



Newsletter of the St. Clair County Genealogical Society

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Helping Genealogists Discover Their Illinois Roots Since 1977

President's Message *by Diane Walsh, President*



Greetings everyone. May I be one of the first to wish you a blessed and healthy New Year?

On behalf of the SCCGS Board and Society members, I wish to extend a warm and grateful thank you to Ed Bachesta for his guidance and dedication to the Society as SCCGS's President these past four years. It seems like only yesterday when Ed stood up at a general meeting and volunteered to run for the Second Vice-President position, and later as President. During his tenure SCCGS's public website was redesigned and online membership payments were implemented; Zoom monthly meetings began late 2020. Also of note, the 5-year plan was devised for digital versions of the Quarterly and Newsletter, and print and digital guidelines were drawn up for new, current, or out-of-print publications.

I would like to recognize the Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Brown, Mary Parker, and Laura Steiner. Tasked with recruiting former Board members for the president position, and recruiting both vice-president positions, the Committee and I spoke to nearly 300 members near and far (or left messages) and identified those interested in assisting Board members on projects.

In full disclosure, Samantha Bailey volunteered for President but was a few months short of the required one-year Board term as outlined in SCCGS Bylaws. With the Board's approval, I intend to hand the President spot to Samantha when that year is reached. She has proven to be a very responsive and reliable volunteer for at least two years, has transcribed and reviewed birth indexes, and is part of the Zoom team that brought the SCCGS monthly meetings and presentations online. Her dynamic personality is upbeat and will serve her well as she continues the Society's mission for years to come. In addition to her "genealogy history" in the November 2020 Newsletter, Samantha is a member of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in Ashburn, Virginia, for which she designed and maintains its websites. Prior to retirement, Samantha worked as a Quality Assurance Engineer testing front-end

and back-end software systems; she served for 10 years as president of her HOA board overseeing 4,500 homes.

Please welcome SCCGS's Vice-Presidents, Jerome Oelrich and Paul Muskopf (2021, 2022).



Jerome is the First Vice-President. Jerome joined SCCGS about 1993 and served on its Board as Education Chair. He recently retired from the U.S. Army civil service and moved back to this area. His principle SCCGS job is recruiting speakers for the monthly meeting presentations.

More than 20 years ago, Jerome created the database from which the Freeburg Tribune Obituary and Death Notice index was used for the Society's first website.

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Upcoming Speakers At Monthly Meeting

Monthly meetings are now presented via the Zoom app and scheduled by the 1st Vice President. Topics focus on St. Clair County, its records, and general research tools and techniques. Please email your ideas for monthly meeting presentation and contact information to scgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org, attention Jerome at (256) 656-9917.

Please check the SCCGS website or our Facebook page for last-minute updates and Zoom links!

<https://www.facebook.com/SCCGS/>

January 7, 2021 - Breaking Through Your Genealogy Brick Wall

This will be a Q & A for our attendees. Participants will be allowed to submit problems to SCCGS members who will provide suggestions for general research or specialized records to help you break through your brick wall. You never know, you may be able to help someone else with their brick wall! Please provide your question in advance of the meeting (see details below).

To register for this event, please click on the link below.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUldeqsrzgjH9xsDWnr-bE54utYaNIPuH6->

When you register, you will be asked if you have a brick wall you need help breaking through. If you respond yes, you will receive a separate email asking you to provide detailed information regarding your brick wall problem, for example:

A biography said my ancestor was born about 1850 in [state] and was in St. Clair in 1880 until his death about 1900. I can't find him or his family in the federal census or in ones for that state 1850-1870.

My ancestor was last shown in the 1850 census, but no death certificate or cemetery exists for him.

February 4, 2021 - Archaeology in Your Backyard

All you wanted to know, but never had the chance to ask about archaeology investigations in Illinois. Mera Hertel oversees graphic productions at the American Bottom Field Station of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey. Managing ABFS's production and photography team, she coordinates the design and assemblage of high-quality photographic figures, maps, and illustrations for use in reports, publications, and various media works. She produces and assembles reports in-house, and routinely trains supervisory staff in field photography procedures. Mera oversees ABFS's digital photographic collections, historic map archives, and digital library. She serves as a cartographer, photographer, illustrator, researcher, and site file coordinator. She also performs rim profiling/ceramic analysis, poster and

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Belleville Public Library and Archivist:

121 East Washington St Archivist/Reference Supervisor: Anna Kimball
Belleville, IL 62220 Requests: archives@bellevillepubliclibrary.org
(618) 234-0441

About SCCGS

1. SCCGS Board Meetings

The Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Community House six times per year.

