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MEETINGS

Board Meeting: Tues-
day, **June 11**, 7 p.m.,
at the home of Virginia
Kranz, 6 West Loretta,
Stockton

General Meeting
Thursday, June 20
6:00 p.m.

*See map on right
for meeting location*

Thursday, June 20, 2013

6:00 p.m.

*At the home of Al and Lupe Baker
In Stockton*

Your Turn: Share Your Favorite Family History Story

After receiving such a favorable response to our end-of-season potluck gathering last Spring, we are looking forward to reconvening at the same location for a leisurely dinner, social time and Heritage Round Table session once again. We are grateful that our hosts, SJCGS members Al and Lupe Baker, have again extended their invitation for us to join them for this occasion.

The event is scheduled for our regular meeting time and date—Thursday, June 20, at 6:00 p.m.—but the location has changed to **1003 Ellen Street, Stockton**. The Bakers live just off Fremont Street, east of Highway 99.

Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share—along with a memento, a photograph, an heirloom or a story to tell about one of your favorite ancestors.



Place settings, coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided by the SJCGS Board.

SJCGS Book Committee Meeting Called

The Book Committee will once again convene on **June 19 at 1:00 p.m.** to select this year's book contributions to the [Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library genealogy collection](#). This is a tradition that has been continued ever since the Society's first contribution to the "new" library building when it was first opened at Oak and El Dorado streets downtown.

If you are interested in participating in this committee, you are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held at the home of the SJCGS Librarian Virginia Kranz, at 6 West Loretta in Stockton. Or, if you are not able to attend but have suggestions you would like to submit to the Book Committee, you may email your suggestions to r.kranz@comcast.net or call Virginia at (209) 477-0634.

June Board Meeting Rescheduled

As always, SJCGS Board meetings are open to the general membership. We invite all members to consider joining us for any of the Society's Board meetings.

If you are intending to join us for our June meeting, please note that our meeting date has been changed for this month's meeting. While it will be held at the same location as always at 7:00 p.m., the revised date for this month's meeting will be Tuesday, **June 11**.

During the summer months, we will resume our regularly scheduled sequence of Board meetings on the first Monday of each month. On account of the Labor Day holiday, our September meeting will be held the preceding Monday.

Check Out SJCGS on Twitter!

As a means to connect with like-minded researchers in the Stockton community, and as a way to reach out to the younger generations on social media, SJCGS has now set up our own Twitter account.

If you are on Twitter, help us out by following us and spreading the word to others interested in genealogy. You can find us listed as [@SJCoGen](#).

If you are not yet on Twitter yourself, all you need to sign up for your own account is your name and email address. You may sign up for an account at <https://twitter.com/>

We'll be using our Twitter account to help spread the word about our monthly training sessions and meetings at the Troke library, as well as genealogy news of interest to our members.

Help Spread the Word: Enter Our Logo Contest

SJCGS is seeking submissions of design ideas for a new logo to be used by the Society. We are sponsoring a contest to request submissions, offering a \$50 prize for the best entry, as judged by our membership in a vote to be held at our September 19 general meeting.

If you are talented in graphic design, please join in and submit your design ideas. We also would appreciate your help in spreading the word about this contest. Check out our contest announcement on **page 6** of this newsletter, and forward the announcement to any others you know who might be interested.

Deadline for submissions for the SJCGS logo contest is **August 10, 2013**.

From Our President

Dear SJCGS Member,

We finish off our busy Spring with a potluck picnic at Al and Lupe Baker's residence at 6:00 p.m. on June 20. This will be a great way to interact with fellow members and have a delicious meal.

We will have a fun activity after dining. Last year we had a great time with participants bringing family heirlooms and artifacts and telling the story behind them. This year we will also invite you to do the same—or tell about an interesting incident, accomplishment, black sheep story, or character description involving an ancestor. The only limit would be that your talk has something to do with your own personal family history research. Aim for approximately five minutes for your talk.

Our last workshop this Spring will be at Troke library on June 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the morning presentations will be on the Basics of Beginning Genealogical Research. Please join us to help participants or to brush up on your skills.

