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Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Main Mission Viejo LDS Church Building, 27976 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, between Medical Center Drive and Hillcrest Drive. Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy. Individual membership fees are \$20 per year, joint membership \$25. SOCCGS is not affiliated with the LDS Family History Center.



February 18, 2017

Researching Your German Ancestors

Presented by Toni Perrone

How can you find where your German surname originated? Where is their ancestral village located? What was their destination when they left Germany? What resources can be used to complete several generations of your family tree? Our speaker will focus on the answers to these questions and more!

About the speaker: Toni Perrone has been speaking to genealogical societies since 1981. Her specialty in Italian and German research and involvement in the development of the Immigrant Genealogical Society have made her a much sought after speaker on these and other topics. She has published numerous articles in genealogical publications and has completed two books as well. A founding and active member of the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society, she has previously served on their Board of Directors.

Meeting Place: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 27976 Marguerite Parkway at Hillcrest Dr., behind the LDS Church, Mission Viejo.

Membership Renewal

Please see your newsletter mailing label for the month and year your membership dues are payable. The renewal date is directly after your surname. **If your renewal date is 1/2017** (most of our members will have this date) then renewals are due by January 2017. For those members who joined after January, dues are payable by the anniversary of the month they joined. When your dues are payable, the label will be highlighted. **(Disregard the date and T number in the upper right corner of the label as it is a postal code.)** The renewal form is on Page 7.

President's Message

By Bill Bluett

I have to say: **Indeed, it is a small world!** You never know who in our own genealogical society may know someone that you have known for years. Or you may be related to someone in our society and not even know it. I have recently experienced a couple of "finds" within our very own group. Not long ago, on one of our safaris, I mentioned to our member **Sue Naegeli** that I attended junior and senior high school with a Larry Naegeli. And, she said, "Oh, my-gosh, Larry is my cousin!" I'm glad I asked! So, if anyone in our society is researching a surname your familiar with from the present or the past, be sure to check it out. Another incident of this type occurred in the January Genealogy Research SIG meeting. Our member, **Gil Gillis** came in to the class and asked me if I knew a specific individual that he named. I told Gil that I did and our families have been good friends in San Clemente for over 30 years. We have vacationed together a number of times and attend the same church. Gil said, "Well, I graduated from high school with Gordon over 40 years ago in Mandan, North Dakota!" So, here I have been sitting next to Gil in this SIG class and our SOCCGS Writing Class for the past few years and I am just now finding out that we have a common friend. I even have a high school classmate that attends my church in San Clemente. I didn't realize any connection until I went to one of my high school class reunions in 2007. After the event, I was browsing through my high school "yearbooks" and I saw a name that looked familiar. The surname is rather unusual, so, I figured it has to be the guy that graduated a year behind me. I gave him a call and, sure enough, it was him. Here we had been members of the same church for a number of years and didn't realize that we had a connection. Since that time, we have had some great conversations! So, be sure to keep your eyes and ears open when you attend our monthly genealogical society meetings, one of our many society classes, or travel on one of our safari trips. You might be sitting next to a person that is a good friend of one of your friends or family members. Or, they may possibly be a close or distant cousin of yours! You never know.

Also, at our January monthly meeting, I decided to carry on a little exercise that our past President (**Francie Kennedy**) started a few years ago. Prior to our "refreshment break", Francie would ask folks to stand up if they were researching in the "state" that she would name. Then she would ask the folks to tell the group what counties in that state that they were researching. Some may even be researching in the same county. This past month I selected ARIZONA. We did have several people stand up and indicate which county they were researching. Hopefully, the "break time" for refreshments would give those folks a chance to compare notes. You never know. You might just find some sort of genealogy connection with another member. I know there are a number of folks in our society that have found common ground in recent or past generations with another member. Some have shared these "finds" in our newsletter. If any of you have an interesting story that you would like to share with our group, please contact **Kathie Mauzey**. She would be pleased to insert it into one of our monthly newsletter editions. In the meantime, happy hunting to each of you in 2017!

SOCCGS BOARD VACANCIES

Have you considered serving on your society Board? At this time there are three vacant Board positions: Membership, Ways and Means, and Parliamentarian. If you would like to know more about the positions, or know of someone who would be interested in serving, please contact billbluett@cox.net. We have a great group of people on the Board who keep your society running smoothly. Please join us.

