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Wednesday, 15 December 2021, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference)

Michael Brunker on "How A Simple DNA Kit Changed My Life"

For most of his life, 70-year-old Michael Brunker had been wrong about his ethnicity. It wasn't until he took a DNA test that he was able to connect to family on his biological father's side. Visit <https://www.kusi.com/a-simple-dna-kit-changes-a-mans-life/> and <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/community-voices-project/story/2021-10-21/opinion-how-a-simple-dna-kit-changed-my-life> for more.

Michael served as the Executive Director of San Diego's "inner-city" Jackie Robinson Family YMCA for twenty-two years. While at the JRYMCA, located in San Diego County's most critical community Michael increased the branch staff from 8 to over 90, the Board of Managers from 12 to 35, and the budget from \$450,000 to over \$4.2 million in FY2018. The 2010 Positioning for the Future strategic plan included a \$34M Safe At Home Capital Campaign that totally rebuilt the facility in it's original location. On July 1, 2019, Michael accepted a new position within the organization that led countywide partnership efforts from the Y's local corporate headquarters office.

On January 4, 2021, Michael retired from the YMCA to reFIRE as the first Chief Executive Officer at The Third Option City. Then, on August 2, 2021, Michael transferred CEO responsibilities to Third Option Founder Miles McPherson, to become Chief Mission Advancement Officer - a new position that helped lead Third Option City Strategy of uniting the country one city at a time by developing loving relationships honoring similarities and celebrating uniqueness by providing a journey of self discovery and by forming truth-telling partnerships until September 28, 2021.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in Political Science before embarking on a 13 year basketball coaching career with stints at his alma mater and the NBA Detroit Pistons. After working 6 years with ESPN's Dick Vitale in Detroit, he joined Smokey Gaines at San Diego State in 1980.



Register on the CVGS website for this meeting (<https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>), and look for the email with the Zoom meeting link on about Monday, 13 December.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



Well, Christmas is back once more and for a second year, our in-person celebration is on hold. It seems that COVID is not done with us. But on the bright side, with so many folks getting vaccinated, a majority of people are done with the biggest threat from COVID.

Please attend our December 15 meeting on Zoom. Our speaker, Michael Bruncker, is very intriguing and afterward we will install our new officers. Many thanks go to our nominating committee, John Finch, Diane Godinez, Arlene Watters, and Daryl Hern. We have dynamic new officers coming on board for 2022.

We had very light attendance at the Bonita Library last month and hope to have more people at any future in person meetings. Our new Hospitality Chairperson, Jane Furnish, provided wonderful treats and a beautiful table. If members are interested in coming together, we may again use the Community Room at the Bonita Library. The library has been remodeled and the room is wonderful. The Chula Vista Library still does not allow community groups to reserve rooms.

I hope that you and those close to you have a wonderful Christmas or other holiday and Happy New Year! See you next year!

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.

CVGS Program Review – "Researching Colonial Virginia and Kentucky"

J. Mark Lowe presented "Researching Colonial Virginia and Kentucky From Home" for our November 24th General Meeting, with 70 attendees (including 42 guests).



Mark started his presentation discussing the Library of Virginia (www.lva.virginia.gov/) and its' holdings. There are guides and indexes for a plethora of record types, which include bibliographies and descriptive research notes to their print, newspaper, manuscript and archival collections. There are arranged by topic (for example, African-American and Native-American resources; Births, Deaths, Marriages (vital records); County and City Research for Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky; Land Parents and Grants; Military Service; Slavery; Tax Records, and many more).

Virginia Memory (www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_a_to_z) is the home for the library's digital collections, which have many record collections (for example, Virginia Land Office Patents and Grants; Index to Wills and Administrations; Confederate Pension Rolls, Veterans and Widows; Revolutionary War records; Virginia Colonial Records Project; and many more).

