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The Editor's Corner



This issue on page 2 shows the winners of our Society's election in December. Congratulations and we look forward to the guidance you'll provide our Society in the coming year! We also wish to thank the loyalty and hard work of the retiring officers.

The next issue will be dedicated to Holding Family Reunions. If you come across an interesting genealogy article, please share it with your editor for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Don't forget to contact Judy Voran at 476-3972 or Val Sullivan at 468-6698 or call the library at 474-2139 to sign up for the genealogy workshops listed on Page 6. And bring a friend! We will happily take suggestions on future workshop topics!

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NGCGS Goals for 2005

By President Grace Johns

In 2004, we completed our first year in the new Library; we installed donated computers and established internet access; we put on a series of classes on various aspects of genealogy; and our sales, raffles and auctions were very successful. As we look back on a very successful year of projects accomplished, we also need to look ahead to goals for 2005.

Many of our goals in 2005 are ongoing goals for NGCGS, begun years ago and will continue for years ahead. Any of these projects you as members want to tackle will increase the value of our Society and our Genealogy Library.

1. In 2005, our primary goal is to complete the purchase of the property. There is only one more payment of \$5000.00 plus interest to be made and we believe we will be able to meet this goal.
2. We need to complete the storage sheds. Our intrepid skilled workers have worn out their hands, muscles, and health making this Library a reality. If there are any carpenters, carpenter's helpers, or willing hands among the membership, PLEASE call Hoyt (474-6332) and give him a hand.
3. We would like to increase the membership in the Society. If you have a friend who might like to start tracking his/her family, bring the friend with you to a meeting. The programs tell how others have discovered cousins they never knew about, where their grandparents lived when they were young, and how interesting it is to trace the family line back a few more steps.
4. It is important to continue the instructional classes that Val and Judy have started. Some are held at the Genealogical Library, some at the Public Library and some at the Gila County Community College. They are well worth the low cost to those who attend and they provide income for the Society.
5. We need to continue searching out interesting and useful programs for the monthly meetings. Members, bring your stories of all the places you searched before you FOUND your great-grandfather and connected to four more generations. Clarice will gladly schedule a month in which to tell your story. If you know someone in town who might tell us of an exciting experience, let Clarice know and she will follow through.
6. We need to improve our Library equipment. We hope to acquire new computers and a new printer. In the future, we hope to update other equipment used in genealogy research.
7. We would like to enhance our holdings by adding books and published materials and to the available computer information. This will include posting special information to our website, (for instance county and local records, cemetery records, and church records).

You members who have worked on these projects in the past know more about our Library than I do. Tell me what we already have and anything else you think we should accomplish this year.

Grace

Along those same lines is the article on the next page on Giving Back!

Giving Back to Your Genealogical Society

By George G. Morgan

As published in "Along Those Lines"

<http://www.ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=9461>

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Genealogical societies are a great value for the money. If you belong to a local society, you already know how much fun it is to get together with other members. After all, your family probably isn't as receptive to your chattering away about Aunt Penelope, Cousin Elmer, and all the cemeteries that you've visited. Your friends and acquaintances at the local society are all open to listening to you and helping bring down your brick walls.

Distant genealogy societies are valuable too. If you're researching ancestors in other states or countries, it's rewarding to receive their journals and newsletters, visit their websites, learn about their publications, and maybe even ask for some look-up assistance.

It takes time and money to run a genealogy society, as well as the talents of people who are willing to give of themselves to take on some tasks. Your society dues are minimal when you consider all you get for your money. You can help your society by volunteering a little time and energy to help give back some of what you receive. I stay pretty busy myself, but I make time to volunteer to serve as president of the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHWE), as a director on the board of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), and on the board of the Florida Genealogical Society (which is local to the Tampa area). It takes a little time, but the rewards are priceless! And so, in "Along Those Lines..." this week, I'd like to make some suggestions for how YOU can give

back to your own society or societies to which you belong.