Safari News

~Bill Bluett

The **Cole Library in Carlsbad** is our destination for the safari on **February 22nd**. We will leave the LDS parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** This library has one of the finest genealogy collections in Southern California. They have a huge book collection, periodical collection, microfilm, microfiche, and computers. Preparation is the key to making any research trip successful. It might be wise for you to do some planning in advance by using their library online catalogue and set your genealogy research in motion, <http://www.carlsbadca.gov/services/depts/library/default.asp>. You may bring a lunch or be prepared to drive a short distance to a local eatery. Don't forget \$\$ for your driver. There are no plans for dinner on the way home. Contact Bill Bluett to reserve a spot.

January Meeting

~ Bill Bluett

Our guest speaker for our January monthly meeting was **Hal Horrocks** from OCCGS. Hal filled in for **Linda Serna** who has recently been very ill. His topic was **Colonial Genealogical Records – And How to Find Them**. “The Colonial Period” is defined as the years between 1610 and 1776. We have to remember that the population grew from only a few hundred during that time to nearly 2,500,000 by 1776. The very early years were a very small population, but, began to grow quite rapidly as the 13 colonies were established. Hal gave us a list of more than a dozen websites to use for researching colonial records. A few on his list are paid subscriptions. But, we have them available on our “**library computers**”. His favorite website for starting “colonial research” is **AmericanAncestors.org** – which we have at the library. We thank Hal for stepping in and giving us a most informative presentation. Prior to his program, our members enjoyed some great refreshments provided by three of our members. Our contributors were: **Pat Ballard, Mike Bresnan, and Arlene O’Donnell**.

Colonial Research

Hal Horrocks’ presentation on Colonial Genealogical Records included this information contrasting the Colonial population in 1770 with today’s population in Southern California. Many members requested the information for the newsletter and Hal provided the information for our members.

1770 Population By Colony

Rank	Colony	Population
1	Virginia	447,016
2	Pennsylvania	240,057
3	Massachusetts	235,808
4	Maryland	202,599
5	North Carolina	197,200
6	Connecticut	183,881
7	New York	162,920
8	South Carolina	124,244
9	New Jersey	117,431
10	New Hampshire	62,396
11	Rhode Island	58,196
12	Delaware	35,496
13	Georgia	23,375

Long Beach – 463,000
Irvine – 237,000
San Bernardino – 214,000
Oxnard – 203,000
Huntington Beach – 197,500
Santa Clarita – 180,000
Corona – 160,000
Victorville – 121,000
Costa Mesa – 110,000
Laguna Niguel – 62,000
Gardena – 58,000
Manhattan Beach – 35,000
San Fernando – 23,000

Membership Update

We had 73 members and 3 guests at the January meeting. Guests were **Dathryn Bush** visiting from New Caney, TX; **Emily Ricketts**, granddaughter of member Donna Rathman; and past member **Mae Hillman**, Mission Viejo.

New members:

Diane Enders, Corona Del Mar, e-mail: deend1@yahoo.com – looking for **Enders**, Grunstadt Germany; **Augustin**, Rochester, NY; **Steele**, Louisiana; **Rutherford**, Vermont; **Hardy**, Alabama; **Whitten**, Louisiana.

Beth O’Such, Laguna Hills, e-mail: bethosuch@post.harvard.edu

Robert & Judy Cook, Mission Viejo, e-mail: Robert.g.cook@gmail.com; judy.r.cook@gmail.com

Larry Lindow, Rancho Santa Margarita, e-mail: llrsm@cox.net

The State of Our Finances

~David Flint – Treasurer

Hello, Fellow Genealogists. Bill Bluett and I are still working on the transition from him to me as Treasurer. However, I wanted to give you an overview of the state of the Society's finances so that you are all aware. I have recently had meetings with the Budget Committee, and we made some important findings in the course of preparing the 2017 budget.

The good news is that our finances are solvent, and we still enjoy a healthy cash balance in the Society's bank account. However, we determined that recent budgets have not kept pace with the expenditures needed to support the expanding activities and programs of our Society. Simply stated, the cost of our operations has increased with our expanded activities and growing membership. The level of expenditures in recent years have exceeded the total of all income in those budget years. This has required us to use the cash in our bank account each year to balance the budget.

Unfortunately, we cannot continue to use our cash balance at this level on an ongoing basis and maintain a satisfactory financial position for the Society's future. Over the next year the board will need to implement a number of cost saving measures to reduce our expenditures, as well as increasing dues and other income to address our immediate budget concerns. I wanted you to be aware of these important matters right away as I begin serving as Treasurer.