2. SCCGS Officers and Chairmen

President: Diane Walsh

1st Vice-President: Jerome Oelrich

2nd Vice-President: Paul Muskopf

Secretary: Johanna Smith

Treasurer: Susan Bohm

Parliamentarian: Samantha Bailey

Education Chairman: Carol Dawson

Cemetery Chairman: Vacant

Publicity Chairman: Janice Carlson

Membership Chairman: Liz Brown

Quarterly Editor: Gloria Williams

Newsletter Editor: Terry Klingemann

3. Newsletter Deadlines

The last Friday of each month is the deadline for next month. For best results, copy-and-paste your info into an e-mail, and send to the editor at the e-mail address below.

4. General Membership Information

Purpose: SCCGS was organized in 1977 with the following purposes in mind:

- ◆ to preserve and perpetuate ancestral records for educational and historical purposes;
- ◆ to encourage the study of family history and to teach methods of genealogical research;
- ◆ to promote genealogical publications; and
- ◆ to publish and circulate literature relative to the purposes and acquisitions of the Society.

●Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (all meetings are virtual using Zoom, a web-based video conferencing tool) with feature programs of genealogical interest that are free and open to the public. Guests are always welcome.

●Quarterly: Four issues per year, indexed.

●Newsletter: Ten issues per year, with free queries for members.

●Publications: A complete list of our publications is available on our website: <https://stclair-ilgs.org>.

●Acquisitions: Housed at the Belleville Public Library for use by Society members and the general public. Recent additions are published in the Quarterly as a service to members.

Have a Question?

Please send your e-mails to:

scgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org

Please type in the Subject Line:

Attn: (Name of the Committee)

Membership Report *by Liz Brown*

For a complete list of surnames our current members are researching, please visit the following webpage
<https://stclair-ilgs.org/collaborate/>.

New Members (2021)

PEARCY, Angela
 WIELICZKO, Jim
 WARNER, Maureen

Reinstated Members

PFEIFFER, John

Change of Address

None to Report

Renewing Members (2021)

ANDERSON, (Diane); BACHESTA, (Edward J.); BOHN, (Elizabeth); BRUNKOW, (Robert); CAHILL, (Melinda); DEROUSSE, (Ray); DUPUIS, (Ernest R.); ELLIS, (Cheryl); FELLER, (Alyssa); GENTRY, (Sondra L.); GILES, (Nancy E.); GLUECK, (Judith N.); GRIDER, (David); GRIFFITHS, (Barbara); GUENTHER, (Nancy M.); HARRIS, (Judith Scott); KNIEPKAMP, (Ralph); KUEHN, (Tom); LIENESCH, (Robert P.); MC BRIDE, (Stephen), MID CONTINENT PUB LIB MIDWEST GENEALOGY CTR.; MILLER, (David I.); PAINE, (Barbara); PENA, (Alane Blachford); PLEGGE, (Lisa Doussard); RAY, (Peggy L.); ROBERTS, (Auga J.); ROEDIGER, (Robert); SETTLE, (Bonnie); SMITH, (Johanna); TENNANT, (Kristine); THE URBANA FREE LIB. ARCHIVES ACQ.; VAN HOOK, (Carol); VIAU, (Sande); WADE, (Kris); WOLF, (Harold H.); ZIMMERMAN, (Karen); ZOGG, (William D.)



Returned Mail Policy

Members shall reimburse the Society for postage it paid for returned regular publications that are to be re-mailed plus the cost of re-mailing.

Newsletters will not be re-mailed since these are on the member website. The Quarterly will be held for one month and then returned to the general circulation.

Membership Totals 2021

	OCT	CHANGE	NOV
Renew 2021	86	39	125
New	5	3	8
Life	54	0	54
Honorary	1	0	1
Ex & Dn	22	0	22
Totals 2021	168	42	210

Upcoming Speakers At Monthly Meeting (cont.)

cover design, fieldwork, cemetery investigations, and metal-detection survey. Mera's general areas of interest include the prehistory and history of the American Bottom region in Illinois. In her spare time, she enjoys documenting and helping to restore lost and forgotten cemeteries throughout St. Clair, Madison, and Monroe Counties. Over the years she's conducted many large-scale volunteer cemetery restoration projects, documented thousands of unrecorded graves, and photographed over 50 private prehistoric artifact collections as well as many historical documents & books.

