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MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10.a.m. - Oakland Family History Library meeting room

DNA AND YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH

Speaker: Sue Severson

Sue Severson is on the staff at the Oakland FHC. We will be joining her class on understanding your DNA test results and how to apply it to your family research.

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. - Oakland Family History Library meeting room

HOW TO WRITE AN OBITUARY

What should you include? What might you not want to include?

Our speaker will have some samples to critique. We look forward to a lively discussion.

Looking Back at January:

Ralph Severson gave us a great over-view of how to use FamilySearch Wiki. The opportunities seem endless. Have you used some of his suggestions? Have you had success? We hope so!

Looking Back at February:

Thank you to Karla Henderlong for a most informative program on Citing Your Sources. It was a reminder to all of us to be more diligent in this regard. After all, citing our sources correctly validates our research plus it enables us and others to retrace or research if necessary

EBGS NEWS:

Although attrition and the internet have somewhat been responsible for dwindling our membership, we remain committed to our primary purpose - to provide meetings and a newsletter to our members that offer a variety of helpful, interesting and useful tips and information to help them further their genealogical research.

Do you subscribe to other society newsletters? Are there any interesting programs going on in our area that might be of interest to our members? 'Inquisitive minds want to know'... We are always looking for new and interesting topics and speakers for our meetings. Please let us know if you have information on a speaker or program that we might pursue.

At the January meeting the membership voted to raise the dues to \$20 a year.

They also voted to send the newsletter by email to our members and to those genealogical societies that we exchange newsletters with where possible. If you do not want your newsletter by email, you will be charged \$10 a year to have it mailed to you and that amount will be attached to your annual dues. This will go into effect beginning with the May/June issue of the Live Oak Newsletter.

Our Annual May Luncheon: This year will be our 40th Anniversary! Reservations have been made at Pier 29 for our luncheon on May 8th. A reservation form is available on the last page of this newsletter. The luncheon will cost \$30 per person - \$29 for lunch and \$1 towards a beautiful cake to celebrate the occasion. We hope to see many of you there!

IN MEMORIUM

We are saddened to report that our member, Barbara Parkin, passed away late last year. Barbara had served as president of East Bay Genealogical Society several years ago. She had been a loyal and long-time member of the society for many years. We extend our sympathy to Barbara's family and her many friends.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Oakland FHC Library offers the following on-going classes/workshops. ALL classes at the FHC are free and open to everyone interested. Sometimes there might be a small charge for handouts. You can check their website to view information on these workshops and upcoming classes. They are not always mentioned in this newsletter as they do not coincide with the mailing date.

African-American Workshop: 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

MAC-GEN Genealogy meetings/workshops for Mac Users. Second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. More info at **www.macgen.org**

Swedish Genealogy Research Workshop: Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Need some help with your Swedish research? Join our experts on Thursdays for some individual assistance. No appointment necessary, and it is free!

Hispanic Research Workshop: Wednesday evenings, 6-8 p.m. Come join the group and learn more about researching your Hispanic ancestors.

14th Annual Family History Seminar: African American. Family Search Library, 2745 Eastern Avenue, Sacramento, CA. Saturday March 9, 2019 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Program: Patricia Bayonne Johnson: "My Story: Jesuit Slaves in the Family"

Personal/Family History: Write Your History in Stories: 2nd Thursday each month, 1-2 p.m.
Instructor: Ken Miller, staff genealogist.

Does writing your personal history sound intimidating? Does "I was born..." seem like a boring way to start? How about writing your memories one story at a time? Come once or come monthly or come when you can. Set aside the 2nd Thursday of each month and spend an afternoon jump starting your memory. Write one story each time you come and you could have quite a personal history recorded by the end of the year.

San Francisco Research: 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. on the **3rd Saturday** of each month at the California Genealogical Society - 2201 Broadway Ste LL2, at the corner of 22nd Street, Oakland, CA. This is an open forum meeting group to help each other looking for ancestors pre and post 1906 in San Francisco. Bring your questions and/or your experience and join the discussions. For more information email: **SFSIG@CALIFORNIAANCESTORS.ORG.**

Oakland Family History Center: The temple and grounds are presently being renovated and spruced up in preparation for their **Open House beginning May 11th through June 1st.**

The public is welcome to visit and tour the facilities from May 11th through June 1st. Tickets are required, and they are FREE. Their purpose is mostly for crowd control and security reasons. Sally will try to arrange a tour for our members during the Open House. If you wish to obtain tickets, please visit this website for more information. **WWW.OaklandTemple.Org.**

African American Genealogical Society of Northern California:

Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the Dimond Branch of the Oakland Public Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland, CA.

