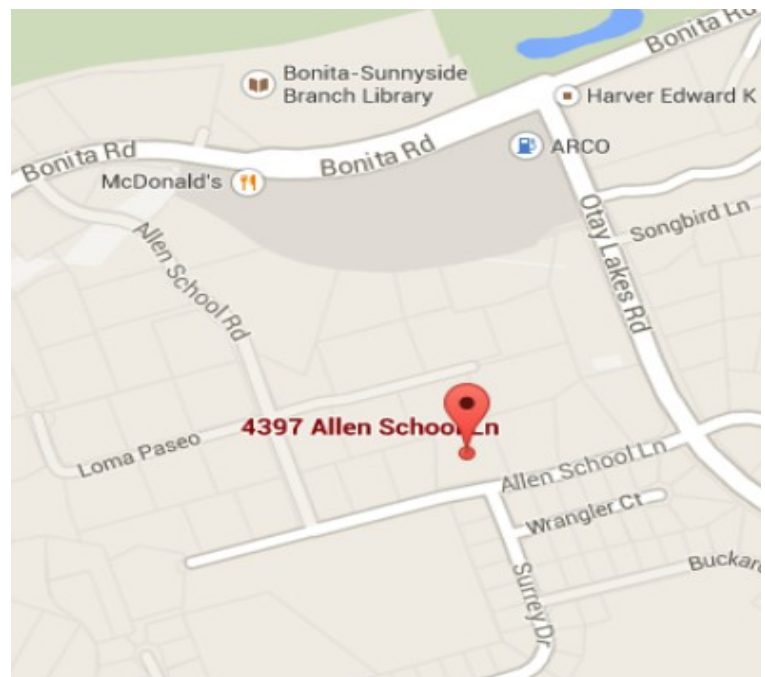
The theme this year is “Memories of Wanda Brock,” celebrating her life with our society members and members of her church group.

Wanda, a long time member, officer and committee member of the Society passed away on January 7, 2018 and had wanted her passing to be celebrated not with sorrow but instead with a party with lots of laughter and joy. So if you have a story or a remembrance of Wanda bring it along to share.

Parking will be available on the property with assistants to help you park.

The hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst sausages will be provided by the Society, along with the buns, plates, napkins, utensils and water.

A \$5 donation per person is requested. Please bring a favorite dish to share with everyone. Call Karen Polk (619-972-7251) if you have any questions. Sign up at the Research Group meeting or on the website (www.cvgenealogy.org on the Events tab).



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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



The CVGS presented two high school scholarships during the last week of May. Ralph Muñoz presented our \$500 scholarship to Dayna Linh Pham of Otay Ranch High School and I presented our \$250 scholarship to Selena Serna of Hilltop High school. Selena will be attending the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Prior to our May 30th General meeting, Carole Sobke and Marie Otto of the Native Daughters of the Golden West donated a California State flag to the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library which was received by Erni Barros and Joy Whatley. Our society donated the stand and flag pole for the California flag to the library.

Ana and I celebrated Memorial Day by visiting the grave sites of my three uncles who served during WWII to demonstrate our honor for their service. The Rosecrans National Cemetery was crowded with visitors just like us.

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 – 7 July 2018

The July 7th 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 “What They Drank and How It Affects Your Genealogy” presented by Susi Pentico.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting

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

- Wednesday, 20 June, 6 p.m.: “Review of NGS 2018 Conference” 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 (ceasarcastro@gmail.com)

Cemetery Help Needed

The Cemetery Committee would like a couple more volunteers to check the La Vista Cemetery data base for errors or omissions. Currently the data base is printed out for ease in reading. Ideally, the group could meet once a week, or more often, at one of the libraries. Contact Susan Zimmer (alandsuezimmer@cox.net) if you can help.

SCGS Genealogy Jamboree Report

Six CVGS members ventured to Burbank on 31 May to 2 June to attend the 49th Annual Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree. Susan Zimmer, Virginia Taylor, Karen Smith, Randy Seaver, and Heather Goebel were there. The 50th Jamboree will be next year from 30 May to 2 June 2019 at the Los Angeles Burbank Airport Marriott hotel.

