



**CHULA VISTA  
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NEWSLETTER**



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Wednesday, 12 December 2018, 11 a.m.

**Annual Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation**

**at Chula Vista South Branch Library (389 Orange Ave.) in Community Room**

The Annual Holiday Luncheon will be on Wednesday, 12 December at the Chula Vista South Branch Library (389 Orange Avenue in Chula Vista in the Conference Rooms at the west end of the building). Enter the parking lot from Orange Avenue east of Fourth Avenue. There is construction in the west end of the parking lot so you may have to enter through the main entrance and proceed to the west end of the library.

Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided by CVGS. The potluck breakdown for the rest of the meal will be coordinated by JoAnn Bonner (phone 619-892-2478 and email [jabonner13@gmail.com](mailto:jabonner13@gmail.com)) and Karen Polk (phone 619-972-7251 and email [karenpolk66@yahoo.com](mailto:karenpolk66@yahoo.com)). Please contact them by 10 December to coordinate the potluck dishes. The schedule is:

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

There will be a free door prize drawing, opportunity drawings for table decorations, and there will be an optional bring one/get one gift exchange (\$10 limit). Attendees are requested to bring non-perishable food and/or unwrapped toys for donation to the Salvation Army, and are requested to wear their best ugly Christmas sweaters. The program will be the installation of the newly elected 2019-2020 CVGS Board Officers.

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## President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



My term as President of the CVGS has come to an end. Your next President will be Karen Smith, a longtime member. I have been very fortunate in having an excellent Board during my two year term. One of the highlights during my term was Family History Day (FHD). I presented David Bejarano's genealogy at the 2017 FHD and Randy Seaver presented Greg Cox's genealogy at the 2018 FHD. Both were well received by the families.

Some challenges for the incoming year will be to increase membership and get members to actively participate. The new CVGS President will need your support.

As some of you know, I had a Pulmonary Embolism and was treated for the problem at Sharp hospital. I was in the hospital for five days. I am back home and doing great. I thank everyone for your kind letters and emails.

See you at the December 12th Holiday luncheon, 11am to 2pm at the South Chula Vista Branch Library. **Merry Christmas – Ceasar**

### 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, and the Research 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 [freelady72000@me.com](mailto: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 Saturday Workshop – 5 January 2019

The January 5<sup>th</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 “GEDmatch and DNA Painting, Part 2” presented by Tim and Bethel Williams.

## Next Lemon Grove Meeting

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

- Wednesday, 19 December, 6 p.m.: “**Lost Ancestors and Holiday Sharing**” moderated by Susi Pentico.

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

## Next Research Group Meeting – 9 January 2019

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 9 January 2019 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Please bring your genealogy research questions, challenges and successes to share with the group. Note that there is no Research Group meeting in December because of the Annual Holiday Luncheon to be held on 12 December.

## Next DNA Interest Group – 19 December 2018

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 December at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Randy Seaver moderates 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.

## 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:

\*\*\* **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 Cesar Castro ([ceasarcastro@gmail.com](mailto:ceasarcastro@gmail.com))

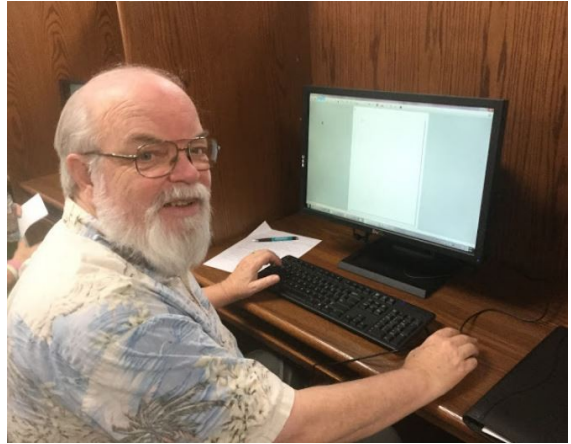
## Wedding Bells for Felipe Gutierrez and Patricia Diane Godinez

CVGS member Patricia Diane Godinez married Felipe Gutierrez on Saturday, 1 December at the Bonita Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Here is a picture of the happy couple.



