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CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)

Debby Warner Anderson on "My Great-Grandmother's Letters"

What would you do with a box of ancestral family letters?

Debby says: "Several years ago I realized that my father had a shoebox full of letters written by my great-grandmother Carrie Terry Warner. After I read them I wondered how to make them meaningful for other family members? I will take you with me as I recount what that journey entailed and how I made the letters come alive and become much more meaningful than I ever believed they could be when I held them for the first time."

Debby's interest in Genealogy began at a very young age while listening to stories her paternal grandmother frequently told about family members and those that came before. Over the years she did research periodically the old way with letters and books. With the invention of the internet and records being available on-line her interest soared again.

After teaching special education for over 35 years she is now retired and has more time to devote to researching, visiting her family and visiting areas her ancestors lived to learn more about 'their' stories. Currently, she is trying to finish a 10 year project of digitizing over 150 of her great-grandmother's letters from 1880-1910.

Debby has been writing about her discoveries in Debby's Family Genealogy Blog for about 5 years now. She belongs to a variety of societies including the San Diego Genealogical Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Her passion as a teacher causes her to want to share what she has learned and help others on their journey to discover their ancestors. She enjoys doing presentations, meeting new cousins and fellow researchers.

Along with genealogy, Debby also enjoys doing Agility and taking long walks with her dog Harley, Scrapbooking, and traveling in her Camper.



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President's Message – by Karen Smith



I spent much of this past weekend listening to presentations from Roots Tech. Since it was virtual, it felt like a gift to have all that knowledge available right on my laptop. As Randy Seaver would say, I could participate in my pajamas and bunny slippers.

I watched at least five or six programs about DNA, which continues to puzzle and amaze me. One of my brick walls is my father's grandfather, whose surname is Smith (right?). Much of what I saw in Roots Tech was about whether to use MtDNA, Y-DNA, or autosomal DNA to get the best results. Afterward, I was very overwhelmed with so much swirling about in my brain.

I decided to check my Ancestry account, and found there a little kernel which may point me in the right direction. Patience often pays off. Ancestry information is not static and as more is added, we are offered more breadcrumbs to lead us to our heritage.

I hope you are weathering these COVID times with patience and good health. I hope to see you in 2021.

Please Note: All CVGS Events at Chula Vista Library Are Canceled Until Further Notice!

The Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library and the other branches of the library are closed until the prohibition on meetings of groups of people and distancing from others are lifted.

The latest word that we have is that the Chula Vista Library branches may open by September or October 2021.

Consequently, all CVGS in-person meetings are canceled. We will try to have Zoom online video conferencing meetings for the Board of Directors, the Research Group, the DNA Interest Group, and the General Meetings with a speaker. See page 3 of the June 2020 Newsletter for Zoom program details, or contact Randy Seaver (email randy.seaver@gmail.com).

From the CVGS Historian, by Susan Zimmer

Did you know that Chula Vista Genealogical Society published a members' cookbook in 1992? I found some financial records from that year for funding the project. Many organizations at that time were fund-raising by putting out collections of member's best recipes. Personally I would love to see some of the recipes that Sandy Palumbo may have submitted.

Does anyone from the early days have a copy of it? If so, bring it to my attention, and we can share some of the contents.

CVGS Program Review – John Finch's “The DNA Dynamic”

The February 24 program speaker was John Finch on “The DNA Dynamic.” There were 35 in attendance – 32 CVGS members and 3 guests – in this Zoom meeting.

John's presentation covered his experiences studying about DNA and using DNA test results to help him and others figure out their ethnicity and DNA matches. He recommended several books – Diahan Southard's *Your DNA Guide*, Bryan Sykes *Seven Daughters of Eve*, and Bill Griffeth's *Stranger In My Genes*. There are also TV series that explore DNA in a subject's genealogy – *Finding Your Roots*, *Who Do You Think You Are*, and *Long Lost Family*. After a brief discussion of what and where DNA is, and that we share 96% of our DNA with bonobos, and that some people have up to 4% Neanderthal genes, John discussed privacy issues with DNA tests and results, mentioning use by law enforcement.

The discussion turned to a brief description of ethnicity estimates and DNA match results on AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, 23and Me, and Living DNA. Some highlights were genetic groups, the centimorgan relationship chart, the mtDNA migration map, 23 chromosome pairs, the 23andMe timeline, and the *Evidence Explained* Quicksheet for crafting genetic genealogy source citations. He finished up with a description of one of his brick walls – a great-grandmother was an orphan, so he “did genealogy,” used his autosomal DNA matches, and found the hidden 2nd great-grandparents.

