

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

January 8th, 2019

General Meeting Minutes

- Welcome New Members, Visitors & Guests – The Society welcome nine potential and new members.
- Minutes of December meeting, posted, any questions? Motion to approve, seconded and approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Debra Dirks – December Treasurer's report posted on the website. Questions? Submit to audit.
- Committee Reports
 1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson – Check calendar for her help day (January 18, 24 & 30, 9 -12.
 2. **Membership** – Debra Dirks 180 paid members; 92 members present today.
 3. **Dues** – our dues drive for 2018-2019 continues this month. If you didn't renew today, please drop a check ONLY in the Treasurer's box in the Library or remember to bring your checkbook next month so you can pay your dues. If you have not paid your dues by the February General Meeting, you will be removed from the club membership list and no longer have access to the library and lab.
 4. **Library** – Andrea Houston reported we have been receiving a lot of book donations lately. Thank you. We need to do some reorganization in the library to accommodate the additions. If you are interested in volunteering for the library committee, please contact Andrea.
 5. **Genealogy Room Photos** - Mary Barr – We are always looking for more pictures. Please include a 4" by 6" or 5" by 7" copy with information about the person, how related, location and your name. Please do not submit original, and please remember the size limit.
 6. **SIG's (Special Interest Groups)**
 - a. **Legacy Family Tree** - Barb Krecklow - Meets 1st Tuesday at 1 pm - WC Conference Room #1. Note Barb will be retiring in May.

- b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke – please contact either Holly or Lynne personally, if you are interested in finding out if you are eligible for membership.
 - 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, time and place?
- 7. Program Committee** - 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. January and February are when we start looking for next year's speakers. Would love to have a new member volunteer to be on this committee and have new member feedback on programs of interest to you.
- 8. Monitor Training** – Pat Brown – Twenty-five of forty times were filled during December. 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.
- 9. Display Case** – Helen & Bob Jennette – Wedding pictures is our current feature display. If you gave the Jennette's an original photo, they would like to return it to you. Please contact them directly.
- 10. Hospitality** – Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson -- 3 dozen cookies. We still need cookies for February and March. Signup sheet in on the sign-in table.
- 11. Marketing** – Holly Gibson and Lee Sopwith. Did you see the flyer in the Tipster for January? Help us think of creative ways to encourage more people to join our club. Turnover rate in the community as a whole is approximately 53% since 2012. We need to reach out to new community members and stimulate interest in our organization.
- 12. 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** – Annual Workshop, Saturday, January, 26th, 2019 in Casa Grande. Their registration form, course listing, course descriptions and syllabi are all available at their website. Registration cost is **\$20** until January 12th. For more details: <http://pinalctyazgen.com/workshop2019.htm> or look at back table. I posted the courses in the Genealogy lab. Car pool sign-ups in back.
- b. **“A Winter of DNA”** eConference on Jan 26th starting at 9AM Central time. Registrants can view classes for up to 30 days. Please see our post on the club website for more details.
- c. **Tucson Family History Fair** – Saturday, Feb 2nd, 2019. This is an annual **FREE** 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 or back table. I posted the information in the lab. Car pool sign-ups in back.
- d. **Green Valley Genealogical Society Annual Seminar** – Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 9AM – 3:30PM Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol Green Valley – Spend a Day with Cyndi Ingle, creator and owner of “Cyndi’s List.” **\$45** Registration required and open through Feb.1st. see their website for more details: <https://azgvgs.org>
- e. **Pima County Genealogy Society** – Saturday, Jan 19th 1-3 PM. Truly Nolen Leadership Training Center 436 S. Williams Blvd. Class: “Archaic Medical Terminology” by Dr. Rudy Byrd. Program: “Misbegotten Children – Tracing the Family Lines of the illegitimate” live webinar by Peggy Lauritzen. See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org> .
- f. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** – Thursday, Feb 7th, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Program: “Tips and Tricks for Using Google” by Amy Urman See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
- g. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** – Tuesday, Jan 15th, 2-3 PM. “Using US Maps in Genealogical Research” by Suzanne Bayer Young. See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/

