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Wednesday, 29 January 2020, 12 noon

**CVGS General Meeting**

**Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium**

**Gena Philbert-Ortega on “20 Ways To Find a Maiden Name”**

**“What’s her maiden name????” is the question Gena gets asked the most.**

Knowing where to find it is half the battle. In this presentation we will look at 20 documents that provide a woman’s maiden name and discuss strategies for uncovering it.

Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a Master’s degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a Master’s degree in Religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, two volumes of *Tracing Female Ancestors* (Moorshead Publishing), *Tracing Your Ancestors: Hispanic Research* (Moorshead Publishing) and a *QuickGuide* from Legacy Family Tree. Gena is the editor of the Utah Genealogical Association’s magazine, *Crossroads*. Her writings can be found on her blogs, *Gena’s Genealogy* and *Food.Family.Ephemera* as well as the *GenealogyBank* blog. She is a course instructor for The National Institute for Genealogical Studies.



Gena has presented to diverse groups worldwide including the National Genealogical Society Conference, the Alberta Genealogical Society Conference, the Geo-Literary Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. Her genealogical research projects include research for the first season of PBS’s *Genealogy Roadshow* and the Travel Channel’s *Follow Your Past*. Her current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fundraising cookbooks, and women's material culture.

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## President's Message – by Karen Smith



**2020 is upon us and many of us are starting to put our New Year's resolutions into action.** If you are like me, some of those resolutions are about being a better person in this year than you were in 2019. Often, resolutions involve vowing to practice more tolerance, patience, kindness, or generosity toward our fellow man (or woman). Being a better version of yourself is very appealing and yet challenging, because change is always difficult.

**Genealogy gives us a perfect platform to examine our lives.** As we learn about our ancestors, we sometimes find that they suffered calamities with resolve and endured tragedy with courage. For example, my paternal grandparents had seven children with only four surviving past childhood. Pasted inside the front cover of my grandfather's Bible is the obituary for his two beautiful little girls, aged 5 and 7, who died two days apart. Then there was Jim, who died a few years later, before his second birthday. I doubt that this story is unusual in the late 1800s, but it does point out the difficulty of life before antibiotics and modern medicine. Yet, my grandparents went forward with their lives, raising the remaining children well, and helping them thrive. This takes a strength of character admirable in any time.

**Genealogy also gives us an ample opportunity for new resolutions.** I hope this year to break down more brick walls and learn to better understand how to use DNA and ThruLines in Ancestry. I will continue to work on tracing all of the descendants of my second great grandparents. Organizing my family photos continues to be a challenge for me and most importantly, I need to schedule time dedicated to just these goals! I heard recently that it takes 63 days to change a bad habit. 21 days are needed to break down a habit and replace it with another one, then 42 days are needed to practice the new habit so that it becomes routine. By February or March, I might be more efficient!

**Happy New Year to each of you and best wishes for your genealogy successes in 2020!!**

## Member Services – Contact Carrie Holleron

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

**Carrie Holleron also 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: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.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 <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/> on the "Members" tab.

## February 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Workshop

**The February 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Workshop will be “Research in Genealogy, Newspapers and Court Records” with Susi Pentico from 1 to 4 p.m. at Anna's Family Restaurant (8099 Broadway St., Lemon Grove, Ca 91945). Did you know that many websites continue to digitize newspaper images and add them to their collections?**

**Please note that we have to order something to eat in order to meet at Anna's for free. We can eat like at a Seminar and enjoy the knowledge shared at the same time. Many of our group have eaten here before. The prices are reasonable and they have a great senior menu – soup, sandwiches, small meals, breakfasts served all day, great pies, and good service and food. Of course, they have full course meals too. The menu is online at <http://www.annasfamilyrestaurantsd.com>.**

## CVGS Fundraising Suggestions

**CVGS is always looking for ways to generate funds, which can add to our ability to provide quality presentations to you, our members, and to enable us to continue funding scholarships to students in the Sweetwater Union High School District.**

**We believe we have found an excellent fund-raiser. Applebee's has two fundraisers that we are exploring. In one, we ask you to invite friends and family to eat at Applebee's on a certain date and the restaurant donates 25% of the profits back to our society. In the second, we sell tickets to a wonderful breakfast, which includes pancakes, syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, crispy potatoes, orange juice, and coffee. We have to sell 100 tickets and 10-12 of us need to volunteer as servers. The tickets are \$10 each. The gross profit is \$1,000 and we would earn \$500 of that. This sounds like a great way to build team spirit. Please think about both of these options and share your thoughts with us at the next general meeting.**

## Hospitality Committee Needs YOU!!

**Hospitality needs YOU! It's that time of year again. We need members to sign up to bring snacks for our general meetings. The Hospitality Committee provides tablecloths, napkins, paper plates, plastic ware, serving utensils, and bottled water. Generally, two members coordinate what they want to bring to the meeting, sharing responsibilities for the snacks. Appropriate snacks include cheese, crackers, lunch meats, fruit platters, and desserts such as cookies or brownies. It seems like the same core group of members always volunteer to bring the treats, sometimes more than once a year. If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate, or even need assistance with shopping for the snacks, make a donation designated for Hospitality and our committee will shop for you, bringing the food to a meeting in your name. A donation of \$10 or \$15 will go a long way towards providing snacks at one of our general meetings.**

## Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

**Please register for the General Meetings (last Wednesday), the Saturday Workshops (first Saturday), the Research Group (second Wednesday), and the DNA Interest Group (third Wednesday) on the CVGS website – <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.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.**

## **Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez** **“Bobbie” Lane - CVGS Researcher With French Canadian Ties**

**Bobbie spoke with me and this article is her genealogy story.** “I love sharing my discoveries with other genealogists. I have written articles on my German ancestors for the Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society’s Quarterly and on my French Canadians line for the Society of the Daughters of the King and Soldiers of Carignan’s Journal. I have also given presentations on my Acadians for the CVGS and on my Germans for the German Interest Group. I have visited the land of my ancestors in Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Acadiana, Louisiana. Next summer, I will travel through Bavaria, Germany.

**“It all started over 15 years ago, when I retired from Southwestern College.** I wanted to write my memoirs about growing up on a farm for my eight grandchildren. The first chapter was to be “My Roots.” I realized I really didn’t know much about my ancestors. I only knew that my paternal great grandfather came from Germany, my maternal grandfather was from England, and my maternal grandmother’s side had Native American ancestors.



**“As I now look back on all of the research I have done, these are some of the highlights of what I discovered.** It was my great-great-grandfather Johann Titus, who came from Bavaria in 1849. I have the birth registries of all four family members who came over. Johann was one of the early settlers in Lake County, Illinois. It was just a few miles from my father’s farm and we never knew about him living there! I have even identified the graves of Johann and his wife Kunigunda in our cemetery with the help of probate records.

**“I finally learned that my mother’s maternal ancestors originated in France. The paternal line of LaMagdeleines settled in New France (Quebec province) in the 1600s.** I have 11 Soldiers of Carignan. They came to protect settlers from the Iroquois Indians. I also have 28 Daughters of the King. It was King Louis IV who helped to finance the Daughters so that they could come to Quebec to marry and populate the area. Louis Hebert, one of my direct ancestors, is considered the first European settler of Quebec. He came in 1617, and a huge statue in Quebec’s Old Town honors him and his family.

**“The maternal line of the LaMagdeleines, Pitre/ Petrie and Beausoleil families, came over to Acadie (Nova Scotia) in the early 1600s.** The Frenchman, Rene Rimbault, in my direct line, married Marie of the Mi’kmaq Tribe of the Algonquin Nation in 1653. They and many more of my Acadian ancestors lived and worked on the land for over one hundred years, until over 10,000 French Acadians were driven out by the British in the Colonies from between 1755 and 1762. Joseph Beausoleil, one of my first cousins, nine times removed, led the fight with his fellow Acadians and the Mi’kmaq Indians, to try to keep their land. After getting out of prison, Beausoleil and others in my ancestry fled to the Acadiana area of Louisiana, where they became known as the Cajuns.”

**Bobbie / Barbara J. Titus was born to Joseph S. Titus and Elaine Thatcher of Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois. She is the second of 10 children. She has been married to Dennis L. Lane for 55 years and they have four children and eight grandchildren.**



## Research Group and DNA Interest Group Meetings in January

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 January 2020, at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. We will discuss the latest genealogy industry news and the research activities of the attendees.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 22 January 2020, at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. We will discuss the latest genetic genealogy news and the DNA research activities of the attendees.

## Saturday, 4 January Workshop Review, by Shirley Becker

Shirley Becker was the leader of this discussion group on Saturday, 4 January at Anna's Restaurant in Lemon Grove. Susi had to attend a memorial service. There were 8 in attendance.

A Kinship handout was distributed and discussed. There are five basic types of kinship – Direct, Collateral, Step, In-Law, and Adoptive. The basic rule is to determine the degree of kinship it is necessary to discover the common ancestor between two persons.

After lunch was ordered, the group discussion covered many issues that members had encountered in their research.

The discussion moved on to Sources and Citations with a slide show by Shirley. The slides illustrated that the basics of source citation have not changed much since the May 1998 presentation handout provided by CVGS member Bernice Heiter. Emphasis was placed on the thought that every source you find should be added as you find it, and not after you've finished and forgotten most of the facts.

The meeting ended with more comments by members as to experiences they had happen to them , with some exchanges of events and website addresses and the feeling we would see each other the first Saturday of February at Anna's Restaurant in Lemon Grove.

Susi noted that she has a blog post about Census Information at [https://ancestorseekersbytherootbound.blogspot.com/2020/01/census-records-what-they-can-tell-you\\_6.html](https://ancestorseekersbytherootbound.blogspot.com/2020/01/census-records-what-they-can-tell-you_6.html).

## Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for December

- [Selected Genealogy Website Alexa Traffic Rankings - 2 January 2020](#)
- [Randy's Best Genealogy Discoveries in 2019](#)
- [Randy's "Best" Genea-Musings Posts in 2019](#)
- [Tuesday's Tip: Use the California Birth Index, 1905-1995](#)
- [Tuesday's Tip: Use the 1940 United States Federal Census](#)
  
- [Citing Everything: Your 1-2-3 Guide](#)
- [Fun Collections on Ancestry - Sears Catalogs & Vintage Postcards](#)
- [How To Do Free Genealogy Research on Ancestry.com](#)
- [What Did Ancestors Say in 1950 U.S. Census?](#)
- [Strategies for Using Ancestry ThruLines in DNA Research](#)

## Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Tuesday, 14 January, 11 a.m.: [10 Must-Have MyHeritage Databases](#), by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Wednesday, 15 January, 11 a.m.: [Vetting Published Genealogies for Research](#), by Shannon Combs-Bennett
- Tuesday, 21 January, 5 p.m.: [Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems](#), by Jan M. Joyce
- Wednesday, 22 January, 11 a.m.: [New Tools and Ideas in Research](#), by D. Joshua Taylor
- Tuesday, 28 January, 11 a.m.: [MyHeritageDNA for Your Family Knot](#), by Jennifer Dondero
- Wednesday, 29 January, 11 a.m.: [Effective Use of GENUKI: England's Largest Free Genealogy Website](#), by Paul Milner
- Friday, 31 January, 11 a.m.: [More Than Just Names: Advanced US Census Research](#), by Judy G. Russell
- Tuesday, 4 February, 5 p.m.: [Organizing Your DNA Results \(updated!\)](#), by Diahan Southard
- Wednesday, 5 February, 11 a.m.: [Developing a DNA Testing Plan: a Guide for Beginners](#), by Debra Renard

**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). A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 1,100 webinars at any time.

## Genealogy Bargains

Thomas MacEntee publishes a list of genealogy-related bargains – subscriptions, books, classes, DNA, etc – free, discounted, etc.) every day on <https://genealogybargains.com/>. There is always something genealogical for sale!

## 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.geneamusing.com/2020/01/genealogy-news-bytes-7-january-2020.html>

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

**Here are some of the significant December and early January news items:**

- [GenealogyBank Combines Their Extensive Obituary Resources](#)
- [New Content on the MyHeritage Education Knowledge Base](#)
- [RootsWeb Mailing Lists Shutting Down on 2 March 2020](#)
- [GenSoftReviews Users Choice Awards 2019](#)
  
- [How Artificial Intelligence Is Helping Identify Thousands of Unknown Civil War Soldiers](#)
- [Pentagon Warns Military Not To Use Consumer DNA Kits Due To Security Risk](#)
- [New Owner of GEDmatch Vows to Protect Users From Search Warrants](#)
- [FamilySearch Now Provides Ability to Document Same-Sex Family Relationships](#)

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon Review

**Our Holiday Luncheon was Wednesday, 11 December at the Bonita Terrace Clubhouse in eastern Chula Vista, hosted by President Karen Smith, with about 30 in attendance. Jo Ann Bonner and Carrie Holleron coordinated the potluck dishes and the turkey, ham, and drinks provided by the society. The attendees brought potluck dishes to provide appetizers, salads, vegetables, potatoes, rolls, condiments and desserts.**

After the meal, President Karen Smith welcomed everyone to the luncheon, and the Society awarded lifetime memberships to former Presidents and current Board members Gary Brock and Virginia Taylor. They were both surprised and appreciative.

For entertainment, Gary provided a slide show of "Guess Who They Are" with photos of members as babies, children and adults.

**We also went around all of the tables sharing "A Favorite Christmas Memory" from our life stories.**

The traditional door prize drawings (for a large angel, and a large Santa) and table decoration drawings (poinsettia plants) were held by Carole Sobke, and then the "bring one, get one" gift exchange followed.

Many of the attendees brought canned food and new unwrapped toys for donation to the local Salvation Army. Paula Jo Cahoon dropped them off after the meeting.

**A fun and filling time was had by all!**





### More Holiday Luncheon Photos





## Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 1/1): 77

## Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Sunny Van Cleave

## Meeting Host Volunteers

January 29: Ana and Ceasar Castro

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	Ana Castro

## 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, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 2020,  
9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR (\$60)

Speaker: Warren Bittner on

- “Meyer's Gazetteer: Gateway to Germany”
- “German Maps and Territories”
- “German Marriage Laws and Customs”
- “The Fisherman Who Wanted to Marry the Executioner's Daughter. Stories you Missed from German Marriage Resources”

at Marina Village, Captain's Room  
(1936 Quivira Way, San Diego CA 92109)  
Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich  
[cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com)

### Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Colleen Fitzpatrick on  
“The DNA Doe Project: Identifying John and Jane Does Using Genetic Genealogy”

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

## Upcoming Conferences

### RootsTech 2020 SLC

February 26-29, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah

Salt Palace Convention Center

Register at <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>  
(\$189 early bird price ends on 24 January)

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, January 15, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 22, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, January 29, 12 noon – General Meeting: Gena Philibert-Ortega on “20 Ways to Find a Maiden Name”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, February 1, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Research in Newspapers and Court Papers”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, February 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, February 26, 12 noon – General Meeting: Patricia Diane Godinez on “North and South of the Border and Beyond”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Deeds, Wills and Probates”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)

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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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