



# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**Annette Hubbell on “Women Warriors, Part 2”**

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

**We are very pleased to have author and actor Annette Hubbell back with us for another exciting one-woman performance.** This will be Annette’s fourth appearance with us! First it was as Hattie Elizabeth Turner in *Witness to Gettysburg*, then as Eleanor Roosevelt in *Tea with Mrs. Roosevelt*, and then, in a production of *Women Warriors*, we saw her bring to life Corrie ten Boom, Mary McLeod Bethune, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Beecher Stowe!

As genealogists, we look for the stories of our ancestors, for that is one of the ways we are led to others. **Annette is back for another look at four extraordinary women: Elizabeth Fry, Amy Carmichael, Anne Bradstreet, and Gladys Aylward.**

These true stories were adapted from her book, *Eternity in the Rearview Mirror: How Simple Faith Changes Everything—Seventeen Extraordinary Lives*. It’s only been out for a couple of weeks—we’ll be among the first to get a glimpse of it! It is available on Amazon for \$17.99, or you can buy it from her for \$15, and she will be happy to sign them.



In 2007 Annette Hubbell formed a production company to present historical characters in theatrical drama settings. In 2017, she became a published author with *A Spoonful of Grace: Mealtime Blessings in Bite-sized Pieces*. A San Diego native, Annette has a business degree from SDSU, an MBA from CSUSM, and a Certificate in Apologetics from Biola University. Visit her website at [www.annettehubbell.com](http://www.annettehubbell.com).

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## President's Message – by Karen Smith



First, let me wish all of you a healthy and happy 2019. I also wish you great fortune in your genealogical pursuits in 2019.

Thank you for electing me as your president. I shall try to earn your confidence by doing the best job possible. We have such a wonderful group in CVGS that it will be a pleasure to serve you.

There are a few goals I have for our society. First, it would be an advantage to have a more prominent social media footprint. Working to improve our webpage and establish a group Facebook page are important.

Second, we need to have more participation from members. Just a small task, like bringing treats to a monthly meeting or helping set up a room can make less work for others. I encourage you to think about what help you can offer and let a Board member know.

Third, there are members who still struggle with Ancestry, Family Search, and other online resources. If you are one of those folks, please let me know. I am hoping to see an educational component for those of you who still do not feel you can take full advantage of all the tools available. CVGS should meet those needs whenever possible.

This should be an exciting year. We are now exploring DNA every third Wednesday and looking forward to new programs for our general meetings. Maybe this is the year you should step out of your comfort zone: go to a conference, try DNA testing if you haven't yet done it, go to a presentation at another genealogical society in the county, or come to John Finch's beginner group in the library!

## Membership Address Changes

Members, if you move, or change contact information such as your email or phone number, please notify our Membership person, Carrie Holleron, at [mncinc@cox.net](mailto:mncinc@cox.net). This way we can keep information coming to you!

## Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the DNA Interest 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 Carrie Holleron

Carrie Holleron is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Carrie at [mncinc@cox.net](mailto:mncinc@cox.net) 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 – 2 February 2019

The February 2<sup>nd</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 “TBD” presented by Donna Bradley.

## Next Lemon Grove Meeting

The Lemon Grove Research Group at the Lemon Grove Public Library is on hiatus. 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.

## Next DNA Interest Group – 16 January 2019

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 January 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.

## Message From the Hospitality Committee

Unfortunately, due to the ever increasing cost of purchasing coffee for our general meetings, coffee will no longer be available starting February 1, 2019. Over the years the prices have risen from \$10 per container to \$18 per container. We will continue to provide bottled water and try to have a carafe of hot water available for tea, apple cider or hot chocolate at our general meetings.

Coffee will only be provided for special occasions such as our annual picnic and holiday potluck. We're sorry for any inconvenience this decision may cause, but it was discussed at our January board meeting and determined that providing coffee has become an unreasonable burden on our budget.

