



**CHULA VISTA
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE**



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CVGS General Meeting

Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium

John Finch on "The DNA Dynamic"

John Finch has been a member of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society for over twenty years and has served as Library Coordinator, Program Chair and President (2004 - 2006 term). Born and raised in Idaho, he retired from the U.S. Navy in 1980, and San Diego County Probation Department in 1999.

John developed an interest in his own family history at a very young age, but did not begin an active pursuit of research until after retiring in 1999. Now, he spends several hours each week researching his family and volunteers, at this library, every Wednesday morning to assist new and seasoned researchers.



John's topic is: The DNA Dynamic

His Wednesday morning study room newbie researchers are now arriving with a DNA analysis and with the question - "What do I do with this, now?" The DNA phenomenon has introduced another tool or resource never before available. It can confirm or deny relationships; it can connect to relationships long inactive; it can suggest potentially close relationships, thereby breaking your brick walls. John hopes to examine some of these DNA Dynamics and how you may apply it to your research success.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



Volunteerism - what does that mean to you?

About twenty years ago, I returned to regular church attendance after several years away. Just the act of being at church at least once a week made me realize what an empty spot there had been in my life. I was so grateful to be a part of my church community that I felt the need to give back to that community. First I volunteered to teach religious education after my work day. Since I am a teacher, I was convinced that this was the best contribution I could make. Well, that was a mistake. Teaching in a very different atmosphere and rushing across the Coronado Bridge to make it to Chula Vista once a week by 4 p.m. was not my fantasy volunteer position. But while I was teaching, I began doing readings for the children's services. I loved it and eventually became a part of that ministry. Reading has taught me so much about the Bible, all of its events and the amazing folks who populate it. In the end I found reading to be a passion that gave back more to me than I could have imagined. Now that I am retired, I am involved in two other ministries in my church. Still, reading, or "proclaiming the Word", as we call it, is my favorite.

When I joined our genealogical society, I did not plan to volunteer for anything. Eventually, I knew that I should give back something for the help I received and the new friendships formed. I became Membership chair and served in that position for four years. Once again, I found great rewards in that job. I eventually knew almost everyone's name and was able to make some changes that helped our society function a little better. My volunteering gave me more than I gave to it.

Our society needs volunteerism. We have 76 members and only about a dozen are actively volunteering. Some jobs are small. Our Hospitality Chair has to help coordinate refreshments once a month for general meetings and twice a year for our picnic and Christmas party. The Ways and Means chair holds the raffle at the monthly general meetings. We need volunteers to donate snacks once or twice a year. We need someone to help our Historian with her job. We need new Officers every two years. The best part about our society is that the officers on our Board help one another, so no job is something you have to take on alone. We also need new ideas and fresh ways of looking at things.

To me, volunteerism means giving to others and reaping the benefits yourself. It may ask you to step out of your comfort zone, but not for long. Think about it and contact me if you think you would like to be an active part of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society. Call me at 619-656-0996 or email at freelady72000@me.com.

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.

April 4th Saturday Workshop

The April 4th Saturday Workshop will be “TBD” with Susi Pentico from 1 to 4 p.m. at Anna's Family Restaurant (8099 Broadway St., Lemon Grove, Ca 91945).

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>.

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.

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 . 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 so we can get a card to that member.

Hospitality Committee Needs YOU!!

Do you enjoy the treats we have after the CVGS General Meeting? Well, our Hospitality chair Jo Ann Bonner passed away this last month, so we need a volunteer to replace her on the Board of Directors. PLEASE think about giving back to our society by volunteering for the Hospitality Chair position. We really encourage you to share the position up with another member because more hands make lighter work.

The task entails signing up two volunteers to bring refreshments at each general meeting, organize the Annual Picnic and Holiday Luncheon food, and attend one meeting each month. Contact President Karen Smith (619-656-0996 or email at freelady72000@me.com). Thanks for your help with this!!

North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar is 28 March

The North San Diego County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar is Saturday, 28 March from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center (799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad CA 92008) in Activity Room 111. The program is “New Faces, New Approaches” - seven case studies by NSDCGS members. A \$10 donation is suggested, and a box lunch can be purchased for \$10. Register online at <http://nsdcgs.org/springseminar/registration/>.

