

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

October 10, 2017

General Meeting Minutes

- Welcome New Members - 17 people signed in as either new members or guests. Of those 7 became new members today. Welcome! New Members please contact Joan Allen for New Member packet and tour of the lab.
- Welcome Visitors & Guests - one of the 10 remaining individuals was a true guest, welcome. Hopefully the other 9 will be joining in the near future.
- "Wait 'til you hear what I found." - No-one had anything interesting to share. Please feel free to share your recent findings.
- Minutes of May meeting, posted, any questions? Vote to approve - May minutes were voted on and approved.
- Treasurer's Report- Bob Oos - May through September will be filed for audit (May and June with 2016-2017 year and July through September with 2017-2018 year). All are posted on the website. Any questions? - all reports from May through September will be submitted for the audit process
- Audit for 2016-2017 - we are looking for someone to help with this. If you have any CPA or accounting experience, please consider volunteering. We do a very simple, modified version of an audit. No volunteers at the meeting. Andrea will continue to look for someone to help. Note that we already have one volunteer as a helper to the auditor.
- Committee Reports
 1. **Mentoring**- Help Sessions- Holly Gibson - Check our club calendar for her help day
 2. **Membership**- Bob Oos & Vivian Lizalde (161) paid members at the start of the meeting; (64 attendees of which 47 were already members) present today. See above for new members.
 3. **Library Committee** - Michael Carroll - the library now uses Tiny Cat for our catalog. It is very easy to use. There is a link to it on our website. We always welcome donations of genealogy books. If you have any requests for books, please let Mike Carroll or Andrea Houston know.
 4. **Genealogy Room Photos**- Mary Barr - Thank you to Karen Jonaitis for all the years she has done this for us. Thank you to Mary Barr for taking up the baton. Of course, we're always looking for more pictures. Please include a 4" by 6" copy with information about the person, how

related, location and your name. The current picture theme is: Occupations (pictures of your ancestors in their occupations). We are always looking for Military pictures, particularly Civil War era.

5. **SIG's (Special Interest Groups)**

- a. **Legacy Family Tree**- Barb Krecklow- Meets 1st Tuesday at 1 pm- WC Conference Room #3. Note that the November meeting will be in the Club's library as we are still working with Coco to firm up Conference room #3 as the meeting location for December 2017 through May 2018.
 - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson - If you want to learn more, she will be at the Oro Valley Library on Sat. October 14th from 1-3 PM. All are welcome.
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM/WC conference Room #3. Note that this month (October), the meeting will be in the club's library as we are still working with Coco to firm up a meeting location for November 2017 through May 2018.
6. **Program Committee**- Karen Hasselbach, has solidified all but April. We are always looking for speaker recommendations, so if you have heard a good one at a conference or meeting you have attended please let us know. We would love to have another committee member if anyone is interested.
7. **Monitor Training** - Joan Allen 8 monitors covered 15 time slots in September. 32 people signed in to use the room. Sharon Lyden (my apologies for initial misspelling) gets the gold star (most days as monitor) for September. Sharon was a monitor for 19 spots over the summer. Thank you Sharon. If you are a monitor, please sign up for a time at least once a month. If you aren't a monitor, please consider training to become one. The more our lab is open, the more our members can use the databases our dues pay for.
8. **Field Trips** - need a volunteer to help with this. Details for other society's presentations are available either on our website or by following links on our website to the various groups (on right side of home page) - Andrea will be posting this to our website.
- a. **Mesa FamilySearch Library** - Family History Conference in Tempe - Saturday, October 21 9AM - 4:20 PM at the Institute of

