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MEETINGS

General Meeting:
Thursday, October 17
5:45 p.m.
Troke Library
502 W. Benjamin Holt
Stockton

Next Board Meeting:
November 4
6:30 p.m.
at the home of
Virginia Kranz

Thursday, October 17, 2013

5:45 p.m.

*Margaret Troke Library
502 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton*

Why *You* Should Be Using FamilySearch.org

Have you kept up with the big makeover at FamilySearch.org? More than ever, this free online genealogical website has the resources you're seeking.

Come join a live demonstration by Robert Givens this Thursday, showing the many resources found at FamilySearch, including the Research Wiki, Family History Library Catalog and their online book collection. With FamilySearch having the fastest-growing collection of online genealogical records, learning to use this updated online resource will make you a more productive researcher.

Our speaker for this month's meeting has extensive experience with both genealogy and the FamilySearch website. Robert Givens is a retired teacher and public school administrator from the Fresno area who has served as director of his local Family History Center. In addition, he has worked in product support and data analysis for beta programs as they were being developed to be launched by FamilySearch.org.

A Tuscon transplant, Robert comes from a family with a five-generation history in the Pima Valley of Arizona. He has been an active researcher since his high school years. As he puts it, "Genealogy began for me at my grandmother's knee when I was ten." Now author of four genealogy books and former Board member of the Fresno County Genealogical Society, Mr. Givens has spoken widely on a number of subjects of interest to genealogical society members.

Come join us on October 17 to explore how FamilySearch can supercharge your genealogy research challenges.

Welcome New Members!

Society membership begins with the calendar year, but that hasn't stopped these new members from signing up early for 2014.

Please extend a hearty welcome to new Society members:

Edward Frens
Marilyn Frens
Lavina S. Logsdon
Darlene Talbott
Randee Walshe

A Note of Thanks

We are grateful for the large collection of genealogical books currently being donated to SJGS by Betty Baker. Our Librarian, Virginia Kranz, and members of the Library Volunteer Committee are in the process of receiving and organizing this donation so that it may best be made available to members.

SJGS At Stockton Is Magnificent

The October 5 community event on the Miracle Mile, promoting non-profit organizations in the area, was complete with entertainment—music, dancers, art and a Children's Parade.

The Society set up a booth, handing out our membership brochures, family tree charts and owl family tree charts for kids. We displayed our beautiful new San Joaquin Genealogical Society banner and conversed with many interested visitors, who took our literature and were interested in learning about our activities and services. We had a number of people sign up to get further information from us. It appears that this will be a worthwhile event to participate in future years.

~Lori Calhoun

Save the Date!

Pull out your 2014 calendar and be sure to circle this date: Saturday, **February 22**.

That's the day that your Society joins the **California State Genealogical Alliance** and **University of the Pacific's Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership** in co-sponsoring a free genealogy seminar.

The event, held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the UOP campus, will feature four dynamic speaker. (For more detail on speakers and topics, see page 9 in this newsletter.)

The event is open to the public. We'll be inviting fellow genealogical researchers from the greater Bay Area as well as Central Valley and Sacramento regions, as well as Society members.

Don't miss out on being part of this exciting event! You can register right now to save your place. Free registration is handled by EventBrite at their website at <https://sigsseminar.eventbrite.com>. Hover your cursor over that link, hit Control and click your mouse to get right over to that site to sign up today!

Interested in Carpooling to Nearby Seminars?

If you spot an announcement for an out-of-town genealogy workshop you are interested in attending but are reluctant to drive to by yourself, send us the workshop information in an email to sjcogen-soc@gmail.com. We'll be glad to help connect SJGS members whom are interested in carpooling to nearby workshops or seminars.

From Our President

Happy October!

First and foremost I need to let you know about a significant change in the leadership of the Society. Lori Calhoon, President, submitted her resignation to the Board via email on Tuesday, October 8th. She gave no explanation for this action. It came as quite a shock to the Board, as we had a meeting the night before and she gave no indication that she intended to do this. According to our Society bylaws, when the President can no longer serve, the Vice President automatically becomes the President. This means that I will now serve as your President for the remainder of the term which ends December 31st.

