

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

March 12th, 2019

General Meeting Minutes

- Call to order by President, Andrea Houston
- Welcome to one new members
- Welcome Visitors & Guests
- Minutes of February meeting have been posted. There being no question motion to approve, seconded and vote to approve.
- February Treasurer's report was posted on the website. There were no questions. Submitted to audit.
- Committee Reports
 1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson – Check calendar for her help day
 2. **Membership** – Debra Dirks - 176 members at last count.
 3. **Library** – Andrea Houston – we have been receiving a lot of book donations lately. Thank you. Several volunteers have offered to help with reorganization.
 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 #1. Note: Barb will be retiring in May and if this SIG is going to continue we need a volunteer to coordinate.
 - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke – Please email Holly if you are interested in working on your DAR application.
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM Genealogy Library.
 - d. **Family Tree** – Karen Haider, 4th Tuesday, 1:30 PM, Genealogy library.
 - e. **Scandinavian** – Joan Allen, informal meetings
 - f. **Roots Magic** – Sharon Larsen – 3rd Friday of the month from 10-11:30AM, Genealogy Library. Next meeting March 15th.
 6. **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.
 7. **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.
 8. **Monitor Training** – Pat Brown – 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. Monitors – please be sure that the door is closed and locked when you leave. Only members who have had monitor training are allowed to remain in the room – so get trained! Then you can use the library whenever the Welcome Center is open.

9. **Display Case** – Helen & Bob Jennette will be changing the display to feature Volunteers.
10. **Hospitality** – Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson – 3 dozen cookies. Signup sheet on the sign-in table or website.
11. **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.
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. **E-conference**: Research Strategies and Historical Writing – early bird pricing of \$19.99 until March 22nd, then \$24.99. Conference is on **Saturday, March 30**. See website for more details: <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/pimacounty>. You can watch the conference in a group setting with the Pima County Genealogy Society, but you must register by March 16th. See their website for more details: <https://azpimaensoc.org>
 - b. **Pima County Genealogy Society** – Saturday, Mar 16th 1-3 PM. Truly Nolen Leadership Training Center 436 S. Williams Blvd. Short Program: Amy Urman – “Abbreviations and Symbols” Regular Program: Diana Elder – “Right Under Your Nose: Analyzing Records You Already Have” See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org> .
 - c. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** – Thursday, Apr 4th, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. April meeting is their annual luncheon. See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
 - d. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** – Tuesday, Mar 19th, 2-3 PM. “Finding Women in Public Records” by Buzz Brooks. See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/
 - e. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** – Thursday, Mar 21st, 1-3PM Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Program: Amy Urman – “Trail of Death” Short Program: Ed Story “Snipping a Feature Out of Windows” See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>
 - f. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** – Topic not posted yet. See their Facebook page for more details.

- **Classes**

1. **Help for Beginners** – See calendar for details. Love to have some more volunteer mentor monitors.

- **New Business**

1. **Officers for 2019-2020** – Thank you to our volunteers! Elections will be in April.
 - a. Lee Sopwith - President
 - b. Teri Petty – Vice President
 - c. Pat Brown – Secretary
 - d. Debra Dirks - Treasurer
 - e. Art Petty – Director at Large
2. **Long Range Planning** – some board members are planning to attend one of their upcoming meetings and talk to them about our club. There are no plans to renovate the Welcome Center until after the Activities Center has been renovated (target date for that is 2021).

- **Old Business**

1. **Software** – Reminder: we have the following software installed in the labs. We hope you have had a chance to try them out:
 - a. Highest level of Ancestry – access to Fold3, international records and other specialty items
 - b. Family Search
 - c. Upgrade to Premium Newspapers.com
 - d. MyHeritage.com
 - e. FindMyPast.com
 - f. Archives.com
 - g. A new International “fence” with free links to Irish and Canadian websites
 - h. A new Download “fence” where your images and documents will be downloaded if you choose to do that.
 - i. Link to The Family History Guide – a wonderful educational resource.
 - j. Many other links to Genealogy websites
2. **Social** – Thank you to the Social Committee that organized the event and did a great job with the table decorations. Everyone that attended had a wonderful time and thanks to the Folk Dancers that showed us some new moves.
3. **Shirt Sale** – there are 2 Ladies XL Genealogy Club Logo shirts for sale. Donated by a member, available at a big discount!
4. **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!
5. **Computer Replacement Plan** – A second MAC has been installed in the Genealogy Library. We now have seven computers available for use.

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

- **April Speaker**
- Vesta Abel – ***“What Does your Handwriting Reveal About Your Self Control?”***

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

Adjourn for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson
Secretary