For those of you who participated in our membership survey this Spring, thank you! You have provided valuable feedback to your Board, which we plan on putting into action in the upcoming months. I've summarized the details of those survey results in a separate article in this newsletter, which can be found on page 5.

We know the basics of what you want to get out of the Society. Now we need some specifics! Feel free to contribute your ideas to any of the Board members, or email your suggestions to me.

With the exception of the SJCGS Board meetings, which will continue through the summer months, we will take a break from Society activities during July and August, resuming our membership meetings, workshops, and other activities in September. In early September, our newsletter will give you more details of what is coming up.

Have a fantastic Summer!

Lori Calhoon
SJCGS President, 2013
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SJCGS President Lori Calhoon presents member Sylvia Perez with a complimentary copy of Denise Levenick's new book, How to Archive Family Keepsakes, as the winner of the drawing held at the April General Membership meeting at Margaret Troke Library. Our thanks to author Denise Levenick for her generosity in donating a copy of her book for the SJCGS giveaway.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

June

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9: Southern California Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank. For more information, see <http://genealogyjamboree.org/>

Tuesday, June 11: SJCGS Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, June 20: General membership meeting. Potluck dinner and social gathering at Al and Lupe Baker's residence, 1003 Ellen Street in Stockton.

Saturday, June 22: Beginners' Genealogy workshop at Margaret Troke Library from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. "How to Begin Your Genealogical Research."

Friday-Saturday, June 28-29: Family History Expo in Sacramento. For more information, see their website at <https://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent/index/62>.

July

Monday, July 1: SJCGS Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members welcome to attend.

August

Monday, August 5: SJCGS Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members welcome to attend.

Wednesday-Saturday, August 21-24: Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference, "Journey Through Generations," in Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information or to register, see <https://www.fgsconference.org/program/>

Did You Know?

The San Joaquin County Genealogical Society traditionally takes a hiatus from our general membership meeting schedule during the summer months so members may focus on independent research, travel projects—or just enjoying time with families and friends.

Though the SJCGS Board will continue meeting through the summer months, our next general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, **September 19**. Due to the Labor Day holiday, our September Board meeting will be held the preceding Monday, **August 26**.

Newsletter Copy Deadline

The San Joaquin County Genealogical Society newsletter is published nine times a year: monthly from January through June and September through November.

Upcoming copy deadline is **August 20, 2013**. Guest submissions pertaining to topics of *specific interest* to the San Joaquin County Genealogical Society are welcome. Please submit articles in either Microsoft Word or plain text format to sicogensoc@gmail.com.

Membership Survey Results

I thought I would sum up the results of the membership interest survey. We had fifteen surveys returned.

I averaged the responses in each category to see where the average response fell, using the following scale:

- 1: you would definitely attend
- 2: you would be very likely to participate
- 3: you might participate
- 4: you probably would not participate
- 5: you definitely would not attend or participate

Here are the results for each of the questions numbers, listing the topics covered followed by the average response for each question:

1. Attend monthly meetings (speaker, meeting, social time)—2.5
2. Attend local genealogical field trips and activities—3.1
3. Attend society sponsored seminars with regionally known presenters—2.6
4. Attend society roundtable or other interactive learning activity—2.6
5. Help at a library genealogical workshop—3.0
6. Serve as a genealogy volunteer at Chavez—3.6
7. Attend socials, potluck, picnics—2.7
8. Transcribe or help to publish local records—3.4
9. Eliminated—confusing activity description!
10. Contribute articles to newsletter—3.8
11. Attend dinner meetings—2.5
12. Participate in cemetery and other preservation projects—3.6
13. Help with publicity, promotion, flyers, posters—3.1
14. Serve as board member, committee chair, officer—3.2
15. Help on membership activation, recruiting new members—3.3
16. Oops—no #16!
17. Participate in community outreach efforts—3.7
18. Participate in small interest groups—3.1
19. Help select genealogy library books—3.1

Broadly summarizing this, the most interest was in attending membership meetings, dinner meetings, member interactive learning such as workshops, attending SJCGS sponsored regional seminars and workshops and membership social events.

