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MEETINGS

General Meeting

January 20, 2010 – 6pm

Annual Dinner Meeting

UJ's Restaurant

7628 Pacific Avenue,
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San Joaquin Genealogical Society

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Thursday, January 20th

6:00 PM

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You are cordially invited to attend a presentation by Dr. Mario D'Angeli of his many travels to and experiences in Italy. Dr. D'Angeli plans to talk about his father's elementary schoolmate in Italy who later became a Saint in the Catholic Church; his mother's grand uncle, an M.D., who traveled from Italy to Egypt to help fight a typhoid epidemic; and finally he shall provide a "taste of Leonardo da Vinci's lifestyle" that can be emulated in the 21st century here in Stockton. Accompanying Dr. D'Angeli will be his wife, Jeanne, who will demonstrate how her family tree was done before the age of computers. Dinner will be your choice as we will each order off the menu. The number of people attending is needed by Monday, January 17th. For further information and/or reservations, please call Joan Bailey at 594-1611.

Will This Be The Last Newsletter for the San Joaquin Genealogical Society?

I have been the editor of the newsletter since 2007. In fact, the day I became a member I was given the job. I accepted the position for a few reasons.

I was a new member and what better way to become involved with the society than to take an active role. Talk about jumping in with both feet!. While mine was a huge move, you can take baby steps like just attending a meeting. Where else can you spend an hour or so with other people who are just as passionate about genealogy as you are? Taking the job was an excellent opportunity for me to improve on my writing skills. My research skills got a workout as well. Wading through the vast sea of information out there to find items of interest for the readers.

In my other life, the one that is not involved with the San Joaquin Genealogical Society, I write a blog called "The Educated Genealogist" to which I write 2 or 3 articles a week. I write a monthly column for a distinguished online publication called "Shades of the Departed". I have a regular column at the Graveyard Rabbit Association website.

As any genealogist knows, your genealogical education is never ending. I participate in a monthly online discussion group that read articles from the National Genealogical Society Quarterly. As a group we discuss the article and then dissect it to ascertain for ourselves if it has met the Genealogical Proof Standard.

Every chance I get, I attend genealogical events. A few are local events at other societies. Others are in Northern California. I also attend the national conferences and week long institutes like the Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research held every year at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

All of this education and experience has finally brought me to a place I have been working for - becoming a professional genealogist. I started taking on paying clients last year and despite my fears of failure due to state of our economy, business has been booming. I simply do not have the time to do it all anymore.

IF I had a few people helping me I would consider staying on. Every other genealogy society that I know of has a staff of at least 3-4 people. Since 2007, I have put out every issue myself. Written every word, searched for items of interest, emailed every issue, snail-mailed those without email.

Here is the catch: I do not want any current board members. This group of very special people are also overworked and have held the same offices for more years than I can even remember. Why do they stay? Because if they don't who will take their place? We did have one little light shine in this area - a member who joined last year came right up to us and asked what she could do. Thank you Joan Bailey! Joan is now our historian and she is wrangling the job of publicity.

Last thing to think about: If the newsletter is allowed to slip away, what is next? There are more and more genealogy societies that are closing their doors due to lack of member participation. The San Joaquin Genealogical Society is YOUR society and it is in great need of some TLC from its members.

You can contact me several different ways. My preferred method of communication is via email: sherifenley@gmail.com

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Now That I have Your Attention -

We are in **URGENT** need of a few more volunteers to help at the library. Every Tuesday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm we have volunteers in the Chavez Central Library on hand to help library patrons with their family history questions and research problems. One or two hours per month is all we are asking people! No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help. Please contact Virginia Kranz and ask her to sign you up!

You can reach Virginia via email: r.kranz@comcast.net or 209-477-0634

ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY IN 2010

The following books were purchased by the San Joaquin Genealogical Society and are available to be checked out or viewed from our library which is located at the home of member Virginia Kranz.

History of Frederick County Maryland, by T.J. C. Williams and McKinsey Folger, Vols I and II

Every Name Index of Frederick County, Maryland

German Settlers of Iowa by Margaret Krug Palen

Oakland Cemetery Records, Minnesota, Vol I, II and III

Minnesota Cemeteries of Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater

Minnesota Cemeteries, Brown Cemetery, Henderson

The Great Migration, R-S, by Robert Charles Anderson

Arizona 1890 Great Register

History of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, donated by Gloria Logsdon

Virginia says, "Just call to make sure I am home if you want to drop by to see any or all of the new books." Virginia can be reached at 209-477-0634.

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SAN JOAQUIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Thursday – March 17, 2010 - Newspapers Online

Chavez Central Library – Stewart Hazelton Room – 1:00 PM

Newspapers are valuable in genealogical research because you can find information about births, deaths, marriages, moves, business, naturalizations, court cases, and more. Millions of pages of the world's newspapers are now accessible online, but there is no one place to find them all. Janice Sellers will give an overview of what is available and how to find it, and teach you some techniques to find your ancestors in the paper.

Thursday – May 19, 2010 - Calaveras County Author and Historian Sal Manna
R.E.I. Community Room – 5757 Pacific Avenue, Stockton – 7:00 PM

Did you know that the 1960s "Big Valley" TV series was inspired by a woman rancher in West Calaveras? Or that both the first and the most famous olive orchards in the entire region were in Wallace? How about Capt. Messenger during the Civil War or Catts Camp or the San Joaquin & Sierra Nevada Railroad or the area's connections with Charles Darwin and Old Ironsides? Sal Manna, a Burson-based historian, writer and founder of the The Society for the Preservation of West Calaveras History will be on hand to enlighten us all about Calaveras County history.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lori Calhoon – Stockton
Joan Darrah – Stockton
Craig Hubbard – Stockton
Lynne Hammer Sandberg - Linden

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

To long time member Gail Gardner who lives in Alexandria Virginia for her very generous donation of \$100 that was sent in with her yearly dues.



San Joaquin Genealogical Society

Dues are for the Year – January to December 2011

\$10 per member or \$15 per family

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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

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

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