- h. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** – Thursday, Jan 17th, 1-3PM. 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Featured Program: “Strategies to Use when you hit a Road Block” by Nicole Dyer. See their website for more details
<https://azgvgs.org/>
- i. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** – Sunday, Jan 13th, 1-3 PM at Tucson Jewish Community Center. Featured Speaker: Richard Hallick, PhD, emeritus professor at UofA and expert on DNA analysis. Topic: DNA with special attention to Jewish DNA. See their Facebook page for more details.
- j. **Tour of the Tucson Family History Center (East)** – Time to be announced. We are working on setting up a tour of the Tucson Family History Center (at the East facility) for February. Probably the third Monday.

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** – Karen Hasselbach. Sign-up sheet for this month in back (one space available as of January 8).
2. **Help for Beginners** – See calendar for details. Monitors who are will to help will note so on the calendar.
3. **Saturday Shorts** –
 - Joan Allen – Swedish or Scandinavian Research – February or March
 - Christine Wortman-Engren – Publishing your Family History (based on her experiences) – February or March
 - Dianne Parrott – How to find unindexed records in online microfilms at Family Search – a Case Study – **Saturday, January 19th**, 9:30 to 11:30 AM in Welcome Center Conference room 3
 - Sharon Larsen – A special topic on Family Search – February or March
 - 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. **ILR classes** – You will need to join ILR, as well as pay a fee for classes. These are open to club members, with fees.

- **Beginning Genealogy** – The first class was January 7th. Enrollment at room capacity of 26. Need help for labs (Monday Jan.14, Jan. 28 and Feb. 4th, all from 12-1 in the Computer Club computer lab). Need both MAC and PC volunteers. You just have to walk around and answer questions or help people with their searches.
 - **DNA for Beginners** – Teri Petty will be teaching four 2 hour sessions in February for IRL.
- **New Business**
 1. **Club Fair** – Friday, February 1st from 1-3PM in the auditorium. Volunteers are needed to help with the Fair. Please contact Andrea Houston.
 2. **Social Event** – Save the Date - Saturday, March 2nd from 5-8 PM in the Auditorium in the Activity Center. Mary Barr has volunteered to chair the planning and organizing of the event. Her committee met last week. Sign-ups will be on-line. We need to know how many people will be coming so we can better plan.
 3. **Gifting Tree** – Thank you to all the wonderful members who have responded to the Gifting Tree. You make this club great! If you haven't purchased an ornament, you still have time!
 4. **Shirt Sale** – there are 2 Ladies XL Genealogy Club Logo shirts for sale. Donated by a member, available at a big discount!
 5. **Comment Cards and Suggestion Box** – There is a suggestion box by the sign-in sheet and comment cards are by the computers or on the side of the box. We want to know what software you are using and any problems you had using it. Thank you to those of you who have made some suggestion already!
 6. **Lock Box** – The Lock Box was installed in Welcome Center Kitchen. Training for monitors this week and next week. Contact Pat Brown or Jon Russell.
 7. **Need Officers for 2019-2020** – Our Vice President, Lee Sopwith will become president, so there is a vacancy for Vice President. The terms for our Secretary, Holly Gibson and our Director-at-Large, Barbara Evans will expire in July. We need a volunteers for Vice President, Secretary and for Director-at-Large. Please consider volunteering.

- **Old Business**

1. **New Software** – Reminder that we have the following new software now installed in the labs. We hope you have had a chance to try them out:
 - a. Upgrade to Premium Newspapers.com
 - b. MyHeritage.com
 - c. FindMyPast.com
 - d. Archives.com
 - e. A new International “fence” with free links to Irish and Canadian websites
 - f. A new Download “fence” where your images and documents will be downloaded if you choose to do that.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Computer Replacement Plan** – We want to purchase a second MAC, and possibly to look into replacing the projection system in our club library.
5. Any others?

- **January Speaker** - Amy Urman *“Paper Trail of Death”*
- **February Speaker** - Nicole Elder Dyer *“Mind Mapping”*

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

Adjourn for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson, Secretary