CVGS members can watch the presentation and download the handout on the CVGS website – on the “Members” tab, click on “Recorded Zoom meetings.”

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 (conferences, webinars, podcasts, video), DNA success stories, and more. See an example at https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/03/genealogy-news-and-education-bytes_5.html

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check for updates at <https://eogn.com/page-18080>.

Randy writes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” post every Sunday, which contains links to genealogy blog posts that he enjoyed and learned from, including several other “pick posts” by geneabloggers in Arizona, Canada and Australia. See an example in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/02/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-21-to-27.html>

Randy also passes lists of useful genealogy and DNA blog post and videos to members via email.

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 minutes and General Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at the website on the “Members” tab.

February 17th DNA Interest Group Review

The February 17th DNA Interest Group meeting on Zoom had 26 in attendance, including 6 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- MyHeritage unveiled new tools to examine shared DNA matches – see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/02/new-tools-to-examine-shared-dna-matches-on-myheritage/>
- MyHeritageDNA updated their Theory of Family Relativity – see <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/02/update-to-theory-of-family-relativity-4/>
- He finished painting his Chromosome Map on DNA Painter – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/02/painting-my-ancestral-chromosome-map.html> You can't use AncestryDNA matches for this unless they have also tested at a company with a chromosome browser. That limited him to 26% coverage on his Chromosome Map from about 32 DNA matches on MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, and GEDmatch..
- He now has about 420 AncestryDNA ThruLines (out of 35,000 matches) and 11 MyHeritage Theory of Family Relativity (out of 9,000 matches) – common ancestors of those matches are identified through family trees.
- He has dozens of high-cM matches (over 30 cM) on FamilyTreeDNA (some have trees), 23andMe (no trees), and GEDmatch (some have trees). He is working through a list of matches that don't have a tree, using online search tools, to try to find common ancestors using a private Ancestry Member Tree.
- He finished reading *The Chester Creek Murders*, by Nathan Dylan Goodwin – buy it at <https://www.amazon.com/Chester-Creek-Murders-Venator-Cold-ebook/dp/B08PFYYW3J/> (\$12.99 paperback, \$5.49 Kindle). The book provides a how-to recipe to succeed in solving genetic genealogy problems, including:
 - *** With a DNA sample, estimate relationship of a match using cM values and the Shared cM Tool at DNA Painter - <https://dnapainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>
 - *** Try to fill out the DNA match's family tree – starting with known info (name, location, age group, email, social media, etc.). Do ancestor genealogy for your DNA match. Work backwards in time to get to 2nd to 4th great-grandparents. Build a family tree – they use a private Ancestry.com tree and use Hints (trees, records, photos, stories) to substantiate conclusions.
 - *** From the found ancestor's of the DNA match, you then do descendant genealogy. Who were the children, who did they marry, where did they live, who were their children, etc., generation by generation. Eventually, they find descendants of an ancestral couple that fits the profile.

In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their DNA-related activities, and asked questions.

- Connie has a DNA match of 844 cM but doesn't know who the person is. The group said that is almost certainly a first cousin match, so one of her grandparents had a child that she does not know about.
- Daryl has added information to FamilySearch Family Tree so that she can obtain Relatives at RootsTech.
- Jane's granddaughter's DNA test came back with the ethnicity saying mainly French and German, but the grandparent on one side is Italian, and a great-grandparent is Polish. Ethnicity estimates are estimates!

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 March at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. Members can register on the CVGS website and receive an email with the link to JOIN the meeting. Also, an email invitation to all CVGS members will go out on 15 March with the link.

Spotlight on Heather Louise Goebel - CVGS Researcher, Retired Librarian, and Hobbyist Genealogist, by Patricia Diane Godinez

My earliest interest in family history likely was born out of a homework assignment my younger (and only sibling), sister, Rominey Goebel, had in junior high or senior high school. She interviewed our German-American paternal grandmother, who wrote a great letter about collecting chicken eggs at her home farm.

My first instruction was a sweet invitation from a university dormitory girlfriend to join her at an extended series of classes on genealogy from the campus LDS institute. Back then, everything was about writing letters and including a stamped, self-addressed envelope to possible cousins. Obtaining certificates for birth, marriage, and death seemed expensive and I decided to wait until I was older to request those. Well, that might have been a mistake as they just keep getting more expensive!

