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Wednesday, 28 August 2019, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting

at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library

(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910) in the Auditorium

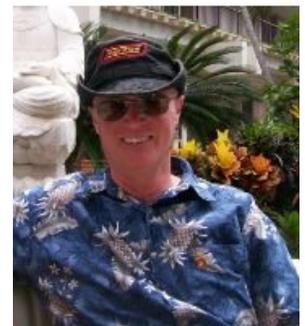
Speaker: Bob Chicca on "The USS Pueblo Story"

Bob Chicca was one of the 83 crewmen aboard the USS Pueblo when it was captured by the North Koreans in January 1968. One crew member was killed in the capture and Bob was severely wounded. The crew spent just under a year in North Korea enduring deplorable conditions and unspeakable brutality.



Robert Chicca 2019

Bob was awarded The Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Navy Commendation Medal all with combat V's, and the POW medal along with many other awards for his leadership and resistance. Bob, along with all of the surviving crew, still regrets that the ship is in the hands of North Korea. It was never decommissioned and is the only US ship being held by a hostile nation. Bob enjoys sharing the story of the USS Pueblo, especially to students who have never heard of the ship because the story of its capture has been removed from the history books.



Bob hails from Washington D.C. and now lives in Bonita, CA with his wife, Vanessa. He is an avid collector and enjoys reading and refurbishing antique lamps which he sells on his eBay store. You can find Bob's website at www.bc-lamps.com.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



In our society, we review all our governing documents once every two years. Those include by-laws, standing rules, and what we have named SOPs (standard operating procedures). While the by-laws and standing rules change very little, our SOPs have undergone quite a few changes.

SOPs describe the daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly job descriptions of our officers and committee chairpersons. Many of the changes have occurred because of changes in the way we do business. Our membership management program (thanks for that term, Randy Seaver...I had no idea what to call it!) is from Wild Apricot. For example, all dues used to come due with the end of the year. Now your dues are paid one calendar year after your last payment and Wild Apricot keeps track of that for us. Wild Apricot is programmed (by our Gary Brock) to notify you when your membership payment is due.

New technology has also impacted the way we research. We now do research with all of the tools from before (printed material, online resources, original documents such as family Bibles), but now we have added DNA to our arsenal of research tools. Randy Seaver, our research committee chair, includes DNA as a stand-alone session to be used with our other research.

So our committee has been meeting for the past few weeks to modify wording so it reflects what we actually do. I want to thank those who have served on the committee. John Finch did the most because he chaired the committee and kept us on track. Randy Seaver, Ann Stevens, Karen Polk, and Carrie Holleron also worked on this. In addition, all officers and committee chairs reviewed their SOPs and suggested revisions. That is how our society works to stay relevant and meet your needs.

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.

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.

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 – 7 September 2019

The September 7th Saturday Workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road). The program will be “Black Indians, An American Story” and “Lost Ancestors” with Susi Pentico.

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!

Please Contribute to the CVGS Member Survey

We occasionally survey our members for information about their genealogy research, their genealogy education needs, and their interest in our monthly programs, groups and workshops. We last did a survey in 2014. This year's survey has been distributed by email and at recent meetings. If you didn't receive one, pick one up at a CVGS meeting, or send a request to Randy Seaver (randy.seaver@gmail.com or 1154 Via Trieste, Chula Vista CA 91911).

After filling out the survey, please return the survey paper to Randy Seaver by mail or give it to Randy or Karen Smith at a meeting. Please fill out the survey when you receive it so CVGS can better serve all of our membership. All members who return the survey will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. We need the surveys returned by 31 August.

Collecting Donations for the Bonita Optimist Book Sale

Friendly Ann Stevens has been involved in the collection of reading materials for this worthy cause for about 10 years and it is something we can help her with as we downsize and relocate items from our homes.

Ann said she was recruited to join the Bonita Optimist club after she retired. She served on the Board and was active on different committees. The idea of a book sale came from someone she met in Los Angeles.

Their service club adopted the activity and did well with it. She brought the idea to the Optimists and the club approved it. What started as an “add on” to their craft sale in 2009, now is a stand alone club raiser. It is held twice a year, in the spring and again in the fall.