On another note, the next membership meeting will be Thursday, October 17th at 5:45 p.m. Our speaker will be Robert Givens who will show us all that the FamilySearch.org website has to offer and how to navigate the site with ease. Please arrive a few minutes early so we can begin promptly.

Please be assured that I don't foresee any major complications with this change and hope that I have your support as I do my best to serve the Society. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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Be Sure to Keep in Touch

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email address? Be sure to keep us up to date with your contact information so you can still receive all the benefits of Society membership in a timely manner.

Please send any contact changes to us by email to sjcogensoc@gmail.com, or write the information and send it to the Society at P.O. Box 690243, Stockton, California, 95269-0243.

We appreciate your helping us stay in touch!

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 SJGS resources available at the Chavez library in downtown Stockton.

SJGS volunteers are on hand at the Chavez branch every **Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to help beginners with their questions on genealogical research. The well-stocked genealogical reference area provides a wealth of resources for beginners and advanced researchers alike.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October

Thursday, October 17: General membership meeting at Troke Library from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. Featured speaker: **Robert Givens** from FamilySearch.org.

Saturday, October 26: Beginners' Genealogy workshop at Margaret Troke Library from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. **Sally Spenker** will speak on "Women: Immigration and Naturalization Process in the U.S." See enclosed flier.

Saturday, October 26: Genealogical DNA Seminar with Katherine Borges, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County. Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$40 registration at the door. For more information, see [the GSSC website](#).

Saturday, October 26: California Genealogical Society and Library fundraiser, "Their Roots Are Showing!" Del Valle Theater in Walnut Creek. Tickets \$50. See enclosed flier.

November

Monday, November 4: SJGS Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members welcome.

Saturday, November 16: Beginners' Genealogy workshop at Margaret Troke Library from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. **Sylvia Perez** will speak on "Researching Your Mexican Heritage."

Thursday, November 21: General membership meeting and annual election of officers at the Margaret Troke Library from 5:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.

December

No board meeting or general membership meeting scheduled. Happy holidays!

January

Monday, January 6: SJGS Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members welcome.

Thursday, January 16: Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers. Watch for location and details!

Did You Know?

A number of exhibits of historical interest are coming to the Stockton area in October, including these:

Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964, a new bilingual exhibition from the National Museum of American History, is on display at the Reynolds Gallery at University of the Pacific through **October 25**.

Black Wings: American Dreams of Flight examines contributions of African American aviators who made the dream of careers in flight and space exploration possible. At the Haggin Museum, beginning **October 17**.

Newsletter Copy Deadline

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

Upcoming copy deadline is **October 25, 2013**. Guest submissions pertaining to topics of *specific interest* to the San Joaquin Genealogical Society are welcome. Please submit articles in either Microsoft Word or plain text format to the attention of the SJGS Newsletter Editor via email at sjcogensoc@gmail.com.

Committee Reports

Your Society's committee chairmen have focused on a number of year-end projects with the goal of fulfilling our organizational mandates:

- Promote interest in genealogy
- Preserve genealogically important records
- Teach and promote accuracy in research
- Provide community services related to genealogy

Here are latest committee reports:

Policies and Procedures:

Volunteers Sheri Fenley, Sylvia Perez, Jacqi Stevens and Lori Calhoon spent three long days finalizing Policies and Procedures for Society officers and committees chairmen. These will be a major part of the manual that will serve as a guide for our Board members. Many hours were spent in putting together the guidelines, pulled from several sources including input from all Board members. At the September Board meeting it was decided to turn over the project to a committee of Board members willing to finish the task so the result could be presented for a vote at the October 7 Board meeting. Let's appreciate the hard work done by this committee in putting together this important Society guide that can help now and future Board members in their role to serve and inspire the Society.

~Lori Calhoon

Workshops:

The September Genealogy Workshop "Finding Your Roots" was held at Troke Library on September 28. Jacqi Stevens and Lori Calhoon gave presentations covering basic primary document research: why birth, marriage and death certificates, census returns and church records are important, where to find them, what is in them. Joined by SJGS volunteers Sally

Spencer and Joan Bailey, the workshop also guided the thirteen attendees on their individual research with the accompaniment of library computers and the library edition of Ancestry.com. The October 26 workshop at Troke will feature SJGS member Sally Spencer, who will give a presentation on immigration and naturalization of women.