Over the years, I kept stabbing away at my family tree intermittently, until at a Mesa, Arizona all day LDS genealogy seminar (about 15 years ago), in which my husband, Dennis MacLeod, and I gave little tubes of blood and our pedigree charts to the Sorenson DNA project. At that point, I became very interested in genetic genealogy and became one of the earlier participants in the direct consumer DNA projects, including the National Geographic project, GeneTree, 23andMe (once my favorite) FTDNA, and Ancestry, and eventually MyHeritage and Living DNA. I tested about 14 family members and friends, including the Big Y and full MTDNA test.

The special people I work with are the 1400+ members of the Facebook Newfoundland GEDmatch group, which works to untangle our very mingled family trees found mainly in England and Ireland. I have moderated and welcomed new members to that group daily for about the last 5 years. I whole heartedly endorse the use of Facebook genealogy groups. We have had some great connections to extended family at a Lebanese-American genealogy Facebook group, full of photos, and family documents.

About 9 years ago, a longtime Jewish family friend asked me if I might use DNA to figure out who his biological father was and I, not understanding fully how tricky that might be, agreed. Through this quest, I have made lots of Jewish researcher friends and have been fascinated that our friend bears the genetic signature of the Luria/ Lurie family that later became the predecessor of the oldest European pedigreed family in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Family history research led me to find the Oklahoma family of a Goebel great uncle who disappeared and as a teenager, after being left to cut railroad ties by an older bossy brother, who was my grandfather. DNA work has led me to identify and reunite two second cousins who had been adopted away from the family. DNA has also encouraged me to contact other descendants of the GOEBEL/WEBBER/PETERS/SNOW families.

My mother, who died at almost 95 years, was a Canadian from Alberta. Although she married an American, who was living on the next farm in Alberta, she remained a Canadian to her death. Her ancestry is from Leeds, Yorkshire, England on her father's side. On her mother's side, she has the

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Newfoundland Ancestry. Her parents met at a Temperance Society meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, and Mother remained quite the teetotaler.

My husband Dennis and I met at the Arizona Bicycle Club about 1991 or 1992. I had been invited to join the weekly bike rides for three years by a dear journalist co-worker and friend before I finally joined them. There I discovered the kindest man, rode tandem bicycles with him, supported weekend bike rides for the club with him, and married him (the best decision of my life). I have no children but do dote on my grown event planner/ entertainer nephew and cardio-technologist niece, as well as my niece and her husband's two little sons. Dennis is a retired Network Engineer, keeps an ever-enlarging organic garden, and at 74 years, rides 20-25 miles every other day and does all our cooking, sometimes using his solar oven to cook. We are both interested in sustainability (we have solar on our home and own an electric car). We were both raised as Episcopalians. Dennis has a grown daughter, Heather Ann, who with her husband, has an 18 year old daughter. They live in Fort Worth and we plan to visit them once the pandemic is better contained.

As I do not have children of my own, I do feel like I am "rebirthing" family members who might have been "lost" to our family had I not worked to make them known and kept in our memories.

I went to school in Kodiak, Alaska; Chula Vista, California; Naples, Italy; Norfolk, Virginia; Quincy, Massachusetts; and Bergen, Norway. I graduated from the University of California at Riverside in Art History and from Columbia University in NYC in Library Service. I worked in just about every sort of public and private library, including the library at Camp Pendleton, as a newspaper librarian (my favorite position) at the largest newspaper in Arizona, Phoenix Newspapers Inc., a school library, an academic library, Fort Worth and Scottsdale Public Library. At the Arizona State Library, one of the departments I managed was the genealogy library. From there, I met wonderful friends who led me to other genealogical seminars, workshops, lectures, conferences, institutes, and webinars.

My paternal uncle transcribed a biography written by his father, my grandfather, James Carlos Goebel, born in Missouri, May 2, 1884–August 4, 1967. This same uncle also put together a great listing of the descendants of Gertrude Adelia Barr, my great grandmother and her husband, Frederick George Webber, of Venango County, Pennsylvania. A paternal aunt later wrote her biography, and my Mother also wrote about the first 20 years of her life.

I grew up in Chula Vista, from second to 7th grade, and 11th and 12th grade, in between USS Navy assignments that my Father had. I have returned to Chula Vista for Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for all my adult years. I bought my parents' Chula Vista home from my sister, and go back and forth between Phoenix and Chula Vista. My sister lives in El Cajon, my niece in Santee, and my nephew in San Diego proper.

