



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, 29 May 2019, 12 noon

Gary Brock on "Places"

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

Gary grew up in Michigan and was relocated to Miramar Naval Air Station by the Navy in 1957. After discharge in June of 1960, he returned to Michigan for six months, where he met and became engaged to his wife of 56 years, Wanda. When January arrived in Michigan, he convinced Wanda to accompany him back to California, where they settled in Santa Monica. He attended Santa Monica City Collage and later was employed at UCLA Physics Department engaged in nuclear physics research. After five years at UCLA, he transferred to UCSD and continued research in nuclear medicine for another five years. He left the University in 1978 to start his own data processing business, San Dieguito Data Services, based in Carlsbad, CA. In 1980, he and Wanda moved to the Bay Area where he started Brock & Associates, which he still operates on a reduced basis after retiring in 2002.



Gary served as a manager and president of San Dieguito Little League in Encinitas, CA., as a member of the Town Council, Encinitas, CA. before it became a city, as a commissioner of Boys Scouts of America, San Diego and is a past President and current Web Master of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. He is an avid gardener and a Life Member of the Handyman Club of America.

His own genealogy research is difficult because he was adopted at 3 years old, but he has managed to work his mother's lines back to the Revolutionary War. In addition, he has been able to work his wife's ancestry back to the 5th century because of so many royal and peerage ancestors.

His presentation, "Places," will cover some of the places in Western Europe where Wanda's ancestors were so powerful and where he was able to visit recently.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



Our Education Chairperson, Susi Pentico, really did a great job of getting out information about our scholarships this year. The team of readers had before them about 50 applications! The only information I am allowed to share here is that there will be two awarded, one for \$500 and one for \$250. Thanks to Susi and her team of judges for their time on this worthwhile task.

Our society is growing in the resources we offer to members. Starting last fall, Randy Seaver started the third Wednesday DNA group. It has covered different testing companies and the resources each offers to its clients. Privacy concerns have been addressed as cold cases are sometimes now solved by DNA descendency trees. If you have not had your DNA done, think about attending one of these meetings and learning what it can open up for you.

Thanks to so many of you who wished me well after my recent knee replacement surgery. It is healing amazingly well!

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. This way we can keep information coming to you!

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 so we can get a card to that member.

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. 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.

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 – 4 May 2019

The June 1st 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 “DNA Dynamics, a Look at Outliers in Our DNA Matches” with John Finch.

Future Saturday Workshop Topics, by Susi Pentico

July 6: Patricia Diane Godinez will be presenting “FamilySearch.”

August 3, potentially Leslie Cordell, on “Indian Research and the use of DNA.”

I am also asking again for the Blank Walls for an upcoming activity. Would appreciate name, time period, place. Contact Susi at susicp1@gmail.com.

Next Research Group Meeting – 8 May 2019

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Randy Seaver moderates this group. Attendees should bring their genealogy research questions, challenges and successes to share with the group.

Next DNA Interest Group – 15 May 2019

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 May 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 a Secretary for the Board of Directors

Karen Yarger, elected five times to be our society Secretary, has left the San Diego area and moved to Richmond, Virginia. We need a volunteer to step up and fill out Karen's term of office (until the end of 2020). As Secretary, the duties are to receive and send correspondence, take the minutes at the monthly Board meeting (first Wednesday) and the general meeting (last Wednesday), and other sundry tasks. If you would like to volunteer, please see or email President Karen Smith at freelady72000@me.com.

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 or let any Board member know.

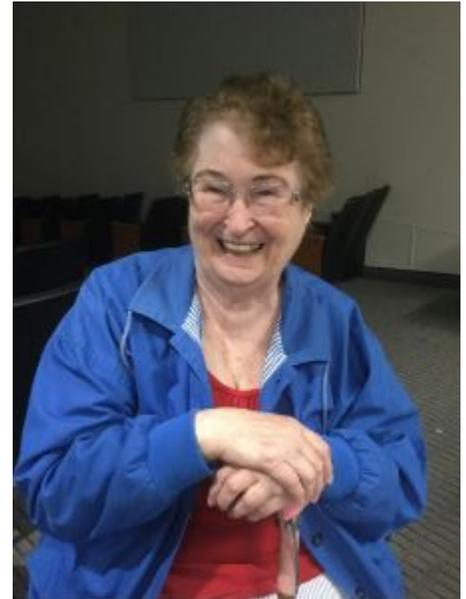
Member Survey Coming Soon

We occasionally survey our members for information about their genealogy research, their education needs, and interest in our monthly programs, groups and workshops. We last did a survey in 2014. We will distribute the survey in June at the group meetings, and the Annual Picnic (June 26th) and through July also. Please fill out the survey when you receive it so CVGS can better serve all of our membership.

Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **Helen Sauer: Researcher and Family History Buff**

“How did this all begin?” Helen Sauer's answer to this oft asked question is: “It began when I found out that I could find out.” Helen, who was born in a small town in SW Missouri was the daughter of Harrison and Reba Dill. The family left the Midwest when Helen was in the first grade and found themselves in California, where many of her mother's family lived. Her mother was not much for talking about family. However, when her maternal grandmother died in 1983, her mother took possession of the grandmother's written records.

Helen's maternal grandmother would ask for family trees or other information to be written down during visits with relatives. So when her mother had questions about the records, Helen volunteered to organize them. Then her mother said, “Can you find out what happened to mom's second husband?” Most family members considered it something to not be discussed, probably because she was very young then. Also they were averse to revisiting the tragedy. Helen found an article from an old newspaper and gave her mom a copy.



Helen's maternal grandmother's line was directly descended from Capt. Roger Mallory (1637-1704) who was born in England and died in Virginia. Perhaps you know more about his friends and neighbors: the Washingtons who were known as Wessington. Roger built a hall in their honor naming it Wessington Hall.

Burleson was another of Helen's maternal line, which is found with various spellings. Aaron Burleson's family are seen in many Revolutionary records. Burleson, Texas was begun by and named for the family. Some members were part of the original Texas Rangers that began in 1823. Original Rangers were farmers and ranchers who received no pay. They received the equivalent of \$15 a month which was credited toward buying land. They were among the most colorful, efficient, and deadly band on the side of law and order that the world has seen. The Rangers duties were to protect a thinly populated frontier against problems from tribes of Plains Indians. They were the only source of protection from criminals at the time, and set a standard for other law enforcement entities to come. Helen belongs to the Burleson Association, which holds massive records.

Helen's paternal grandmother is a direct descendant of the Stockton family of New Jersey. For a time Richard Stockton had supported the King of England and then changed his mind in favor of the revolution. He was thereupon jailed for many months, and never regained his health. Their home later became the first governor's mansion when New Jersey gained Statehood. When living in the home, the Stockton family were gracious hosts to many well known figures of the day, including their friend George Washington when he came by with his entourage. The Stockton area of San Diego is named for the family, as is Stockton, California, and others.

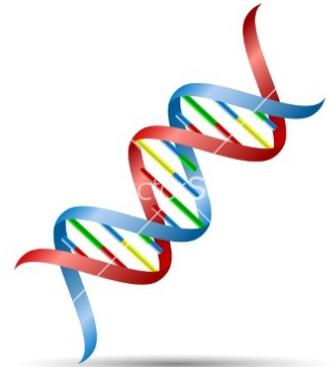
Want to be a CVGS Member in the Spotlight?

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 Diane Godinez (godinezzenriootay@yahoo.com). A photograph of you doing genealogy research would be great also!

April 17th DNA Interest Group Review

The CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 17 April at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Auditorium. 14 members were present.

In this meeting, Randy highlighted the GEDmatch Genesis website – www.Genesis.GEDmatch.com