~Lori Calhoon

Library Volunteer Committee:

The Library Volunteer schedule has been revised to reflect current status of patron usage of our services. We will now schedule our volunteers for service at the Chavez Library on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

~Virginia Kranz

Book Purchasing Committee:

While acquisitions for the upcoming year will still be discussed at our January book purchasing meeting, the Society Librarian and Library Volunteers are currently busily engaged with reception of a large and generous donation of genealogical books to our collection by Betty Baker, for which we are extremely grateful!

~Virginia Kranz

Nominating Committee:

Committee members Susan Saunders-King and Jacqi Stevens issued a Call for Nominations via the September edition of the SJGS newsletter as well as at the General Membership Meeting and through an email to membership on September 18. An encouraging response has resulted in a Slate of Officers, which was presented to the Board at the October Board meeting. The Slate of Officers will be published in the November newsletter in preparation for our annual elections at the November 21 meeting.

~Jacqi Stevens

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance 1/1/13	\$4906.16
Income year to date	2463.04
Expenses year to date	<u>2409.28</u>
Balance remaining 10/7/13	\$4959.92

Report From Book Purchasing Committee

Thanks to the proceeds from the efforts of our Society's Projects and Publications Committees, in addition to budgeted amounts from our general fund, we are please to report the following books have been purchased by the Society and received by the Book Purchasing Committee:

<i>Four Lost Pioneer Cemeteries,</i> Barbara Filbin	\$ 34.99
<i>Order of First Families of North Carolina</i>	\$33.99
<i>1876 Berks County PA Atlas</i> Mastof Books	\$48.00
Ordered from Mountain Press:	
<i>Index of the 1890 Census</i>	\$15.00
<i>Military Claims Barred by Statutes of Limitation</i>	\$8.00
<i>Revolutionary War Invalid Pension Claims</i>	\$12.50
<i>Ordinance of 1787 and the NW Territory</i>	\$20.00
Total Amount Spent	\$179.88

In addition, twenty more books previously purchased by SJGS were transferred from the Society's private library holdings to the Chavez Library, as scheduled, in July 2013. This brings to well over three thousand books the number acquired by the Book Purchasing Committee and donated to the Public Library on behalf of the Society since our inception sixty one years ago.

While the number of books is too great to list here, future newsletters will include partial listings of our holdings for members' information.

~Virginia Kranz, Librarian

Writing Your Family's Story?

If you have a goal of writing your family history—or any part of your family's story—we want to hear from you!

Last month, five Society members attended the Family Legacy Writing Workshop presented by author Linda Weaver Clarke at the Chavez Library. Afterwards, we had a wonderful dinner together with the speaker, taking the opportunity to ask her all sorts of questions about writing our families' stories and getting them published.

Writers often form groups in which to share their work with each other and gain ideas on how to better their craft. We as genealogical writers want to do the same.

If you are thinking about writing anything—books, magazine or journal articles, or blogging—related to genealogy, please let us know you're out there. We will be starting an informal writers group for Society members and welcome your input. Just email us at sjcogensoc@gmail.com.

Help Spread the Word

We've enclosed a flier on our upcoming Beginning Genealogy workshop on **October 26**. This month's workshop is being presented by our very own **Sally Spenker** at the **Margaret Troke Library**.

Sally will be speaking on "Women: Immigration and Naturalization Process in the U.S." After her session, we will assist workshop participants one-on-one with their genealogical questions, using the library's computers to access online resources. If you know of people who are interested in researching their family history but could use some help getting started, this would be an excellent way to begin. Please pass along the announcement to others who would like to learn.

Teen & Adult Program



Free Genealogy Workshop for Beginners

**Saturday, October 26, 2013
11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**

Women: Immigration and Naturalization Process in the U.S.

With Sally Spenker, Retired High School History Teacher

Learn the importance of laws pertaining to naturalization in different eras, economic and social climate, and how beliefs influenced the past.

