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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.
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October 15, 2016

**South Orange County
California Genealogical Society
Presents**

**A Family History Seminar
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Doors Open 8:00 a.m.)**

**Mission Viejo City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Corner Las Paz & Marguerite
(South end of the City Hall - directly across the library parking lot)**

"Tech Tools That Enhance Genealogy Data"

Featuring

Lisa Louise Cooke

Founder of the "Genealogy Gems website (including Podcasts!)"

Topics:

"Soothe Your Tech Tummy with These 10 Tech Tools"

"Google Search Strategies for Common Surnames"

"Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers"

"Ways to Inspire Non-Genealogists in Your Family"

Special Note regarding Access to the Seminar:

You may not be able to access La Paz Road off the I-5 Freeway (from Chrisanta Drive to Marguerite Parkway) on the day of the seminar because of the "Walk Against Drugs" event. You may have to exit at Oso Parkway (south of La Paz) and travel east to Marguerite Parkway. Turn left on Marguerite Parkway and travel north to Civic Center. Then, turn left into the library parking lot.



President's Message

By David Flint

In my August message, I told you that my wife and I were taking a European river cruise on the Danube and Rhine Rivers from Budapest to Amsterdam, with a few extra days added in Prague. We did, and we enjoyed it very much. Now that I'm home from that trip, I am reminded of how much I relate to travel as education, as much as sightseeing. I mentioned before that I plan for my travel well in advance by studying the geography and reading some history of where I'm going, much as one might prepare in advance for a genealogy research trip. I'm still thinking about all of the wonderful places we visited and interesting little tidbits of information you pick up on your travels.

As I have attended genealogy seminars, lectures, and discussion groups over the years, I am always curious about the history of places I have no personal connection with, and I enjoy hearing others discussing the countries and regions their ancestors came from. For example, I have regularly attended our new Irish SIG, even though I have no Irish ancestors, just because Myrna and the group make it so interesting – and, you never know, maybe I will find that I have an O'somebody in my background I have not discovered yet.

What I noticed on this trip, as we passed through the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands, was how familiar many of the regions and place names were, even though they don't connect directly to my own ancestry. I remember Sue Naegeli telling a story about ancestors from Moravia, so that name was familiar to me when there was discussion in the Czech Republic about the divisions between Moravia to the east, and Bohemia in the west. Moravia was an imperial state of the Holy Roman Empire, and one of the five lands of Czechoslovakia. Christianity was brought from Moravia to Bohemia in the 10th century by Vaclav, a prince known in the West as Wenceslas. He is Bohemia's patron saint, and is the "good King Wenceslas" we sang about as kids in the Christmas carol by that name.

If you have Hungarian ancestors, you may know about Árpád, Second Grand Prince of the Magyars and the forefather of all Hungarians. He led ten nomadic tribes from the Eurasian steppes into the Budapest region to establish the first Hungarian nation in 896. In Budapest's Heroes' Square there are grand statues of warriors on horseback representing those Magyars, who were the forebears of your ancestors in the country we know as Hungary.

The Danube River flows eastward to the Black Sea, although we were sailing upstream toward Vienna, home of the famous Habsburg family, rulers of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. I learned that the Danube was a strong natural barrier throughout history, and formed the northern border of the Roman Empire. Now, I know that none of us have traced ancestors to that time, but it was one of those interesting tidbits of information that stuck in my head. Sampling my first Wienerschnitzel was a special treat, and may be as close as I get to any personal connection with Austria.

My wife's maternal great grandparents came from Bavaria, so we were interested in hearing about that region when we passed through it. We toured the Franconian countryside in Bavaria and learned that the people in the Franconian region grow grapes, and drink wine, where the Bavarians drink beer. The local specialty wine is Sylvaner – a dry white wine with high mineral content, similar to riesling. I haven't had time yet to get to the wine shop to buy some, so I'm honoring Nancy's ancestors in the meantime by drinking German beer. Pretzels, anyone?

We made many more port calls on our trip through the lands of your ancestors, but perhaps the most memorable was Cologne (or Köln as the Germans call it). This great city on the Rhine River has one of the grandest gothic cathedrals in all of Europe. The construction of Cologne Cathedral began in 1248, and perhaps one of your ancestors was among the generations of carpenters and stone masons who labored during the six centuries it took to complete it in 1880, just before they left for New York.

The saying goes that "God created the world, but the Dutch created the Netherlands." So when you realize that nearly all of the country is below sea level, you gain a special appreciation for the work it took to dig all the canals and dykes that made it possible to reclaim so much land from the sea. A visit to a working windmill that is part of the flood control system in the Netherlands demonstrates not just how it all works, but that it is still part of the daily routine for the millers to keep the water where they want it, and the sea water out of their gardens! Your Dutch ancestors were hard workers, and the ones who stayed behind still contribute to flood control technology around the world today.