## November 14<sup>th</sup> Research Group Review

The November 14<sup>th</sup> Research Group meeting had a hardy 7 attendees, mainly due to the difficulty in parking at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.



### **In the first hour, Randy discussed:**

- **Genealogy Bargains** are listed daily at Thomas MacEntee's website [www.GenealogyBargains.com](http://www.GenealogyBargains.com).
- **The MyHeritage Live! 2018 Conference** videos are available to watch for FREE on Family Tree Webinars (<https://familytreewebinars.com/mhlive2018>).
- **Ancestry "Quick and Dirty" trees** can be used to quickly find ancestors of DNA matches with small or unlinked public trees. See Blaine Bettinger's video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmOZXCxsqNU&t=237s> It works!
- **6<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather William Champlin's children are only identified by deeds in Rhode Island.** Land records can be found on FamilySearch digital microfilm by town.
- **Used Denmark civil records and census records on FamilySearch** to find grandparents of Maggie, my 103-year-old friend.

### **In the second hour, the attendees shared:**

- **Sam** noted that his wife has a 500 cM DNA match with two women, and they are in touch with them. Her grandfather had four wives.
- **Gary** described his recent vacation trip to Venice, the cruise to the Greek islands, and then train to Rome, Zurich and Paris.
- **Gonzalo** asked an acquaintance if she knew of a particular person that was from the area where her father was from. She did not, but in turn asked him if he knew anything about her father's two daughters before he married her mother. After a smile, he told her that he knew he had had one child. She is wondering how to go about finding information so she can meet her half sisters. Her father never wanted to talk about the subject.
- **Diane** has been busy working on last minute details for her December 1 wedding to Felipe Gutierrez. She has joined his family in Atenguillo, Jalisco, Mexico to my resources at Ancestry.com.
- **Karen Y.** has taken up her research on the Lecompte ancestors again. They settled on Maryland's eastern shore. She has discovered that a very good friend's ancestors settled there at about the same time and place. Could they have known each other? Traded with or married? They're trying to pin down the details...

NOTE: I take very poor notes at this meeting, so it behooves attendees to send me an email describing what they contributed to the meeting. Only 4 of the 7 attendees sent an email this month.

## **Who Do You Think You Are? Season Has Started**

The 11<sup>th</sup> season of *WDYTYA?* started on TLC on Monday, 3 December with Mandy Moore being the subject. There are three more episodes this month on Mondays – Josh Duhamel (10 December); Matthew Morrison (17 December); and Regina King (17 December). Check the TV listings for program times. You can watch past episodes at <https://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/>.

## November 21<sup>st</sup> DNA Interest Group Review

The second CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 21 November at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Conference Room. 17 members were in attendance.

Randy demonstrated and discussed AncestryDNA for most of the meeting, including:

- \* **Settings** – including downloading your raw DNA in a ZIP file for upload to another DNA provider.
  - \* **Ethnicity Estimate** -- Regions (reference groups), Migrations, and Timeline. AncestryDNA recently changed and added to their Regions definitions, and now has 15,000 reference group profiles in 350 regions.
  - \* **DNA Circles** – these include descendants from your common ancestors who have an Ancestry Member Tree with your ancestors. They may not be a DNA Match with you, but are with other DNA Circle members. A user can see the relationship paths from the common ancestors to themselves and to the DNA Circle member.
  - \* **New Ancestor Discoveries** -- these are historical persons that may have common ancestors in the trees of DNA Matches with you. I've never found a tree match.
  - \* **DNA Matches** -- these are persons who have a DNA match of at least 6 centiMorgans with you. The user can search Matches by surname and location; can see how much DNA is shared with a match; can view "Shared Ancestor" matches (a green leaf Hint, with relationship path for you and the match); can view "All Matches" (ordered by amount of shared centiMorgans for each match); can view "Shared Matches" in a list (other matches who share a DNA segment with you and your specific match); indication if a match has a public Ancestry Member Tree, a private tree, an unlinked tree, or no tree at all (you can review public trees and unlinked trees); view a Matches Map on the "All Matches" page.
- For each match, the user can compare ethnicities, send a message, add or edit a Note, and explore available trees to try to find common ancestors. I use the MedBetter DNA Chrome extension to display my Notes on the All Matches page.
- \* **Creating a Quick and Dirty Ancestry tree** to find common ancestors from public trees or unlinked trees - see Blaine Bettinger's YouTube video here. I do this in one private unsearchable tree using Ancestry's search capabilities, starting from someone in a Match's tree.
  - \* **To keep track of my AncestryDNA matches**, I use a spreadsheet to list Match user name, amount of shared DNA in cM, number of segments, if they have a tree, if they are in another set of DNA matches (like MyHeritage or GEDMatch), and if I have added their line to my RootsMagic tree.



