



# ROOTS AND GOLD DUST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cargdgs/index.htm>

## Newsletter – March 2017

### RECAP OF THE FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

**WHEN:** Meetings start promptly at 1:00 P.M. on the Third Tuesday of each month, except in December. Come a little early to get signed in and to greet your friends. If you see a new face, introduce yourself and welcome them to our meeting.

**WHERE:** Our monthly meetings are held in the Primary room at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints building at 3275 Cedar Ravine Road, Placerville, CA.

Visitors are always welcome to come to our meetings, ask questions, share information and join us for refreshments.

If you have any questions, please call:  
**Richard Wilson – (530) 957-2862**

### OUR 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

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### **Attendance:**

There were 27 members and 4 guests in attendance at the February R&GD meeting.

### **Announcements:**

The meeting was called to order and the guests in attendance were introduced to everyone. **Kathy McCord, Tim McFadden, Anne Thomas and Kathy Witt** were welcomed and encouraged to join in with the members in attendance. **Alice Morrow** gave an update on activities in the FHC Library including a description of the new document and photo scanner. It was then noted that it was Alice's birthday and all were invited to join in after the meeting to celebrate her birthday and share her birthday cake. A thankyou was extended to **Carol Pirtle** for bringing the drinks. **Mary-Lee Gilliland** gave a brief summary of some of the genealogy related events taking place in the area later this month. The members were reminded that membership dues are up for renewal. The meeting was then turned over to **Hannah Jacobsen** to introduce our guest speaker, **Bill Taylor**, for today's presentation.

### **February Presentation:**

The topic for the February meeting was "Being a Family History Detective" and was led by **Bill Taylor**. Bill started by highlighting what it meant to be a good "History Detective" by following the examples set by famous fictional detectives like

Sherlock Holmes. He then gave us some guidelines about how to prepare for searching through records, databases and publications in search of information about our ancestors. He also cautioned us about keeping good records in a Research Log as it was very easy to repeat searches for information that we had already completed. The handout included a very informative "Research Selection Table" with columns titled: 1. If You Need, 2. Look First In, 3. Then search.

## UPCOMING R&GD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

MARCH 21st

### "Organize Your Stuff"



Glenda Gardner Lloyd

**Speaker Biography:** Glenda Gardner Lloyd is a fourth generation Californian. She grew up on a cattle ranch in north-eastern California and attended a one-room country school. She received her BA from the University of California, Santa Barbara and her MA from California State University, Sacramento. She taught elementary school and worked as a reading specialist for thirty-eight years. Glenda helped organize and served as the first president of Root Cellar, Sacramento Genealogical society. She has taught genealogy classes through San Juan Adult Education for the past 25 years. She participates in local seminars for the California State Archives, the Regional Family History Center, the Sacramento City Library, and does workshops for many local societies. She has lectured for the Salt Lake Institute. Genealogy is her hobby and her passion which she hopes to share with all of you.

APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Mary-Lee Gilliland will speak on:**  
*"How to Prepare for a Research Trip"*

## EL DORADO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER UPDATE

Address: LDS Church, 3275 Cedar Ravine Rd.,  
Placerville

Phone #: 530-621-1378

Hours: Tues., Wed. 11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m., Thurs  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Website: <http://eldoradofamilyhistorylibrary.org>

### High Speed Scanner

Register for the "Family Search Memories" class on March 21 (see below) and learn how to scan all your photos and documents, up to 50 a minute. Then reserve some time on our brand new scanner and start getting those millions of documents and pictures into computer files. It's free!

\*\* Put a label on your flash drive with at least your first name and phone number so that we can call you when you leave it in the USB drive.\*\*

### Genealogy Classes

Keep checking the class schedule on our website (address above), for additions and changes. Please pre-register for classes at the library desk, or call during our open hours. This assures you a seat in the class, as we need to know what size room to reserve.

- **FamilySearch.org Wiki with Kori Pilkington.**

**Thursday 9 March 5:00 - 6:00 pm**  
Kori will teach you how to search this most amazing website, contribute a "stub", or even write an

article. This class is designed to help you find places and topics related to your genealogical research. With information on over 244 countries, this ever-evolving site has over 84,000 articles devoted to genealogical research.

- **Family Search Memories**

**Tuesday 21 March 10 to 11 am.**

Learn how to take photos using the FamilySearch Memories app on your Android or iPhone and add them to Memories on Family Tree. \*\* Learn to scan your photo albums, pictures and documents with our new **photo scanner**, save them to a flash drive, and post them on Family Tree. Bring your pictures and a flash drive. Flash drives are also available for sale at the FHC. \*\*

- **Maiden Voyage: Finding Females with Kathryn Marshall.**

**Thursday 23 March 10 to 11 am.**

Learn the most productive sources and strategies for identifying female ancestors. Searching for a female ancestor generally involves using familiar records, but focusing on whole family groups and records about collateral lines. Use timelines to analyze clues suggesting that an ancestor might not have been a first husband or wife. Discover verification logic which can help to assign the right children to the right combination of biological parents when spouses have remarried.

**The LDS El Dorado Family History Center ("FHC")** is open to all researchers and volunteers. Several R&GD non-church members (me included) are part of the volunteer staff. The library gives us access to the online records and microfilm collections of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Many of the FHC's own collection of books, maps and microfilms have been donated by R&GD or its individual members. The online "Portal", which can only be used at an FHC, provides free use of several major paid genealogy websites (Ancestry, Fold3, etc.)