The next sale is scheduled for October 5-6 at the Bonita Museum.

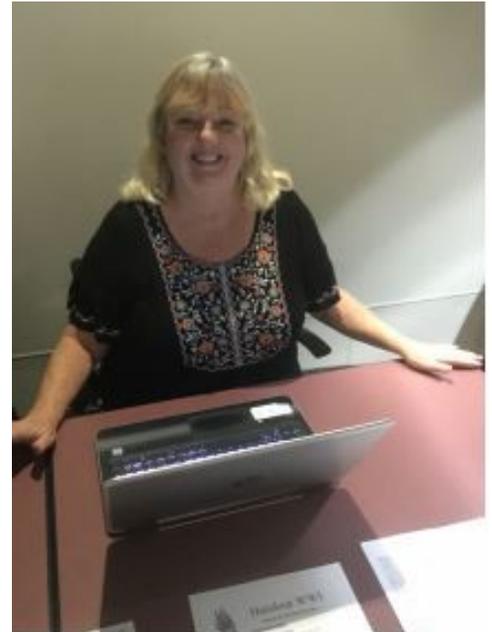
Collecting of books, textbooks, CD's and DVD's, goes on all year round. Ann says this has been a successful effort, as all the money earned goes to fund activities in the community, from foster youth to elementary age children and up to high school students.



Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **Carrie Louise Holleron nee Wells - Researcher and A Very Quick Learner**

Carrie started doing Family History two years ago after she received the results of her AncestryDNA test. It revealed that a lot of her ancestors were early settlers in New York, New England, and Virginia. This was new information to her and she spent a lot of the first year building her family tree on Ancestry. "I had been going through papers and pictures and came across a note that my Great Grandmother Carrie had sent me. In it was a picture of the house that her father built when she was a baby in which he raised his nine children. She listed her parents' names and all of her brothers and sisters. I believe that she wanted them to be remembered and was passing that task on to me."

Currently, Carrie is also researching in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Tennessee. Most of her research is done using Ancestry.com. "My hope is that in the future, I will be able to travel to some of the places that they lived in order to do other types of research."



"Mostly, I am interested in discovering as many stories as possible as to when, where, and how my ancestors lived and died. I would like to trace them back to the areas they came from in Britain, Ireland, and Northern Europe. Recently I have started to track the twins born to my ancestors. My oldest sons are twins. When they were born, my relatives did not know of any other twins in our family. In researching my ancestors, I have come across a few instances of twins." So twins do run in her family.

In the past, Carrie worked in a couple of fast food places in high school and was a waitress at Bob's Big Boy in Chula Vista. She married, had three children, and continued to work as a waitress. But she says, "I decided to go back to school and so earned a degree in Computer Electronics."

She was a Electronics Technician for Naval Space Surveillance at Brown Field. She returned to college, received a degree from SDSU, and went to work for the County of San Diego as an Accountant. Now retired, she spends time with her grandkids, line dancing, traveling, and working on Family History.

Want to be a CVGS Member in the Spotlight?

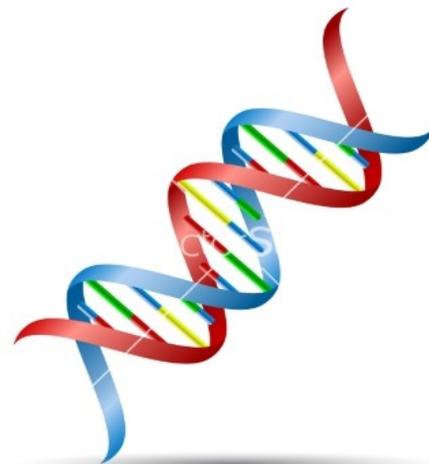
You too can have a short genealogy autobiography published in the CVGS Newsletter for FREE! If so, please send your one-page genea-biography to Diane Godinez (godinezenriootay@yahoo.com). A photograph of you doing genealogy research would be great also!

