

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

October 9th, 2018

General Meeting Minutes

- Welcome 1 New Members - Judith Martinich
- "Wait 'til you hear what I found." Darwin Thornton, Jon Russel, Sharon Held and Andrea Houston each told us a stories about new family members.
- Minutes of May meeting were posted to the website. A Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved.
- Treasurer's Report - Debra Dirks - September Treasurer's report posted on the website. There being no questions, the Treasurer's report will be submitted to audit.
- Committee Reports
 - 1. **Volunteers -**
 - a. **Thank you** - thank you to the following volunteers for their years of hard work. Our clubs has benefitted thanks to their efforts
 - i. Joan Allen - monitor training and recruiting
 - ii. Carol Bowman - hospitality
 - iii. Mike Carroll - Sign-up Genius, Web site maintenance, computer maintenance, Library committee
 - iv. Carol Fouch - hospitality
 - b. **Thank you for stepping up**
 - i. Pat Brown - monitor training and recruiting
 - ii. Sharon Larsen - Sign-up Genius
 - iii. Sharon Held - hospitality
 - iv. Dianne Parrot - web master
 - v. Suzan Peterson - hospitality
 - vi. Jon Russell - help with computer maintenance
 - c. Looking for Volunteers to fill the remaining gaps - contact Andrea (ahoust2@lsu.edu or 520-825-6919) if you would like to help out. Jon Russell has volunteered to help with computer maintenance, but he can't do it all by himself. Others?
 - d. The Club will be needing new volunteers to fill the following board positions whose terms are up in May - President, Vice

President, Secretary and Member at Large. Please consider volunteering.

2. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson - Check calendar for her help day. Just a reminder - if you are will to act as a Monitor/Mentor in the Library, please make a note on the Sign Up Genius when signing up for a space.
3. **Membership** - Debra Dirks (161 at last count) paid members; Forty-four members are present today.
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 - Meets 1st Tuesday at 1 pm- WC Conference Room #3;
 - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM. Check club calendar for details.
 - d. **Family Tree** - Karen Haider, club library.
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** - Pat Brown - Thank you to Joan Allen for doing this for many years and to Pat Brown for volunteering to take Joan's place. 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 and close 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** - Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson - Many thanks to Carol Fouch & Carol Bowman for taking care of this for several years. Thank you to Sharon and Suzan for volunteering to take their place - 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the table.
10. **Marketing** - Holly and Lee. Holly made a new pamphlet. They are outside the genealogy lab. 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, Oct 20, 1PM-3PM at the LDS Church, 1540 E Linden Street. Speaker: Kim S. Harrison. "Railroad Pension Records: Their Value for Genealogical Answers" for the featured program. Prior to the program there will be a trolley ride to the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum and lunch at Maynard's Market and Kitchen. See their website for more details:
<https://azpimagensoc.org>.
 - b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** - Thursday, Nov 1st, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. See their website for more details
<http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
 - c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** - Tuesday, Oct 16th, 2-3 PM. "Solving Genealogical Problems with Timelines" by Suzanne Young Brayer. See their website for more details:
http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/
 - d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - Thursday, Oct 18th, 1-3PM. 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Short Program: "Salem Witch Trials" by Deb Kabinier. Featured Program: "Using Maps in Genealogy" by Barbara J. Ball. See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>
 - e. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** - Friday, Nov 9th, 10 AM-noon. Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 N. La Canada Dr. Green Valley. Hands-on Writing Workshop for Genealogy by Susan Cummins

Miller, Pima County Library writer-in-residence. Cost is \$15 per person. See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>

- f. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** - Sunday, Oct 14th, 1-3 PM at Tucson Jewish Community Center. Open meeting. See their Facebook page for more details.
- g. **October is Family History month** - Pima County Genealogy Society will have volunteers at 6 Pima County libraries to help teach methods and resources to do genealogy research. See <https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/finding-your-family-history/> for more details
- h. **National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair** - Oct. 20th. This is an all-day virtual, free fair that you can watch through YouTube. See their website for more details: <https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>
- i. **Tucson Family History Fair** - Saturday, Feb 2nd, 2019. This is an annual event at the Tucson Family History Center, 6901 E Kenyon Ave. For more details see their wiki page : https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Tucson_Arizona_Family_History_Center
- j. **Family History Expo** - at the Arizona History Museum on November 11, 2018 from 9:30 - 3:30. Cost of the Expo is \$50. Tickets available at tickets.tucson.com.
- k. **Questions** - If you are interested in a special personal tour of the Tucson Family History Center or a group research trip to Salt Lake City, please let one of the board members know.

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** - Karen Hasselbach. Sign-up sheet for next January in back.
2. **Help for Beginners** - See calendar for details. Love to have some more volunteer mentor monitors.
3. **Saturday Shorts** -
 - Seemed to be a success last year so will continue this year
 - Looking for ideas and volunteers for this year's Saturday Shorts
 - You do not have to teach a class, you can hold a round table, or discussion, or just be available to answer questions on a given topic in the lab. Come share your expertise with other club members.

- I have a volunteer to teach a Swedish or Scandinavian Saturday Short (Joan Allen), a volunteer to teach a session on publishing based on her own experiences (Christine Wortman-Engren) and a volunteer to teach a session on using microfilm in FamilySearch (Dianne Parrot).
 - Software survey requested international research Saturday Shorts. If you are interested in teaching an international research short please let one of the board members know.
4. **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.
5. **ILR classes** - these are open to club members
- **Beginning Genealogy** - in January, Andrea will be teaching a Beginning Genealogy class for IRL. It will be four 2 hour sessions in the computer lab. Each class will be 1 hour of lecture and one hour of hands on exercises on the computers.
 - **DNA for Beginners** - Teri Petty will be teaching four 2 hour sessions in February for IRL.
- **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.
 2. **Deep Freeze** - We are planning on purchasing and installing this program with our new computers. 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.

- **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. Lisa is doing this as a favor for the club, please be courteous to her. Remember she will give the key to anyone that asks as long as they are on the list. Even if you are the monitor, you may not be the first person who wants to use the room.
2. **New Computers** - The Board voted to replace the computers in the Club Library, and we are scheduling their installation for some time in October. The five new PCs will have Windows 10 as the operating system and Chrome as the default browser. This will help solve several of the problems we have been having with the lab over the past 6 months. We will be applying to the Foundation for a small grant to help us purchase a second MAC, upgrade the existing MAC if necessary, and possibly to look into replacing the projection system in our club library.
3. **Social Event** - There was interest in a social event. We are tentatively looking at February for a Social. Volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate this idea.
4. **Monitor Handbook** - we are in the process of creating one. We would love to have your suggestions and input. If you are a monitor, especially a new monitor, please tell us what information you would like to have in the handbook.
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, Pat Brown or Lee Sopwith.

- **October Speaker**

Bridget LeFevre "*Beginning the Investigation*"

- **November Speaker**

Wendy Carlson "*Genealogy School of Hard Knocks*"

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

Adjournment for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson
Secretary