



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Saturday, 29 September 2018, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m **CVGS/CVPL 3rd Annual Family History Day**

CVGS and the Chula Vista Public Library are inviting the public to join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street) to learn more about genealogy and DNA, meet the CVGS membership, and receive assistance on researching their genealogy. The event is free. **This year's theme will be "DNA Research."**

There will be activities for everyone – build a family tree, search for records online, learn about DNA research, browse the book collection, children's activities, and ask questions about genealogy and family history. The FamilySearch Library will have personnel and computers to assist in one on one research.

Family History Day is in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, and CVGS members are encouraged to attend. Randy Seaver will talk about **"An Overview of Autosomal DNA Testing and Analysis for Genealogy"** at 10:30 a.m., followed by a special presentation at 12 noon on **"Who Is ... Greg Cox, County Supervisor"** with the genealogy and family history of the former Chula Vista mayor and current supervisor.

Come and support your society, learn about autosomal DNA testing and analysis, Greg Cox's ancestry, and have some family history fun.



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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



DISAPPOINTING NEWS – no one wants to be President of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. The Nominating Committee has asked numerous society members about serving on the Board for open positions. No one has accepted the nomination for President. My two year term ends in December.

A few of the duties of the President are listed below.

- The President is responsible for ensuring that the Society business be conducted in a lawful, timely and appropriate manner so the purpose, goals and objectives of the Society are met.
- The President shall provide an agenda and preside over the monthly Board meeting...
- The President shall demonstrate personal characteristics that epitomize leadership qualities...
- The President is an ambassador to the community and shall represent the Society in a favorable manner...

The Society cannot function without a President. Please consider taking the position of CVGS President. The time is now to step forward. Send me an email (ceasarrcastro@gmail.com) if you are available for the position of CVGS President.

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.

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 General 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 October 2018

The October 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 “Lost Ancestors” presented by Susi Pentico.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting

The Lemon Grove Research Group will meet at the Lemon Grove Public Library on:

- Wednesday, 19 September, 6 p.m.: “More Information From Grand Rapids 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, or need assistants. 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, and working with the Wild Apricot management system. 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.

Monthly DNA Interest Group Starts 17 October

You asked, the Board acted. A monthly Chula Vista DNA Interest Group (CVDIG) will be on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

The first meeting will be on 17 October. Randy Seaver will moderate this group, which will consist of a short presentation on an aspect of DNA testing, analysis and/or research, and then the attendees will discuss their questions, successes and challenges.

August Saturday Workshop Review, by Cynthia Teysko

The group met on August 4th at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library for a presentation by Susi Pentico. She discussed highlights from the many talks she attended at the National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on May 2nd through 5th, 2018. To learn more about the Society go to www.ngsgenealogy.org.

John Philip Colletta gave the keynote address entitled “The Erie Canal and the Peopling of the Great Lakes States.” He discussed the many profound changes the canal brought to the local area, the East Coast, and the Westward Expansion of the country. For millions of our ancestors, the Erie Canal changed everything. We can all imagine some of the changes: many gained employment working on the original canal during the years of construction (1817-1825), traveling was easier and faster where the main canal and offshoots were built, and communities expanded or were developed along the route to furnish the supplies required for the workers. Changes we might not have considered: commerce expanded, business flourished, and workers and their families had the opportunity to meet and get to know people from different backgrounds and ethnicities as food, recipes, and stories were traded and enjoyed. As villages and towns grew, especially near the routes passing through uninhabited areas, the residents learned to work together and depend on each other for support and help. And naturally, the curious were eager to take an afternoon ride up the waterway to see what was going on upstream. Recommended reading:

- *The Mighty Chain: A Guide to Canal Records in the New York State Archives* at www.archives.nysed.gov/publications/mighty-chain-guide-canal-records-new-york-state-archives.

