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**CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)
Peggy Lauritzen on "The Scots-Irish Migration Into America"**

Many Americans can trace their ancestry back to the British Isles. Some have even heard that their background was "Scotch-Irish." This presentation will focus on the "Scots-Irish." Just who are they and what brought them to America? Why did they settle in New York, Canada, New England, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Appalachian frontier?

Peggy Lauritzen has been an Accredited Genealogist for nearly twenty-five years, and has been involved in genealogy research her entire life. She is the author of several Legacy QuickGuides on Appalachia, an instructor at Ancestry Academy and Family Tree University, an instructor at several GRIP and SLIG courses, and a columnist for *Reminisce* Magazine. In 2018, she was the recipient of the Laura G. Prescott Award for Exemplary Service to Professional Genealogy and became a Fellow of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She is a former researcher at Ancestry ProGenealogists.



Register on the CVGS website for this meeting, and look for the email with the Zoom meeting link on about Monday, 25 October.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



I am Ancestry member and I have lots of DNA matches. If you have an account, you are familiar with the notifications you receive of new matches. This also happens with other testing companies. You have probably also experienced looking at those matches, only to discover that the large majority of them do not have a family tree attached. The American interest in genealogy seems to be primarily concerned with ethnicity, not family history. As you and I know, ethnicity is constantly evolving and sort of a moving target. Most folks who test are not involved in any kind of society or research group, so I have to assume they do not understand the ongoing process of determining and assigning ethnicity.

All that being said, when I look at matches there are two very frustrating pieces of information. The lack of a tree is the first and the second is a private tree. Still, we always have the option of sending a message to the person, right? But if your experience sending a message is anything like mine, it is like jettisoning trash into the stratosphere. Replies usually never arrive.

This is a bit of a rant, but I have a point to make. That point is, do not not give up! A few weeks ago, (with little hope of success) I sent a message to a third cousin (with a private tree) and received a wonderful reply with an invitation to view his private tree. We are still sharing information and now looking at our “brick walls” together. It was just enough to encourage me to go back on the trail with matches. By viewing shared matches, I always try to categorize them as paternal or maternal, but that is usually not enough to place them on my tree.

So my advice is, keep sending the polite, carefully worded messages to your DNA matches! The only cost is a little of your time.

Chula Vista Public Library Civic Center Branch Is Open

The Chula Vista Public Library Civic Center Branch is now open on Mondays through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Access to the building may be limited. For more information about the library programs and holdings, please see <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/library>.

The library is reserving some meeting rooms and auditorium and CVGS is trying to reserve the auditorium for an in-person meeting in November. We will also attempt hybrid meetings (in-person and online) in some future meetings.

Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

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 Seaver 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/2021/10/best-of-genea-blogs-26-september-to-2.html>.

CVGS Program Review - "The 1950 U.S. Census – Are You Ready?"

Thomas MacEntee was the program speaker at the CVGS special meeting on 22 September (his 30 June presentation was canceled) on the 1950 U.S. Census. There were 71 attendees, with 41 guests.

The 1950 U.S. Census records will be made public on Friday, 1 April 2022 (72 years after the official census date). This was the first post-World War II census and it differed in format from the 1940 U.S. Census. As in the 1940 Census, there will be no Name Index when it is first released. Companies will perform their own indexing or rely upon volunteers to index the census (In 2012, 150,000 FamilySearch volunteers indexes 132 million names in less than four months).

If users want to find their families before the indexing is completed, the user will have to identify the correct Enumeration District (ED) and then browse the correct set of images. So you need to know where your ancestor or relative lived on 1 April 1950. You can use family knowledge, family address books, family correspondence, newspapers, telephone books or city directories to find street addresses for your relatives. You could create a spreadsheet or table for each person with their name, age, state, city/town, address, and Enumeration District to find the correct record image for your relatives.

The Steve Morse One-Step website (www.stevemorse.org) has devised a method to determine the Enumeration district for a street address based on the 1950 Enumeration district definitions available in the census records. Users can scroll down to the U.S. Census, 1790-1950 section, and then select the "Unified 1880-1950 Census ED Finder." On that page, with the 1950 census selected, the user can enter the state, county, and city/town of interest. Then enter the house number and street name and then cross streets that define the "block" that the house was on. You can see NARA maps of the 1950 ED districts for the county and a current Google map by clicking links on the page. Write down that ED number on your spreadsheet or table!