March 4, 2021 - From Seminary to University: 193 Years of History in the McKendree Archives



McKendree Archivist Deborah Houk provides a brief history of McKendree University, and her job as an archivist versus an historian. She covers what types of materials can be found in the Archives and how to access them; their digitized materials and how to request information from the Archives.

Deborah was born and raised in Belleville. She attended Belleville Area College (now Southwestern Illinois College) and transferred to McKendree College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in History. She then attended the University of Missouri - Columbia, where she earned a master's degree in Library Science. After working as the librarian at the Belleville News-Democrat, she started at McKendree in 1996. In 2010, she took over as the university's Archivist in addition to her other job duties.

Zoom link will be posted in March issue.

President's Message by Diane Walsh, President (cont.)

Since that time he contributed time and talent transcribing handwritten records for use by the Society, helped the St. Louis Genealogical Society transition its data into a true database, and assisted other societies in database creation, translations, Fraktur interpretation, and microfilm scanning.



The Second Vice-President is Paul Muskopf. He is a long-distance member who joined the Society in 2006. His volunteer career in SCCGS includes the Walnut Hill Cemetery project and production of the name index for the Quarterly marriage articles. He

is a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, LaSalle County Genealogy Guild [Illinois], and two North Carolina genealogy societies.

Paul is a retired school Psychologist with 32 years in public education for Special Education agencies including the Peoria Public Schools, BMP Special Education Cooperative, Oglesby Public Schools, and Child Find (a 13-county project for the assessment, diagnosis, and educational training of children with visual, hearing, orthopedic, and other medical handicaps.)

Paul's German ancestors settled primarily in the St. Clair County area. His interest in serving on the Board is his way to "pay back" all of the SCCGS members whose research ultimately helped him research his family. Though four hours from Belleville, Paul sees the Second Vice-President position as a way to repay that debt via telephoning and Internet communication.

Writing Webinar and More...

<https://www.isbgfh.com/Winter-Webinar-Series>

This URL will take you to the registration page for the 2020/2021 Winter Webinar Series of The International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. Attendance of the live webinars is FREE. Please note that on Saturday, January 9th at 10:00 - 11:00 am CST, the series features Lisa Alzo's presentation of Creative Nonfiction Writing for Genealogists. Seven other webinars cover Irish, English, and Scottish research topics. I hope to see you on the January 9th Writing Webinar. -- Mary W. Parker

Book Donation Policy

SCCGS will accept only books in softcover or hardcover (not journals because libraries no longer take pre-owned quarterlies or journals).

The donor or his representative must:

1. Email a typewritten list specifying each title / author / year published / and general condition to the sccgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org.
2. Email a letter of donation specifically stating that the family "grants SCCGS the authority to use and/or dispose of the materials as the Society deems best."
3. Deliver books to SCCGS at the storage unit at a prearranged time.

SCCGS members who want to disperse all, or part of their collections may run a query in the Newsletter provided no money or prices are mentioned in accordance with past practice. The member's contact information and specific "contact-me-by" date should be included.

BPL Digitizes Yearbooks

The Belleville Public Library has digitized its Belleville High School Yearbooks: <https://www.belleville.net/690/Yearbook-Project>

Yearbooks included are:

Academy of Notre Dame - 1953-1972 (1955, 1965, and 1967 are missing)

Cathedral Central High School - Althoff Catholic High School - 1932-2016 (1933, 1934, 1936, 1937, 1956, 1960-1962, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994-1995, and 2017-Present are missing)

Belleville Township High School - 1917-1967

Belleville East High School - 1968-2017 (1988 -1989 are missing)

Belleville West High School - 1968-2013 (1978, 1994, 2003-2005, 2007-2010, 2012, and 2014-present are missing)

Belleville Junior College - 1959-1968

If you have any of the missing yearbooks and would be willing to loan them to the library to digitize, please contact the library at archives@bellevillepubliclibrary.org or 618-234-0441.

Member Website News

Another first for SCCGS! Virtual presentations are now on the Member website up to four (4) months after the program debuted. Thank you, Zoom team, for all your efforts. To locate these, login in on the member site, scroll down the right margin to the Classroom topic and click Virtual Presentations.

Schnuck's eScrip Community Program

Next time you visit your local Schnucks Grocery Store, make sure to enroll in their eScrip Community Program. You can also enroll online at the link below. Just enter our organization in the non-profit section. As of the end of October, SCCGS has earned \$120.60 from eScrip.