My cousin Susan, from Devonshire in England, and her husband John, met us in Amsterdam at the end of our cruise. It was nice to see them again, and to reconnect with my own English heritage, after

spending nearly three weeks “on the continent”. They are experienced world travelers and very familiar with Amsterdam, so it was like having our own local guide to explore another great European city. For them, meeting us in Amsterdam was less involved, and probably less expensive, than flying from Southern California to the Bay Area for the weekend. Gives one a different take on the idea of globalism. England is still part of the E.U. so they travel to any part of Europe as easily as we cross the state line in Nevada to visit Las Vegas.

Perhaps the most interesting part of travel for me is talking to the locals. Fortunately, many people in European countries speak English well, which makes it easy to chat with nearly anyone in a shop, on a canal boat, or in the hotel lobby. It’s great to get their point of view about the world, which is often different from ours, and just as valid. Even the old miller in Kinderdijk was an interesting character, and he also spoke very good English! By the way, he and our local tour guide both wore wooden clogs. The miller had little red shoelaces painted on his, and he moved around in them on his mill property like he was wearing construction boots.

I wish I had the space to write more about the experiences on this trip, and the opportunity I had to meet so many of your distant relatives in Europe. Based on my short, personal research, it’s clear that you all came from very good stock. Times have changed, borders revised, wars and economic crises overcome -- but the languages, customs and culture of your families have persevered. Whatever may have inspired them to leave their homelands for the United States did not diminish what they left behind. I enjoyed meeting them, and they send their regards.

Safari News ~Bill Bluett

The San Diego California FamilySearch Library will be our destination on October 26th. The location is 4195 Camino Del Rio South which is near the intersections of the I-15 and I-8 Freeways. This facility has been tremendously upgraded to include 57 computers with many online genealogy websites, 10 microfilm readers, scanners, copiers, 40,000 microfilm rolls, 76,000 microfiche, 10,000 books, magazines and publications, and 420 compac discs. So, this looks like the place to go! We will meet at the LDS Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for this safari. You might want to bring a brown-bag lunch on this trip and \$\$ for your driver. Because of the distance to this library, we will stop for dinner before heading for home. You can go to their website at: <https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/SanDiegoCaliforniaFamilySearchLibrary>.

September Meeting ~ Bill Bluett

The guest speaker for our September monthly meeting was **Dr. Stephen Baird**. The topic he presented was “Genetics and Human Migration.” He started out with the biblical interpretation of genealogy and the history of man as well as the first “family tree” created by Charles Darwin in 1837 – “from monkey to man”. But, what he primarily concentrated on is the gene structure which has changed little in the past 60,000 to 70,000 years. Also, there are approximately 21,000 different proteins in the human body – and, the human brain has more than doubled in size from the earliest man (or woman) remains that has been discovered to the present. Genetically speaking, we are not that much different than races in other parts of the world. So, in some way, you might say that we are all related. We thank Dr. Baird for giving us a most informative and complex presentation. Prior to our program, we enjoyed some excellent refreshments provided by a number of our members. They were: **Marilyn Ghere, Jo Ann Jones, Dee Dee Prince, Bill Swanson, and Bill Bluett**.

Membership Update

There were 96 members and 7 guests in attendance at the September general meeting. Guests were: **Jean Carville**, Laguna Woods; **Judy R. Cook** and escot; **John Frankel**, Laguna Woods; **Mae Hillman**, Mission Viejo; **Judith Hurst**, Laguna Woods; **Karen Nixon**, Rancho Santa Margarita. **New Members: Mark Cully**, Trabuco Canyon; **Sandra White**, Mission Viejo.

The Day of the 2016 SOCCGS Family History Seminar

~Bill Bluett

Book Sale Table – Kathie Mauzey and Judy Davin will greet you at this table, which is a “Ways & Means” project for SOCCGS. Genealogy related books and magazines, fiction and non-fiction books, and cook books will be offered for sale.

The Jewelry Table – It’s back again this year. Victoria Crayne, Noel Jensen, and Naomi McCabe will offer a selection of mostly vintage costume jewelry. Great bargains await! This is a SOCCGS “Ways & Means” project as well.

SOCCGS Genealogy Sales & Class Information Table – Gary Schwarz and Marilyn Kowalski will be at the table offering society info and other miscellaneous items. Proceeds will benefit the SOCCGS Library.

