

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

November 13th, 2018

Minutes

- Meeting was called to order by President Andrea Houston.
- Seven new members and/or visitors were welcomed.
- “Wait ‘til you hear what I found.”
- Minutes of October meeting were posted to the website. A motion was made to approved, seconded and vote was made to approve.
- Treasurer’s Report – Debra Dirks – October Treasurer’s report posted on the website. There were no questions and the report was submitted to audit.
- Financial Audit – Thank you to Ken Jordan for completing the audit for the 2017-2018 year.

- Committee Reports
 1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson – Check calendar for her help day
 2. **Membership** – Debra Dirks reported 167 paid members; 50 members present today.
 3. **Dues** – our dues drive for 2018-2019 starts next month – please remember to bring your checkbook next month so you can pay your dues. Thank you!
 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. We are particularly looking for photos with short stories, holiday or job related images.
 5. **SIG’s (Special Interest Groups)**
 - a. **Legacy Family Tree** - Barb Krecklow - Meets 1st Tuesday at 1 pm- WC Conference Room #1;
 - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM Genealogy Library.
 - d. **Family Tree** – Karen Haider, 4th Tuesday, 1:30 PM, club library.
 - e. **Scandinavian** – Joan Allen, sign-up sheet in the back and we will determine a time
 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 – Nineteen out of fifty slots were filled by 11 monitors for October, and 60 members signed in to use the lab. 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 Sayings, Proverbs and Idioms. New display case is planned with Wedding photos – any size is acceptable.
9. **Hospitality** – Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson – 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the sign-in table.
10. **Marketing** – Holly Gibson and Lee Sopwith. 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. An insert to the Tipster is being considered.
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, Nov 17, 1PM-3PM
Banner-University Medical Center, 1501 N. Campbell Ave. Duval Auditorium (Room 2600) **Class:** Researching the World on a Shoestring without leaving town by Bob Black, director Tucson Family History Center. **Featured Speaker:** Robert Wilbanks “Heading West, Starting Fresh: Out Ancestors and American Expansion. See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org>.
 - b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** – Thursday, Dec 6th, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Speaker: Pam Ingermanson, “Navigating through the FamilySearch Website” See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
 - c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** – Tuesday, Nov 20th, 2-3 PM. “The Value of City Directories” by Katie Gertz. See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/
 - d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** – Thursday, Nov 15th, 1-3PM. 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Short Program: “Dress Like an Ancestor”. Featured Program: “Naturalization” by Janna Bennington Larson. See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>
 - e. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** – Sunday, Nov 11th, 1-3 PM at Tucson Jewish Community Center. How to write a family history. Follow up program on Sunday, Dec. 9th 1-3 PM at Tucson Jewish Community Center plus a Chanukah celebration. See their Facebook page for more details.

- f. **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
- g. **Question** – several of the local genealogy societies have had special personal tours for their members only of the Tucson Family History Center. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Houston.
- h. Saddlebrook has organized a week-long research trip to Salt Lake City with a special group rate at a hotel close to the Temple. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Houston.

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** – Karen Hasselbach. Sign-up sheet for next January in back. Karen announced that there would be more computer room work this year.
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.
 - We 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). Sharon Larsen has agreed to do a Saturday Short on FamilySearch.
 - Looking for some volunteers for these topics: MyHeritage, Archives.com, FindMyPast, Irish research and Roots Magic. Any volunteers?
 - Other topics you would like to see?
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. **New PCs Installed** – 5 new PCs with Windows 10 have been installed. Our old printer would not work with Windows 10, so we had to purchase a new one. 5 old PCs and an old LaserJet printer are available for sale (cheap) to anyone who is interested. Please contact Andrea (ahoust2@lsu.edu or 520-825-6919)
2. **New Software Installed** –
 - a. Archives.com - \$9.99 per month
 - b. Ultimate British and Irish FindMyPast - \$14.92 per month
 - c. Data (research) subscription to MyHeritage - \$13.27 per month
 - d. Annual upgrade to Newspapers.com - \$59.95

b. Members are welcome to sponsor a month of the monthly subscriptions if they wish. Please contact Andrea for more details.
3. **Social Event** – Save the date, Saturday, March 2nd from 4-7PM in the Auditorium in the Activity Center. Mary Barr has volunteered to work on the Social Event and needs help with the planning and organizing of the event. Would love more feedback on what you would like to see as far as format, program, etc.
4. **Gifting Tree** – rather than raise dues, we are going to try a gifting tree for the next few months. Suggestions range from a month of a subscription database to supplies for the computer room (ink cartridge, paper, and batteries) or for hospitality (cups, napkins, ice tea or lemonade mix, coffee or tea), or a donation towards a specific speaker. If you donate, an ornament with your name on it will be added to the tree. You may donate anonymously if you wish.
5. **Shirt Sale** – there are 4 Ladies XL Genealogy Club Logo shirts for sale. Donated by a member, available at a big discount!
6. **Survey** – We want your opinion on a couple of things. Please fill out the survey on your seat and leave it on the table as you exit. If you didn't get a chance to fill it out, there should be spares in the genealogy computer lab. You can fill it out and put it in the President's drawer in the library.
7. **Comment Cards** – we are working on creating some comment cards to get more immediate feedback on lab usage. We want to know what software you are using and any problems you had using it.

- **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. **Deep Freeze** – The cost was more than we wanted to spend, so are looking to see if we can partner with the computer club who currently use the software in their computer lab. 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.
3. **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.
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. If you are interested in helping us with this, please contact Andrea Houston, Pat Brown or Lee Sopwith.
5. **Computer Replacement Plan** – we will be applying to the Foundation for a small grant to help us purchase a second MAC, and possibly to look into replacing the projection system in our club library.

- **November Speaker**

Wendy Carlson *“Genealogy School of Hard Knocks”*

- **December Speaker**

Sumner Walters *“Courthouse Research”*

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

Adjourn for refreshments

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson
Secretary