Tony Burroughs gave a presentation entitled “The Nature of Genealogy through a War of 1812 Ancestor.” He pointed out what a genealogist must do to be successful: learn about and understand history, be knowledgeable about the many aspects of research, know what repositories are available and what records they hold, analyze your findings, and go public. Recommended reading:

- Schweitzer, George K, *Pennsylvania Genealogical Research* (this author has written many books. A list can be found at: <http://www.yogs.com/OtherPubs/GeorgeSchweitzer.htm>)
- www.archives.gov/research_room/federal_records_guide/
- Hickey, Donald R, *The War of 1812: A Short History*

Kirstin Harms (<http://RelativeProof.com>) presented “Virtue, Liberty, and Independence: Pennsylvania Research.” Recommended reading:

- Iscrupe, William L, and Shirley, G M, *Pennsylvania Line: A Research Guide to Pennsylvania Genealogy and Local History*
- Pennsylvania Archives: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Pages/default.aspx>

Jen Baldwin spoke on: “The Impact of Beer in American History.” It is common knowledge that surface water may be unsafe to drink. Our ancestors discovered this the hard way. Early colonial communities without a brewer, who knew how to properly prepare beer, had high death rates from drinking water from available streams and ponds. In 1609, help wanted ads appeared in London newspapers for brewers, and in 1620, when the Pilgrims arrived, seamen returning to England were worried about not having enough safe water for the long trip home. Properly brewed beer was essential to the survival of our forebears and the making of America.

Other presentations attended by Susi included “Grinding Out a Living: Millers and Millwrights,” “The YDNA Test Should Be Your Favorite,” “Slice of the (DNA) Pie,” and “Reading Immigrant Clues in Family Photos.”

At the end of the day, we all learned something from this informative and entertaining talk.

August 29th General Meeting Review

Annette Hubbell presented her one-woman show, “Women Warriors” on 29 August for the CVGS General Meeting to 25 members and guests. Using costume props and appropriate accents, she depicted the stories of four notable historical women in first person narrative from a “heavenly” perspective:

- Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955, advisor to four U.S. Presidents),
- Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983, a Holocaust survivor and protector of Nazi-era fugitives),
- Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896, anti-slavery advocate and author of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*)
- Sojourner Truth (1797-1883, an early champion of women’s rights).

Mary McLeod Bethune's parents were slaves, and Mary desired education, and she graduated from college. She ran a mission school with her husband, Albertus Bethune, and was one of the founders of Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Florida. In her later years, she was an advisor to Presidents Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, and was part of Roosevelt's “Black Cabinet” of advisors.



Corrie ten Boom was a female watchmaker in Holland before World War II, was a devout Christian, and had no husband or children. During the Nazi occupation, she and her parents hid Jewish fugitives in a secret room. The Gestapo sent her to prison in 1944, but she read her hidden Bible every night. After her release, she preached forgiveness and love for all persons. In her later years, she wrote books and spoke about her experiences in many countries.

Harriet Beecher Stowe was a preacher's kid from Connecticut with 7 brothers and a sister who became ministers. She moved to Ohio in 1832 and married Calvin Stowe there in 1836. They moved to Brunswick, Maine and in 1849 lost a son due to illness. They became abolitionists, and became part of the Unferground Railway helping runaway slaves. In 1851 and 1852, she wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin* to describe the realities of slavery in the South. She met President Abraham Lincoln in 1862.

Sojourner Truth was uneducated but articulate, born a slave to a Quaker family in New York, but escaped slavery with her daughter in 1828. God revealed himself to her, and she felt called to go into the countryside and speak “testifying the hope that was in her.” She became an ardent speaker for the abolition of slavery and for equal rights for women. In 1850, she dictated her life story and William Lloyd Garrison published the book about her life. She moved to Michigan in 1867 and continued speaking out for equal rights for all people.

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, DNA success stories, neat stuff, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/09/genealogy-news-bytes-4-september-2018.html>.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com)

- Wednesday, 12 September, 5 p.m.: [Examining Migration & Researching Migrants in the British Isles](#), by Julie Goucher
- Friday, 14 September, 11 a.m.: [Slave Narratives: Telling the Story of Slavery and Families](#), by Ann Staley
- Tuesday, 18 September, 5 p.m.: [Using Lists to Find Proof](#), by Cari Taplin
- Wednesday, 19 September, 11 a.m.: [25 Simple Research Hacks Every Genealogist Should Know](#), by Lisa Alzo
- Tuesday, 25 September, 11 a.m.: [Importance of Newspapers for family research](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 3 October, 11 a.m.: [Remote Research in the Databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Research System](#), by Rick Sayre
- Friday, 5 October, 11 a.m.: [Legacy 9 Unlocked \(part 7\): Adding Email Correspondence](#), by Geoff Rasmussen
- Tuesday, 9 October, 11 a.m.: [On the Go: Using Your Mobile Device for Genealogy](#), by MyHeritage
- Wednesday, 10 October, 11 a.m.: [In Search of My Brother's Mother - An Adoption Story](#), by Beth Foulk

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 800 webinars at any time.