After retiring as a librarian in November 2015 (largely so I could devote all my time to genealogy!) I was able to attend more conferences. One of the most fortunate things I was able to do was to take the 2015 genetic genealogy week long cruise with CeCe Moore, Angie Bush, and Blaine Bettinger. Among other things, I have taken courses in Pennsylvania German research, Native American Genealogy, Mother Russia Genealogy, African American Genealogy, and Advanced Genealogical Methods.

I do feel like I have been held back from advancing more as I don't use, but I am well aware of such great genetic genealogy tools as Genome Mate Pro, DNAGedcom, WATO (What Are The Odds), Genetic Families, etc, although I do use and appreciate GEDmatch.com with its ever-increasing new tools and its auto clustering tools.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and are FREE 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 1,500 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 9 March, 11 a.m.: [Using different family tree views for your research](#), by Uri Gonen
- Wednesday, 9 March, 5 p.m.: [Researching Ancestral Locations in Prussian Genealogy Records](#), by Nancy E. Loe
- Tuesday, 16 March, 5 p.m.: [Reporting on Research: Standards Encourage Better Communication](#), by Nancy E. Peters
- Wednesday, 17 March, 11 a.m.: [FamilySearch.org - 10 Links You Have to Try](#), by Devin Ashby
- Friday, 19 March, 11 a.m.: [Tracing Your War of 1812 British Soldier](#), by Paul Milner
- Tuesday, 23 March, 11 a.m.: [See your ancestors like never before with MyHeritage's photo tools](#), by Tal Erlichman
- Wednesday, 24 March, 11 a.m.: [20th Century Immigrants to the West Coast](#), by Linda Harms Okazaki
- Wednesday, 31 March, 11 a.m.: [Fifty Overlooked Genealogical Resources in Fifty Minutes](#), by Diane L. Richard
- Friday, 2 April, 11 a.m.: [In Their Own Words: Genealogy in the Slave Narratives](#), by Renate Yarborough Sanders
- Tuesday, 6 April, 7 p.m.: [Four More Sources for New Zealand Family History](#), by Fiona Brooker
- Wednesday, 7 April, 11 a.m.: [DNA for Dog Lovers](#), by Shellee Morehead

Do You Have a Research or Family Story to Share?

Do you have a research or family story about an ancestor or your genealogy research, please send it to the editor as a PDF file and we will be happy to publish it. If you have a photograph or document image, that can be published too! Because we only are sending email newsletters, we are not limited to 10 pages.

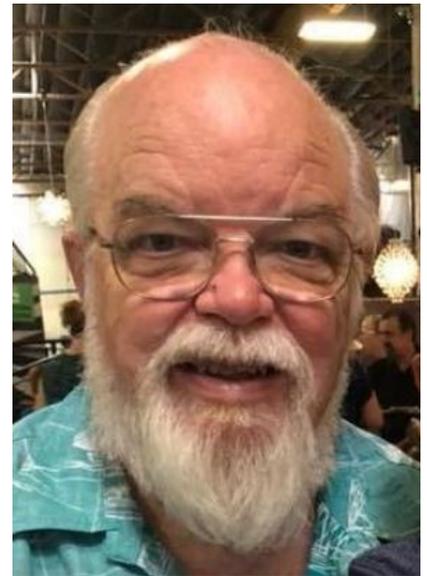
As George H.W. Bush said: “You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of the struggles waged, at home and abroad; Of sacrifices made for freedom’s sake. And tell them your own story as well— because everybody has a story to tell.”

Quotes To Ponder for St. Patrick's Day

- The whole world is Irish on the seventeenth of March! ~ Thomas Augustine Daly
- Saint Patrick’s Day is a day to celebrate our green heritage. The ancestry of Ireland. It is a day to celebrate what it means to be Irish and of Irish descent. ~ Anthony T. Hicks
- There are only two types of people in the world, The Irish and those who wish they were. ~ Irish saying
- Here’s to you and here’s to me, I pray that friends we’ll always be, But if by chance we disagree. The heck with you and here’s to me. ~ Irish toast
- We have always found the Irish to be a bit odd. They refuse to be English. ~ Winston Churchill
- Being Irish is very much a part of who I am. I take it everywhere with me. ~Colin Farrell
- Ireland is a land of poets and legends, of dreamers and rebels. ~Nora Roberts
- If you’re Irish, it doesn’t matter where you go— you’ll find family. ~Victoria Smurfit