The 1950 U.S. Census questions included many questions for each person listed, including: where household is located, home or apartment number, dwelling unit serial number, a farm or a ranch?, person's name, relationship to head, race, sex, age on last birthday, marital status, birth state or country, naturalized?, week activities, hours worked, type of work, kind of business, worker class, etc. Persons on 6 lines of the 30-line census page were asked additional questions, such as residence in 1949, parents birthplaces, education information, employment and earnings.

This presentation was an excellent summary of the 1950 U.S. Census process and how to find your ancestors and relatives before the name index is available. Thomas had excellent examples and his handout is very complete with many link to additional information.

Thomas's handout and the meeting recording are available on the CVGS website (sign in > "Members" > "Recorded Zoom meetings") to read and/or watch for a limited time (until 22 October).

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>

The Board Meeting minutes, General Meeting minutes, Meeting handouts, and Meeting recordings are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at the website on the "Members" tab.

September 8th Research Group Review

The September 8th meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 35 attendees (with about 12 guests). After introductions of everyone, Randy discussed:

1) **Ancestry Agreed to Buy Geneanet** – a French genealogy company. See <https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/newsroom/press-releases/ancestry-signs-agreement-acquire-french-genealogy-leader-geneanet>

*** Geneanet (<https://en.geneanet.org/>) will operate as an independent business

*** Ancestry investing in digitizing French census and vital records which will be released soon.

*** Geneanet has Free and Premium (\$50/year) options – see <https://en.geneanet.org/premium/>

2) **Ancestry Released new Freedmen's Bureau Collections** – see <https://www.ancestry.com/cs/freedmens>

3) **Fold3 added POW/MIA records** – see <https://blog.fold3.com/new-pow-mia-records-added/>

*** World War II and later.

4) **Free Family History Library Classes in September** – see <https://media.familysearch.org/free-family-history-classes-and-webinars-for-september-2021/>

5) **MyHeritage Webtember (free through September)** – see class list at

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/08/webtember-at-legacy-family-tree-webinars-all-genealogy-all-september-long/>

*** Live classes on Fridays (9/10, 9/17, 9/24) – note EDT times on schedule

*** Pre-recorded classes available on 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, plus 9/3).

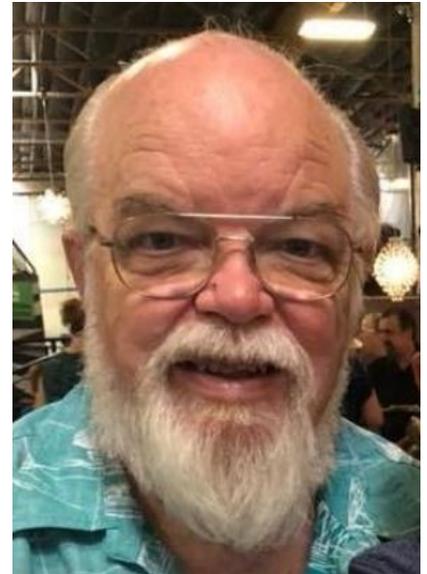
*** Watch after live broadcast and pre-recorded classes after release for free on Family Tree Webinars - <https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/webtember-all-genealogy-all-september-long/>

6) Randy tries to summarize each week what he does during the past week. One of the Monday blog posts is called Genealogy Pot-Pourri – that week's post is at [Genealogy Pot-Pourri - Week Ending 6 September 2021](#).

In the second hour, the attendees asked questions which were answered by Randy or some of the other attendees.

Karen Smith noted that the index of genealogy and family history books available in the "Family History" area of the Chula Vista Public Library, Civic Center Branch, is available on the CVGS website – see <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/Members-only-content>.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 October 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 11 October with the link. What topics would you like to learn about in the Research Group meetings, the DNA Interest Group, or the General Meetings? Please email Randy (randy.seaver@gmail.com) with your suggestions.



Spotlight on Colin Gordon Whitney - England and Wales Expert !!

by Patricia Diane Godinez

Colin says, “I am an immigrant from the British Isles, who landed on these (American) shores, over 60 years ago, a little after the Mayflower! I am unremarkable since I belong to the very common Haplogroups of H1b and R-M269 which does not help me much with my genealogy. However I am proud to say that I have more Neanderthal DNA than 90% of mankind. So much for my ancient origins.



