

# SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

February 13th, 2018

## General Meeting Agenda

- Everyone knows tomorrow is Valentine's Day. How many of you knew that today is Fat Tuesday, the last day in the Mardi Gras season? Did you know there is a Mardi "Growl" parade today at 4:30PM at the dog park?
- Welcome to 3 New Members
- Welcome 1 Visitors/Guests
- "Wait 'til you hear what I found." - Andrea Houston related a story about the Sun City Club Fair and an attendee who found pictures of her grandparents in our photo archives.
- Minutes of January meeting, posted. Motion to approved, seconded and vote to approve.
- Treasurer's Report - Bob Oos - January Treasurer's report posted on the website. Copy attached and submitted to audit.
- **Dues** - annual dues must be paid by today. If you have not renewed, you will be dropped from the membership list. The club computer lab, and classes are only open to club members.
- Committee Reports
  1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson - Check calendar for her help day
  2. **Membership** - Bob Oos & Vivian Lizalde (211 at last count) paid members; (64) members present today
  3. **Genealogy Room Photos** - Mary Barr - We are always looking for more pictures. Please include a 5" by 7" copy with information about the person, how related, location and your name.
  4. **SIG's (Special Interest Groups)**
    - a. **Legacy Family Tree** - Barb Krecklow - Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 1 pm-WC Conference Room #3;
    - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke
    - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 1 PM/WC conference Room #3.
    - d. **Family Tree** - Karen Haider, January through April. Next meeting is March 2.
  5. **Program Committee** - Karen Hasselbach. 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.

6. **Monitor Training** - Joan Allen 7 monitors covered 31 time slots in December. 133 people signed in to use the room. 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. Monitors are NOT required to help, they are there to open the room and report computer problems. If a monitor is available to help they will indicate it on the comment line on the club calendar.
7. **Display Case** - Helen & Bob Jennette - the new display celebrates all our wonderful volunteers that keep our club running.
8. **Hospitality** - Carol Fouch & Carol Bowman - 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the table.
9. **Field Trips** - Details for other presentations are available either on our website or by following links on our website to the various groups (on right side of home page)
  - a. **Pinal County Genealogists** - Andrea Houston and Lynne Brooke attend and encourage other to consider attending next year.
  - b. **Tucson Family History Fair** - About 8 members attended. Also thought it was good.
  - c. **West Valley Genealogy Society** - Annual Seminar, Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Featuring Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List Fame. See <http://azwvgs.org/Seminar.asp>
  - d. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - CeCe Moore - Saturday, March 10, 2018. The workshop is sold out but the seminar is still open.
  - e. **Family History Society of Arizona** - 2018 seminar on Saturday, March 24 in Mesa, with noted genealogist Thomas W. Jones. See <http://www.fhsa.org> for details.
  - f. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-3PM at the Banner-University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Ave, DuVal Auditorium (room 2600). Speaker: Steve Packer "Why do so many Americans have German Ancestors?" for the featured program. See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org>.

- g. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1-3PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is their annual luncheon, and is not open to the public. See our link to their website for more details or <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
- h. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** - February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 PM. Sunflower Village Center. Sue Cerri "Taking a Look at My Heritage website" See: [http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club\\_pages/sfqs/](http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfqs/) for more details.
- i. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** - Karen Hasselbach. Now meets in the Computer Room in the Welcome Center. Everyone in the class is having lots of fun. Karen has had many requests for another Beginners Class, possibly in April and May, Fridays at 1:00 pm. If you are interest place let her know.
2. **DNA Beginners Class** - Teri Petty. Next meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>, 9-noon in Conference Room 3 in the Welcome Center.
3. **Saturday Shorts** - Sign-up sheet at the back table and on-line.
  - February 17<sup>th</sup> - no meeting as conflicts with FOL Home Tour
  - February 24<sup>th</sup> - no meeting as conflicts with Remodeling Fair
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mike Carroll will teach us how to use the club website.
  - March 10<sup>th</sup> - Andrea Houston - how to create a Gedcom file (from Ancestry.com) and what to do with it.
  - March 17<sup>th</sup> - Andrea Houston - how I use Ancestry DNA Circles to expand my tree.
  - Other topics (watch class calendar for details) - Organizing your research, Helpful Hints on Swedish Research
  - Other ideas? Volunteers?

- **New Business**

1. **Treasurer nomination** - Debra Dirks has volunteered to be the next Treasurer. The board has nominated her. Next month will be elections, and installation will be in April.
2. **New Member "How To" Sheet** - we have created one for the new member packets. If you are new to the club and have not received

one, or would like one, please contact Andrea Houston or Joan Allen and we will send you one.

3. **Annual Computer Maintenance** - will be done Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoon. The room will be closed at that time.
4. **Monitors** - We want everyone to come and use the room, but please remember that most monitors are only there to open the room and report any problems with the computers. If a monitor is willing to be a mentor and help out, that information will be listed on the description line. The board would like to have the room always open at a specific time every week to help out beginners, but there was not a day and time when more than one of us could cover. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Andrea Houston or Lee Sopwith.
5. **Survey on software desires** - Andrea will create one for next meeting. Please think about what software you want in the club room.

- **Old Business**

1. **Courtyard Sale** - this is our big fund raiser and our largest revenue source after dues. Sale will be Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Doing a good job will help us keep our dues down despite the costs of our databases going up. Andrea Houston has already received some wonderful items and is available to pick up more donations. Many other clubs raise money this way, so there is some competition out there for donations. Please ask your neighbors and friends. See the handout on your chair. There are 3 sign-up sheets in the back, one for help with Sales, one for help with pricing, one for help with transportation. We need your help to make this a success.
2. **Club Fair** went well. Thank you to Sharon Lyden, Carol Bowman, Judy Cornelius and Vivian Lizalde for their help. Lots of interest in our old pictures. Handed out about 10 new member forms. Hopefully, some of them are here today.
3. **Computer Club Room** - we can now offer classes in the computer room. If you have a class you would like to teach, please get in touch with Andrea Houston or Karen Hasselbach.
4. **Computer Replacement Plan** - board has reviewed submission, now need to talk to vendors.

- **January Speaker**  
Amy Urman "*Google and Beyond*"
- **February Speaker**  
Holly Gibson "*International Research*"

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

Adjourned for refreshments

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson  
Secretary