Upcoming Regional and National Conferences

- **i4GG International 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/>
- **RootsTech 2019 Conference** – February 27 to March 2, 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Information at <https://www.rootstech.org>.
- **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference** – May 8-11, 2019 in St. Charles, Missouri. Information at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- **Southern California Genealogy Jamboree 2019** – May 30 to 2 June 2019, in Burbank, Calif. Information at <https://www.genealogyjamboree.com>.
- **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>.

Genealogy News Articles

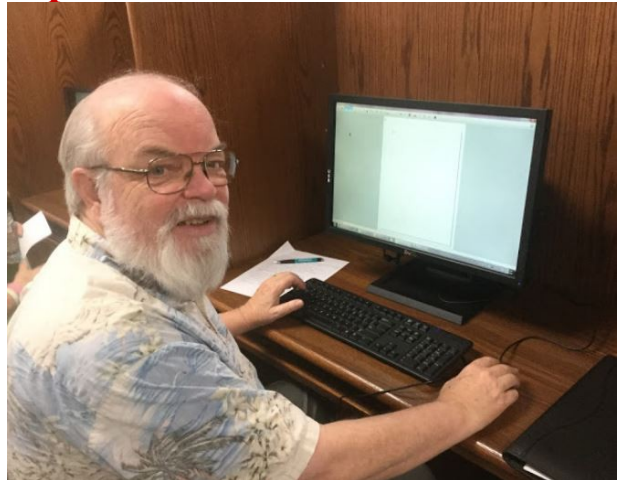
- [Where to Find Genealogy Help on Facebook](#) by Michele Lewis on the Legacy News blog.
- [Understanding Your AncestryDNA Matches](#) by Gretchen on the Legacy Tree Genealogists blog.
- [Ancestry vs MyHeritage vs Findmypast: What's the Difference and Which One is Best?](#) by the writer of the Family History Daily blog.
- [The Average Marriage Before 1800 Lasted Only Seven Years](#) by Arlene Eakle on Arlene Eakle's Genealogy Blog.
- [The Archive Lady: Preserving Old Family Letters](#) by Melissa Barker on the Abundant Genealogy blog.
- [The Single Best Technique for Reading Old Genealogy Records: Immersion](#) by DiAnn Iamarino on the Fortify Your Family Tree blog.
- [Trying Out the FamilySearch Compare-a-Face App](#) by Randy Seaver on the Genea-Musings blog.

August 8th Research Group Review

The August 8th Research Group meeting had 18 in attendance.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Some sets of New York Births and New Jersey Deaths are online at www.ReclaimTheRecords.com.
- Some Los Angeles City and County Death Certificates are available on FamilySearch Catalog digital microfilm.
- Finding deeds for his 2nd great-grandfather Henry White (1824-1885) in Killingly CT using FamilySearch Catalog digital microfilm.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- **Helen S.** is searching for an obituary for Clark Arlington Potter, Jr. Born 1923 and died 2004 in La Jolla and/or his mother Agnes Potter who died in 1988 at his residence. Clark is buried at El Camino Memorial Park, and Helen is searching for possible descendants.
- **JoAnn** is trying to find out if the family story about her grandfather, John Thomas Sadler, going to prison is true. He was supposedly caught bootlegging/running moonshine during prohibition, around 1936, while living near Hagerstown, MD.
- **Susi** reported on a very intriguing DNA Match regarding her family and has not resolved how to handle the fallout it may bring. The irony is she has one on Mom's side and one on Dad's side.
- **Rob** asked if New Orleans was a port of entry for immigrants from Bremen (Germany) - it was. He also asked whether immigration from northern Europe in the 1840s was an organized affair with communities waiting to receive the newcomers, or if it was more common for families to travel individually. He also mentioned that family lore indicates that his great-great grandfather, Heinrich Sutemeier, settled in St. Louis in 1843 with his family at the age of twelve. However, he can find no record of him as an adult despite his becoming a successful merchant.
- **Nancy** found a photograph of a first cousin from a 1951 San Ysidro publication.
- **Susan M.** found the death record of her grandfather in Scotland from 1960.
- **Bobbie** recently read a very interesting book, *The Oregon Trail: a New American Journey*, written by Rinker Buck in 2015. It told of how he and his brother followed the original Oregon Trail by covered wagon pulled by two mules from St. Joseph, Missouri to Portland, Oregon. In planning their trip, Buck said he gained the best geographical guidance from the book, *Graves and Sites on the Oregon and California Trails*, written by Randy Brown in 2008. Part II of his book gives an account of each grave and how it got there and his biographies of buried pioneers.
- **Sam's** wife has a 2nd cousin DNA match on 23andMe where the match's father is adopted.
- **Virginia** found from a 23andMe DNA match that she is a 2nd cousin to a guy she grew up with in Indiana.