The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be Wednesday, 19 December at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA).

**UPDATE:** MyHeritageDNA extended the deadline for free access to their DNA analysis tools after DNA raw data uploads from other companies to 16 December.



## December 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Workshop Review

**Tim and Bethel Williams presented “GEDmatch and DNA Painting” on Saturday, 1 December to 20 attendees at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library.**

**GEDmatch (<https://www.gedmatch.com>) is a FREE DNA matching and analysis website (you do have to register). Registered users can upload a person's raw DNA data (from one of the testing companies) and then matches it to other members on the GEDmatch site. Consequently, users may find DNA matches among the site users, and see a chromosome browser that identifies common DNA segments. A user can also upload a GEDCOM file of their family tree to help users find common ancestors to their DNA matches. Some attendees had already uploaded their raw data and GEDCOM file to GEDmatch.**

**Uploading the raw DNA files to GEDmatch was a problem at the library because too many uploads at a time overloaded the library's wifi system. By limiting the number of persons doing uploading at one time, the problem was solved but extended the time taken for this first step.**

**After uploading the raw DNA files, Tim introduced the basic DNA analysis results,. The user can see their DNA matches, how many centiMorgans they share with each match, an approximate relationship estimate, and the names and email addresses of the DNA matches.**

**Tim also discussed the information found in one-to-one chromosome matches, ethnicity estimates and DNA Painting. The latter provides a color representation of the ethnicities on each of the user's chromosomes. The attendees had many questions, but most figured out the concept at least.**

**Susi was amazed it can actually take certain lineages and tell you which ethnicity group your DNA data came from and from where. Ancient history is very helpful here. DNA Painting helped her grasp the various groups and the compatibility or not.**

**Tim provided an excellent handout with screen shots of the main GEDmatch pages, and a tutorial on terminology for the ethnicity estimates to help work through the process. It was uploaded to the CVGS web page and was sent to everyone on the CVGS member email list.**

## 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/2018/12/genealogy-news-bytes-4-december-2018.html>.**

**Randy also publishes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” with excellent genealogy writing and blogging. See a recent issue at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/12/best-of-genea-blogs-25-november-to-1.html>.**

**Where are you saving your digitized family photos so that your descendants can see them? See Randy's thoughts in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/12/where-am-i-saving-my-photos.html>.**

**Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter (<https://blog.eogn.com>) publishes genealogy news articles daily.**

## **SDGS Annual Meeting (12 January 2019) Featuring Curt Witcher**

The January 12, 2019 Annual Meeting and Winter Seminar of the San Diego Genealogical Society will be held at the Marina Village in the Captain's Room (1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109: For directions and map, see <http://marinavillage.net/contact-us/directions/>). Check-in time is 8 a.m., the Seminar is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. and Lunch is from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m.