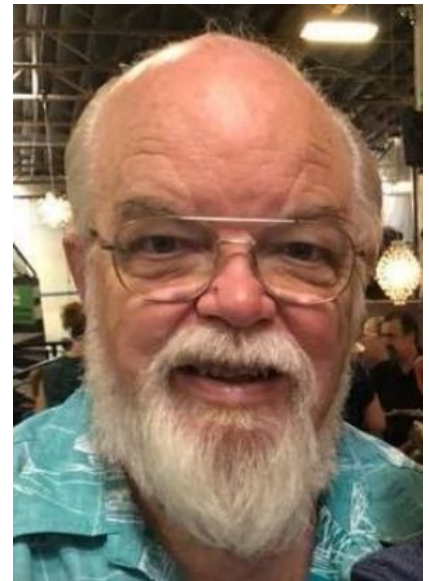
Other Virginia research repositories include the Virginia Historical Society (William & Mary, Earl Gregg Swem Library (<https://swem.wm.edu>); Commonwealth of Virginia home page (www.virginia.gov); Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (www.history.org); and more. All of them are listed in the presentation handout.

There are digitized records of books (e.g., *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers* by Lloyd Bockstruck; *Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications*, by John Dorman; *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* by J.T. McAlister; *Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography* by Leon G. Tyler, and more) on free and commercial websites. There are digitized record collections on commercial and free websites, including the

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November 10th Research Group Review

The November 10th meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 18 attendees (with 1 guest). In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- **The [1921 Census of England & Wales Launching 6 January 2022 on Findmypast](#)**. Index search is FREE. To see record transcript (\$3.50) or see an image (\$4.95) will cost money.
- **New Morton Farrier Forensic Genealogy book is: [The Foundlings by Nathan Dylan Goodwin Released On 30 October](#)**. It is available on Amazon (\$5.49 Kindle, \$13.50 Paperback) – <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09JG6RB3V>. Excellent genealogy research – largely based on DNA and English records
- **Question: “How Can I Find Genealogy Records Not On Ancestry.com or Other Record Providers? You have posted record images and transcriptions of Deeds and Probate Records for Amanuensis Monday. How do you find them?”** Answers include:
 - Not everything is online – maybe 15% to 20% of all genealogy-related records are online.
 - Not everything is on Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Findmypast, AmericanAncestors, etc.
 - Local or county or state historical societies, genealogy societies, and Archives have many records that are not indexed but may have finding aids, but you will probably have to visit them in person.
 - FamilySearch has a vast collection of unpublished records that have been digitized. Check their Catalog - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>.
 - Some history:
 - Before 1980, you had to go to a local repository (courthouse, town clerk, etc.) to find Land and Probate Records.
 - Before 2010, you had to go to a FamilySearch Library (to order microfilms at \$5-\$10 each) or the Family history Library in Salt Lake City to view microfilms and copy record images.
 - In 2021, FamilySearch has finished digitizing all 2.4 million microfilms and most are available as digital microfilm either online or in the FamilySearch Catalog. The rest will eventually be there.
- **How to Find and Use FamilySearch Digital Microfilm:**
 - Some FamilySearch record collections are digitized and “waypointed” on <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list>.
 - Find collections for a particular state or country by using the “Filter by Collection Title” field.
 - Many are not indexed, or are partially indexed. If not indexed, then you have to “Browse” the collection.
 - Other FamilySearch collections are digitized and available from home in the FamilySearch Catalog – <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>. Enter a place, surname, author, subject or keyword in the field.

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Spotlight on Bethel Williams – CVGS Member, DAR Historian, Southerner At Heart, & Commonwealth of Virginia, by Patricia Diane Godinez

Bethel Williams is a long time member of the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, whose husband, Tim Williams, was featured in the Spotlight in the CVGS newsletter of November 2021.

Bethel Jeanne Olshaskie was born in Kansas to Robert James Olshaskie, and Mildred Jayne “Millie” Morgan. She has one sister Missy and one brother “Dock” and they grew up all over the United States, as her father was in the Air Force and retired as a Major.