## Help With Social Media

We need a few volunteers who are active on social media and can donate a little time to help us improve our social media image. Please let me know if this sounds like worthwhile fun to you! Contact Karen Smith at [freelady72000@me.com](mailto:freelady72000@me.com) or let any Board member know.

## “Finding Your Roots” TV Show Starts on Tuesday, 8 January on PBS

The 5<sup>th</sup> season of “Finding Your Roots,” hosted by Henry Louis Gates, starts on KPBS at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 January 2019. There will be 10 episodes on Tuesday nights featuring an array of celebrated guests who are cultural trailblazers with fascinating family stories.

The guests include actresses Marisa Tomei, Felicity Huffman, Laura Linney and S. Epatha Merkerson and actors Michael K. Williams, Andy Samberg, Chloe Sevigny and Kal Penn; author George R.R. Martin; journalists Christiane Amanpour, Ann Curry, Joe Madison and Lisa Ling; author and Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg; TV hosts Seth Meyers and Michael Strahan; artists Marina Abramovic and Kehinde Wiley; politicians Marco Rubio, Tulsi Gabbard and Paul Ryan; filmmakers Alejandro Innaritu and Michael Moore; and comedians Tig Notaro and Sarah Silverman.

## Spotlight On A CVGS Member

### Patricia Diane Godinez - Researcher and Photo Journalist



What makes a successful family history researcher? If you ask Patricia Diane Godinez, she will say it is someone who considers the whole picture of a family. If you sometimes have a brick wall and can't seem to make headway, try considering other people in the extended family and add in location. You might end up finding that elusive relative.

Patricia started at 10 years of age, taking black and white pictures with her birthday camera. She was at home in Connecticut, after living with her parents and siblings, in different locations in California, Florida, Virginia, and Maine. Previously, she was an emigrant from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, and experienced lots of travel in the Midwest and Texas would add more states. Her marriage to Ramon Godinez, in 1970, led to research in Jalisco, Mexico, and added Spanish as her second language.

Eventually, computers became the norm so handwritten letters to England were outdated. Even better was DNA testing and some interesting lines started to appear. How about George, whose 1940 Census record showed he was a resident of San Quentin? Or the Houghton relatives who got as far as Australia? Or the grandmother who was a Home Child?

Ever a letter writer, emails were the updated tool for PDG. It was at Christmas time 2018, that a MyHeritage contact led back to Kent, England, and the O'Leary family of 1865. Luckily it was previous collaboration with Great Aunt Ada, who was born in 1906, in Gravesend, Kent, that filled in missing names and dates for the newest correspondent, Peter Martin. Everything is now going into files with [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org).

While beginning Hispanic Research was where Patricia found her niche, she continues to love helping others get started on their own family history. Her latest success story is that of Felipe Gutierrez and his family and assisting them in finding their connections in Atenguillo, Jalisco.

Editor's note: Patricia Diane Godinez is our society photographer – many of the photographs that are seen in the CVGS newsletter are her handiwork. She attends almost every event that CVGS provides.

### Want to be a CVGS Member in the Spotlight?

You too can have a short genealogy autobiography published in the CVGS Newsletter for FREE! It might help connect you to another CVGS Member who might be a relative or someone who has ancestors in one of your locations. If so, please send your one-page genea-biography to the Newsletter Editor, Randy Seaver (call 1-619-422-3397 or email [randy.seaver@gmail.com](mailto:randy.seaver@gmail.com)). A photograph of you doing genealogy research or with your family would be great also!

### Randy's Research Tip of the Month

Use the LearnWebSkills ( [www.LearnWebSkills.com](http://www.LearnWebSkills.com) ) website to help you become familiar with online research in free genealogical resources. Each learning module includes several websites, a description of each website, a "Demonstration" link for a step-by-step demonstration of each website, and a "Practice" link to enter your own search terms and practice using each website.



## December 19<sup>th</sup> DNA Interest Group Review

The third CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 19 December at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Conference Room. 13 members were in attendance.