Volunteer at Meetings

While it would be great if you offered to serve as an officer or as a member of the board of a society, you don't have to make that kind of commitment in order to help. I attend scores of society meetings each year and see individuals doing specific tasks, all of which add to the camaraderie and the functionality of the group. These include:

- Setting up and taking down chairs and tables for the meeting
- Bringing cookies, chips, snacks, soft drinks, and other refreshments
- Staffing the welcome table at the door, asking people to sign in, and distributing name badges
- Distributing agendas and handout copies
- Helping a presenter get set up
- Setting out free literature and books or gift items for sale, and acting as a cashier
- Organizing the society's library materials and other holdings
- Doing look-ups for out-of-town members
- Applying mailing labels and postage to envelopes and newsletters
- Making copies at the local office supply store
- Taking mailings to the post office and picking up mail-
- Taking copies of materials distributed at meetings to people who are ill or shut-in and cannot attend
- Spreading the word about the society and what it has to offer

Volunteering on Projects

Being a genealogist often means being an archivist and preservationist. There are plenty of projects that cannot be done without the help of volunteers, and even a few hours' help can be very beneficial. Here are some projects you might consider.

- Canvassing a cemetery and transcribing tombstones
- Typing and/or indexing results of a cemetery canvass
- Proofing someone else's typing

- Making photocopies or doing some binding
- Clipping obituaries and helping maintain a file for the society or the library
- Organize the society's library, create an index, and label the materials
- Volunteer at the local public library to help organize genealogical or historical materials in the vertical file cabinets
- Offer to photocopy newsprint materials and other non-archival safe records
- Transcribe records at a courthouse or produce a much-needed index to them
- Offer to speak to civic groups about the society
- Offer to carpool for a group trip to a library in another town with a genealogical collection

Presenting a Program

You are probably an expert in some aspect of genealogy by now. That may include how to effectively organize your genealogical materials, how to work with a particular type of record, or how to use a particular genealogy database program. Everyone has something to share.

You can contribute to your society and to the members' knowledge by offering to present some short program at a meeting. At one society to which I belong, one member always talks about a different library in the state and the types of materials it holds. She also talks about her own research experiences in these places, such as a recent talk she gave about using Revolutionary War pension file microfilm. You don't need slides or a PowerPoint presentation. All you need is a few notes, a few minutes, and the desire to share something that others may not know.

Donating Materials

Few genealogical societies that I know about are endowed with the financial means to expand their library and collections of other materials. Membership dues also don't provide a great deal of funding. You can help your own genealogical society by donating any number of items.

- Bookshelves and filing cabinets
- Tables and chairs
- Microfilm and microfiche reader/printer units
- Microfilm and microfiche
- Older computer equipment and printers may be upgradeable
- Copies of genealogical magazines, journals, and newsletters
- Maps, atlases, gazetteers, and almanacs
- Previous editions of reference books you have replaced
- Foreign language dictionaries
- New books donated in memory of a deceased member
- Magnifiers
- Empty binders
- Office supplies such as printer paper, envelopes, stapler and staples, paper clips, mailing labels, and postage stamps

Summary

We all have a vested interest in the success and continued operation of our genealogical and historical societies. You don't have to commit to being elected to a long-term position on the board of directors. An occasional stint as a volunteer will make you feel good about being involved and may inspire others to join in too. It can be an enjoyable experience unequalled anywhere else. In this season of giving, I hope you will consider volunteering some time, energy, and materials to YOUR society or societies in the coming year.

Happy Volunteering!

George



Genealogy Classes...Mark Your Calendars Now!

All Classes will be held from 1:00-4:00 PM. Please note date change for March!
Receipts from these classes go to help operate the library!

February 19	Immigration/Naturalization Earliest –1850 & 1850-present	Voran Sullivan &	Public Library	\$20
March 12	Exploring Irish Websites	Val Sullivan	Gila Community College	\$25
April 16	Breaking Down Brick Walls: Analyzing Data	Judy Voran	Public Library	\$20
May 21	Military Records	Val Sullivan	Genealogy Library	\$15
June 18	What Cemeteries Can Reveal!	Val Sullivan	Genealogy Library	\$15

Quick Tip...Record Children's Memories

By Rusty Macon Weber

I only have one sibling, a sister, eighteen months older than myself. I know that we often remember our childhood's differently--each from our own perspective. We each only had one child. There is only a ten-month difference in their ages, and they grew up more as brother and sister rather than cousins. Recently we all got together, and the "Remember when's...." started flowing.