Your purchases create automatic contributions of up to 3% of your purchase price to SCCGS. Every donation assists SCCGS to provide information to our website. Here's the link for more information and to enroll online:

<http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/index.jsp>

Now you can also use your eScrip card with purchases from both restaurants in your area and from their Online Mall and have a percentage of your purchase donated to SCCGS (up to 5% for dining, various percentages for shopping). Just visit www.escrip.com and register your debit or credit card, then check their list for participating restaurants in your area or go to the eScrip Mall to make purchases from your favorite participating stores.

It's that simple!

If you don't have a Schnuck's grocery store in your area, visit www.escrip.com to find a participating store. eScrip is the easiest way to make donations to SCCGS without any hassle.

We appreciate in advance your support of SCCGS.

Physician Register Database

The Physician Register database that the Illinois State Genealogical Society indexed is now up on the Cyberdrive Illinois website (<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/physearch.html>). This project was done in cooperation with the Illinois State Archives. The original images are also included.

Volunteer Agreement

Board members and all members who volunteer for a project will need to sign the Volunteer Agreement approved at the November 2020 Board meeting. It will be posted on the website.

Upcoming ISGS Webinars

Join the Illinois State Genealogical Society on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Central for the 2nd part of Laura Street Chaplin's DNA series – "What Do I Do with It Now that I Have it? Working with DNA Test Results."

This webinar, hosted by the Kane County Genealogical Society and member speaker, Laura, will explain the next steps once DNA test results are received and discuss some available analysis tools.

Webinar Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6751831935778370318>

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Join ISGS on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Central for Laura Street Chaplin's DNA series finale - "Going the Extra Mile: Additional Sites, Tools, and Techniques." the final session of the 3-part series on DNA.

This webinar will be hosted by the Kane County Genealogical Society and member speaker, Laura, will teach you how to analyze test results using a variety of techniques, including Chromosome Mapping, DNA Painter, DNA GedCom, and more.

Webinar Registration Link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6577266872682873870>

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Quote of the Month

The limbs that move, the eyes that see,
 These are not entirely me;
 Dead men and women helped to shape
 The mold which I do not escape;
 The words I speak, my written line,
 These are not uniquely mine.
 For in my heart and in my will
 Old ancestors are warring still,
 Celt, Roman, Saxon, and all the dead
 From whose rich blood my veins are fed,
 In aspect, gesture, voices, tone,
 Flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone;
 In fields they tilled I plow the sod,
 I walk the mountain paths they trod;
 And round my daily steps arise
 The good and bad of those I comprise.

- Richard Rolle, English Author

2021 Genealogy Events

Jan 04/Genealogy Series: Wills, Estates & Probate, a free webinar hosted by the Spartanburg County Public Library. <http://www.spartanburglibraries.org/Events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D149498229>

Jan 05/Submitting Names for Temple Work (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 07/"Southern States Migration Patterns," A free online Zoom program hosted by Mid Cities Genealogical Society <https://txmcgs.org/index.php>

Jan 09/Nordic Paleography – Understanding Common Abbreviations and Symbols (Intermediate) a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 09/How to Find People in the Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening (The Norwegian Genealogical Society) (Intermediate) a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 09/How to Use the Swedish National Archive Website, Riksarkivet (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 09/Figuring out Denmark Jurisdictions (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 13/Beginning Genealogy, a free Zoom program hosted by the Glenview Public Library <http://glenviewpl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=38346&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/01/01>

Jan 21/Introduction to United States Military Records (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Jan 23/You Can Do This: Photo Organizing and Preservation, a free Zoom program from the Sacramento Public Library <https://saclibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=346905&lib=1000&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/01/01>

Jan 26/Civil War Raid in Missouri (Workshop), hosted by the Louisville Genealogical Society <https://kylgs.org/>

Feb 01/Genealogy Series: Family and Plantation Record Research for Owners and Enslaved, a free webinar hosted by the Spartanburg County Public Library. <http://www.spartanburglibraries.org/Events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D149498231>

Feb 02/Strategies for Finding Your Irish Ancestors, via Zoom hosted by the Manatee Genealogical Society <https://mgsfl.org/>

Feb 04/The Tired, the Poor, and the Huddled Masses: U.S. Immigration 1820-1954 (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Feb 13/Maps and Land Records in Family History Research, a free Zoom program hosted by the Glenview Public Library <http://glenviewpl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=37618&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2021/02/01>

Feb 18/African American Records and Strategies: Post-1865 (Beginner), a free online webinar from the FamilySearch Family History Library https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Feb 20/"From Slavery to Freedom: Restoring the History of Eleven Generations of an African American Family through the Witness Stones Project" with Dennis Culliton, a free Zoom program from the Connecticut Society of Genealogists <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqce6hrTsoHtcI-4lkEMWSR0WT5-YxxGfP>