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



- **Upload (DNA > Upload DNA Data) or Order a Kit (DNA > Order DNA Kits)**
- **DNA Menu** – Overview; Ethnicity Estimate; DNA Matches; Chromosome Browser; Manage DNA Kits; Ethnicities Map.
- **Ethnicity Estimate** – Continents and Regions (44 different, based on reference groups), and map showing Regions.
- **DNA Matches** -- these are persons who have a DNA match of at least 8 centiMorgans (0.1 %) with you. The user can see the name; the estimated relationship; the DNA Match quality (shared cMs, number of segments, largest segment); if they have a MyHeritage tree, and the number of tree persons; list of shared surnames. The user can create a Note to identify common ancestors or other factors. The user can click a link to see the other person's tree, and to review the DNA Match details. In the DNA Match details, the user can see the Shared DNA Matches (how many shared matches, how many cMs each shared match shares with you and your Match; a Shared Ethnicities list); There is an icon to indicate that a Shared DNA Match shares a DNA segment with you and your DNA Match; a Chromosome Browser showing the 22 autosomal chromosomes and the DNA segments that you match with the DNA Match person.
- **Chromosome Browser** – The user can select up to seven DNA Matches to compare the shared DNA segments of the seven matches with the user. The Browser shows all of the segments shared by the seven selected DNA Matches, and tells you how many segments you share with each selected Match. There is an “Advanced Options” link beneath the Browser information so that the user can download ALL of the shared DNA segments for ALL DNA Matches to a .csv file. The file can then be imported into a spreadsheet on your computer that can be sorted by chromosome to see which other DNA Matches share a specific DNA segment with you and another DNA match with a known relationship (e.g., I match my second cousin on a segment, but there may be 20 other matches that share a part of that segment – we are all probably descended from the same ancestor).

**To keep track of his MyHeritageDNA matches,** Randy uses a spreadsheet to list the DNA Match user names, amount of shared DNA in centiMorgans, the number of segments, if they have a tree, if they are in another set of DNA matches (like AncestryDNA or GEDMatch), and if he has added their line to his RootsMagic tree. He also uses the downloaded .csv file for the Shared DNA segments in a spreadsheet in order to identify distant cousins of himself and a known cousin.

**The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be Wednesday, 16 January at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA).**

## RootsTech SLC 2019 LiveStream Schedule

The RootsTech SLC 2019 Conference is scheduled from Wednesday, 27 February to Saturday, 2 March 2019 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

If you cannot attend, then you can watch the daily Keynote talks and some of the genealogy, family history and DNA presentations on the four days via the Internet at [www.RootsTech.org](http://www.RootsTech.org). The Livestream presentation schedule is at <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake/live-stream-schedule>.

### **The scheduled Keynote speakers are:**

- Wednesday, 27 February, 3:30 p.m.: Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch International.
- Thursday, 28 February, 10 a.m.: Emmy Award winning actress Patricia Heaton
- Friday, 1 March, 10 a.m.: India-born Australian businessman and author Saroo Brierley
- Saturday, 2 March, 10 a.m.: World renowned ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro

## Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Randy Seaver publishes “Genealogy News Bytes” every Tuesday and Friday with links to genealogy news articles, new or updated online record collections, genealogy education opportunities, genealogy bargains, DNA success stories, neat stuff, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/12/genealogy-news-bytes-28-december-2018.html>.

Randy also publishes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” on Sundays with excellent genealogy writing and blogging. See a recent issue at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/12/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-23-to-29.html>.

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

Stay up-to-date with the genealogy Webinar world at <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>.

## Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Wednesday, 9 January, 5 p.m. PST: [Maintaining an Organized Computer](#), by Cyndi Ingle
- Tuesday, 15 January, 5 p.m.: [Visualizing Information for Genealogists](#), by Margaret R. Fortier
- Wednesday, 16 January, 5 p.m.: [What Would You Do If You Had Five Days in Washington, DC?](#), by Pamela Boyer Sayre
- Wednesday, 23 January, 11 a.m.: [Using OneNote With Your Genealogy](#), by Tessa Keough
- Friday, 25 January, 11 a.m.: [Patriot or Not?: Using the Genealogical Proof Standard on a Closed DAR Line](#), by Elissa Scalise Powell
- Wednesday, 30 January, 11 a.m.: [You Can Do This: Photo Organizing and Preservation](#), by Thomas MacEntee

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.