In the rush to record the memories of the "oldsters" before it is too late, don't forget to record the memories of the "youngsters" before their clear memories of their childhood starts to fade. My sister and I were pleasantly surprised to hear memories of our children that made strong impressions on them that we didn't even remember. Often events that are routine or everyday for the adults become pivotal moments for our children. I've started recording their memories for our grandchildren. They are too young now, but hopefully when they are older they will enjoy the memories of their parent's childhood.

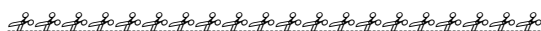
My sister and I found that listening to the kid's memories sparked our own memories of those events.

Quick Tip...Delayed Birth Registrations

By Diane Cheek MacCormack

If your ancestor was born before county or state vital statistics were kept, you might be able to locate a delayed certificate of birth. The usual questions were asked about date of birth, place of birth, father, and mother. Many individuals requested a delayed birth certificate to prove their age and qualify for Social Security. A family Bible, relative's affidavit, child's birth record, or other records were used to prove age.

It has been a good source for some of my ancestors born between the late 1800's and the early 1900's. It may be in the county where you think your ancestor was born or in another county where they lived.





Plant Yourself A Trouble Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse,
and after he had just finished a rough day on the job,
a flat tire made him lose an hour of work,
his drill quit, and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.
On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family.
As we walked toward the front door,
he paused briefly at a small tree,
touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

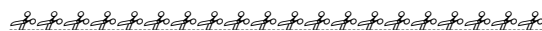
When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation.
His tanned face was wreathed in smiles.
He hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car.
We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me.
I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied.
"I know I can't help having troubles on the job,
but one thing's for sure....
Those troubles don't belong in the house
with my wife and children."

"Every night when I come home,
I just hang them up on the tree and
Ask God to take care of them.
Then in the morning, I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is, he smiled,
when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up,
there aren't nearly as many
as I remember hanging up the night before."



The Future of Genealogy

Contributed by Lu Terock #861,
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A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album. "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist." (page 36)



NGCGS Programs Scheduled for 2005 By Clarice Christensen & Jack Masheeco

February 3	Carol Mathewson	Finding Forebearers from Revolutionary and Civil Wars
March 3	Peggy Grey	Requirements for DAR & SAR; using the Patriot Index in our library
April 7	Tommie Cline Martin	History of the Haughts and Clines in the Rim Country
May 5	Joan Thompson	Using the LDS library in Payson and Salt Lake City to gather information
June 2	Lettie Cale	Using the "How To" Source Books in our Library
July 7	Val Sullivan	The Life and Times of an American Patriot or Researching in Massachusetts
August 4	Carol Mathewson	Researching her Relatives in England and Tips on Tracing Relatives there

Clarice would be delighted to have suggestions on programs to fill out the year.



Perpetual Calendar

FIND YOUR DAY OF BIRTH BELOW #3

Following the three steps described below will enable you to determine the calendar for any month in any year from 1753 through 2030.

Note: Although these calendars all indicate 31 days per month, remember that September, April, June, and November have only 30 days, and February has 28 except in leap years when it contains 29.

Step 1

Note the letter that follows the year you want.