February 10th Research Group Review

The February 10th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 27 in attendance, including 4 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- RootsTech Connect 2021 is a FREE, virtual three-day, all-day – conference with classes from around the world. Register at www.RootsTech.org. There are over 200,000 registered now.
- MyHeritage announced a [photo restoration feature](#) for off-color and faded photographs.
- MyHeritage introduced the [Photo Story Teller feature](#) on the MyHeritage mobile app. You can select a photo on the app, tap the microphone icon, and describe your photo.
- The [National Genealogical Society \(NGS\) Conference](#) is May 19-20, online, live, with registration fees (\$225 (Live only) to \$475 (Live + 40 classes on-demand)).
- Received his second FOREVER box back with 29 more digitized home movies. Some priceless memories are now on his YouTube channel.
- Recommended and reviewed using the [Genealogical Proof Standard \(GPS\)](#) and the [Evidence Analysis Process Map](#) to help you with your research. Also see the book [Evidence Explained – Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace](#) by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Also the book [Mastering Genealogy Proof](#) by Thomas Jones. Also the BCG book [Genealogy Standards](#).

In the second hour, the attendees discussed their current genealogy successes and challenges.

- Connie asked which software program is best – Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Legacy Family Tree, some other one? The group said it's a personal choice based on features and comfort.
- Patricia asked for more information about [FOREVER](#) features.
- Karen M. asked what source template to use for an obituary. A newspaper article is appropriate.
- Susi noted that she provided information about resources on the CVGS website.
- Paula Jo is working on a surprise DAR application for her granddaughter.
- Chuck recommends checking out local archives, libraries, historical and genealogical societies for records of your families.
- Marshall is using AncestryDNA ThruLines to find distant cousins.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 March at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. Members can register on the CVGS website and receive an email with the link to JOIN the meeting. Also, an email invitation to all CVGS members will go out on 8 March with the link.

Genealogy Sayings

- If you shake your family tree, watch for the nuts to fall.
- Some family trees have more sap than others (and mine certainly has more than its fair share).
- Genealogists never fade away; they just lose their roots.
- Family tree research is one giant step backwards and one giant step forward—usually at the same time.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 3/1): 73

New Members:

Darlene Jerome
 Colleen McKee
 John Zimmerman
 Dick Wayman

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

We Need a Hospitality Chair! Please volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro
 Carrie Holleron
 Carole Sobke

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
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Research Group/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

San Diego Genealogical Society
 (www.casdgs.org)

All Meetings on Zoom

Monthly Program

Saturday, 13 March, 10 a.m.

**Speaker: Toni Perrone on
 "Journey to America" and "Prussia
 and Its Changing Borders"**

**North San Diego County Genealogical
 Society (www.nsdcdgs.org)**

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 23 March, 9:30 a.m.

**Speaker: Jamie Lee Mayhew on
 "Getting the Most Out of the
 FamilySearch™ Wiki "**

FREE Spring Seminar Webinar

Saturday, 10 April, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**"Pajama Genealogy, or How I Spent
 My Pandemic"**

with 6 NSDCGS Speakers

Register at <https://register.nsdcdgs.org>

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Upcoming Conferences

**National Genealogical Society
 (17-21 May)**

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

**SCGS Genealogy Jamboree
 (4-5 and 11-12 June)**

<https://genealogyjamboree.com/>

RootsTech Attracts Over 1 Million Participants Opening Week



SALT LAKE CITY, UT—RootsTech Connect 2021 lured more than 1 million participants from 242 countries and territories at its completely virtual, online debut. RootsTech is a hybrid, global online event and website that celebrates fun, personal, and family discoveries by fostering new connections, the latest learning, and innovative technologies. Although the “event” portion of the experience ran 25–27 February 2021, anyone can continue to create custom watch lists from the 2,000 free, on-demand videos at RootsTech.org.

“The 3-day RootsTech Connect 2021 virtual event was literally just a ribbon-cutting of a totally new way for people to connect with others and to learn globally,” remarked Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch CEO. Nonprofit FamilySearch International hosts the popular online site and event. Rockwood said they have learned from past conferences held in-person in Salt Lake City and London with complementary online components. “Online learning is now core instead of ancillary. And the big difference is it’s not just 3 days but 365 days. We want to continue to globalize and localize learning and discoveries.”

The RootsTech Team learned right away in Fall 2020 when it announced plans to create a free, all-virtual global event that if they build it, the crowds would come. The question Rockwood admitted was, “If we build it, how MANY will come, and will we be able to accommodate them?” They decided it was best to build a bigger boat. In technology terms, that meant a web experience delivered in 11 languages that could accommodate 500,000 concurrent users.