The May 31 activities included a separate Genetic Genealogy Conference, a separate Family History Writing conference, and the JamboFree events. On June 1-2, there were over 100 classes and workshops covering all subjects. The Exhibit Hall was open all three days and had about 80 exhibitors. In addition, there were two evening dinners and two luncheons with notable speakers.

Scholarships Awarded to Two SUHSD Seniors

The CVGS Scholarship Committee received a number of applications this year, and selected two to receive the CVGS Scholarships. They were:

- Selena Serna of Hilltop High School received a \$250 scholarship, presented by Ceasar Castro.
- Dayna Linh Pham of Otay Ranch High School received a \$500 scholarship, presented by Ralph Munoz.



Report From NGS Conference, by Susi Pentico

I attended the National Genealogical Society 2018 Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan in early May with my daughter-in-law, CVGS member Elizabeth Pentico. It was a great event in a great setting, next to the Grand River. The Gerald Ford Presidential Library was across the river and was our one night event attended. Much information was garnered that will be shared over the next few months at Workshops and in reports to the newsletter.

The keynote speaker was absolutely awesome - John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA, who talked about the creation and use of the Erie Canal. He is funny and informative at the same time. I attended nine presentations (speakers John Phillip Colletta, Jen Baldwin, Tony Burroughs, David Rencher, Jim Brewster of FTDNA, Diahna Southard, Lori Thornton and others) and will share information as time allows. We split some events so that we can share more data with you. I also talked with many people whom I know and many we have never met before.

Elizabeth and I went to Ft. Wayne, Indiana and enjoyed the Genealogical Library of the Allen County Public Library. I brought back nine flyers with URLs and book lists for nine states to share with society (New York, Ohio, Maine, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, Wyoming).

We were able to break through some of Elizabeth's brick walls we have worked on for 3 years. I was able to get copies of the Beekman Patent papers I've needed for about four years, which brought about a terrific conversation with their Head Librarian, Curt Witcher.

May 30th Program Review

The May 30th CVGS meeting began with a joint presentation of a California Flag and a flagpole to the Chula Vista Public Library. The flag was donated by the Native Daughters of the Golden West, while the flagpole came from our genealogical society. Marie Otto, of the Native Daughters, explained the meaning of the symbols on the flag, which was adopted by the state in 1911.



The program speaker was CVGS member **Patricia Diane Godinez** and her topic was **"Finding Home Here and There."** Diane said her starting point was her maiden name, Longhurst. She stated that Canadian research varies and as she continued, differences were clear. DNA was also a source of information, especially when it helped her connect with a cousin from her hometown, Victoria, B.C.

There was a real wealth of information about Canada, including its cities, industries, languages (did you know that one is Mandarin?), education, geography, culture, and customs. Through her slides, Diane traced the journey of her grandfather, a wheat farmer, to western Canada. Her grandmother Lulu Longhurst, was one of the "Home Children," sent from England to Canada. Though sent with the promise of a better life, it did not usually turn out that way for these children.

One interesting document was an Attestation Paper (like our draft card) that contained lots of family information. The Canadian Census also varies from our own.

Diane's great grandparents came to Canada through the Petworth Emigration Project, which aided emigrants from England to escape the economic downturn after the Napoleonic Wars. They sailed from Portsmouth in England to Upper Canada (present-day Ontario). Her Longhursts came in 1834 and her Podgorencos came through Ellis Island in 1911.



Upcoming Regional and National Conferences

- **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference** – August 22-25, 2018 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Information at <https://www.fgsconference.org/registration/>
- **i4GG Genetic Genealogy (DNA) Conference** – December 8-9, 2018 in San Diego, California at the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel. Information at <http://i4gg.org/event-information/>
- **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference** – May 8-11, 2019 in St. Charles, Missouri. Information at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- **The International German Genealogy Conference, "Strike It Rich! with Connections To Discoveries"** on 15-17 June 2019 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California. Information at Conference site: <https://www.iggpartner.org>.

Leonard Reveal (1931-2018) Passed Away

Leonard Terrell Reveal was born on October 1st, 1931 in Illinois by his proud parents, Ivan Lindsay Lyle Reveal and Alice Mae Goodwine. Leonard came to the San Diego area by way of the U.S. Navy (both active and reserves) as a Lieutenant Commander. He resided in San Diego for about 50 years. He received a Masters in Education, and after retiring from the Navy he became a mathematics teacher in the Sweetwater Union High School District.