- GEDmatch Genesis is the new and future website for this company.
- GEDmatch does not test autosomal DNA; it analyzes autosomal raw data downloaded from one of the test companies and uploaded to GEDmatch. You are assigned a Kit number.
- GEDmatch analyzes the DNA data, estimates ethnicity percentages and provides DNA matches with other kits submitted to GEDmatch.
- Users can upload a GEDCOM file to GEDmatch for other users to compare with their own.
- The ethnicity estimates are in the “Admixture (Heritage)” link on the main page. you can select from the “Select the project” dropdown menu: “Eurogenes” is useful for those with European heritage. You can click on “Admixture proportions” to see a pie chart of your ethnicity, or click on “Chromosome Painting” to see the ethnicity estimate for each of your chromosomes. **WARNING:** Ethnicity estimates are only estimates; most of these analysis tools were created several years ago and may be very wrong.
- On the main page, clicking on the “One-to-Many DNA Comparison” link, and entering your Kit number, you can see the list of DNA matches that match you on GEDmatch. The table provides the match user name, their email, the largest matching segment size, the total number of centiMorgans shared, the estimated number of generations to a common ancestor, the overlap, the date compared, and the testing company. The matches are listed by the total number of shared centiMorgans (cMs).
- Clicking on the “[A]” in the second column for one of your matches provides a “One-to-One Autosomal Comparison” page – when you click “Submit” on this page, you can see your 22 autosomal chromosomes with the large segments that you share with your match – they are shown in blue. There is a table for each chromosome that you share significant DNA segments with the match person, and includes starting position, ending position, number of centiMorgans, and number of SNPs. This information can be used in a DNA Painting program if you know the common ancestor of your DNA match.
- On the main page, clicking on the “One to Many Beta – give it a try” link takes you to a page to enter your Kit number, then click on the “Search” button. This provides your matches in a different list. This is a Basic (free) list and has information about your X chromosome matches. However, the user with a free account cannot compare their chromosome segments with other users. That requires the Tier 1 utilities, which cost \$10 a month.
- The Tier 1 utilities (\$10 per month) include the Enhanced one-to-many comparison, Q-matching, Segment search, and Phasing. In addition, you can download all of the matching DNA segments for all of your matches to a spreadsheet format.
- The “Old” GEDmatch (www.GEDmatch.com) still works, and has a One-to-Many DNA Comparison feature, which will probably disappear on 1 June 2019..
- Kitty Cooper has some blog posts and presentations concerning GEDmatch at <https://blog.kittycooper.com/tag/gedmatch/>.

Several attendees mentioned what they were doing with their DNA tests, including contacting cousins and working with their DNA matches on AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, etc.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Tuesday, 14 May, 11 a.m.: [Advanced Features on Geni.com](#), by Mike Stangel
- Wednesday, 15 May, 11 a.m.: [The 10 Most Useful Databases for Eastern European Research](#), by Lisa Alzo
- Tuesday, 21 May, 5 p.m.: [Valid and Unsound Assumptions: What Was She Thinking?](#), by Jeanne Bloom
- Wednesday, 22 May, 11 a.m.: [Google Drive: an Office in the Cloud](#), by DearMYRTLE And Russ Worthington
- Friday, 24 May, 11 a.m.: [Compiling a Military Service Record](#), by Craig R. Scott
- Tuesday, 28 May, 11 a.m.: [New Developments From MyHeritage DNA](#), by MyHeritage
- Wednesday, 29 May, 11 a.m.: [Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records](#), by Thomas MacEntee
- Tuesday, 4 June, 7 p.m.: [They really didn't swim! Finding your ancestors in New South Wales colonial shipping records](#), by Carol Baxter
- Wednesday, 5 June, 11 a.m.: [Lessons in Jewish DNA: One Man's Successes and What He Learned On the Journey](#), by Israel Pickholtz
- Friday, 7 June, 11 a.m.: [Foundations of Scottish Genealogy 7 of 12: Using ScotlandsPlaces for People in Land and Tax Records](#), by Bruce Durie

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. A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 900 webinars at any time.

Goodbye to Karen Yarger

Our CVGS Secretary, Karen Yarger is moving away to Richmond, Virginia for personal reasons. She was elected Secretary five times (every two years since 2010) and has served superbly, with wit, grace and attention to detail. She not only took minutes and wrote outstanding detailed reports of the monthly Board Meeting and General Meeting, but she managed the society correspondence, picked up the mail at the post office, served on the By Laws and Rules Committee, on the Family History Day Committee, and represented the Society at San Diego Historical Society events, the Coronado Book Fair, and many other events. Karen was always there for just about every meeting with a smile and a helping hand, and participated to the fullest.



One of her outstanding skills was proofreading, and this Newsletter benefited immeasurably by Karen reviewing it every month before it was sent out to the email and the postal members. We will all miss her because she was a wonderful friend and partner in CVGS. She will continue to be a “distance” CVGS member so she can get the newsletter via email and keep up with our activities, and perhaps she will write an article every so often.

Thank you, Karen, for your friendship, your wisdom, and your effort to make CVGS a great genealogical society. We will miss you.

CVGS April 24th Program Review

Toni Perrone of the Immigrant Genealogy Society in Burbank and the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society was our speaker at the CVGS General Meeting on 27 April, with 16 attendees. Her program was “Prussia and Its Changing Boundaries.”