Feb 20/Profile of a Quaker: Finding a Friend in Colonial America. An online seminar hosted by Rogue Valley Genealogical Society www.rvgslibrary.org

Feb 23/A New Look at Genealogy Center Resources with Curt Witcher, a free workshop hosted by the Louisville Genealogical Society <https://kylgs.org/>

Mar 23/Finding Your Virginia Roots at the Library of Virginia, a free workshop hosted by the Louisville Genealogical Society <https://kylgs.org/>

Apr 27/Exploring Pennsylvania's State Archives and State Library, a free workshop hosted by the Louisville Genealogical Society <https://kylgs.org/>



SCCGS Publications Order Form

St. Clair County Genealogical Society Special Publications Order Form

(Current as of 27 September 2020. Please use the most current version; prices subject to change without notice.)

**PLEASE PRINT OUT THIS FORM AND
SEND WITH REMITTANCE TO:**
St. Clair County Genealogical Society
PO Box 431
Belleville IL 62222-0431

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip +4 _____
E-mail _____
(in case we have questions about your order)

Full content descriptions at <https://stclair-ilgs.org>
CDs require free Adobe Reader
<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Check here to receive emails about new SCCGS publications and events.

Research	Qty	Unit Price	Total
St. Clair Co. Research & Resources: A Genealogist's Guide on CD		Member: \$10.00 Non-member \$15.00	
Census & Vital Records			
Obituary Index, Freeburg Tribune, 1904-1939		\$ 9.50	
St. Clair Co. Birth and Death Records, 1843-1870		\$12.00	
Cemetery / Tombstone Inventories			
Fayetteville Township, Engelmann Township Cemeteries		\$12.00	
Freeburg Township Cemeteries		\$15.00	
Holy Cross Cemetery		\$12.00	
Lebanon Township Cemeteries		\$12.00	
Marissa Township Cemeteries		\$15.00	
Mascoutah City Cemetery		\$15.00	
Mascoutah Township Cemeteries		\$15.00	
Millstadt Township Cemeteries		\$15.00	
New Athens Township Cemeteries		\$12.00	
Prairie du Long and Smithton Township Cemeteries		\$15.00	
Shiloh Valley Township Cemeteries		\$12.00	
St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Fairview Heights		\$15.00	
Church Records			
Church Records Volume 1 on CD (Bethel Baptist 1806-1909), Oak Hill (1851-1863), and Unity Baptist (1850-1911) churches; Zion Lutheran baptisms, confirm., marriages, death, 1861-1961 (Belleville); and St. Peter's Catholic burial book 1859-1909 (Belleville)		\$25.00	
Holy Ghost United Church of Christ, Darmstadt, 1843-1977.		\$16.00	
Methodist Church Records, Belleville, 1840-1998		\$15.00	
St. John United Church of Christ, Mascoutah		\$13.00	
St. John United Church of Christ, Smithton (**)		\$16.00	
St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, 1839-1939 (CD)		\$30.00	
St. Paul United Church of Christ, Floraville, 1859-1986 (**)		\$15.00	
St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church Census, Belleville, 1888-1895		\$15.00	
Trinity Lutheran Church, Millstadt, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sugar Loaf Township		\$15.00	
Zion United Church of Christ, Millstadt & Salem Evangelical, Sugar Loaf Township		\$15.00	
Miscellaneous Publications			
Closed Catholic High Schools Graduating Classes, E. St. Louis		\$15.00	
Dutch Hill Prairie History, Revised		\$25.00	
International Check or Money Order, inquire: sccgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org			
(**) Print on request orders for this out of stock book will be filled as soon as possible			Grand total



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SCCGS Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and all meetings are virtual using Zoom, a web-based video conferencing tool. See the Upcoming Speakers column in this newsletter to register.

We're always looking for good speakers on genealogical topics. Let Ed know if you can recommend any speakers from the St. Louis metro area, or if you can speak on a topic of interest to our Society. Thanks!

For more information, please contact:

Jerome Oelrich, (sccgsoffice@stclair-ilgs.org Subject Line: 1st Vice President).

SCCGS Board Meeting

The St. Clair County Genealogical Society will be holding their next Board meeting on March 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by teleconference.

Perhaps you are considering the possibility of volunteerism with the SCCGS. In addition to attending regular monthly meetings, another way to become more familiar with the Society and its important work is to attend a board meeting to see how the SCCGS operates behind the scenes. While members who attend are not allowed to cast votes on issues, the board welcomes members to voice their opinions on topics of discussion.

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