**FHC Library Volunteers**

The Family History Center can always use more staff to work a regular shift or to substitute as

needed. The pay isn't very good, but the rewards are great. You learn while helping others and, if patrons don't need help, you may work on your own research. Pick your day and time. Tuesday and Wednesday have three shifts: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday has just the first two shifts, closing at 5 p.m. Contact FHC Secretary **Teresa Power**.

Email: [thepowerclan@hotmail.com](mailto:thepowerclan@hotmail.com)

Phone: [\(530\) 626-6970](tel:5306266970)

Or leave a note for **Teresa** at the FHC

Submitted by **Alice Morrow**,

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## UPCOMING EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

**Thursday 16 March 10:00-11:00 am.**

**US VITAL RECORDS** - Webinar by **John Kesler** (Roots Tech 2015). Vital records overview and content, jurisdictions, and regional differences.

**FREE** Family History Webinars from [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

Webinars are on-line classes you watch from your computer! You may type questions for the presenter to answer during the live presentation. All you need is an internet connection and speakers - usually within your computer. It is FREE to register and view live. If you miss a live webinar you can purchase a download of it for just \$9.95 each or yearly membership gives you access to all. Progress at your own speed!! Fabulous new idea!

Submitted by **Mary-Lee Gilliland**,

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## BOOK A GENEALOGIST

Central Library - 828 I Street, Sacramento

*Have you hit a brick wall researching your family ancestry? Sometimes a fresh perspective can help*

*you find a new direction in your research. Here's another option to consider.*

**Volunteer genealogists are available to assist you with a FREE 45-minute session.**

- **Call (916) 264-2920**
- **Register online at [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org)**
- **Register at a Sacramento Public Library branch information desk**

## **FREE MARCH CLASSES AT SACRAMENTO FAMILY SEARCH LIBRARY**

**2745 Eastern Avenue, 916-487-2090**

**[www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org](http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org)**

### **Training Resources for Family Search**

1 March 7:00 Anton Sissell

### **Legacy Group**

2 March 1:15 Marian Kile

### **Why Genealogists Love DNA**

2 March 1:30 Jim Baker

### **DNA/New Ancestors/5th/6th Generation**

2 March 3:00 Jim Baker

### **Duplicates/Merging Family Search**

3 March 11:00 Laurie Markham

### **FamilySearch Workshop**

7 March 11:00 John Hansen

### **Roots Magic Group**

8 March 1:00-3:00 Lynn Brown

### **CA State Library Can Help You**

8 March 6:30 Elena Smith

### **DNA/Most Difficult Ancestors**

9 March 1:30 Jim Baker

### **DNA Opens Pandora's Box**

9 March 3:00 Jim Baker

### **Scouting Merit Badge**

11 March 9:00 & 11:00 Teri Wells

### **Wiki Basic & Advanced**

13 March 2:00 Kori Pilkington

### **FamilySearch Workshop**

14 March 11:00 John Hansen

### **Temple/Family History Consultant**

14 March 6:00-8:00 John Hansen

### **Creating Your Life Story Book**

15 March 2:00 & 5:00 Cassie Heyward

### **Computer Basics Workshop**

15 March 7:00 Alton Sissell

### **Temple/Family History Consultant**

16 March 6:00-8:00 Laurie Markham

### **Irish Records**

17 March 11:00 Laurie Markham

### **FamilySearch Workshop**

21 March 11:00 John Hansen

### **Oral History Machine Workshop**

21 March 3:00 Tim Fewkes

### **Tips, Tricks, Tidbits**

22 March 7:00 Tammy Noe

### **Reunion Group**

23 March 10:30 Richard Hanson

### **FamilySearch Workshop**

28 March 11:00 John Hansen

### **FamilySearch/Ancestry/Legacy**

30 March 12:00 Elaine Sharp

### **FamilySearch/Memories/Pictures**

30 March 2:00 Karen Stubbs

## **ORGANIZING**

Here's a link to a website that has an article about organizing. I liked it because organization is a personal choice or style. The author admits it has been a challenge for herself and adds the fact that the system must make sense to you personally.

<http://lialisson.com/2017/01/03/what-you-need-to-know-to-organize-your-genealogy/>

Submitted by Carol Ebert

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21st  
AT OUR NEXT MEETING!**

# Sierra Renaissance Society

Presents

## Writing Your Own Story



FRIDAY  
1:00-3:00 pm  
3/10/17

El Dorado Center - FLC  
Placerville

*Prospects for  
life-long  
learning*

by

**Rosemary Imes, MA**  
**Writer and Educator**

Do you want to create biographies for your genealogy project? Will your scrapbooking include family histories? Do you think, "My own life is a story that needs to be told?" Are you ready to write your autobiography? This presentation is for those with no previous writing experience, as well as for those who have. We will address:

- Preparation and organization
- Writing techniques that draw readers' attention and hold their interest
- Helpful references and resources.

Rosemary Imes earned a BA in English Language and Literature and master's degree in Creative Writing. She has won awards for both her poetry and short stories. Her enthusiasm for sharing her skills and discoveries fostered a career producing mutually beneficial results. Whether as a speaker at writers' conferences, teaching gifted students or developing and instructing courses on literature and composition for Los Rios Community College District, language is her craft. She has conducted classes and workshops encompassing all forms of writing, backgrounds and ages. Rosemary proudly displays the published works of her students celebrating their successful self-expression through written language.

**March 10, 2017**

**El Dorado Center/Folsom Lake College**

The Community Room C-102  
6699 Campus Drive, Placerville, CA

**Parking  
\$2.00**

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