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.geneamusings.com/2020/03/genealogy-news-bytes-friday-6-march-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 February genealogy news items:

- [Ancestry® Announces Digitization of All 36 Million Available US Draft Cards, Answering More Members' Questions About Family History](#)
- [Ancestry® Announces Significant Content Additions and Improved Family History Research Tools at RootsTech, Empowering More Discoveries](#)
- [MyHeritage Adds Huge Collection of Historical U.S. City Directories](#)
- [Introducing Fan View for Family Trees \[MyHeritage\]](#)
- [MyHeritage in Color™ Goes Viral: Over a Million Photos Already Colorized!](#)
- [MyHeritage CEO Gilad Japhet Addresses RootsTech 2020](#)
- [DNA Painter: Traits Now on Chromosome Map](#)
- [Will the Coronavirus Create Travel Bans and Cancellations of Genealogy Conferences?](#)

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for February

- [The Archive Lady: Tips for Researching in Courthouses](#) by Melissa Barker
- [Sneak Preview: FamilyTreeDNA's myOrigins Version 3.0](#) by Roberta J. Estes
- [Finding Living People: Here's How I do It](#) by Linda Stufflebean
- [Optimizing Your Tree at Ancestry for More Hints & DNA ThruLines](#) by Roberta J. Estes
- [Mindmapping Software for Writing and Family Storytelling](#) by Laura Hedgecock
- [Tying the Knot: Ancestral Marriage Records and Where You Might Find Them](#) by Carolyn
- [The Archive Lady: Flattening Rolled Documents](#) by Melissa Barker
- [A Rating System for Ancestry's Public Trees?](#) by Ryan Ross
- [Genealogical Journals: Forgotten Resources](#) by Jacqi Stevens
- [The Shifting Landscape of Genetic Genealogy](#) by Amy Johnson Crow
- [RootsTech 2020 Salt Lake City Blog Compendium – Updated!](#) By Randy Seaver
- [MyHeritage Announces FREE Access to Irish Records From March 5th to March 22nd,](#) by Randy
- [Tuesday's Tip: Research in Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906-1967,](#) by Randy Seaver
- [Tuesday's Tip: Research in World War II Young Men's Draft Registration Cards,](#) by Randy Seaver

Services for Jo Ann Bonner (1946-2020)

Our wonderful Hospitality Chair, Jo Ann Bonner, passed away suddenly on 21 February 2020.

Her memorial service will be Friday, 13 March, at 10 a.m. at Glen Abbey Memorial Park in the Chapel of the Roses (3838 Bonita Road, Bonita CA 91902). A Reception will follow immediately.

Her Associations

**Beta Sigma Phi International – Torch Bearer
Daughters of the American Revolution
Chula Vista Genealogical Society**

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Daughters of the American Revolution www.dar.org in honor of Jo Ann.

Cards may be sent to:

**In Care of the Family of Jo Ann Bonner
626 Mariposa Circle
Chula Vista CA 91911**



Jo Ann Bonner

MARCH 13, 1946 – FEBRUARY 21, 2020

Jo Ann Bonner passed away unexpectedly at home on February 21, 2020, at the age of 73 years. She was born in Knox City, Texas on March 13, 1946. She is predeceased by Joe Allen Bonner, her loving husband of 18 years; her parents, Robert and Georgia Sadler; and her first granddaughter Lily Opal Lindsey. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Lindsey of Vacaville; her son, John Bonner and his wife, Lucy, of San Diego; and her brother, Gary Sadler and his wife, Bonnie, of Georgia. She is lovingly remembered by her greatest joys, her grandchildren: Christopher Lindsay, Joey Bonner, Trinity Lindsey, and Ryan Bonner.

She loved to share stories of her childhood when she visited her grandparents in Texas. Her favorite place to live as a child was St. John's, Newfoundland. She absolutely loved to play outdoors for hours when she was a child. Some of the many things that made her smile were her adoring family, puppies, sunsets and sunrises, flowers, and beautiful vistas.

As an adult, she wasn't one to let the grass grow under her feet. She kept busy and belonged to three organizations: Beta Sigma Phi for over 50 years, the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, and the Linares Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Her hobbies included traveling the world with her grandchildren, reading, photography, cake decorating, and all types of crafts. The top of her list was always family and friends that were like family. She loved to go out to eat, especially for Mexican Food. She will be greatly missed by all that were lucky enough to have known her.

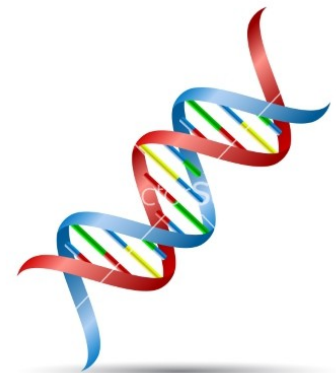
May she Rest in Peace.