After retiring from the education profession, Leonard kept busy and enjoyed traveling, studying French, creating stained glass pieces, and cooking. Leonard was a well rounded man and loved his friends and family. He also loved watching all sports, attending plays, symphonies and operas. He especially enjoyed his involvement in the Robert Burns Club, the Hammer Club and attending Scottish Highland Games. He met, fell in love with, and married Crystal Lynne Reveal.

Leonard passed away on May 20th, 2018. He is survived by wife, Crystal; siblings, Stephen and MariAlice; daughters Susan, Kathleen, Karen, Patricia, and son, Brian; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Leonard left a powerful impact on every one who knew him. He will be dearly missed and his memories will always be cherished.

Leonard joined CVGS in 1996, served on the Board for several years, volunteered at the library, and was an Honorary Life Member.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com)

- Wednesday, 13 June, 5 p.m. – [Easily Read Old Style American Handwriting](#), by Sharon Monson
- Tuesday, 19 June, 11 a.m. – [You Need a Search Strategy: Maximizing Your Results with Online Genealogical Databases](#), by Mike Mansfield
- Tuesday, 19 June, 5 p.m. – [Using Maps in Genealogical Research](#), by Sara A. Scribner
- Wednesday, 27 June, 11 a.m. – [Lightroom or Photoshop? What should I use for my photo editing?](#), by Jared Hodges
- Friday, 6 July, 11 a.m. – [Legacy 9 Unlocked \(part 4\): Adding Estate/Probate Records](#), by Geoff Rasmussen

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 700 webinars at any time.

Do You Want a Monthly DNA Class?

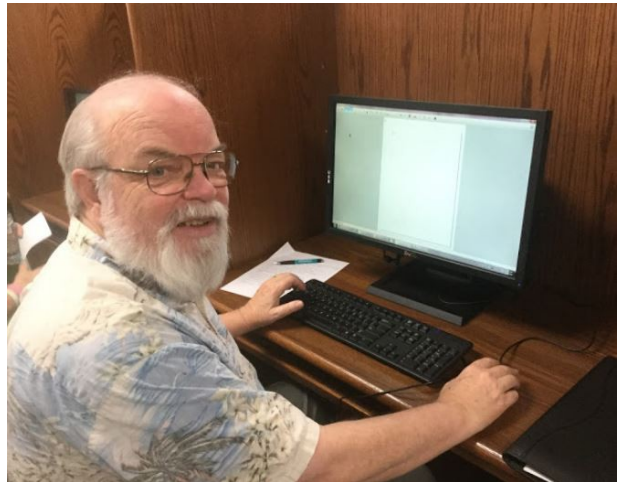
Randy Seaver suggested holding a monthly DNA Analysis class on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Library Computer Lab if it is of interest to members. The class would include instruction and review of DNA testing and results, plus questions and answers. It could start in October if there is sufficient interest. Please let Randy of your interest (randy.seaver@gmail.com).