Both of Bethel’s parents were born in Illinois, as were three of her grandparents. Bethel’s maternal grandfather was from Mississippi. Bethel’s parents are buried in Graceland Cemetery, in Chicago, although they were retired in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Robert J. Olshaskie joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. As a pilot, he was awarded the Distinguishing Flying Cross for his service in the battle for the Ashau Valley in Vietnam. He volunteered for the Red Cross for 30 years as a driver, taking people to their various medical treatments. Robert married his wife, Mildred J. Morgan, in 1943, in Chicago. Before moving to Alamogordo, “Millie” was a manager at a department store and volunteered at the Phoenix Desert Botanical Garden.

Bethel says she herself was a store manager for a major drug chain for many years. Then she went into computers and became a technical trainer for Cardinal Health / Pyxis.

As for researching in the South, Bethel says it is due to the fact that, it is where most of her maternal ancestors came from. However, she has a varied background with ancestors on her father’s side from Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ben F. Olshaskie from Austria. Her mother’s side of the family tree are from Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Prussia, and Germany. One of her most interesting ancestors is Dr. Thomas Benton Hooker, (1828-1897) who was born in Franklin, Alabama, and married Jane Elizabeth Wilson, (1832-1926) of Newberry, South Carolina. This couple died in Mississippi, after having 6 children. They are buried in the Beth Eden Lutheran Church Cemetery, Louisville, Winston, Mississippi.

In regards to activities, outside of CVGS and being a member of the San Diego Genealogical Society, Bethel is the Historian and documents her NSDAR Linares Chapter, their activities, meetings, and special projects. She has been a member of the DAR for 6 years, along with her sister, Missy. They were the first in their family to join. As the Lineage Research Chair, she works on lineage and teaches anyone who is wanting to prove a patriot.

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 to go with the story, that can be published too!



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FamilySearch Catalog for Virginia and its' towns and counties; and much more.

Mark displayed typical records throughout his presentation from a number of online resources that showed the wide variety of record types and resources.

Virginia in colonial times included what are now the states of West Virginia and Kentucky. Kentucky was originally part of Fincastle County in western Virginia, and was created as a separate county in 1776. By 1780, there were three Kentucky counties - Fayette, Jefferson and Lincoln. Kentucky gained statehood in 1792 as the 15th state of the United States.

County courthouses were the sites of most record creation in Virginia and Kentucky. Records were created from the beginning of a county, even before statehood, and were not moved when counties were divided. The County Court proceedings were recorded by the clerk, and dealt with Land titles and entries; Bastardy cases; The poor; apprenticeships; Roads and road crews; Public works; and Public houses, ordinaries. The County Clerk entered documents into the public record - Deeds and land claims; marriages; licenses; wills, estates, settlements; tax lists; pension claims; Life estates regarding slaves, etc. There may be multiple records for the same event.

Finding records in County records requires knowing what records are likely to exist; Knowing what the records are likely to contain; Knowing what court originally created the record. This has not changed with digitization efforts - they are still in the Counties and now some are online in record collections at commercial, government, and private repositories.

This was a fast-paced hour-long presentation by an expert on this subject. You can visit Mark's website (www.kytnresearch.com) and YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/KentuckyTennesseeResearchAssociates>) for more information.

The handout for this presentation and the presentation itself are available on the CVGS website in the Members Only section (Home > Members > [Handouts](#) or [Recorded Zoom Meetings](#)).

CVGS Election Results, by John Finch

At the December 15th Society General Meeting, we will conclude our lawful obligations to position our newly elected officers to their respective assignments. Two of these officers have prior experience with the operations of our Society but three assume office with a minimum indoctrination. However, they have been observed working with the outgoing gang to get up to speed as they merge in. Another indicator that we have selected the right stuff team.