February 19th DNA Interest Group Review

We had 12 attendees at the February 19th DNA Interest Group meeting, including two visitors.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- AncestryDNA ThruLines filters.
- The 23andMe Family Tree which shows some DNA matches and potential common ancestors – but you fill in your ancestors.
- The MyHeritage Locations features.
- YouTube channels which have DNA content – Blaine Bettinger, Family History Fanatics, DNA Family Trees, Ancestry.



In the second hour, Randy answered attendee questions, such as:

- **“What is a centiMorgan?”** Wikipedia says: “In genetic genealogy, a centiMorgan (cM) or map unit (m.u.) is a unit of recombinant frequency which is used to measure genetic distance. It is often used to imply distance along a chromosome, and takes into account how often recombination occurs in a region. A region with few cMs undergoes relatively less recombination. The number of base pairs to which it corresponds varies widely across the genome (different regions of a chromosome have different propensities towards crossover). One centiMorgan corresponds to about 1 million base pairs in humans on average.”
- **“How many centiMorgans (cM) do we have in our DNA tests?”** We have about 6,800 total centiMorgans distributed on our 22 pair of autosomal chromosomes. A child will share about 3,400 cM with a parent, and about 1,700 with a grandparent.
- **“How many centiMorgans indicate a certain DNA match?”** A DNA match with 20 cM or more is a certain DNA match – you share segments of DNA on one or more chromosomes with your DNA match. Some researchers say that having a segment of 12 to 15 cMs is a certain match if it is on one segment. The companies provide DNA matches for segments of 6 cM and more on AncestryDNA; 7 cM and more on 23andMe; 8 cM and more on MyHeritage; and a total of 18 cM and more on FamilyTreeDNA - however, FamilyTreeDNA counts segments of 3 cM or more.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 18 March at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Library Auditorium.

Some significant DNA related articles published during February include:

- * Neanderthal genetics article - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neanderthal_genetics
- * Shared Clustering by Jonathan Brecher - <https://github.com/jonathanbrecher/sharedclustering/wiki>
- * Jim Bartlett Article "In Defense of Small Segments" - <https://segmentology.org/2020/01/31/in-defense-of-small-segments/>
- * Blaine Bettinger YouTube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn9OJgmzrmPGDKfe_P0YJlg
- * Ancestry YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsc0AQkAh_2cQmxqwD6VWRw
- * Family History Fanatics YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmkKepHoafldMRZ4UNt0Akw>
- * DNA Family Trees YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUdPp7Zk49yj4OL1gP8HkvA>
- * Family Tree Webinars DNA (\$\$) Library (MyHeritage sponsored webinars are free to watch):
<https://familytreewebinars.com/dna>

February 26th Program Review, by Ana Castro

The February program featured CVGS member Patricia Diane Godinez, speaking on “North and South of The Border and Beyond”. She explained how using the FamilySearch website connected her with relatives from Canada, Mexico and Europe. Using her 23andMe DNA matches helped her connect with potential relatives and find autosomal DNA connections to Africa.

Patricia Diane walked the audience through a wealth of information she has collected by thinking “outside-the box” and using her persistence to gather family history. Her goal for the presentation was to 1) Entertain, 2) Inform, and 3) Inspire.

Her research began in Canada with her Longhurst father’s family. Finding her paternal grandparents and tracing their trail of records from Romania, Germany, to Ellis Island, the USA, and finally to Saskatchewan, Canada. Using Ancestry.com she found information about her grandfather’s WWI service in the Canadian Expedition Force action in France and Belgium. This information created more research about these events and participants during the action in WWI. Using the new learned information Diane found detailed data on the number of Romanians and Czechoslovakians living in Canada and the US which she felt could be a source of information for research.

Patricia Diane made a timeline of her maternal Grandmother who was born in 1888 to provide some perspective of historical events. Queen Victoria was the head of England, The White Chapel Murders started, The Great Sheep Panic happened, and the creation of The New Scotland Yard all occurred the year her grandmother was born. What Diane remembers of her grandmother unfortunately was how mean and oppressive she was.

She took Randy Seaver’s advice about accessing Newspapers.com when it is free. She found marriage records, death records, wedding announcements, articles about her mother’s promotion in grammar school, in addition to social and civic events for family members.

DNA matches has also been a treasure trove for Patricia Diane. She writes emails to as many possible matches and takes her chances for replies. Through some of these replies, she has been able to find cousins, family information and collaboration in her research. As she said, “DNA does not Lie”.

Patricia Diane’s Five Tips to Remember:

- 1) Think outside of the box - i.e. names may be misspelled.
- 2) Be a groupie and communicate with others, share your expertise.
- 3) Write emails.
- 4) Read lots of books.
- 5) Use Google and YouTube as resources.