Interesting and Helpful Genealogy Blog Articles

- [Family History and Getting Things Done](#) by Diana Elder.
- [If These Books Could Talk](#) by Carol Petranek.
- [The Archive Lady: Researching in Manuscript Collections](#) by Melissa Barker.
- [Research Like a Pro Using the FAN Club](#) by Hazel Scullin
- [The Woman in His Life: Finding Female Ancestors via Their Husbands](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega.
- [Anatomy of a Genealogy Mistake](#) by Nancy Loe.

July 17th DNA Interest Group Review

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



In this meeting, Randy highlighted:

- Monthly news from the DNA Central newsletter.
- Articles by Diahn Southard and Roberta Estes.
- Using Notes on AncestryDNA and MyHeritageDNA matches
- AncestryDNA Matches and ThruLines are out of beta development – everybody can use them. DNA Circles were retired.
- He updated his DNA match summary on 2 July.

In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Susan asked how to link her DNA test to her online tree. Randy demonstrated doing AncestryDNA.
- JoAnn visited a World War I cemetery in Belgium and was impressed by the upkeep. While she was gone, her AncestryDNA test results came back and she is looking forward to seeing what's new in her report.
- Gary received an AncestryDNA ThruLine that identified his birth father and his step-brother.
- Arlene shared that she was able to add DNA info to RootsMagic and Ancestry using trees and shared hints from some matches and worked back from a shared ancestor to fill in families she didn't have. She is also using notes to record cM and segments.
- John talked to his daughter-in-law who has a Dutch father and Indonesian mother about DNA.
- Daryl accessed Fold3 when it was offered for free over Memorial Day. She searched in Revolutionary War infantry rosters from the 13 Colonies for an ancestor named Ebenezer Swan who, according to a newspaper article of a descendant, fought in the war. His name was not there, but there were other Swans!
- Diane is using AncestryDNA ThruLines to work on her maternal line of Ottaway in Kent, England. Back 14 generations, she has John Ottaway, who was born in 1525. Most of the Ottaways, and that of her family, stayed in England until her grandmother went to Canada in early 1919. Her great grandfather, Alfred, had a daughter who moved to Canada, and that discovery led to her cousin John Collins. Now she is looking for another Ancestry cousin, in Australia, who is 83 year old Helen Scrimgeour.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be Wednesday, 21 August at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Randy's Tip of the Month

The Find A Grave website has over 200 million memorials for deceased persons, and it is free to search and use. Volunteers have added photographs, biographies, obituaries and links to other family members in many of the memorials. The search engine is primitive but the user can specify a year and a place if known. Ancestry owns the site, but it is free. Visit www.FindAGrave.com.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Wednesday, 14 August, 5 p.m.: [Basics of Land Platting - Part 1](#), by J. Mark Lowe.
- Tuesday, 20 August, 5 p.m.: [Ten Tools for Genealogical Writing](#), by Harold Henderson.
- Wednesday, 21 August, 11 a.m.: [Bullet Journaling for Genealogy](#), by Shellee Morehead
- Friday, 23 August, 11 a.m.: [Introduction to Forensic Genealogy](#), by Kelvin L. Meyers
- Wednesday, 28 August, 11 a.m.: [Using Teams with your Genealogy](#), by Tessa Keough
- Tuesday, 3 September, 11 a.m.: [Are you Lost? Using Maps, Gazetteers and Directories for British Isles Research](#), by Paul Milner
- Wednesday, 4 September, 11 a.m.: [Combining DNA and Traditional Research - In-Depth Case Studies](#), by Michelle Leonard
- Thursday, 5 September, 8 a.m.: [Reasonably Exhaustive Research: The First Criteria for Genealogical Proof](#), by Elizabeth Shown Mills
- Thursday, 5 September, 9:15 a.m.: [Finding Immigrants Who 'Disappeared': A Research Approach Based on Recognizing and Challenging Assumptions](#), by Martha Garrett
- Thursday, 5 September, 10:30 a.m.: [Share and Share Alike: The Rules of Genealogical Privacy](#), by Judy G. Russell
- Thursday, 5 September, 12:30 p.m.: [Details of New and Modified DNA-Related Standards](#), by Karen Stanbary
- Thursday, 5 September, 1:45 p.m.: [How to Write a Case Study that Meets the New Standards for DNA: As Codified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists](#), by Melinda Henningfield
- Thursday, 5 September, 3 p.m.: [Reconstructing an Entrepreneurial Woman's Life: From Family Intrigue to Water Rents](#), by Rick Sayre

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 980 webinars at any time.

