

SUN CITY VISTOSO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

April 9th, 2019

General Meeting Minutes

- No New Member, Guest or Visitors
- “Wait ‘til you hear what I found.” - Be sure to order Civil War Pension Records if they are available; they are a wealth of information
- Minutes of March meeting were posted to website. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.
- Treasurer’s Report – March Treasurer’s report posted on the website. Questions? Will be submitted to audit.
- **Committee Reports**
 1. **Mentoring** - Help Sessions - Holly Gibson – Check calendar for her help day.
 2. **Membership** – Debra Dirks reports we currently have 179 members.
 3. **Library** – Andrea Houston will need volunteers to help update the library. If you are interested in helping, please contact Andrea.
 4. **Genealogy Room Photos** - Mary Barr – Mary is updating the photos in the genealogy room. 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 current members will be pitching in to continue with this SIG.
 - b. **DAR** - Holly Gibson and Lynne Brooke
 - c. **DNA**- Teri & Art Petty. 3rd Wed, 1 PM Genealogy Library.
 - d. **Family Tree** – Karen Haider, not meeting until October.
 - e. **Scandinavian** – Joan Allen, informal meetings
 - f. **Roots Magic** – Sharon Larsen – 3rd Friday of the month from 10-11:30AM, Genealogy Library. Next meeting April 19th.
 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.
 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.
 9. **Display Case** – Helen & Bob Jennette – The display case current highlights Club Volunteers.
 10. **Hospitality** – Sharon Held and Suzan Peterson – 3 dozen cookies. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bring treats.
 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. **Pima County Genealogy Society** – Saturday, April 20th, 1-3 PM. Truly Nolen Leadership Training Center 436 S. Williams Blvd. Short Program: Graduation Ceremony for Genetic Genealogy in Practice Study Group. Regular Program: Gene Philibert-Ortega – “Life in 1920” See their website for more details: <https://azpimagensoc.org> .
- b. **Saddlebrook Genealogy Club** – Thursday, May 2nd, 1-3 PM in HOA#1 Coyote Room. Suzanne Young Brayer – “How to Track Immigrant Ancestors”. See their website for more details <http://www.sb-genealogy.org/>
- c. **Sunflower Genealogy Club** – Tuesday, April 16th, 2-3 PM. “International Genealogical Research” by Holly Gibson. See their website for more details: http://www.sunflowerliving.com/club_pages/sfgs/
- d. **Green Valley Genealogy Society** – Thursday, April 18th, 1-3PM Valley Presbyterian Church, 2800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley. Program: Gene Philibert-Ortega – “The Anatomy of BMD: What you Don’t Know about Vital Records” See their website for more details <https://azgvgs.org/>
- e. **The Southern Arizona Jewish Genealogy Society** – Sunday, April 14 Debut of their mentoring program, probably 1-3PM. See their Facebook page for more details.
- f. **Free Webinars from the Illinois State Genealogical Society**
 - i. Tuesday, April 9th 8-9PM Central Time – Michael John Neill – “Using Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tract Books. Link to sign-up is on the Green Valley Genealogy Society website. <https://azgvgs.org/>
- g. **Free Webinar from the Southern California Genealogical Society**
 - i. Wednesday, April 17 6-7PM Pacific Time – Debra M Duek – “Tracing Female Ancestors in WWI Military & Non-Combatant Records”. Link to sign-up is on the Green Valley Genealogy Society website. <https://azgvgs.org/>
- h. **The Irish Cultural Center & McClelland Library’s** web address is: <http://www.azirish.org> . It is a wonderful site. Check out the research tab and see all the databases you can access (some are free to any on-line user and some must be used in the Library).

- **Classes**

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

- **New Business**

1. Following is the slate of officers for the next two years. A motion was made to approve the slate, seconded and approved. The slate will be posted in the Genealogy Library and voted on at the May meeting.
 - a. President – Lee Sopwith
 - b. Vice-President – Teri Petty
 - c. Treasurer – Debra Dirks
 - d. Secretary – Pat Brown
 - e. Director-at-Large – Art Petty
 - f. Past President – Andrea Houston
2. **Thank you to our retiring officers:**
 - a. Secretary – Holly Gibson
 - b. Director-at-Large – Barbara Evans
3. **New MAC** – computer 7, now on the wooden desk. Thank you to Lee for going down and purchasing it.

4. **Volunteers of the Year** – In recognition for all they have done and are doing for our computers Darwin Thornton and Jon Russell were named our volunteers of the year. Thank you!

- **Old Business**

1. **Software** – reminder that 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. **Shirt Sale** – there is 1 Ladies XL Genealogy Club Logo shirts for sale. Donated by a member, available at a big discount!
3. **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!
4. **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).
5. Any others?

- **April Speaker**

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

- **May Speaker**

- Holly Gibson – *“Sources – The Short Story of Harry Melville Leslie”*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Gibson
Secretary