“I was born in Isleworth, which is now in London, England, toward the end of the war and whisked off to be baptized in Southern Wales, no doubt also to be exhibited to my mother’s relatives. My next visit to Wales was in 2017, when the genealogy bug coaxed me to learn more about the country, including my Welsh ancestors.

“All I knew about Wales came from the utterances of my Welsh grandmother, Hannah Mathias, when I was a child. I tracked my ancestors down like a bloodhound and uncovered some fascinating facts, as well as a few skeletons, along the way.

“When I was 12 years old, my mother, Gwyneth Olsen Thomas, died and my brother, Peter John Spencer Whitney and I were sent off to boarding school, which was more common in England than here. It was a 145-acre estate owned, before, WW1 by a German diamond magnate. During WW 2, it was used by the British Army and then taken over by the local county council to be used as a school.

“In 1958, my father, Leonard Charles Whitney, married an American lady, Dorothy Anne Williams, and shortly thereafter, they moved to Massachusetts. When it was time to attend university, I had to decided on which side of the “pond,” I would go to for my studies. With impeccable logic, I decided to study in America, since this would probably be the only opportunity for me to see the place, and then I planned to return to London. Well, in my senior year at MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I met a young lady named Caroline, and after long deliberate, deep thought...proposed to her in 28 days. So much for returning home. I stayed at MIT to get my doctorate and became a professor, before deciding that academia was not for me. I departed post haste for industry.

“After a few years, the lure of California brought my wife, myself, and now two daughters to Los Angeles, where we stayed until they were in college. Then my wife and I moved to Tucson, Arizona, where I retired in 1994. In 2016, my wife, Carolyn, passed away and I returned to California, where both of my daughters lived. I now reside on a farm in Valley Center with my youngest daughter Jennifer, and her husband, Tom. I am the gentleman farmer in the family. My eldest daughter, Kristi lives outside of San Francisco, with her family and my only grandson.

“Nowadays, I have two main interests in life, first-genealogy, and second-warm places with sandy beaches. I just recently returned from a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands, which are, part of the British West Indies located near Cuba. I always have trouble getting my family together but when I mentioned Turks and Caicos, their schedules didn’t seem to be a problem. It is a quiet, unspoiled, warm place to visit with great beaches. Until 1967, it didn’t have cars! Coming from a land which is famous for

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its dark satanic mills (poem by William Blake, also the hymn, ‘Jerusalem’), it was a dream vacation. Even better than my years ago vacation to the fabled Bora Bora in the South Pacific.

“When I started genealogy, like my father, I wanted to know more about my ancestors. I joined Ancestry and started to fill out my tree. My primary goal was to pass this vital information along to my future generations. I wrote several genealogy family albums about different branches of the tree. It wasn’t until I moved back to California in 2017, and joined the San Diego Genealogical Society, that I realized there was much more to genealogy than what I was doing. Since then, I have learned about all the resources which are available to us.

“I am the SDGS Education Director whose job it is to make sure that our classes and Special Interest Groups are running smoothly. I add groups in areas where they are lacking. During COVID, these educational events were held virtually and some of them were suspended. I am happy to say that, with the reopening of the FamilySearch Center in Mission Valley, we are bringing back most of the suspended Special Interest Groups. Most groups will be held in a hybrid format, with both virtual and live sessions. In my spare time, I am also a member of the Board of SDGS and facilitate both the British Isles and the DNA Groups.

“As I have developed my genealogy knowledge, I have been able to fill out my tree more completely, including that of my wife, Carolyn Alice Fiore nee Duffy. I have uncovered her strong Irish heritage, her Canadian ancestry, and her Acadian line which connects to over half the population mentioned in the first Acadian Census in 1676. In the 1860’s, Carolyn’s immigrant third great grandfather and grandmother, lived in Lancashire, England, the cotton manufacturing capital of the world. Her third great grandmother had fled from Ireland, with her family, during the potato famine. So it would seem she was recruited by the cotton industry, where she later worked.

Learning a little more about Carolyn, “The story goes that her mother married Martin Francis Duffy in 1943—a war marriage, but I suspect that she wanted to move out of her parents’ home since she did not get along with them. The marriage was brief and her mother went to live with an aunt. She divorced Martin and married Reynolds Fiore in 1952. Nobody knew what happened to Martin until I researched him last year and found two half sisters and two half brothers. My wife Carolyn went by Fiore since she knew nothing about her Duffy side.