Using many useful and colorful maps, Toni covered the history of Prussia from the 1500s to the present time. The maps and discussion highlighted why and how the boundaries changed – including the wars and social conditions, and the effect on neighboring states. The periods discussed included:

- The Duchy of Prussia (1525 to 1618) which established Protestantism.
- The 30 Year War (1618-1648) which saw extensive Protestant and Catholic conflicts that decimated the population of the German states.
- Kingdom of Prussia (1701-1918), started by Frederick I of Brandenburg in 1701, which saw many conflicts and expansions over two centuries.
- Great Northern War (1700-1721) with the Swedish empire and Polish-Lithuanian state.
- The Silesian Wars (1740-1762), wherein Frederick invaded the Austrian state.
- Partition of the Polish-Lithuanian state by Russia, Prussia and Habsburg Austria, ending in 1795.
- Confederation of the Rhine (1806-1813), formed from 16 German states by Napoleon to challenge Austria and Prussia.
- German Revolution (1848-1849) saw severe depression, unemployment and crop failures, and resulted in many independent German kingdoms, duchies and states. Many Germans migrated to America in this period.
- Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871), provoked by Otto von Bismarck. Germany gained land in France and named Wilhelm of Prussia as German Kaiser.
- The German Empire (1871-1918), all states but Austria were consolidated into the empire under the leadership of Prussia, with Berlin the capital. The country of Germany was finally unified.
- World War I (1914-1918), Germany sided with Austria, and food and raw material supply from other European countries was stopped. There were uprisings in Berlin and a civil conflict broke out. When Emperor Wilhelm II relinquished his position, the German Empire dissolved and Prussia was no more. Germany lost territory to Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Denmark, Poland and Russia as a result of the war.
- The Weimar Republic (1919-1933), the country tried to recover, but Hitler came to power.
- World War II (1939-1945), Hitler invaded and occupied Poland, Russia and western Europe, but Germany eventually lost to the Allies. Germany was divided into East (Soviet bloc) and West (Allied powers) occupied zones which endured until Reunification in 1990.

For boundaries of the different German states over time, Toni recommended the Meyers Ort Gazetteer (<http://meyers.gaz.org>) for every place name in the 1871-1916 time frame. It provides the location, county, state, civil registry office location, and lists the church parishes. Locations in Poland can be found in Katenmeister (<http://kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>), listing the German name, the Polish/Russian name, the county, province, location, and location description, and more.

FamilySearch has 67 record collections on their collection list, and many microfilms of German civil and church records on digital microfilm in the FamilySearch Library Catalog.

Maps of the German Empire, by Larry Jensen, and *Lands of the German Empire and Before*, by Wendy K. Uncapher, provide information about each time period, and the history of each kingdom, province, duchy, etc. over time.

CVGS April 10th Research Group Review

The March 13th Research Group meeting had 14 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Changes to the Ancestry Member Tree profiles.
- Some RootsWeb mailing lists are now inactive.
- WikiTree now has 20 million profiles in their collaborative tree.
- Finding original records is preferable to indexes and compilations.
- Reviewing a family photo album showed the Charles Auble home in San Diego.
- Brother-in-law Paul came for a visit and we looked through Leland family photos and scanned about 40 of them.

In the second hour, several attendees shared their activities over the past month.

- Bob (a visitor) has Irish ancestry that came to the U.S. in the 1850s. We found an article in the *Boston Pilot* newspaper on AmericanAncestors that identified family members; an 1880 U.S. Census for his family; a FamilySearch Family Tree profile for family members.
- Diane shared that Paloma is an Ancestry contact and she did research on her using FamilySearch.org records. She is related to Jalisco-born Ramon Godinez on his mother's and father's family tree. She showed the magic names of Exiquio Curiel and Julia Gutierrez on the bottom of a filled-out 12 generation chart. The top half, Paloma's side, will be shown on DNA Wednesday.
- Shirley found another Wright in New York who might be related to her Johnson Wright. Charles H. Wright was "killed by cars" in 1896 [train?].