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RootsTech Attracts Over 1 Million Participants Opening Week (concluded)

The million-participant milestone for the opening weekend was a very pleasant surprise. Rockwood expressed gratitude for the gifted engineers, dedicated staff, volunteers, and partner support that contributed to successfully pulling off the new web model in such a short time frame.

Research specialists from around the world, online communities, developers of innovative products and services, and even archivists came together to learn, answer questions, share best practices, and offer tips and suggestions. The impact will be far reaching now and over time.

A key learning was that attendees were as intensely interested in connecting with their living relatives as they were in discovering their ancestors. A social media campaign that enabled participants to connect with relatives worldwide went immediately viral. Rockwood said it proved how interested people are in connecting and belonging all across the world, from culture to culture.

Even more important than the record attendance, RootsTech has now moved beyond a 3-day event. Rockwood explained that the opening weekend of the event ushered in a totally new way for people to connect globally and learn through hyper-localized content in local languages, all year long.

“It [RootsTech Connect] is a kick starter for a very great YouTube presence. If you want to fix your car or do a plumbing repair, you go to YouTube for help,” continued Rockwood. “RootsTech Connect will continue to grow as a source of thousands of user-generated videos where people can find help and get answers to their localized, family history-related discovery questions.”

Jennifer Allen, manager of the RootsTech effort, said many participants are warming up to the reality that all of the content is now freely available on-demand; that they can continue to enjoy the content all year long—even if they missed the annual event. “This was just the ‘opening weekend.’ They can continue to build their playlist and watch and share content whenever they want. It’s a new norm.”

Missed the RootsTech Connect 2021 virtual event? Don’t worry. View over 2,000 on-demand videos for free all year long at [RootsTech.org](https://www.familysearch.org/RootsTech.org).

QUICK ROOTSTECH CONNECT 2021 LINKS

- [Keynotes](#)
- [DNA](#)
- [Connecting with Family](#)
- [Getting Started](#)
- [Listen to Song Contest Winners](#)

A number of genealogy bloggers wrote articles about their expectations and experiences attending RootsTech Connect 2021 from home, watching the Keynote addresses, the class sessions, the virtual Expo Hall, chatting with vendors, speakers, and ad hoc groups. Randy Seaver posted a list of the blog posts in [RootsTech Connect 2021 Genealogy Blog Compendium – Updated](#).

One of the highlights of RootsTech 2021 was using the Relatives at RootsTech app. Randy found a list of over 107,000 cousins who had registered for the conference, based on relationships found in the [FamilySearch Family Tree](#). Each relationship had the common ancestors and the ancestral line from him back to the common ancestor and the ancestral line from the cousin back to the common ancestor. He had 300 who were 6th cousins or closer.

Spring Into Action



**Chula Vista Genealogical Society is having a Virtual Spring fund raiser
from March thru April.**

50% of the raised funds will stay with CVGS

The other 50% will be donated to *Community Through Hope*.

Community Through Hope provides services throughout Chula Vista.

Your donation will provide funds for emergency nutrition and a diaper bank and support the most vulnerable.

Your donations can be sent to:

Karen Polk P. O. Box 3024 Chula Vista, CA 91909-3024

Please make **check** out to **Chula Vista Genealogical Society**

OR

Contributions can be made on the website <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org>

Be sure to Click the donations button.

Spring into action for the community



GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, March 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, March 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, March 31, 12 noon – General Meeting: Debby Warner Anderson on “My Great-Grandmother's Letters” in a Zoom video meeting**

- **Wednesday, April 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 21, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 28, 12 noon – General Meeting: Carole Sobke on “Old Medical Terminology” in a Zoom video meeting**

All CVGS Meetings are held in online Zoom video meetings unless otherwise noted.
Please register on the CVGS website.

Genealogy Quotes and Definitions

- Family history is all about recording “his story & her story.”
- Definition of mythology: genealogy without documentation.
- Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale.
- Famous quote that applies (all too often) to questionable genealogy: “Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.” —Mark Twain
- “Just the facts, Ma’am.” —(commonly, but incorrectly) attributed to Joe Friday of the TV show *Dragnet*.
- “Genealogy: An account of one’s descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own.” —Ambrose Bierce
- Genealogists are time travelers.
- A great genealogist is a time unraveler.
- Genealogy: In the end, it’s all relative.
- A genealogist is someone who knows that all grandparents are great grandparents!
- Genealogy is sometimes about proving that bad family traits came from the other side of the tree!