

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
February 12th, 2019
General Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order by President, Andrea Houston
- Welcome to Three New Members
- Welcome Visitors & Guests
- “Wait ‘til you hear what I found.”
 - a. FYI - If you are interested in Welsh research, a Welsh genealogy newspaper will be available in the Genealogy Library.
- Minutes of January meeting, posted, any questions? Motion to approve, seconded and approved
- Treasurer’s Report – Debra Dirks – January 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
 2. **Membership** – Debra Dirks (205 at last count) members, but only 150 of them have paid their dues; approximately 80 members present today.
 3. **Dues** – This is the last time to pay your 2018-2019 dues. Thank you for those who have already paid! If you have not paid your dues by today, you will be removed from the club membership list and no longer have access to the library and lab.
 4. **Library** – Andrea Houston – we have been receiving a lot of book donations lately. Thank you. I haven’t had time to catalog them yet. We need to do some reorganization to make room for what we have. If you are on the Library committee or want to help, please contact Andrea Houston.
 5. **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.
 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; we will need a volunteer to filling this position. If you are using Legacy Family Tree, please consider helping out. This is only a couple hours a month volunteer position.
 - b. **DAR** – Congratulation to Barbara Evans on being verified by DAR.
 - 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?
 - f. **Roots Magic** – Sharon Larsen – 3rd Friday of the month from 10-11:30AM, Genealogy Library. Next meeting Feb 15th, and March 15th. Roots Magic now has the ability to pull from FamilySearch and Ancestry to get you started quickly.
 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. The program committee will have its first meeting soon. 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. **New Member folders** – if you recently joined, we have made a new member packet for you and would like you to schedule a time to do a brief room tour and website tour with Joan Allen. She has brought the new member folders today.
9. **Monitor Training** – Pat Brown – Pat could not come today, but her report is: 26 out of 45 potential lab slots were monitored. 19 people signed up as monitors. 185 people used the lab (includes monitors, etc.). 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. **Help the club by becoming a monitor. Remember, you can do your own research in the Library while volunteering.**
10. **Display Case** – Helen & Bob Jennette – Wedding pictures is our current feature display.
11. **Hospitality** – Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson -- 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet in on the sign-in table.
12. **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.
13. **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, Feb 16th 1-3 PM. Truly Nolen Leadership Training Center 436 S. Williams Blvd. Documentary Film: “My Bother, My Sister, Sold for a Fistful of Lire” by Nick Lombardo See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org> .
 - b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** – Thursday, Mar 7th, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Program: “Ancestry DNA” by Michelle Goodrun See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
 - c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** – Tuesday, Feb 19th, 2-3 PM. “Extra, Extra, Finding Family in News of the Day” by Dr. Melanie Stugeon. See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/
 - d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** – February SOLD OUT. See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/> .
 - e. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** – Sunday, Mar 10, 1-3 PM at Tucson Jewish Community Center. Topic not posted yet. See their Facebook page for more details.
 - f. **Tour of the Tucson Family History Center (East)** – we went on Monday, February 11th. Next fall, I will try to set up a tour of the smaller, but closer facility on the West side of town.

- **Classes**

1. **Beginners Class** – Karen Hasselbach. Has begun with only 1 class left. Very well attended.
 2. **Help for Beginners** – See calendar for details. Love to have some more volunteer mentor monitors.
 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
 - 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** – these are open to club members
 - **Beginning Genealogy** – Thank you to all of you who came and helped out with the class. I was very proud of the students. All of them made some progress on their family trees. I just wanted to let you know that NO club resources were used for that class. All expenses were paid by ILR or me. I had 26 to start and ended with 24.
 - **DNA for Beginners** – Teri Petty will be teaching four 2 hour sessions in February for IRL. I believe she has 20 people signed up.
- **New Business**
 1. **Need Officers for 2019-2020** – Please consider volunteering for a Board position. 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 volunteer for Secretary and for Director-at-Large. A strong board is important to keep our club strong.
 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 has met. Sign-ups will be on-line and in the back. We need to know how many people will be coming so we can better plan. BYOB and Potluck.
 3. **Monitor News** – people identifying themselves as being on the Long Range Planning committee have come to the lab and asked questions. If this happens to you, please refer them to me or to the board. So far, no-one from that committee has contacted me or the board and I am getting ready to complain about that.
 - **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. **Club Fair** – was well attended. Thank you to those of you who either dropped by or helped man our booth. We got 2 new members that day and several others took our membership forms and pamphlets.
3. **Room Security** – Last week we got a new electronic lock installed on the door. It is MUCH easier to use than the little one in the drawer. It required a 4 digit code, so you should have gotten an email from Pat Brown with the new code. All you have to do is punch in the code, and the light will turn green and you can push down the handle and open the door. Very easy.
4. **Gifting Tree** – The response to the gifting tree has been wonderful. Thank you so much for your generosity. You make this club great!
5. **Shirt Sale** – there are 2 Ladies XL Genealogy Club Logo shirts for sale. Donated by a member, available at a big discount!
6. **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!
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Computer Replacement Plan** – still looking for a used MAC.
10. Any others?

- **February Speaker**
- Nicole Elder Dyer “*Mind Mapping*”

- **March Speaker**
- Sue Ceri – “*My Heritage*”

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

Adjourn for refreshments

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson
Secretary