“The research on my own lines is focused primarily on South Wales and the Midlands. While the records for Wales are not very extensive, the records for the Midlands are more complete, and have allowed me to reach back to the 1500’s.

“My surname of Whitney is a locational name whose origins come from the village of Whitteneye in Herefordshire. The first recorded use of that name was Eustace Whitney, son of Turstin, the Standard Bearer for William the Conqueror, who is mentioned in the Domesday Book written in 1086. While there is no paper trail linking me to Eustace, my direct ancestor, Thomas Whitney (1753-1815), lived in Burghill, a parish 10 miles from what is now called the village of Whitney.”

Colin Whitney is a good resource for Family Research. He is willing to help others with his knowledge of French Canada and England & Wales. He knows what classes are coming up with the San Diego Genealogy Society and he is willing to help with DNA for our CVGS Members and Friends. When I ask Colin for help, he always says...Yes! Thanks for everything, CW. Many thanks.

September 15th DNA Interest Group Review

The September 15th meeting of the DNA Interest Group meeting had 17 attendees (with about 10 guests). After introductions of everyone, Randy discussed:

1) AncestryDNA will modify their ethnicity estimates on 17 September, per Crista Cowan on Facebook (see <https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=36617>).

“Ancestry has temporarily paused the release of newly processed kits until the Ethnicity Estimate update on (September) the 17th. It wouldn't make sense to give a new DNA tester their results and then run them through the new algorithm and change them a week later. So you won't receive any new matches until after that date.”

That is why users are not seeing new DNA matches. Your DNA match list will grow again after 17 September.

2) FamilyTreeDNA (www.familytreedna.com) made some Improvements – a Chromosome Painter (based on Ethnicity) and Elimination of Small DNA segments (less than 6 cM) from cM estimates.

3) Here are links to Leeds Method articles:

*** DNA Color Clustering: The Leeds Method for Easily Visualizing Matches –

www.danaleeds.com/dna-color-clustering-the-leeds-method-for-easily-visualizing-matches

*** The Leeds Method (Roberta Estes) – www.dna-explained.com/2018/09/26/the-leeds-method

*** [Leeds Method: Which Matches Should You Use?](https://www.danaleeds.com/which-matches/) – <https://www.danaleeds.com/which-matches/>

4) Randy reviewed the New FamilyTreeDNA Features (www.familytreeDNA.com) :

*** Modified cM Values (no segments less than 6 cM) – Total cM Values Significantly Reduced (20% to 40%)

*** Chromosome Browser – I'm 99% European and they don't break it down to regions.

*** Ancient European Origins Provided – Metal-Age Invader, Farmer, Hunter-Gatherer

*** Performed a Leeds Analysis for AncestryDNA and FTDNA Matches to Split Matches Into Grandparent Groups

– Highly Successful with AncestryDNA – Because Many High Value Matches (> 50 cM)

– Could not Identify Which Grandparent for Many FTDNA Matches – Because Few High Value Matches (> 50 cM)

5) Randy reviewed the Genetic Affairs (www.geneticaffairs.com) AutoCluster and AutoKinship Features:

*** Performed an AutoCluster for 23andMe Matches – 30 cM to 400 cM

*** Requested AutoKinship

*** ZIP File by Email in Minutes – many Files – need to be Extracted by a ZipFile program

*** AutoKinship Tries to Put Families together Based on cM Values and Shared Chromosome Segments

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 September 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 13 September with the link.

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, 12 October, 11 a.m.: [Recent updates to MyHeritage's historical record search engine](#), by Mike Mansfield
- Wednesday, 13 October, 5 p.m.: [Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch](#), by Cyndi Ingle
- Friday, 15 October, 11 a.m.: [My Ancestors were Irish – or were they?](#), by Natalie Bodie
- Tuesday, 19 October, 5 p.m.: [My 20 Year Mystery – Finding family origins with Y-DNA](#), by Shellee Morehead
- Wednesday, 20 October, 11 a.m.: [Comparing the Genealogy Giants 2021: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage](#), by Sunny Morton
- Wednesday, 27 October, 11 a.m.: [Building Family Trees for Your DNA Matches](#), by Mary Eberle
- Friday, 29 October, 11 a.m.: [Tech with Thomas](#), by Thomas MacEntee
- Tuesday, 2 November, 6 p.m.: [Uncovering the lives of your London \(England\) ancestors](#), by Cathie Sherwood
- Wednesday, 3 November, 11 a.m.: [Investigative Genetic Genealogy – the Use of DNA for Law Enforcement](#), by Debra Renard
- Friday, 5 November, 11 a.m.: [Say Amen: Going to Church with the Master – Finding the Mother Church](#), by Char McCargo Bah