What's New in the Genealogy World

- [Millions of Books Are Secretly in the Public Domain. You Can Download Them Free](#)
- [Historic Catholic Records Online Project Expansion Announced by American Ancestors and the Archdiocese of Boston](#)
- [Season Six of Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Premieres Fall 2019](#)
- [The Library of Congress Needs Help Transcribing 16,000 Pages of Suffragist Diaries, Letters, and Documents](#)
- [Ancestry® Digitizes Millions of Holocaust and Nazi Persecution Related Archives Making Them Searchable Online for the First Time Ever](#)
- [FamilySearch Users Can Now Correct Name Indexing Errors](#)

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 (webinars, podcasts, video), genealogy bargains, DNA success stories, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/08/genealogy-news-bytes-9-august-2019.html>.

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check daily at <http://www.eogn.com>.

July 6th Saturday Workshop Review by Cindy Teysko

Our group met at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Conference Room for an entertaining and informative presentation by Patricia Diane Godinez on “**Welcome to FamilySearch.org 2019.**”

There were 24 eager participants, first-timers along with the usual suspects. We all had a great time. Diane included many neatly organized posters showing the details of her successes using the [FamilySearch](#) website. Her family stories were interesting and her sense of humor had the whole room laughing.

Genealogy Basics and using FamilySearch

- It's free!
- Surnames should be in all CAPS
- Dates are written 22 Oct 1940 or Oct 1940 if day unknown
- Learn about the historical context of your ancestors' lives by using the wiki; Search the location where she/he lived and learn about the area over time
- Share your family tree and ask other researchers what they have learned
- Locate and research your ancestors' FAN club: Family, Associates, and Neighbors. Check for FANs on census records, witnesses on formal documents, etc (wills, marriage licenses, baptism records, informants on death certificates)

Beyond 4 Generations

- Share family stories with children; are you a Mayflower descendant? Was your great-grandfather a passenger on the Titanic? Was an ancestor a soldier during the Revolutionary War?
- A colorful family tree can be generated and printed on FamilySearch—a simple way to share your tree with others and visualize relationships
- Check out the “Memories” area where you can upload a family memory (photo, story, document)

At the break, Diane had the audience join groups by locations where our family came from such as Europe, United States, North America, Australia, England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, California, Mexico, and descendants of the Mayflower.

August 3rd Saturday Workshop Review by Cindy Teysko

Our group met at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Conference Room for a wide-ranging discussion and eye-opening film presented by Susi Pentico. There were seven in attendance including some newer to the world of ancestor research.

In answer to a question about available slave records, we were introduced to an interesting book: *Without Indentures—Index to White Slave Children in Colonial Court Records* by Richard Hayes Phillips. The idea of orphaned/lost children brought to this country as slaves was a surprise to most of us.

[The Ancestor Hunt](#) blog is an updated site with links and general genealogy information along with topics such as a “Fun with Newspapers” page with strange vintage ads and mis-worded headlines.

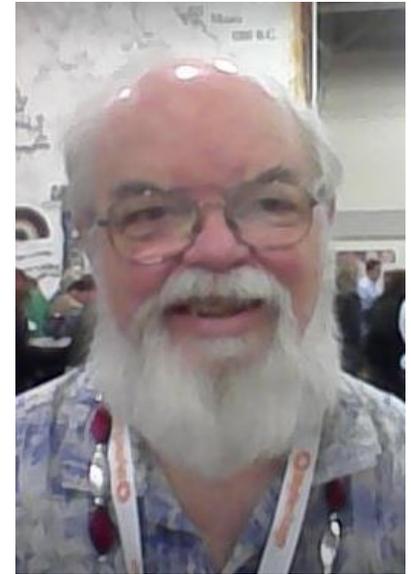
We watched the film “The Trail of Tears—Cherokee Legacy” (Part 1) and discussed the handout “Indian Tidbits to Learn.” I learned a lot of Native American history that was not taught in school including the lengths that Cherokee individuals took to blend-in with the white settlers—they learned to speak and write English, the women learned how to spin and keep a ‘proper’ home, and the once-proud male hunters learned to plow fields and grow crops. In the end, these beautiful people were badly mistreated. It is a very sad story. Here is a link shared in the handout: <http://nativeheritageproject.com>

Before going on our way, we shared our current research topics. Thanks, Susi, for an engaging afternoon.