- Religion on the ASU Campus - see our website for registration information, details and carpool information (note this is free)
- b. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - CeCe Moore - Saturday, March 10, 2018 9AM-4PM, Fountain of Life Lutheran Church. See DNA SIG bulletin board for details (hopefully also will post). I have some information on the back table.
 - c. **Free United States and Canada Research Seminar**, October 16-20 hosted by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The seminar will be streamed on-line for those who cannot attend. Registration is required (see Pima County Genealogy Society website link for more details).
 - d. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - Most monthly meetings are held at the Banner-University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Rd., Duval Auditorium (Room 2600), Tucson, AZ the third Saturday of the month. Parking is free. This month: It is their 5th anniversary, refreshments will be served and the venue is different. It will be at the Donna R. Liggins Center, 2160 N. 6th Ave. from 1-3PM. Program is "Security on the Net" see their website for more information. <https://azpimagensoc.org/>
 - e. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - October is Family History Month. Pima County Genealogy Society has teamed up with several Tucson area libraries to provide genealogy programs for the public. See their website for details. <https://azpimagensoc.org/>
 - f. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - Thursday, October 19th, 1-3PM, Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley - Topic: Did YOU Build your Brick Wall by Edi Sly. See their website for more details.
 - g. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** - meets first Thursday of each month from 1-3PM in the HOA#1 Coyote Room. The next meeting will be November 2. The topic is "How to Write a Family Story" by Jan Larky.
9. Display Case - Helen & Bob Jennette- Thank you for a wonderful job on the programs display. The theme for the next display case will be Communication prior to the Internet (think letters, postcards, party lines on telephones, telegraphs). Please give them examples or items for

the display case. Note that items will be returned to you. (Put in their drawer in the club room prior to the 26th of October).

10. Hospitality - Carol Fouch & Carol Bowman- Need volunteers - 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the table. At the time of the meeting, we needed volunteers for November and December.

- **New Business**

1. **Courtyard Sale** - this is our big fund raiser and our largest revenue source after dues. Doing a good job will help us keep our dues down despite the costs of our databases going up. We need to start planning now. Andrea is looking for volunteers to be co-chairs, and a garage to store articles in (note that there was a volunteer for a garage at the end of the meeting). Please start saving your items. Many other clubs raise money this way, so there is some competition out there for donations. Please ask your neighbors and friends. Andrea is happy to come pick up items and temporarily store them in her garage for the time being. Please contact her (ahoust2@lsu.edu or 520-825-6919).
2. **Tipster article** - thank you to Holly Gibson for an excellent job. See the September Tipster (it is on-line if you don't have a copy). We are hoping that this will encourage new members. One new member indicated the article encouraged her to come join! See, it works! Reminder, new members who join in October, November or December get those months for free as opposed to a pro-rated charge and their dues count towards the 2018-2019 year. A copy of the article is available on our club website.
3. **Beginners Class** - Karen Hasselbach, new presenter. Sign up for next Jan. class, \$20. The list is in the Genealogy Lab and filling up fast. This is a popular class- add your name to the class even if it is full, a space may become available. The class begins in January and meets in the Navajo Room. Mike is working with Karen to put the sign-up list on-line through Sign-Up Genius on our website.
4. **DNA Beginners Class** - Teri Petty. Will be 4 classes (one a month) starting on January 8th from 9AM - noon in Conference room 3 in the Welcome Center (across from the Genealogy Lab). Teri will be posting her syllabus and there will be a sign-up sheet posted in the Genealogy Room in the next 3 weeks. Cost will be \$5 to cover costs

of materials and copying. She will be holding a lab meeting 2-3 days after each class for anyone who would like a little more help on what was covered in class that month. Mike is working with Teri to put the sign-up list on-line through Sign-Up Genius on our website.

5. **Mini Classes** - some board members thought that it might be fun to periodically do a Saturday morning class on a small selected topic in our lab. We are looking for volunteers who have an expertise in a small area. (Some examples Andrea thought of for her to lead would be "How I use DNA Circles in Ancestry", "How to use the Snipping tool", and "How to use a Jump Drive to electronically save pictures, articles and other documents you discover in our lab". Andrea might have a volunteer to do a "Swedish Research" mini class). It would only be one morning, it would be free to members, and there would be sign-ups on the website.

- **Old Business**

2017-2018 officers -

President - Andrea Houston

Past President- Karen Hasselbach

Vice President - Lee Sopwith

Co-Treasurer -Vivian Lizalde

Co-Treasurer - Bob Oos

Secretary - Holly Gibson

Director at Large - Barbara Evans

October Speaker: David Fryxell, "*Hacks and Tricks on the big sites like Ancestry*"

November Speaker: Wendy Carlson "*FindAGrave.com*"

Thank you to all the volunteers... We can't do it without you.

Adjourned for refreshments

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Houston for Holly Gibson