Her collection of photos, data, and family were on display. Diane also completed her presentation as a first-time user of a laptop to share her genealogy. Her stated goals were met.



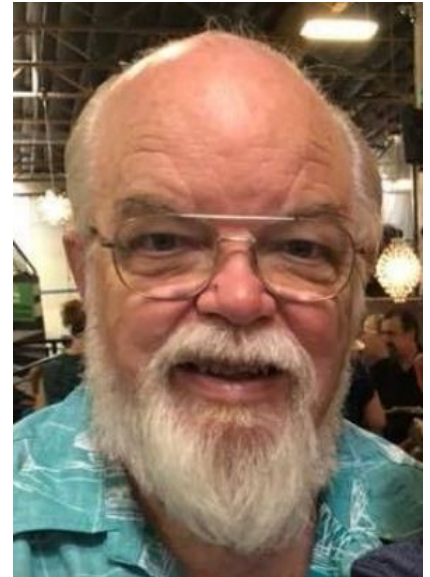
February 12th Research Group Review

The February 12th Research Group meeting had 14 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- [RootsTech 2020 livestream schedule](#) and [class handout access](#)
- [MyHeritage InColor](#) colorizer for back and white photos
- [MyHeritage 24 Hour Genealogy Webinar Marathon](#)
- Nathan Dylan Goodwin's book, *The Sterling Affair*
- Demonstrated how to use GEDCOM files – export in software, download from an online tree, export, and import to software.

In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their genealogy-related activities:

- John is working with a cousin on the Carpenter family in Rhode Island. He is also the local SAR registrar now.
- Barbara and Carl asked about Czech research – we suggested the SDGS German Group and the Czech Genealogy Facebook group.
- Jo Ann mentioned that she wants to travel to England to do research where her father and other British ancestors lived. She wants to try to contact some of her DNA matches who live over there.
- Karen P. talked about research of her Holt family line back in time to the Revolutionary War period and before. She has discovered links back to that time period as well for her late husband. She is reviewing many "hints" and it takes a lot of time, which is well worth it. She likes FamilySearch for tree structures, along with Ancestry, and will be looking at using RootsMagic and Family Tree Maker.
- Bobbie's husband, Dennis, received a match on 23andMe with Jeanette, who was adopted at birth and is now looking for her biological family. She also matched a half-brother, Mick Pegg, who was on Den's maternal side. Dennis called Jeanette with information on her father and several grandparent generations beyond that; he also sent her lots of pictures.
- Ana has spent time checking hints on Ancestry, which multiply instead of decrease. 23andMe Matches take lots of time. She has reconnected with cousins they visited in Paramount, CA in the 1950s. She never knew the connection was her father's uncle.
- Carrie and Karen P. attended the last DAR meeting.
- Linda is working on Legacy Family Tree and FamilySearch Family Tree source citations.



The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 March at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Library Auditorium (the tax classes are in the Conference Room).

RootsTech 2020 SLC Conference Video and Handout Archives

RootsTech 2020 SLC was February 26-29 in Salt Lake City. The Keynote talks are available for FREE viewing at <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-keynotes-general-session>. Selected class sessions are available for FREE viewing at <https://www.rootstech.org/category/2020-rootstech-sessions>.

Handouts for most of the 300 RootsTech class sections are available at <https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake-schedule>. Click on a specific day to see the classes listed. Click on a specific class and if there is a "Syllabus" link, click on that link to see a PDF of the class handout. You can read them online or download them to your computer files.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 3/1): 76

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Family of Jo Ann Bonner

Meeting Host Volunteers

March 25: Virginia Taylor, Karen Polk,
Diane Godinez

We Need a Hospitality Chair!

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	Open
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, March 14th 2020,
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega on
“25 Tips For Researching Your Female
Ancestors” and
“The Secret Lives of Women: Research Female
Ancestors Using the Sources They Left Behind”

at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego 92119

Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich
cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 24th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Jean Wilcox Hibben on
Doing German (and other Country) Records
When You Don't Speak the Language

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)
Contact: Jim Jacobson (lijj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

National Genealogical Society 2020
Family History Conferences

May 2-23, 2020
Salt Lake City, Utah

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

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, March 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, March 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, March 25, 12 noon – General Meeting: John Finch on “The DNA Dynamic”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, April 4, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD”** at Anna's Restaurant (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, April 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, April 15, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Wednesday, April 29, 12 noon – General Meeting: Randy Seaver on “How I Use Ancestry.com”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, May 1, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “TBD”** 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) for program details.

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