We had to meet in the Ciomputer Lab because of the auditorium scheduling by the Library.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 May at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

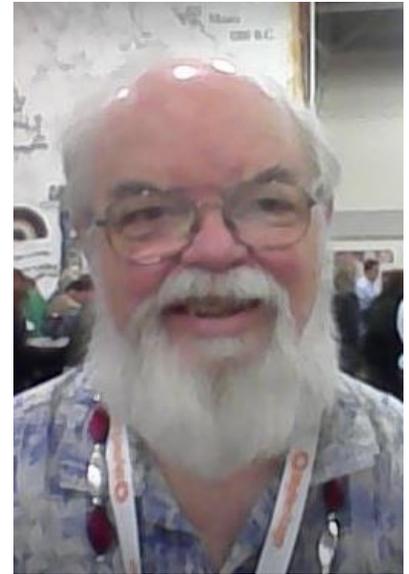
Randy's Tip of the Month

There are over 447,800 books in the "[Compilation of Published Sources](#)" collection on [MyHeritage.com](#), with over 84 million pages. This collection is FREE for anyone to use.

To get to the book collection, click on the link <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>. That opens the search screen for the collection.

This is a fantastic online genealogy library - over 447,800 books with genealogy and family history content. It is not EVERY genealogy book ever published, but it is a significant portion of the out-of-copyright books available at libraries all over the world and online at other book websites like Internet Archive and Google Books. There are more genealogy and family history books here than are in the Family History Library catalog.

You may find books and records that help you resolve a genealogical problem, or add to your knowledge of your ancestral families.



Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 5/1): 81

Aneita Garlow

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Karen Smith

Meeting Host Volunteers

May 29: Susan Zimmer and Karen Polk

June 26: Annual Picnic potluck.

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

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro – 619-781-8441
Carrie Holleron – 619-421-8309
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	TBD

Committee Chairs

Education	Susi Pentico
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, May 11th, 9:30 a.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Anne Turhollow on

Session 1: "Putting Flesh on the Bones: Newspaper Research"

Session 2: Round Tables: "Genealogy: Meet and Greet, and More"

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

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich

cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 28th, 9:30 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Andrew Carroll on

"The Million Letter Project: Honoring U.S. Military Veterans and Their Families by Preserving War Related Correspondence"

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
rogram(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)

Contact: Jim Jacobson (lijj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

National Genealogical Soc. Conference

8-11 May 2019

St. Charles, Missouri

Register at:

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/>

SCGS Genealogy Jamboree

30 May – 2 June 2019

Burbank, California

Register at: www.GenealogyJamboree.com

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, May 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, May 15, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, May 29, 12 noon – General Meeting: Gary Brock: “Places”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: John Finch: “DNA Dynamics”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.
- **Wednesday, June 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, June 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, June 26, 11 a.m. – Annual Picnic** at Sam Seat's house.
- **Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Diane Godinez: “FamilySearch”** 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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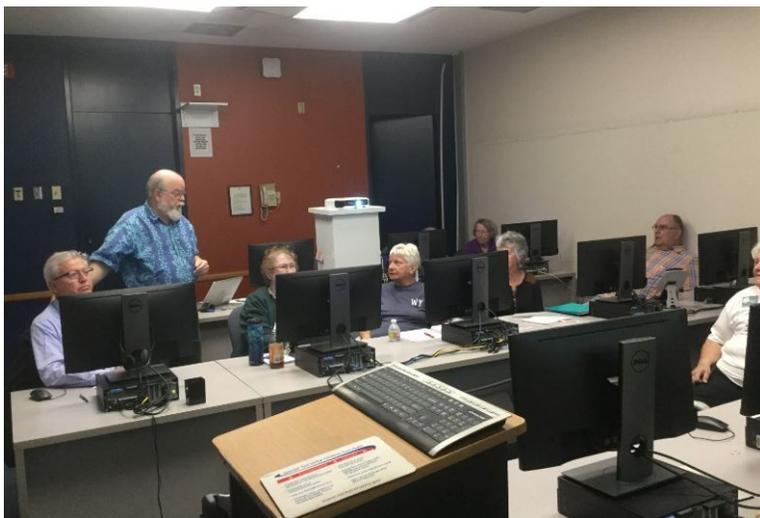
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Photos From Recent Meetings



Toni Perrone presenting her “Prussia and its Changing Boundaries” at the General Meeting in the Library Auditorium.

After the General Meeting, we enjoyed Refreshments in the back of the Auditorium.



The April Research Group meeting was held in the Computer Lab due to a scheduling conflict. That worked!

The April Research Group attendees are paying attention to what's on the screen

Thank you to Patricia Diane Godinez for taking photographs of society meetings!!