Jacquelyn Hanson – Author Jackie is a member of SOCCGS. Her historically accurate books written about her family are a wonderful read. They are entertaining and educational which is a great combination!

Family Tree Maker Table – Sheila Larson will be at this table to demonstrate the latest FTM program. Be sure to check out this table!

SOCCGS Writing Class Display Table – Pat Christiansen and others will be available to answer any questions about the class and have on display a “Story Book” containing stories that some of the class members have shared.

Legacy – David Flint will conduct demonstrations of the Legacy Family Tree genealogy program. This is a well-rounded and easy-to-use genealogy program for both beginners and experienced genealogists. Stop by the Legacy table and find out for yourself about this full-featured genealogy software. Also, don't forget that David teaches a Legacy class.

DAR/SAR – Ann Marie McCann and Leon Smith are the local registrars for “Daughters of the American Revolution” and “Sons of the American Revolution.” Persons interested in either organization may stop by their table for information.

Opportunity Prizes – Jim Thordahl will display a number of gifts which will be raffled off during the day. We have collected some great prizes. There are yummy ones, genealogy ones, gift cards and more. The center piece is two wood art creations. Be sure to stop by his table display and take a look.

Grand Prize – Our speaker, Lisa Louise Cooke, will make the drawing of the day for an Ancestry World Deluxe one year subscription.

Lisa Louise Cooke Table – Lisa’s daughter, Hannah, will be handling this table featuring Lisa’s Books, eBooks & Digital Downloads, Guides, and Bundles & Specials. Check it out!

Don’t delay! We are closing in on our October 15th seminar with Lisa. Make your reservations now!

SOCCGS '2016' Seminar Registration

Name(s) _____ Registration: _____ @ \$25.00

_____ Box Lunch: _____ @ \$9.00

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<http://www.socccgs.org>

Nominations for 2017-2018 Officers

Officers of SOCCGS are elected for a two year term. The following members have been nominated to serve on the Board for the 2017-2018 term:

President: Bill Bluett
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At the November 2016 general membership meeting, we will ask for additional nominations from the floor, and then hold the election for the 2017-18 term. In December, at our holiday lunch, the new officers will be installed. The new president will then appoint all of the Committee Chairs, and the new Board will have their first Board meeting in January 2017.

Putting Those Genealogy Talents to Work

~ Pat Weeks

This month the Saddleback Valley News ran a two part article on Calla Lily Greenslade, an early teacher who taught school in the one room Trabuco School. Author Janet Whitcomb had found interviews, remembrances and pictures of this lady that she felt deserved an article. She asked our **Herb Abrams** to fill in any family background he might be able to dig up. Well, it came in bucketfuls, so much that Janet had to expand her article to two parts. The first article appeared in the September 9th edition of the Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley News. The remainder of the story appeared in the September 16th edition of the Lake Forest Saddleback Valley News. If you missed these articles and would like to read them, contact Herb who can send you the links.

This got me thinking of how genealogy can be used for other purposes other than finding one's own tree.

Member **Victoria Crayne** has an unusual hobby. She scours antique stores looking for old photos with family names on them and then attempts to connect them with present day family members who are researching that line.

Pam Steube is an advocate who works with foster children. She uses her expertise to introduce these children to long gone relatives they most probably never ever heard about. What a gift to give a child a feeling of belonging to a family, **their** family.

When I broke my hip last December, I was so thankful to have my laptop to keep my brain busy and soon began doing genealogy research for some of the others at the convalescent home. I could at least get most of them back to 1850, and they showed such delight when seeing great uncle so-and-so on a record, someone they had heard about but now could spiritually meet.

Then there is our editor, **Kathie Mauzey**. Years ago when Kathie was volunteering at the FHC and NARA she worked with different companies needing background and identification for probates. These "heir finders" usually needed the information right now, today! Kathie passed some of the overload off to me, so I also was involved with this process. It was so exciting to get the phone call with the request to drop everything, run over to the Ziggurat, look up this or that, and call them back immediately with the findings.

So you see, our skills of family research can apply to other hobbies. It would be interesting to know of others in the society with similar endeavors.

October Free Webinars

Legacy is presenting several free webinars in October

Oct 5 – AHA! Analysis of Handwriting for Genealogical Research – Ron Arons

Oct 12 – Time and Place – Using Genealogy Cross-Hairs – James Beidler

Oct 14 – Finding Your Ancestor's German Hometown – Ursula Krause

Oct 19 – Social History Websites That Bring Your Ancestor's Story to Life – Gena Philibert-Ortega

Oct 26 – Flip for Flickr: Share, Store and Save Your Family Photos – Maureen Taylor

Nov 2 – Analysis and Correlation: Two Keys to Sound Conclusions – Chris Staats

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.