Useful and Interesting Genealogy Blog Posts

- [Why Aren't More Genealogy Records Online?](#) by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Changes in the Record Search for Historical Records on FamilySearch.org](#) by James Tanner
- [Elizabeth Shown Mills to deliver her final presentation this Friday, and it will be virtual](#) by Gail Dever
- [Family History: Don't Keep It to Yourself](#) by Marian B. Wood
- [You Still Need to Leave the House](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- [Searching For Sarah: Strategies For Researching Female Ancestors](#) by Geneil
- [How Can We Get the Full Story?](#) by James Beidler
- [Are Genealogy Books a Good Source?](#) by Jennifer Dondero
- [Exploring RootsMagic 8 - #1 - the Main Screens](#) by Randy Seaver
- It's here! Presenting RootsMagic 8, by Bruce Buzbee
- [Genetic Affairs – New AutoKinship Tool Predicts Relationships and Builds Genetic Trees](#) by Roberta Estes
- [Find Your Ancestors Quickly Using FamilySearch's New Discovery Search Experience](#) by Kayla Orlando
- [Thomas MacEntee: the Abundant Educator](#) by Amy Archibald
- [How to Group Your DNA Matches to Help Break Down Brick Walls](#) by History Chick
- [Four Ways To Find Your 23andMe Relatives On Ancestry](#) by Margaret O'Brien

September 29th CVGS Program Review – U.S. Church Records

Sunny Jane Morton was the presenter at the 29 September General Meeting discussing “Using Church Records To Find Your Family.” There were 55 attendees, including 28 guests. Sunny is the co-author of the critically acclaimed *How to Find Your Family History in Church Records* with Harold Henderson (Genealogical Publishing, 2019).

There are many different types of church records. They often mention names (birth/maiden and married); dates and places of birth, baptism, marriage, death or burial; overseas hometowns of immigrants and other migration information; acts of conversion, devotion and disaffiliation; information about women, minorities and others under-represented in many U.S. records. They were often kept long before government vital records and survived disasters that destroyed government records. They may confirm relationships for entire family groups. Vital events are often recorded at or near the event date. They are one of the best resources to identify an elusive overseas hometown. They are a unique source for migration hints, juicy stories, church participation, and more.

There are ways to identify your ancestor’s denomination and congregation from various genealogical sources, local history and maps. For instance, family memories of a particular church or preacher; names of pastors/ministers/church on marriage certificates, funeral programs or cards, obituaries or memorabilia; local histories and city directories may name churches near your ancestor, names of clergy and prominent members; neighborhood maps often identify churches; watch for closed or merged churches or union churches.

You can locate existing records by doing a Google search (name of congregation, denomination, town, county, state, etc. plus vital record terms like “marriage”); at church offices or archives (local congregations, regional or national denomination archives, local regional or state libraries and archives); Online websites (AmericanAncestors.org, Ancestry.com, Archives.com, Findmypast.com, FamilySearch.org Catalog (Search by place, then select “Church Records” category) or searchable Databases; ArchiveGrid has millions of archival records; Library of Congress NUCMC has archival listings; WorldCat.org has lists of holdings for published and microfilmed church records; PERSI has listings for thousands of articles in genealogy and history magazines.

Other church records may exist – church minutes and correspondence, letters of transfer, attendance, donation and subscription lists, by-laws or rules of conduct, pew rentals, member directories, congregational histories, ministerial records, denominational or regional newspapers.

Sunny provided tips for requesting copies of records: Call ahead and/or check the website – is it the right church? Are there ordering instructions? Make a respectful request, be brief, specific and patient. Send any payment with your request. Request copies of originals if possible. Ask them to include every piece of information about the person of interest. Include your email address and thank them in advance for their response.