May 9th Research Group Review

We had 14 attendees, including two non-members, at the May 9th Research Group meeting.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- The AncestryDNA information on the Overview page, including Ethnicity estimates, DNA Circles, the DNA Match list, Shared Ancestors, and Shared Matches.
- Using MyHeritageDNA to download your Match list and the shared chromosome segments, put them in a spreadsheet to order them by chromosome and starting SNP so you can identify groups that have the same ancestral match. He has over 40 matches who are Seaver matches, but knows the common ancestor of only two of them.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Joanna is trying to get started doing research again.
- Gary has a new 2nd cousin DNA match.
- Karen P. said she has been doing research with her 2nd cousin who lives here in Chula Vista. She has also reached out to a couple other relatives for new or updated information on her and her husband's family lines. She will be attending the SCGS Jamboree and hopes to learn methods and techniques for research.
- Diane G. reported on the wonderful news that her Canadian Houghton line, which goes back in records to England, to the year of 1760, has actually been traced back even further to 1066 AD. That is from two Canadians cousins, one who is currently in England, teaching and researching. However, a third Houghton cousin said differently, noting that the known ancestor was born illegitimate in a workhouse.
- Gonzalo found his Grandfather's border crossing data from 1929. His wife acquired a copy of her half-brother's passport.
- Susan M's husband has an ancestor whose birth father in Scotland was a priest, and moved to Canada and then Hawaii. She noted: "Being my first time, I could not contribute much, but I will be able to hone skills I have gained over many years to help others. I use a lot of deductive reasoning and then find proof to correct some branches of my family tree. Thank you for making me aware of some of the newer online resources."
- Shirley is working on her grandfather's adoption challenge.
- Patti is new, and is starting out on a 4 generation pedigree chart after meeting Gary and Virginia at Bonita-Sunnyside library.
- Helen S. is still searching for second cousin Lisa's half sisters, with the hope that at least one of them will have information about the mother, whom she has been unable to locate since 1980. She also hopes they have information re Lisa's grandmother's maiden name and last location.
- Karen Y. reported on her day representing CVGS at the San Diego History Center's "Free Tuesday" with a table display in their lobby. Several people stopped by, interested in topics from DNA testing to finding adoption records, and were invited to come to our meetings. And not for the first time, she had to explain that we don't just do 'Chula Vista genealogy'.
- John asked a niece and her husband to investigate cemeteries for a missing Great-Great Grandfather near Spokane, Washington and he is collaborating with other DNA match cousins, on line, to understand our exact relationships.

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," with 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,
10:30 a.m. To 3 p.m.**

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

Who: CVGS Members and Public



Ancestors Matter- Tell A Story

Genealogy is not only about birth dates and death dates, there is so much more to know about who the person was; the struggles they faced and what life was like when they lived. Share your ancestor with us (CVGS) and write an essay to describe a person, place or event. Use an old photograph (circa 1850-1920) from your collection of inherited photos and tell us the interesting story. This is a story you tell from your point of view of learned facts from your genealogical research of your ancestor's life, the place where they lived, or an event they experienced. The essays will be on display along with a copy of the photograph on Family History Day. The Guidelines for Essays are:

Find an old photograph, the oldest you have (from 1850 to 1920) and write an essay to honor the life of one of your ancestors. Tell us about their life, an interesting event, or how they came to the United States.

1. At the top of essay, write the Name of Ancestor (birth and death dates.)
2. At the bottom of the essay page, print your name and relationship to the ancestor
3. Write no more than 450 words, size 14 font, single spaced, narrow margins
4. One page for the essay (8 ½ by 11 inch)
5. One page for photograph copy. At the bottom of page, print the year of photograph (if known) or the year the event took place. Write your name on the back.

The written essays and photographs will be posted on a display board at the CVPL for visitors to read and enjoy. The work submitted will not be returned, so please submit copies. Join us in sharing the history of our ancestors.

DUE DATE: NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 29. Submit work via email to Ana Castro (rcastro@cox.net) OR Jane Strawn (jstrawn2@cox.net). You can also give your work to Ana Castro at the CVGS General Meeting on or before August 29.

Welcome New Members

Susan McClure

Current Membership (as of 6/1): 90

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Family of Leonard Reveal

Meeting Host VolunteersJune 27th: CVGS PicnicJuly 25th: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/Karen Polk
Librarian	Ann Stevens
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, June 9th, 10 a.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Speaker: Hal Horrocks on
“Finding Colonial Records”
and “English Parish Registers”

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
(8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego)
Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich
cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, June 26th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Barbara Randall on
“Nil Sé Blarney (It’s Not Blarney):
Irish Records”

Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)
Contact: Jim Jacobson (ljj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

Federation of Genealogical Societies
(FGS) Conference

22 – 25 August 2018

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Register at:

<http://www.fgs.org>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, June 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, June 27, 11 a.m. – CVGS Picnic: Theme: “Remembering Wanda Brock”** at home of Gary Brock (4397 Allen School Lane, bonita CA 91902).
- **Saturday, July 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “What They Drank and How It Affects Your Genealogy”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.
- **Wednesday, July 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 25, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Judy Helton: “Hidden in Plain Sight”** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, August 4, 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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