I encourage you to get to know these officers, to learn of and understand their work and offer to help out at times. Doing so will allow you an appreciation of the time and dedication our officers put into their work. They are:

- **Karen Smith, President**
- **Terri Seat, 1st Vice President (Programs Chair)**
- **Arlene Watters, 2nd Vice President (Membership Chair)**
- **Daryl Hern, Secretary**
- **Sam Seat, Treasurer**

November 17th DNA Interest Group Review

The November 17th meeting of the DNA Interest Group meeting had 26 attendees (with 12 guests). In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- Look for DNA Specials at Thanksgiving and Christmas Time on AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, 23andMe and FamilyTreeDNA.
- [How Your Family Tree Could Catch a Killer](#) – see the article in the *New Yorker* magazine about CeCe Moore.
- This past month, Randy had 110 new AncestryDNA matches (38,172 total) with 6 new Matches sharing 20 cM or more, and 4 new ThruLines entered into RootsMagic; also he had 52 new MyHeritageDNA matches (10,125 total) with no new match lines entered into RootsMagic.
- Did the genealogy research and wrote the blog article [Disproving an AncestryDNA ThruLine](#)
- Presented “Finding Evidence to Support an Adoption Case Using DNA” based on 2nd great-grandfather Devier J. Smith known birth surname of Lamphier in Jefferson county, N.Y. Randy has several DNA matches on AncestryDNA and MyHeritageDNA that are descended from Isaac and Rosina (Laun) Lanfear of Lorraine, N.Y.

NOTE: There will be no DNA Interest Group meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 19 January 2022 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 November with the link.

Research Group Review (concluded from page 5)

- Some FamilySearch collections are digitized and available only at a FamilySearch affiliate library in the FamilySearch Catalog. You have to go there (e.g., the Mission Valley FamilySearch Library – 4195 Camino del Rio South in San Diego).
- Presented “Using FamilySearch Digital Microfilm To Find Genealogical Records.” The handout is available from Randy by email.
 - Homework for December:
 - Pick one of your ancestral places – A town or county of interest.
 - Go into the FamilySearch Catalog and see what resources they have.
 - Explore those resources – try to find some of your ancestors in those collections.
 - Report back to us next month. Prepare a short report of what you did and what you found.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 December 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 November 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.

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 Times are Pacific time). 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.

- Wednesday, 8 December, 11 a.m.: [Documenting Families or Communities Lost in the Holocaust by Bullets](#), by Ellen Kowtt.
- Tuesday, 14 December, 11 a.m.: [A MyHeritage Webinar Series Webinar](#)
- Wednesday, 15 December, 11 a.m.: [Navigating the NARA Website](#), by Julie Miller.
- Friday, 17 December, 11 a.m.: [Effective Use of England's National Archives Website](#), by Paul Milner
- Tuesday, 21 December, 5 p.m.: [Uncovering Immigrant Origins Through Cluster Research](#), by Dana Palmer
- Wednesday, 22 December, 11 a.m.: [Our Neanderthal Genetic Ancestry](#), by Ugo Perugo

Useful and Interesting Genealogy Blog Posts

- [Why are Occupations Important to Genealogists?](#) by Judith Batchelor.
- [Book Review: Learning More About Your Ancestors Online](#) by Marian B. Wood
- [Four Things I'm Doing To Break My Brick Wall](#) by Ellen Thompson-Jennings
- [New DNA Match List Features at MyHeritage](#) by Kitty Cooper
- [Of Patents and Deeds](#) by Judy G. Russell

- [DNA as Negative Evidence](#) by Leah Larkin
- [Most Requested Capability Now Available: Draw & measure on the map](#) by Randy Majors
- [Top 40 Free Online Genealogy Websites You Should Be Visiting Now](#) by Kenneth Marks
- [Introducing Labels for DNA Matches on MyHeritage](#) by Esther
- [A Strategy for Using MyHeritage's Brand New DNA Match Labels](#) by Roberta Estes

- 17 Tips for Using Google Search for Genealogy and [Beyond the Search Engine: Using Google Databases for Genealogy Research](#) by Kenneth Marks
- [Genealogy Back to Front](#) by John Grenham
- [DNA for Native American Genealogy – Hot Off the Press!](#) By Roberta Estes
- [Did You Know that Ancestry Has 1, 175 FREE Collections?](#) by Kenneth Marks
- [Dear Randy: Should I Use FamilySearch Family Tree as My Main Genealogy Database?](#) By Randy Seaver.