At our February meeting the budget will be presented to the general membership for approval. What I will present to you has already been reviewed and approved by the Executive Board, and we trust that you will also give it your stamp of approval on February 18. We have made allowances in the budget for several areas where our expenses have increased over time. These include the cost of our monthly program speakers, our expanding offering of classes and groups, printing and mailing the monthly newsletter, and the cost of database subscriptions in our library research center. It is, unfortunately, also necessary to increase the dues for our memberships to help raise our income to meet expense increases. Our current membership rates have not changed since 1994. One objective in our new budget strategy is to bring our income and expenses in line with each other so that we can reduce the amount of annual support needed from our bank account to balance the budget.

Another objective is to separate the accounting for our annual seminar from general operations, and make the seminar self-supporting to the greatest extent possible. This means that the seminar will be expected to generate sufficient income to pay for all related expenses without needing support from the operating budget. We believe that can be accomplished through a number of actions, including increased publicity and higher attendance at the seminar, as well as an increase in the cost of registration. In 2017 we will increase the registration for Members to \$30, and implement for the first time a non-Member registration cost of \$35. These changes will help make the seminar more successful in covering its costs, and allow us to continue providing top quality national speakers for our seminar programs.

There will also be separate accounting for the cost of our annual Salt Lake City trip, which is not part of the operating budget. All expenses for that trip each year are fully covered by the members participating in the trip. Therefore, providing this annual research trip for members to Salt Lake City places no financial burden on the Society's budget.

During the next year, I will work closely with the Executive Board to implement the new budget, and to find other ways to reduce costs and maintain a healthy operating budget that supports our programs and activities without further cost increases to members. There are important changes in our operations coming over the next year that will improve services to our members and make it possible for us to find other savings that will benefit the long term financial position of our Society. I hope you understand the need to bring these important matters to your attention. My approach is to give it to you straight and ask you to support the board as we make adjustments for smooth sailing in the future. We look forward to your continuing membership in our Society.

If you have any specific questions about the budget, please feel free to contact me or Bill Bluett before the February 18 meeting. We thank you for your ongoing participation and support.

Genealogy Tip of the Day <http://genealogytipoftheday.com>

A Rood Isn't Rude posted [January 2, 2017](#)

For land described in metes and bounds, a rood may be used as part of the total acreage. A rood is 1/4 of an acre and is sometimes used instead of fractional parts of an acre. A piece of property that is 10 acres and 3 roods would be 10 3/4 acres. A rood is different from a rod. A rod is a unit of linear measure. A rod is 16.5 feet.

SOC CGS Research Center: Feature of the Month

“Out of Style – A Modern Perspective of How, Why and When Vintage Fashions Evolved” by Betty Kreisel Shubert

Fascinated by fashion design and fashion history? Love vintage clothes & costume? Interested in Genealogy and how to time-date old family photos through fashion? Over 700 sequential, authoritative black and white line drawings of clothes worn by men, women and children from 1830-1960, including variations of styles that were worn simultaneously and the popular hair styles of each era.

This book is located on the genealogy docent desk at the Mission Viejo Library.

Billion Graves Plus ~Herb Abrams

SOC CGS member Alex Allen has donated a subscription to Billion Graves Plus to the Society. It has been added to the favorites menu on the SOC CGS library computers.

The Plus version of Billion Graves allows you to see the location of the headstone in the cemetery and also allows you to see nearby graves. This is useful for finding relatives with a different surname that are buried in a family plot. With the Global Family feature you can see everyone that shares the same family name on a map sorted by city, county, state, country or even the whole world.

2017 Salt Lake City Trip Update ~David Flint

Looking for a great way to kick-start your personal genealogy research for 2017? Why not join our week-long research trip to Salt Lake City in April?

Reservations for our 2017 Salt Lake City trip (April 23-30, 2017) continue to come in, but we still have a few rooms available. Our reservation period will be closing soon, so don't delay making your reservations if you plan to join us.

A visit to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is a unique opportunity. There are resources at this library that you won't find anywhere else, and they have experienced volunteers and research specialists to help you with your specific work.

The trip includes seven nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, right next door to the library. A deposit of \$100 per person will reserve your room, and final payment is due February 15.

Full details about the trip, including a reservation form, are posted on the SOC CGS website. Check the website for additional information. Cost of the trip for 2017:

Double Occupancy: Standard Room - \$475 per person; Deluxe Room - \$525 per person

Single Occupancy: Standard Room - \$800 per person; Deluxe Room - \$875 per person

If you have any questions, please contact David Flint davidflint@cox.net. Don't delay and miss out on a really fun trip.