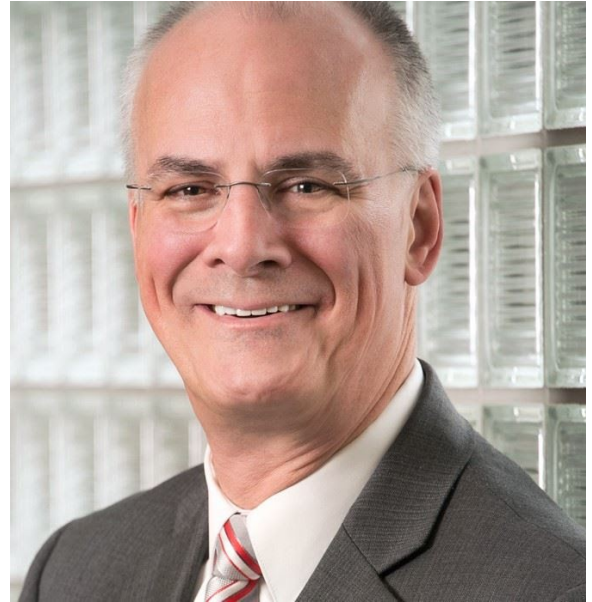
The Guest speaker is Curt Witcher, the Genealogy Center Manager at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Curt's four presentations will be:

\* **Session 1: Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries**

\* **Session 2: Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research**

\* **Session 3: Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research**

\* **Session 4: More Than Surname Surfing: Best practices for Using the Internet for the Genealogist**



For more information about the speaker see his [biographical information here](#).

The Early Bird price (November 1 to December 11, 2018) is: Members: \$45, Non-members \$55. From December 12, 2018 to January 10, 2019, the Regular price is: Members: \$55, Non Members \$65.

The price includes morning coffee/tea with pastries, and lunch. The lunch choice (comes with bottled water and cookie): Turkey sandwich with chips, or Cobb Salad.

Please [click here](#) to register online. Please [click here](#) for a paper registration form.

### **Upcoming Family Tree Webinars**

- Wednesday, 12 December, 5 p.m.: [101 Ways to Design a Genealogy Chart](#), by Janet Hovorka
- Friday, 14 December, 11 a.m.: [Citation for Beginners](#), by Shellee Morehead
- Tuesday, 18 December, 5 p.m.: [Proving Identity and Kinship Using the GPS: Finding a Freedman's Family](#), by Nancy A. Peters
- Wednesday, 19 December, 11 a.m.: [That Splendid Little War: Researching Your Spanish American War Ancestors](#), by Michael L. Strauss
- Tuesday, 1 January, 5 p.m.: [Researching in Australian Archives](#), by Helen Smith

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 800 webinars at any time.



### Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 12/1): 90

### Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Cesar Castro, Sylvia Stare  
John Finch

### Meeting Host Volunteers

January 31: TBD

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

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/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

### San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WINTER SEMINAR

**Speaker: Curt Witcher on**

- 1) Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries
- 2) Mining the Mother Lode: Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research
- 3) Using Government Documents for Genealogical Research
- 4) More Than Surname Surfing: Best practices for Using the Internet for the Genealogist

at Marina Village in Captain's Room  
(1936 Quivira Way, S.D., 92109)

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich  
[cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com)

Tuesday, December 11th, 11 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

**“Holiday Luncheon”**

at El Camino Country Club  
(3202 Vista Way, Oceanside)

Contact: Jim Jacobson ([lijj2001@cox.net](mailto:lijj2001@cox.net))

### Upcoming Conferences

RootsTech 2019

27 February to 2 March, 2019  
at Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, Utah  
[www.RootsTech.org](http://www.RootsTech.org)

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, December 12, 11 a.m. To 2 p.m. – Annual Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers**, at Chula Vista South Branch Library (389 Orange Avenue in Chula Vista)
- **Wednesday, December 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Saturday, January 5, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Tim and Bethel Williams: “GEDmatch and DNA Painting, Part 2”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.
- **Wednesday, January 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 16, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 30, 12 noon – General Meeting: Annette Hubbell: “Women Warriors, Part 2”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, February 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD”** 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](mailto:irishdoll@cox.net)) for program details.

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