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/2021/11/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-21-to-27.html>.

Notes From the Education Chair, Susi Pentico

We will be starting our classes in January. Unless I hear otherwise, it appears it will be Thursday afternoons at the Bonita Library. I would like to hear if 1 to 3 p.m. is okay. You will be notified once it has been finalized. We will have access to help with technical situations during the week. We hope to move back to Saturday hopefully by February. Library working on issues. More to come next month with topics set for future dates and programs.

Daniel Horowitz's "Ask The Expert" is still active. Thursday at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on the MyHeritage Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/myheritage>). Previous "Ask the Expert" sessions are on Daniel's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/daniel.horowitz.5205/videos>) and on the MyHeritage YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/c/myheritage/videos>). Invite others to register at <https://bit.ly/AskTheExpert2021> and get their questions answered. Please submit any questions to: daniel@myheritage.com.

The [2022 FEEFHS \(Foundation for Eastern European Family History Studies\) Conference](https://www.feeffhs.org) will be held on July 25-29, 2022. Learn from the experts in Slavic, Germanic, Jewish, and other aspects of East European Genealogy. More information will be provided soon on the [FEEFHS.org](https://www.feeffhs.org) website. The format is still being discussed. Past FEEFHS Newsletters can be found at <https://feeffhs.org/newsletters>.

The [Cornerstone Genealogical Society – Giving the Past A Future Since 1975](https://www.cornerstonegenealogy.com) is a Greene County, Pennsylvania genealogy website. Much of my mom's kin came through and even stayed here. They took a major turn with Covid 19 and transferred all their quarterlies to the web page. The amount of Information here is absolutely amazing.

Here is a Link for anyone researching Huffman-Hoffman in Maryland, Virginia, Southwestern Pennsylvania, and other places. This was a Jumping Off place to the Midwest in the early 1800s. Many names are here from all over USA. My cousin Helen and I have been filling this site since mid 1990's: <https://www.ourfamilyhistories.com/hsdurbin/huffman/huffman1.html>.

With Covid there are many programs that are on line that we cannot get to otherwise. The societies that have made adjustments to digital technology seem to be holding up well. Alas, several have collapsed or are nearing collapse. I belonged to two that I wish had not stopped. Most of my Research is East Coast from Canada to Georgia and I was surprised at those societies that did not have skills that could not go forward. I spoke to several of their people and learned this.

Another Genealogist has put records up about access to The Alumni Records for California so thought you may like this also. [Free California Online Alumni Records – The Ancestor Hunt](https://www.free-california-online-alumni-records.com). Another item here is Memorials. I think you will find this site exciting. Maybe just get out there and see what other researchers have done with their own personal work.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 12/1): 84

New Members:

Max Carpenter (Indianapolis, Ind.)
Linda Knoebel (San Diego, Calif.)

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

When In-Person meetings resume!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro
Carrie Holleron
Carole Sobke

2022 CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
First Vice-President, Programs	Terri Seat
Second Vice-President, Membership	Arlene Watters
Treasurer	Sam Seat
Secretary	Daryl Hern

Committee Chairs

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

San Diego Genealogy Events

San Diego Genealogical Society

(www.casdgs.org)

All Meetings on Zoom

Winter Seminar

Saturday, 22 January, 9 a.m.

Speaker: Gena Philibert-Ortega on

Session 1: WPA Historical Records Survey and YOUR Genealogy

Session 2: They Weren't all Housewives: Researching HER Business

Session 3: Social History Websites to Help you Tell Your Ancestor's Story

Session 4: Your Family's Wartime Menu (brand new topic)

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

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 7 December 2021, 1 p.m.