(Free Webinars continued)

Southern California Genealogical Society:

Oct 1 – Trails West – Mary K. Roddy

Oct 19 – Genealogical Pits I've Fallen Into and How to Avoid Them! – Pam Vestal

Nov 5 – The Cast of the Broken Link: Decoding the URL – Cyndi Ingle

Register at www.scsgenealogy.com, click on programs and webinars.

Illinois Genealogical Society (ISGS)

Oct 11 – Midwestern Gems: Back Issues of Genealogical, Historical and Sociological Journals – Paula Stuart-Warren

Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4021548811025038081>

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

http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule

Ancestry.com - Check out Ancestry Academy for free courses

From Our Members

Denise Richmond presented this information at the September general meeting. This info was also posted on the SOCCGS Facebook page:

1. New website: Good news for users of Meyers Gazeteer, a place-name dictionary for towns of the German Empire written in German Gothic script. It's <http://www.meyersgaz.org/>, created by Sister Reiney at the Family History Library. Just enter a town name and Voila! the Gothic script of the gazeteer is translated for you and a map pinpoints the location of the town.

2. The 2016 European Family History Conference sponsored by the Family History Library was held 12-16 Sep 2016 and covered German, Polish, Swiss and Russian areas of research. If you missed it, no problem since the recordings will be online in 1-2 months. Meanwhile, you can access the terrific syllabus now on the FamilySearch wiki - just look for the phrase "To download the syllabus click here".

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/2016_European_Family_History_Conference

3. Got Danish, Norwegian, Swedish or Finnish ancestors? This one's for you. The 2016 Nordic Family History Conference will be 17-21 Oct 2016 via webinar or in-person. Registration required. FREE.

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/2016_Nordic_Family_History_Conference

Karen Dill - Thought I would mention a link I was provided during recent communications with a volunteer from the Cheboygan County (Michigan) Genealogical Society regarding the accessibility of the Cheboygan Democrat newspaper online for free. Could be helpful for anyone researching in that area. You can now research the Cheboygan Michigan Democrat newspaper online for free. Here is the link:

<https://digmichnews.cmich.edu/cgi-bin/michigan?a=cl&cl=CL1&sp=CheboyganCD&e=-----en-10-CheboyganCD-1--txt-txIN-cheboygan----->

Editor's Note: An article in Feb 1908 regarding leap year mentioned Karen's Great-Great Uncle Charles L. Smyth. The article will appear in the November newsletter.

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

Perry-Castañeda Library Online Maps Posted: 26 Sep 2016

The Perry-Castañeda Library at the University of Texas at Austin has thousands of digital images of maps available online at no charge on their site. The site has a Texas emphasis (and includes Sanborn fire insurance maps for many Texas towns), but includes maps for other areas of the United States as well as the entire world. <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

Printable USGS PDF Quadrangle Maps Posted: 10 Aug 2016.

The National Geographic Society has put printable United States Geological Survey maps on their site in an easy-to-download format. Visit their site for more information—including free download.

<http://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads>

FamilySearch has updated or added collections. To see "what's new," on the Search Historical Records page, under the map click "browse all published collections" and on the Historical Record Collection page on the top right is "last updated" click on that and it will change the date order to the most recent.

Future Genealogy Events

Oct 7, 2016, 10-12:00-Sherry Penland – Genealogy Research SIG – Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall
Oct 10, 2016, 10-12:00-David Flint - England SIG - Saddleback Room, MV City Hall
Oct 14, 2016, 11-1:00pm – NSDGS– Free webinar with Thomas MacEntee, Faraday Administration Center, Carlsbad. Register by Oct. 10 (see August newsletter) or legacyusersgroup@gmail.com
Oct 19 2016, 10-12:00-Gary Schwarz – German SIG – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Oct 20, 2016, 10-12:00-Arlene O'Donnell - Beginning Genealogy Class – Bill Price Rm, MV Library
Oct 20, 2016, 10:30-12:30-David Flint - Legacy Users Group - Saddleback Rm. MV City Hall
Oct 21, 2016, 10-12:00-Myrna Hamid – Ireland SIG – Saddleback Rm., MV City Hall
Oct 25, 2016, 10-12:00-Jim Thordahl – Writing Family History Stories – Sdlbk Rm, MV City Hall
Oct 28, 2016, 10-12:00-4th Friday Class – Bunny Smith – Documentation to Prove Your Lineage, MV Library. Meet in front of the library before 10 am.
Nov 6, 2016, OCJGS – Janice Sellers – Finding Females in Your Family Tree www.ocjgs.org

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