CVGS July 10th Research Group Review

The July 10th Research Group meeting had 16 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Finding the Isaac Lanfear War of 1812 pension file – granted in 1879 to his widow, Rosannah Lanfear.
- Ancestry has added a Feedback feature to their Hints – you can tell Ancestry how useful they were to you.
- He highlighted how he uses Ancestry and MyHeritage Hints to add information and sources to his RootsMagic family tree.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Bobbie is planning a research trip to Lake County, Illinois in early September. She has been reviewing her genealogy files for that area and jotting down questions, that are still unanswered. She plans to make a list of possible resources to check for each of her items in question.
- Mary P. said that she sends greeting cards to potential family members and that seems to break the ice for many of them. She sometimes has their birthdate or anniversary from research, so she contacts them and generally gets responses. Susi thought it was rather clever and worth mentioning.
- Susi visited the Michigan Archives and reviewed many New York books. She also reviewed a Prince Georges County, Maryland book.
- Julie received five boxes of information about her 2nd great-grandfather born in 1812 from a cousin.
- Susan M. received a DNA match on Ancestry who lives in India and has her husband's family genealogy information.
- Robin is looking for early records in Pennsylvania and Ohio.
- Virginia's DNA second cousin was contacted and hasn't responded.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 14 August at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Useful DNA Research Blog Posts

- [Episode 289 – GedMatch Founder Curtis Rogers Talks Law Enforcement / Adoptee Rights Spokespeople Discuss New York Legislative Victory](#) by Ryan B. on Extreme Genes.
- [The Fastest, Easiest Way to Organize Your DNA Matches](#) by Diahn Southard on [Your DNA Guide](#).
- [Using the "DNA Match" Tree Tag](#) by Ann Raymont on [DNAsleuth](#).
- [Mitochondrial DNA: Part 4 – Techniques for Doubling Your Useful Matches](#) by Roberta J. Estes on [DNAeXplained -- Genetic Genealogy](#).
- [Identifying Unknown Parents and Individuals Using DNA Matching](#) by Roberta Estes on [DNAeXplained -- Genetic Genealogy](#).
- [Ancestry® Unveils Over 225 New Communities for Members Who Have Ties to France, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand](#) by the writers of the [Ancestry.com Blog](#).
- [10 Ways to Group Your DNA Matches Into Genetic Networks](#) by Robin Wirthlin on [Family Locket](#).

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 8/1): 80

Julie Azzaro

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

August 28: Karen Smith and Virginia Taylor
September 25:

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, August 31st, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY FALL SEMINAR (\$\$)*

Speaker: Daniel Horowitz on

“Discovering Family History with MyHeritage
Unique Technologies”

“Getting the most out of MyHeritage - Advance
features”

“How you can Find your Relatives with a DNA
Test”

“Research Jewish Genealogy Resources on the
Internet”

at Captain's Room, Marina Village
(1936 Quivira Way, San Diego CA 92109)

Register: www.casdgs.org

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich
cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 27th, 9:30 a.m.

*NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY*

Speaker: Jane Neff Rollins on

“Death Decoded – Documenting Death With
or Without a Death Certificate”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)
Contact: Jim Jacobson (lj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

*Federation of Genealogical Societies
Conference*

21 – 24 August 2019

Washington, D.C.

Register at: www.fgs.org

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, August 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 21, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 28, 12 noon – General Meeting: Bob Chicca : “Story of the USS Pueblo”** at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Black Indians”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 25, 12 noon – General Meeting: Gary Brock: “Places, Part 2”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD”** at TBD.

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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
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