Francie Kennedy at Roots Tech

SOC CGS member Francie Kennedy has been selected to present three classes at Roots Tech in Salt Lake City, Feb 8-11, 2017. She will present “Mugbooks and County Histories” and two 2-hour computer labs on “Using Google Maps to Make Your Own Family Maps.” Congratulations Francie!

Genealogy Search Tip of the day <http://searchtip.genealogytipoftheday.com>

Colonial North American Project at Harvard University Posted: 13 Jan 2017

The “Colonial North American Project” at Harvard University has as its goal to “...make available to the world digitized images of all known archival and manuscript materials in the Harvard Library that relate to 17th and 18th century North America. Scattered through twelve repositories, these documents reveal a great deal about topics such as social life, education, trade, finance, politics, revolution, war, women, Native American life, slavery, science, medicine, and religion.” <http://colonialnorthamerican.library.harvard.edu/>

Land Record Terminology Website posted 3 Jan 2017

There are several good articles involving land descriptions, terminology used in land records, and surveying terms in this set of articles [on the website for the DeedMapper software](http://www.directlinesoftware.com/land_record_reference).

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Genealogy Bash and Book Fair
Saturday March 4, 2017, 8:00am – 3:30pm

A Day of DNA with CeCe Moore - CeCe will be presenting four exciting topics in the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater.

- 1) The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics
- 2) I Have My Results, Now What?
- 3) Autosomal DNA: Discovering Your Ancestors in You
- 4) Real Life Cases from the Desk of a DNA Detective.

This professional theater accommodates 319 people with very comfortable seating. Parking is free and there is a dedicated entrance to the theater.

The Book Faire - OCCGS maintains the 20,000+ book genealogy collection at the Huntington Beach Central Library. They get donations on a weekly basis and have many duplicates that they sell at bargain prices once a year, and this is the time. Come and build your personal library. There will be over 1,000 books and periodicals on sale. There is **NO fee to visit the Book Faire**.

Free Beginners Classes - There will be two FREE beginning genealogy classes given at the BASH. The public is welcome to attend. It is recommended that you visit our website for the class times as seating is limited.
www.occgsgenealogy.com

February Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in February:

Feb 1 – Photography for Genealogy – Nicka Smith

Feb 8 – The “WHO” of Genetic Genealogy – Blaine Bettinger

Feb 10 – Deciphering German Script – Gail Blankenau

Feb 15 – Be Your Own Digital Archivist: Preserve Your Research – Cyndi Ingle

Feb 21 – Weaving DNA Test Results into a Proof Argument – Karen Stanbary

Feb 22 – Finding Missing Persons with DNA Testing – Diahan Southard

Mar 1 – Apprentices, Indentures Servants, and Redemptioners-White Slavery in America – Peggy Clemens Lauritzen

Register at www.familytreewebinars.com If you miss the live Legacy webinar, recordings are in the archives and free to watch for the first 7 days after the broadcast.

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Feb 4 - Finding Dirk: Insanity in the 19th Century – Jill Morelli

Feb 15 – Hot DAM! Seven Simple Steps to Manage Digital Studies – Denise Levenick

Mar 4 – Family Browse: Finding Unindexed Records on FamilySearch – Mary Kircher Roddy

Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com, click on Programs and Webinars.

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Feb 16 - Searching Journals on American Ancestors.org – Don LeClair and Molly Rogers

Register at www.americanancestors.org click on Education and Online Programs

Illinois Genealogical Society (ISGS)

Feb 14 – Freedmen’s Bureau Records-Valuable to **ALL** Southern Research – Diane Richard

Registration: <http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars>

FamilySearch – For a list of monthly classes and webinars visit:

http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule

Future Genealogy Events

Feb 3, 2017, 10-12:00 – Sue Naegeli - Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Feb 4, 2017, 11:00 – **OCCGS** – Dick Humphrey – Expanding Facts Into Family History Stories & Find A Grave for the Family Historian, Huntington Beach Library. For information: occgsgenealogy.com

Feb 12, 2017, 1:30-3:30 – **OCJGS** - Israel Pickholtz – Jewish DNA. For information www.ocjgs.org

Feb 13 2017, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Room, MV City Hall

Feb 14, 2017, 9:30 – **NSDCGS** Computer Group – Gena Philibert-Ortega Love, Marriage, Mistresses, and Divorce: Researching Relationships, Carlsbad City Council Chambers www.nsdcgs.org

Feb 15 2017, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

Feb 16, 2017, 10-12:00-Arlene O’Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library

Feb 16, 2017, 10:00-12:00 New Time-David Flint - Legacy Users Group - Sadlbc Rm. MV City Hall