**After the presentation, volunteers will be available
for individual help in online research.**

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 or by
calling 937-8221. 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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This free program is provided
through the generosity of the
San Joaquin Genealogical
Society and Friends of the
Stockton Public Library



The California Genealogical Society & Library Presents

Their Roots Are Showing!

Join us and our celebrity guests for an evening filled with excitement & surprise as we uncover their family histories.



BILLY BEANE

Former MLB player and current Oakland A's General Manager. Subject of the Oscar-nominated film & NY Times best-seller, *Moneyball*.



NATALIE COUGHLIN

Twelve-time Olympic medalist. Most decorated female Olympian of all time & first woman to swim the 100-meter backstroke in under a minute.



TIM "HERB" ALEXANDER

Drummer for Grammy nominated rock band Primus. Ranked No. 16: Top 100 Drummers of All-Time, Rolling Stone Magazine.

26 OCTOBER 2013, at 8:00PM
DEL VALLE THEATRE - WALNUT CREEK
TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH THE
LESHER CENTER BOX OFFICE - \$50.00
<http://tinyurl.com/RootsEvent2013Tickets>

Silent Auction of memorabilia & other hot ticket items in the lobby plus CGS volunteers on-hand to help you get started in exploring your roots!

Visit www.californiaancestors.org for more details

California State Genealogical Alliance To Co-Sponsor Free Seminar With Society

We are pleased to announce that the **California State Genealogical Alliance** has asked your Society to co-sponsor their upcoming genealogical seminar. While the seminar won't take place until **February 22, 2014**, we will be hosting a line-up of four dynamic speakers sure to fill the auditorium at University of the Pacific—so be sure to [sign up](#) and reserve your seat today!

Here's an advanced peek at what's planned for the occasion:

"Family Stories: Genealogy Beyond Just the Dates"

Linda Serna

Tell your family stories! Linda Serna shows how your documents and pictures can be supplemented with other information to round out the full story. Linda uses three examples to illustrate how you can do this: an ordinary family, a family who intersects with history, and an unusual life. As part of the research team for PBS's "Genealogy Roadshow" and Vice President of Programs for the [Orange County Genealogical Society](#), professional genealogist Linda Serna shares from her thirty years of researching and writing family stories.



"Researching Your Mexican Ancestors"

Letty Rodella



Currently, over thirty percent of Californians claim Mexican heritage. While many of those ancestors left traces of their lives in documents located in the United States, eventually this genealogical quest leads to research in Mexico. Letty Rodella has spent thirteen years pursuing her Hispanic ancestry to findings dating from the 1500s. As President of the [Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research](#), she works to educate others in how to research their Hispanic roots.

"Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter"

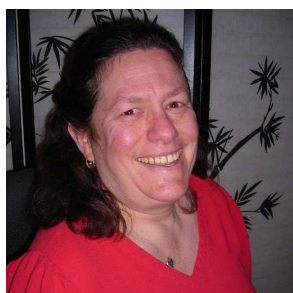
Tim Cox

Maximize your use of available technology to organize your genealogy research with this informative and entertaining session by Tim Cox. Tim serves as Education and Events Coordinator for the [California Genealogical Society and Library](#) and has been a family historian and genealogist for more than twenty five years. An APG member living in San Francisco, Tim speaks frequently on technology and organization.



"Reconstructing Family Information When You Start With Almost Nothing: A Case Study"

Janice Sellers



Who hasn't faced a dilemma like this? Professional genealogist Janice Sellers draws from her thirteen years on staff at Oakland FamilySearch Library and her focus on assisting genealogists with challenges of ethnic research to present this case study. With twenty years background in the publishing industry, Janice also serves as editor of *The Galitzianer*, a quarterly newsletter focused on Jewish research; *The Baobab Tree*, journal of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California, and *ZichronNote*, journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, as well as her own blog, [Ancestral Discoveries](#).



San Joaquin Genealogical Society

Dues are for the year – January to December 2014
\$10 per member – or – \$15 per family

We appreciate your support through early renewal of membership dues.

Circle Appropriate: Renewal New Member // Individual Family

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City and State _____ Zip code _____

Email Address _____

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

Please mail dues to Barry Wood, 1910 S. Church St., Lodi, CA 95240

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