March 16th meeting: "Utilizing Genealogical Software Programs"

April 20th meeting: "DNA and Ancestry at a Glance"

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Digital Public Library Of America: <http://dp.la>

If you Google it you will have to access it through Facebook.

A portal that delivers students, researchers, teachers to incredible resources wherever they may be in America. A FREE online library that provides access to millions of books, photographs, maps, audiovisual materials and more from libraries, archives, and museums throughout the United States. Find primary sources, research the history of your family, browse freely available ebooks, discover archival images of your hometown, listen to oral histories, survey historical maps, and much more.

If you are planning a research trip this summer, this may be one site that you will want to explore to see what resources are available in the area you will visit.

Another Hint For Your Research Trip: Do not overlook visiting University Libraries in the area. They often have real gems in their archives that will not be found elsewhere.

The Zalewski Project:

If you had ancestors in the Milwaukee, WI area in the late 1800s or early 1900s you might want to browse this website. It originated as a Zalewski family tree site, but it is rather extensive and lists a variety of family names related to persons in the Milwaukee area at that time.

I was finally able to find someone I believe may be related to someone in my husband's family tree.

I found a Charles W. Schaefer age 59, death date May 9/10, 1918 with mention of an obituary/death notice in the Milwaukee Journal. I was able to pull up the newspaper, but unable to read it as the print was too small and the site timed out!

This is not an easy site to navigate or to browse, be patient. My computer is old....I hope that if you browse this site you will have better, faster results!

Are You Prepared For A Catastrophe?:

The wild fires, floods, and storms of last year and so far this year should be a 'wake-up call' to get your genealogy data and records in order.

Copies of family group sheets and vital records can be placed in a large folder, envelope or a binder and available near the front door should you have to vacate the premises on short notice.

Back up your research on a thumb drive or other device or store it in the cloud.

Don't be caught unprepared!

I Am Sticking to My New Year Resolutions: I have cleaned out one file cabinet I wish to get rid of. However, in the process I have discovered several manila folders of family photos! Sorting through those is going to take some time, but I am glad to have discovered some forgotten memorabilia that I carelessly

tucked away, probably during a busy time in my life caretaking many family members over the past ten years!

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA - A Thumbnail Sketch

Lovely Santa Barbara County, CA is located along California's coast about halfway between San Francisco and San Diego. The county includes the Northern Channel Islands and was first settled by Native Americans at least 1300 years ago.

Santa Barbara County is one of the state's original counties, originating in 1850. It was later divided to create Ventura County. The population in 2010 was 423,1895. The county seat is the city of Santa Barbara. The weather is usually mild and the beaches beckon tourists.

The county clerk/recorder has offices in both the city of Santa Barbara and the city of Santa Maria.

Santa Barbara: Hall of Records
11 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101
Ph: 805-568-2250

Direct mail to: Santa Barbara Clerk-Recorder
P. O. Box 149
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0159

Santa Maria: 511 E. Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93455-1341
Ph: 805=568-2266

Direct mail to above address for Santa Barbara Clerk-Recorder

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society
316 Castillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-3814
Ph: 805-884-990Recorder

The Sahyun Genealogical Library
316 Castillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

If you visit their website you can click and search their card catalog.

<https://santabarbaragenealogy.com>

Santa Barbara Historical Museum
136 East De la Guerra
Santa Barbsara, CA 93101
Ph: 806-966-1801

Have fun researching in Santa Barbara County, California.

SAD NEWS FROM MINNESOTA

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

The grave site was piled high with many flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children, John Dough, Jane Dough, and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven.

He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

A Sunday School teacher asked her class if they believed that Noah did any fishing while aboard the Ark.

Little Johnnie replied: "How could he? He only had two worms!"

Typically a speaker discusses genealogical record sources, research techniques, research tips.

Occasionally, working meetings are held at sites of genealogical interest.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all...

Individual/Organization - \$18.00

Family - \$25.00

Foreign - \$20.00

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