## CVGS Holiday Luncheon Review

The CVGS Holiday Luncheon was on Wednesday, 12 December 2018 at the South Chula Vista Branch Library, with about 34 members and guests in attendance. Hostesses Jo Ann Bonner and Karen Polk organized the salad, vegetable, potato and dessert potluck dishes, and the society provided the turkey and ham and drinks.

Outgoing President Ceasar Castro installed the incoming Officers and former President Gary Brock did the honors of swearing them in. Gary also provided a series of humorous music videos. Carole Sobke held the door prize drawings for a Santa doll and an Angel doll were held, followed by the raffle for the table decorations, and the bring-one-get-one gift exchange for those that participated. The members donated about \$400 in food and children's toys to the Salvation Army.

Patricia Diane Godinez took many photos of the gathering. Here are some of them:



(Above) Installation of Officers



(Above) Jo Ann Bonner and Marcia Mautner



(Left) Tameron Hodges



(Below) Ceasar and Ana Castro



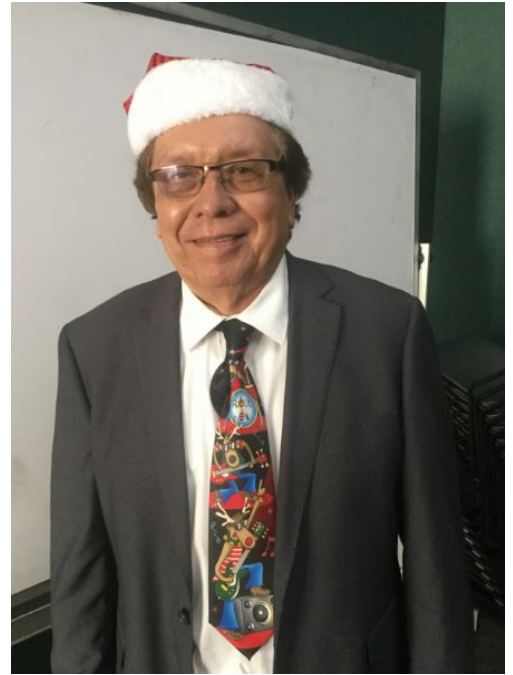
**CVGS Holiday Luncheon Review (Concluded)**



**(Above) Carole Sobke**



**(Above) Patricia Diane Godinez**



**(Above) Felipe Gutierrez**



**(Above) Karen Smith and Jaye Wright**



**(Above) Randy and Linda Seaver**

There are more photographs from the Holiday Luncheon on the website – [www.cvgenealogy.org](http://www.cvgenealogy.org).



## Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 1/1): 87

## Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Debbie Munoz

## Meeting Host Volunteers

January 30: Karen Smith and Virginia Taylor

February 28: Jo Ann Bonner and Susi Pentico

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:	Karen Smith
First Vice-President, Programs	Virginia Taylor
Second Vice-President, Membership	Carrie Holleron
Treasurer	Karen Polk
Secretary	Karen Yarger

## Committee Chairs

Education	Susi Pentico
Family History Day	Ana Castro
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner
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, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

*NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY*

**Speaker Jean Wilcox Hibben on**

**“Up Close and Personal:  
Doing Onsite Research”**

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

Contact: Jim Jacobson ([lj2001@cox.net](mailto:lj2001@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, 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: Donna Bradley: “TBD”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.
- **Wednesday, February 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 20, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 27, 12 noon – General Meeting: John Finch: “Between the Wars - WWI and WWII”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, March 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Lost Ancestors Revisited”** 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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