1753A	1754B	1755C	1756K	1757F	1758G	1759A	1760I	1761D	1762E	1763F	1764N	1765B
1766C	1767D	1768L	1769G	1770A	1771B	1772J	1773E	1774F	1775G	1776H	1777C	1778D
1779E	1780M	1781A	1782B	1783C	1784K	1785F	1786G	1787A	1788I	1789D	1790E	1791F
1792N	1793B	1794C	1795D	1796L	1797G	1798A	1799B	1800C	1801D	1802E	1803F	1804N
1805B	1806C	1807D	1808L	1809G	1810A	1811B	1812J	1813E	1814F	1815G	1816H	1817C
1818D	1819E	1820M	1821A	1822B	1823C	1824K	1825F	1826G	1827A	1828I	1829D	1830E
1831F	1832N	1833B	1834C	1835D	1836L	1837G	1838A	1839B	1840J	1841E	1842F	1843G
1844H	1845C	1846D	1847E	1848M	1849A	1850B	1851C	1852K	1853F	1854G	1855A	1856I
1857D	1858E	1859F	1860N	1861B	1862C	1863D	1864L	1865G	1866A	1867B	1868J	1869E
1870F	1871G	1872H	1873C	1874D	1875E	1876M	1877A	1878B	1879C	1880K	1881F	1882G
1883A	1884I	1885D	1886E	1887F	1888N	1889B	1890C	1891D	1892L	1893G	1894A	1895B
1896J	1897E	1898F	1899G	1900A	1901B	1902C	1903D	1904L	1905G	1906A	1907B	1908J
1909E	1910F	1911G	1912H	1913C	1914D	1915E	1916M	1917A	1918B	1919C	1920K	1921F
1922G	1923A	1924I	1925D	1926E	1927F	1928N	1929B	1930C	1931D	1932L	1933G	1934A
1935B	1936J	1937E	1938F	1939G	1940H	1941C	1942D	1943E	1944M	1945A	1946B	1947C
1948K	1949F	1950G	1951A	1952I	1953D	1954E	1955F	1956N	1957B	1958C	1959D	1960L
1961G	1962A	1963B	1964J	1965E	1966F	1967G	1968H	1969C	1970D	1971E	1972M	1973A
1974B	1975C	1976K	1977F	1978G	1979A	1980I	1981D	1982E	1983F	1984N	1985B	1986C
1987D	1988L	1989G	1990A	1991B	1992J	1993E	1994F	1995G	1996H	1997C	1998D	1999E
2000M	2001A	2002B	2003C	2004K	2005F	2006G	2007A	2008I	2009D	2010E	2011F	2012N
2013B	2014C	2015D	2016L	2017G	2018A	2019B	2020J	2021E	2022F	2023G	2024H	2025C
2026D	2027E	2028M	2029A	2030B								

Step 2

Under that letter, note the number corresponding to the month you want.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Jan.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Feb.	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Mar.	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
April	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
May	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
June	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	6	7	1	2	3	4	5
July	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Aug.	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Sept.	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	7	1	2	3	4	5	6
Oct.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Nov.	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	5	6	7	1	2	3	4
Dec.	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	7	1	2	3	4	5	6

Step 3

Opposite that bold face number appears the appropriate calendar.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday														
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Northern Gila County Genealogical Society Use Statistics

Volunteer Hours:		Inc/Dec %	# of Patrons:		Inc/Dec %
January to December 2003		2003-2004	January to December 2003		2003-2004
Total Volunteer Hours:	2713		Total Patrons:	283	
Monthly Average:	271		Monthly Average:	24	
January thru June 2004			January thru June 2004		
Total Volunteer Hours:	1203		Total Patrons:	407	
Monthly Average:	200		Monthly Average:	68	
July thru Dec. 2004			July thru Dec. 2004		
Total Volunteer Hours:	1,264		Total Patrons:	400	
Monthly Average:	210.7		Monthly Average:	66.7	
Total for 2004 Volunteer Hours: 2,467		-10%	Total for 2004 # of Patrons: 807		285%+

Thanks goes to Alice Kenmore and Joan Savage for tabulating these results!

In Memoriam:

They who think that you are gone,
 Because no more your face they see,
 Are wrong, for in our hearts you live
 And always will in memory.

Four of our members have suffered the loss
 of a loved one recently. Shirley Stephenson

lost her husband Robert in August, 2004;
 Patty Henderson lost her father Jim Jones
 in November, 2004. Sue Owen lost her
 husband Robert November 7, 2004; and
 Lettie Cale lost her husband Charles on
 November 14, 2004. They will be missed.

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