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MERCED COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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March 2018 Meeting



Researching Mexico's Civil and Church Documents Online

This includes sources
and potential pitfalls

By David Rodriguez

1:00 p.m. Saturday

March 17, 2018

Gracey Room

Merced County Library

March Meeting Program

Genealogy: Researching Mexico's Civil and Church Documents Online.

Topic of this presentation is David Rodriguez's experience with searching Mexico's civil and church documents online. This includes sources and the potential pitfalls he has found. David started his research in 1985.

He lives in Fresno County and is retired from both the Military and from the San Joaquin Valley Library System as a Network Engineer.

Meeting Attendance

January: 28 Members + 14 Guests for a total of 42.

February: 22 Members + 6 Guests for a total of 28.

Number of new members: 1

Welcome, new member: Heather Thompson

Total Members: 63 active

2018 Proposed Budget

There will be the second reading of and the vote on the 2018 Budget at the March 17th meeting. A copy of the budget is on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Bylaws Revision Consideration

The Board of Directors is considering a change to the Bylaws of the Merced County Genealogical Society. The change would remove the office of President-Elect, reduce the number of Board members to seven and reduce the quorum required for Board Meetings to conduct business to four.

The President-Elect position was intended as a way for someone to spend time training with the current President and assume the Presidency when the current President leaves at the end of their elected term. Finding people able or willing to be President, even with a year of training, has been difficult. Also, having an even number of Board members can lead to tie votes and lacking a quorum of five at our last Board meeting caused us to have to reschedule the meeting in order to vote on the 2018 proposed budget and some other issues.

This proposal will be discussed at the next meeting on March 17th.

Meetings for 2018

January 20	Annual Beginners Training – Anne Field
February 24	A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools - Stephen P. Morse
March 17	Researching Mexico's Civil and Church Documents Online – David Rodriguez
April 21	
May 19	
June 16	
July 21	Birthday Meeting
August 18	No Meeting
September 15	Using Social Media and YouTube - Jennifer McDonald
October 20	
November 17	
December 15	Annual Holiday Potluck

2018 Dues Now Payable

The membership renewal form is on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Merced County Genealogical Society

Proposed Budget for 2018

January 27, 2018

[Operating Budget]	2017 Budgeted	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed
Income:			
Membership Dues	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,570	\$ 1,600
Donations	150	190	100
Donations-eScrip	300	310	300
Research Contributions	25	95	50
Book Sales-Books	50	123	50
Book Sales-Shipping	20	4	20
Interest on Investments	50	42	50
	\$ 2,195	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,170
Expenses:			
Treasurer/Postage	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ 25
Membership/Postage	50	-	25
Hospitality	200	214	200
<i>Family Snoop</i> Newsletter	200	174	175
Publicity	300	100	300
Programs	650	574	800
Supplies	50	-	50
Fees, Dues & Subscriptions	225	155	200
Post Office Box Rental	100	90	100
Liability Insurance	425	410	425
Book Sales-Publicity	50	-	50
Book Sales-Shipping	50	4	50
Book Sales-Tax Due	20	3	20
Misc	50	52	50
	\$ 2,395	\$ 1,776	\$ 2,470
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ (200)	\$ 558	\$ (300)

[Special Projects]			
Income:			
Donations-Obituary Project	-	1,000	-
	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Expenses:			
Supplies-Obituary Project-2016	-	574	-
Supplies-Obituary Project-2017	-	218	-
	\$ -	\$ 792	\$ -
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 208	\$ -

>> 2018 Membership Dues Are Now Payable <<

Merced County Genealogical Society

Membership Form

Print page, fill in your information and mail to:

**Merced County Genealogical Society
PO Box 3061
Merced, CA 95344-1061**

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Area Code & Phone _____

E-mail _____

The Family Snoop Newsletter delivered by [check one]: Mail _____ Email _____

___ Annual Individual Dues: \$20.00

___ Annual Student Dues: \$10.00

___ Annual Joint* Dues: \$30.00

___ Lifetime Individual Dues: \$200.00

___ Lifetime Joint* Dues: \$300.00

Note! Joint* members must reside at the same address.

Make check or money order payable to Merced County Genealogical Society.

Please print the surnames, locations, time periods, etc. you are researching
so they may be included in an upcoming *The Family Snoop* Newsletter.

Surnames	Location	Times Period
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

MCGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~camcgs/>

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Dues are \$20 per year for an Individual or \$30 for a family living at the same address.

The Doris Cochran Research Room is open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays,
BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP IT OPEN!! Please Volunteer!

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Family History Center

<https://www.familysearch.org/>
 1080 E Yosemite Ave Merced. 722-1307

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evening - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Free access on their computers to Ancestry.com and other programs. Take along your flash drive to save and download. Volunteers are there to help you and microfilms can now be ordered online.

Merced County Library

<http://www.co.merced.ca.us/77/Library>
 2100 O Street Merced 209-285-7642
 Fax: 209-726-7912

Monday through Thursday - 10 am to 6:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Merced County Courthouse Museum

<http://www.mercedmuseum.org/>
 21st and N Streets
 P. O. Box 3557
 Merced, CA 95344

Wednesday through Sunday - 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
 Free admission.

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

<http://www.cagenweb.com/stanislaus/>
 Click on their newsletter to read online or download. Information about bus trips and programs offered throughout the year that may interest you.

Monthly Financial Report December 2017/January 2018

Income	652.57
Expenses	(192.57)
Checking Balance	<u>\$6,102.98</u>
Savings Account:	3,871.48
CD-9 months; matures on 6/19/18	5,885.20
CD-12 months; matures on 5/18/18	<u>5,719.01</u>
<u>Total in Checking and Savings:</u>	<u>\$21,578.67</u>

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