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

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RootsTech Connect 2022 (Virtual)

3-5 March 2022

www.RootsTech.org

Member Spotlight Index, 2019 – 2021, by Patricia Diane Godinez

2019

- Jan. Patricia Diane Godinez – Canada & Mexico, DNA
- Feb. Karen Yarger – Norwegian and Maryland Settlers
- Mar. Shirley Becker – New York
- Apr. Arlene Watters – Mayflower & Utah Pioneers
- May Helen Sauer – Revolutionary War & Stocktons in California
- Jun. Steve & Lorraine Riddle – Adoptions, Ancestry, French Canadian

- Jul. Virginia Taylor – North & South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ireland
- Aug. Carrie Holleron – New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee, Britain, Ireland, Northern Europe
- Sep. Ann Stevens – Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany
- Oct. Karen Polk – DAR, Scandinavia, Sweden, Scotland
- Nov. John C. Finch – England, Ireland, Military Expert
- Dec. Randy Seaver – Colonial New England, Germany, England, San Francisco, Expert Genealogist

2020

- Jan. Bobbie Lane...French Canadian, Native American
- Feb. Gary Brock – Wisconsin, DNA Researcher
- Mar. Jo Ann Bonner – unable to write...because of her untimely death.
- Apr. Sam Seat – True Southern Gentleman
- May Carole Sobke – Forever Young, 4th Generation San Diegan
- Jun. Ana María Banuelos AKA Ana Castro – A Romantic Inspiration, New Mexico, Texas, Chihuahua, Mexico

- Jul. Ceasar Castro – Baja California, Mexico, Children’s Book Author
- Aug. Myles Standish – Sailed on Mayflower in 1620
- Sep. Mary Nelson – Pennsylvania, Germany, Poland
- Oct. Guy Galbadon – “The Pied Piper of Saipan” (1926-2006)
- Nov. CVGS Board – remembering Members Past & Present
- Dec. Karen Smith – Western Pennsylvania, Virginia

2021

- Jan. Ray Brooks – Pennsylvania, New Jersey
- Feb. Daryl Hern – Pioneers of the Midwest, 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, El Centro, California
- Mar. Heather Goebel – Canada and Arizona
- Apr. Connie Vickers – Midwest, Sweden, Europe
- May. Susan McClure – Scotland, New England, GEDMatch
- Jun. Ceasar Castro – Baja California, Mexico, Children’s Book Author

- Jul. Judy Leiser --- Pioneers in Utah, Heavenly Hayrides
- Aug. Terri Lee Seat – Native Californian, DNA, NPE
- Sep. Hunting for Hispanic Ancestors
- Oct. Colin Whitney – Wales, French Canadian, England
- Nov. Tim Williams – Native American Lines, Hebrew Lines on East Coast, Army Vet
- Dec. Bethel Williams – DAR, Southern Lines, Commonwealth of Virginia

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, December 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, December 15, 12 noon – General Meeting: Michael Brunker on “How a Simple DNA Kit Changed My Life” in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting, in a Zoom video meeting**
- **Wednesday, January 26 12 noon – General Meeting: Diahan Southard on “Three Key Intermediate DNA Strategies” in a Zoom video meeting**

All CVGS Meetings are held in online Zoom video meetings unless otherwise noted. Please register on the CVGS website – go to <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/> and click on the links in the “Upcoming Events” section.

The Genealogy Funny

The Twelve Steps for Recovering Genealogists

Author Unknown

1. I admit that I am powerless over my gedcom and that my life has become unmanageable.
2. I believe that there is a greater power other than genealogy and that it will restore sanity to my life.
3. I have made a decision to turn my life over to non genealogists and hope that they will understand me.
4. I have admitted to myself and other genealogists that I am addicted to my obituary files.
5. I vow to no longer discuss "dead people" with my few remaining friends in hopes that they will remain my friends.
6. I promise to take photographs of things other than tombstones.
7. My only source of reading material will no longer be census, wills, death certificates and obituaries.
8. I will not spend family holidays in libraries and archives.
9. Family picnics will no longer be held in cemeteries.
10. My family will no longer be referred to as "the live ones."
11. My time spent on the Internet will be limited to sites other than Ancestry.com, Cyndi's List, Family Search, and any Facebook genealogy pages.
12. I will carry these messages to other genealogists and practice these principles every day.