

# SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

May 8th, 2018

## General Meeting Agenda/Minutes

- Welcome New Members - Scott and Engle
- Welcome Visitors & Guests - No visitors today
- "Wait 'til you hear what I found." - We had news about an engraved watch, and family castle and a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- Minutes of April meeting, posted. There was a request for questions, there being none, a motion to accept was made, seconded, and minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's Report - Debra Dirks - April Treasurer's report posted on the website. No questions. Submitted to audit.
- Committee Reports
  1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson - Check calendar for her help day.
  2. **Membership** - Debra Dirks 160 paid members; 30 members present today.
  3. **Library Committee** - nothing new.
  4. **Genealogy Room Photos** - Mary Barr - We are always looking for more pictures. Please include a 4" by 6" copy with information about the person, how related, location and your name.
  5. **SIG's (Special Interest Groups)**
    - a. **Legacy Family Tree** - Barb Krecklow - Next meeting in October.
    - b. **DAR** - Next meeting in October.
    - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 1 PM, meets informally in Genealogy Library over the summer. Check club calendar.
    - d. **Family Tree** - Karen Haider - Next meeting in October.
  6. **Program Committee** - Karen Hasselbach. Program set for next year, except for May. 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. Would love to have a new member volunteer to be on this committee and have new member feedback on programs of interest to you.
  7. **Monitor Training** - Joan Allen - The library was open 27 days in April, utilizing 16 monitors, and served 102 people. If you are a monitor,

please sign up for a time at least once a month. Joan is looking to retire from monitor training and monitoring the monitors. So, we need a new volunteer. If you are interested, please contact anyone on the board or Joan. 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.

8. **Display Case** - Helen & Bob Jennette - the current display features our Volunteers of the year and the programs for next year.
9. **Hospitality** - Carol Fouch & Carol Bowman - 3 dozen cookies. Carol and Carol will be retiring in the fall. We'd like to thank them for the years they have been in charge of hospitality. We are looking for volunteers to take their places starting in October.
10. **Marketing** - Holly and Lee. Help us think of creative ways to encourage more people to join our club. Turnover rate in the community as a whole is about 50% over the last several years. We need to reach out to new community members and stimulate interest in our organization.
11. **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. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1PM-3PM at the Operations Division Midtown, Hardesty Multi-Service Center, 1100 S. Alvernon, Tucson, AZ. Speakers: Nicole Dyer and Amy Urman "The Blue and the Grey - Tracking Down Your Confederate and Union Soldiers" for the featured program. See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org>.
  - b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** - Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Speaker not posted yet. See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
  - c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** - Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 PM. Focus meeting, members only. Summer meetings are closed to visitors. Members work on individual projects and help each other. See their website for more details: [http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club\\_pages/sfgs/](http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/)

- d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-3PM.  
Portrayals by Joann Herbst and Carole Petty of 6 colonial women and their heroic actions during the Revolutionary War. Doesn't meet over the summer. See their website for more details  
<https://azgvgs.org/>
- e. **Pima County Genealogy Society** - Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-3PM  
Banner-University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ, Duval Auditorium (Room 2600) - Pam and Len Ingermanson  
"Sources for Researching in Scandinavian Records" will focus on researching in Sweden, Finland and Norway. No general meetings in June and July. See their website for more details:  
<https://azpimagensoc.org.>

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** - Karen Hasselbach. Sign-up sheet for next January in back.
2. **DNA Beginners Class** - Teri Petty. Done and Thank you.
3. **Help for Beginners** - See calendar for details. Love to have some more volunteer mentor monitors.
4. **Saturday Shorts** -
  - Seemed to be a success so will do some more next year
  - Looking for ideas and volunteers for next year's Saturday Shorts
  - Software survey requested international research Saturday Shorts, Volunteer teachers for different countries/locales are needed.
  - Other topics you would like to see
5. **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.

- **New Business**

1. **Software Survey Results** - based on the results of the Software Survey last month, the board voted to approve the purchase of the following software:
  - a. 4 months each (Dec-Mar) of:
    - i. Archives.com - \$9.99 per month
    - ii. Ultimate British and Irish FindMyPast - \$14.92 per month

iii. Data (research) subscription to MyHeritage - \$13.27 per month

b. Annual upgrade to Newspapers.com - \$59.95 (probably starting in October or November)

c. Members are welcome to sponsor additional months of the monthly subscriptions if they wish. Please contact Andrea for more details.

d. It was requested that we ask install the programs on different computers. The Board would also ask that members be considerate of others when using these programs so that we can maximize the usage.

2. **Deep Freeze** - Mike will install over the summer. The program allows you to restart the computer and it will return to a predetermined default setting, erasing anything that has been added since the last reboot. The computer club uses the software.

3. **ILR Classes** - in an attempt to reach out to the community and interest more people in genealogy and our club, we are going to teach 2 ILR classes in the winter. In January, Andrea will teach a very basic beginners class focusing on the free websites (last class will talk about subscription sites and how to access them). It will be taught in the computer lab, 1 hour lecture and 1 hour hands on practice. Capped at 25 students. Teri Petty will teach a DNA class in February.

4. Club logo shirts are available. Please contact Darwin Thornton.

- **Old Business**

1. **Room Security** - Key pad has temporarily been delayed as the company they have used in the past no longer makes key pads that work with SCOV's master key. Until it is installed, a list of current monitors is at the front desk so please don't be offended if Lisa asks for your name.

2. **Internet Explorer Issues** - Family Search no longer supports Internet Explorer so you have to use Chrome to access it. Billion Graves also does not work with Internet Explorer. This will be solved once we get our new machines. In the meantime, there is a work around that Mike is working on.

3. **Social Events** - There is interest in a social event for the Genealogy Club. Do we have any volunteers to organize this event?? The Board is suggesting possibly an international potluck sometime in February. Would love more feedback on what you would like to see as far as format, program, etc.
4. **Monitor Handbook** - we are in the process of creating one. We would love to have your suggestions and input.
5. **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. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Andrea Houston or Lee Sopwith.
6. **Computer Replacement Plan** - Working with vendors on quotations.

- **May Speaker**

Katie Gertz "*City Directories*"

- **October Speaker**

Bridget LeFevre "*Beginning the Investigation*"

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

Adjourn for refreshment.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson, Secretary