The second tier (the “might attend” range) concerns helping at library workshops, attending interest groups, field trips, helping with publicity or serving on a committee, such as helping to select library books.

The least interest was expressed in serving on the Board, volunteering at Chavez Library, transcribing for publishing projects, contributing to the newsletter, or participating in preservation projects and outreach.

What we need to concentrate on now is finding out more specifically about the areas of most interest: what topics for speakers at membership meetings, whether more dinner meetings are desired, what learning activities (such as workshops) we can provide for members. What kinds of other social activities should we plan on? Should we look into sponsoring more regional seminars or workshops with well known speakers? (Of course, we will have to address expense and possible income sources to do this.) We need your input on all of this.

If you have any suggestions—or further comments on the survey results—I am always open to hearing from you. Please give me a call or email me.

~Lori Calhoon

Announcing the SJCGS Logo Design Contest

The San Joaquin County Genealogical Society is looking to select a new logo! The Society is looking for a design that represents the history and genealogy of the San Joaquin area. In order to do so, the Society is offering a \$50 prize for the winner of our logo contest.

If you or someone you know is interested in artistic design, send your best ideas to be considered in the Logo Contest! **All entries must be received by August 10, 2013**, and the winner will be selected on September 19, 2013.

All work must be original to and produced solely by the artist. Entries must be appropriate to a variety of production standards (letterhead, brochure, banner, online, etc). The logo design should symbolize family history, genealogy and San Joaquin County. Each entry must include the text "San Joaquin County Genealogical Society" and "est. 1952".

Submissions must fit within the dimensions of 1920x1080 or 1200x1200, and must be submitted both in black and white and in color. All entries must be submitted as a PNG file, and the contestant's name must be included in the file name for each entry (example: johnsmithcolor2.png).

All entries must be submitted via email to sjcogensoc@gmail.com and must include entrant's full name, address and phone number. All entries must be received via email at the designated email address by August 10, 2013. Once submitted, all publishing rights for all entries belong to the San Joaquin County Genealogical Society.

Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges, and the winner will be determined by a vote of the San Joaquin County Genealogical Society membership at the general meeting September 19, 2013. The winner will be contacted within the following week.

Stockton to Host Seminar

The SJCGS is honored to be selected as host for the upcoming day long seminar sponsored by the California State Genealogical Alliance. The Saturday event will be held at the University of the Pacific's Wendell Phillips Center next **February 22**.

The event will feature classes by four widely-recognized genealogists from the California State Genealogical Alliance. Look for more information in this newsletter in the fall.

Resources for Beginners

If you have friends asking for tips on how to get started with genealogical research, don't forget to tell them about the SJCGS resources available at the Chavez library in downtown Stockton.

SJCGS volunteers are on hand at the Chavez branch every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to provide answer beginners' questions on genealogical research. The well-stocked genealogical reference area also provides a wealth of resources to beginners and advanced researchers alike.

Teen & Adult Program



Free Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

Saturday, June 22, 2013
11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Session 1
11 a.m.

**How to Begin Your Genealogical Research—
The Basics of Best Practices!**

Presented by the San Joaquin Genealogical Society

Break for Lunch

Bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy between sessions

Session 2
1:30 p.m.

**Volunteers will help individuals research
their own family histories on the Internet.**

Bring whatever data you already have: birth, marriage,
death dates of ancestors, where they lived, etc.

**Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.
Sign up at the Troke Branch Library's Information Desk.
Participants may bring their own laptops.**

Troke Branch Library

502 W. Benjamin Holt Dr., Stockton
(209) 937-8221 or (866) 805-7323 (READ)



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We appreciate your support through your renewal of membership dues.

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Address _____

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May we send your newsletters and announcements by email? Yes _____ No _____

I will help with the following (check all that apply):

- _____ Research (Do research for those who request our Society's services)
- _____ Projects (We always need transcribers and typists)
- _____ Program Committee (Help set up programs and speakers for meetings)
- _____ Volunteer work in the Genealogy Collection at the Chavez Central Library

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