Her presentation included examples of many record types, discussion of the growth of different denominations in the USA, and meaning of various terms used in church records. All in all, this was a fast-paced and informative presentation about a significant record type that often solves genealogy and family history research problems.

Sunny’s handout and the meeting recording are available on the CVGS website (sign in > “Members” > “Recorded Zoom meetings”) to read and/or watch.

Nominating Committee Report, by John Finch

It's that time, actually way past that time, to present changes to the leadership of our Society. We are a tax free organization and in our By-Laws, we have provided for two year terms for our elected officers and this is to be accomplished in even numbered years. This would have been processed last year, 2020, for the 2021-2022 term but, because of issues related to the COVID 19 pandemic, was deferred.

In August, President Karen Smith appointed me, John Finch, to chair the Nominating Committee. The Committee was activated with instructions to vet prospective candidates for 1st Vice President (Program Chair); 2nd Vice President (Membership Chair); Treasurer and Secretary. President Smith advised that she intended to retain the office of President.

Patricia Diane Godinez accepted to serve as co-chair with Arlene Watters and Daryl Hern joining in the search. We met, in person, twice to determine our strategy and by mid-September reported to the President that we had volunteers for each of the vacating Chairs.

The nominees are:

- 1) **President: Karen Smith**
- 2) **1st Vice President (Programs): Terri Seat**
- 3) **2nd Vice President (Membership): Arlene Watters**
- 4) **Treasurer: Sam Seat**
- 5) **Secretary: Daryl Hern**

Additional nominations remain available. If you are interested in assuming an Office, please contact any of the Committee members and you will be added to the list of candidates. If you wish to nominate another, please first get that person's agreement and then notify us.

The listing of candidates will be placed in the Newsletter and announced at the October General Meeting. The Membership will elect in November and installation will occur in December.

I want to thank my colleagues, Diane, Arlene and Daryl for their time and effort towards a successful outcome. They have really stepped up to the plate and each of them seems to have the "Right Stuff" to make a pleasant and successful environment, virtual or in person.

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! 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."

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 10/1): 83

New Members:

- Laquetta Montgomery (Carlsbad CA)**
- Elieen Zuniga (Bonita CA)**
- Jeannette Lapota (San Diego CA)**
- Louise Moskowitz (Chandler AZ)**
- Laurie Smith-Frailey (Westford MA)**

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

When In-Person meetings continue!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

- Ana Castro**
- Carrie Holleron**
- Carole Sobke**

CVGS Society Officers

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| President: | Karen Smith |
| First Vice-President, Programs | Open |
| Second Vice-President, Membership | Carrie Holleron |
| Treasurer | Karen Polk |
| Secretary | Ana Castro |

Committee Chairs

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| Education | Susi Pentico |
| Historian | Susan Zimmer |
| Hospitality | Open |
| Librarian | Open |
| Newsletter Editor | Randy Seaver |
| Research Group/DNA Group/Queries | Randy Seaver |
| Ways and Means | Carole Sobke |
| Webmaster | Gary Brock |
| Member at Large: | Patricia Diane Godinez |

San Diego Genealogy Events

San Diego Genealogical Society

(www.casdgs.org)

All Meetings on Zoom

Fall Seminar

Saturday, 9 October, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Judy G. Russell on

Session 1: Making a Federal Case Out of It Session 2: Through the Golden Door: Immigration After the Civil War

Speaker: CeCe Moore on

Session 3: Genetic Genealogy Case Studies from the PBS Television Series "Finding Your Roots".

Session 4: The Power of Investigative Genetic Genealogy to Solve Cold Cases and Identify John and Jane Does.

North San Diego County Genealogical Society (www.nsdccgs.org)

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 26 October, 10 a.m.

Speaker: Jeanette Shiel on "Documenting the Life of Thomas DeMott Black: A Tribute"

Fall Seminar

Saturday, 23 October, 9:30 a.m.

Speaker: Thomas W. Jones on Solving Your Mysteries: Techniques & Strategies

Register at <https://nsdccgs.org/program-meetings/>

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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, October 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, October 20, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, October 27, 12 noon – General Meeting: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen on “Scots-Irish in America”** in a Zoom video meeting

- **Wednesday, November 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, November 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, November 24, 12 noon – General Meeting: J. Mark Lowe on “”** in a Zoom video meeting

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