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

Special Invitation to CVGS/CVPL Family History Day

The Family History Day Committee has been working on preparing for our 3rd Annual event open to the public on September 29, 2018 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street). We invite all CVGS members to come and enjoy the day.

This year we are offering DNA which is a topic of interest to everyone. Randy Seaver, our Keynote Speaker, will discuss **“An Overview of Autosomal DNA Testing and Analysis for Genealogy.”** His presentation will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Library Auditorium. There will be door prize drawings for DNA kits after this presentation.

At 12 noon Randy will present **“Who is ... Greg Cox, County Supervisor?”** This will be a “Who Do You Think You Are?” type presentation discussing Greg Cox's ancestry, with Greg and his family in attendance. There will be door prize drawings for record provider subscriptions after this presentation.

Committee Members and Volunteers will be hosting activities such as 5 generation charts, research online, demonstrations on how to research specific countries, children's activities, DNA help, the genealogy book collection, and a special “Ancestors Matter” display. The FamilySearch Library will be on hand to provide research assistance with dedicated computers in the library.

There will be drawings for more door prizes throughout the day, and at 3 p.m. in the library entryway. For all door prizes, the ticket holder must be present to win.

It will prove to be an interesting day. Come, join us and bring a friend.

Ana Castro, FHD Committee Chair

Thank You Letter From 2018 Scholarship Winner, Dayna Pham

Dear Chula Vista Genealogical Society,

Thank you so much for your prestigious and generous scholarship award! I feel extremely honored to be a recipient of your scholarship.

Last month, I graduated from Otay Ranch High School, and in the fall I will be attending the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to major in Biology. My experiences have inspired me to use my education at UCLA to become an ophthalmologist. Attending UCLA for the next four years will keep me on the right path, as they offer ophthalmic seminars and workshops through the Stein Eye Institute, and vision-related community outreach through the Mobile Eye Clinic.

One of my long-term goals is to organize outreach missions to the countryside of Vietnam, giving free eye treatment where it is inaccessible. By volunteering both domestically and abroad, I can bring down cultural divides while giving the gift of sight, the perfect crossroad between culture, community, and medicine.

Thank you again for your investment in my future. I deeply appreciate your support, and will not disappoint you.

Best Regards,

Dayna Linh Pham

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 9/1): 86

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:
Virginia Taylor

Meeting Host Volunteers

October 31: Karen Smith and JoAnn Bonner

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

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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, October 13th, 10 a.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
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Speaker: Kitty Cooper on
“I Tested DNA. Now What?” and “How
do I use DNA Triangulation for My
Genealogy?”

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

Tuesday, September 25th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: TBD on
“TBD”

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

Upcoming Conferences

i4GG International Genetic Genealogy
(DNA) Conference –
December 8-9, 2018 in San Diego, Calif.
at Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel.
<http://i4gg.org/event-information/>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, September 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Family History Day:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Keynote Address “An Overview of DNA Testing and Analysis in Genealogy” by Randy Seaver** in CVCCB Auditorium
 - **12 noon: Special Presentation: “Who Is ... Greg Cox, County Supervisor,” by Randy Seaver** at CVCCB Auditorium
 - **Activities all day in the Library – see page 8.**
- **Saturday, October 6, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Lost Ancestors”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.
- **Wednesday, October 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, October 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, October 31, 12 noon – General Meeting: “Hidden in Plain Sight” by Judy Helton** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, November 3, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Randy Seaver: “Exploring FamilySearch Digital Microfilm”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.

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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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Ancestors Matter!

Saturday, September. 29, 2018

Chula Vista Public Library 365 F Street, Chula Vista

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Come
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10am-3pm

Bring the Family * Activities for All Ages*

Learn:

- About DNA and DNA Testing
- How to Build a Family Tree
- How to Search for Ancestors for Free
- How to Interest Your Family in Its History
- Activities for Children
- See Your Library's Genealogy Resources

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Explore the Family Tree of Our Supervisor and His Ancestors.

For more info go to cvgenealogy.org, or call toll free 1-844-268-2847
If you want help with your family tree, please bring names and dates