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GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

February Evening Meeting Thursday, February 25, 2010

Write Your Life History in Short Stories Vi Parsons

Vi is a member of the National Genealogical Society of Virginia (NGS); Brigham Young University (BYU), Beginning Genealogy; teacher/lecturer since 1933; 40 plus years research. Published family history books and co-creator of Carr Twins & Co. Publishing. Member Roseville Genealogical Society (RGS), past V.P., and Newsletter Editor. Member Dragoo Family Association (DFA), past President, Librarian, Newsletter Editor.

Day Study Group Meeting

Monday, March 8, 2010
10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Beecher Room, Auburn Library

[Barbara Leak](#) leads the study group. Visitors are welcome.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Thursday, March 11, 2010
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
LDS Stake Building, 1255 Bell Road, Auburn

Family Tree Maker 2010 Adding Media and Q&A

The FTM User Group meetings will continue our look at the recently released update of Family Tree Maker 2010 and time for questions and answers.

Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader [Jerry Unruh](#) with any requests.

Time to Renew Your Membership

It is time for membership renewal. Please see page 5 for our renewal form.

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THANKS to those who prepared the newsletter for mailing in January: John and "Fred" Knox, Audrey Meyers, Bev Russell, Bob Baker and John and Jacqui Marcella.





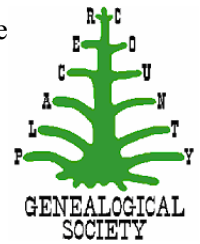
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to first thank everyone who has expressed a concern about Mary Ann's health. Mary Ann is getting along as best as can be expected. She has constant chemotherapy through an infusion pump and radiation on normal weekdays. I was able to retire at the end of 2009 to be able to take care of Mary Ann and my father who is 91 and living with us. As I indicated last month, I have found this all very time consuming and may not be able to respond as I have in the past. I have a blog that I provide updates on Mary Ann. If you are interested in the blog send me an email.

My ISP recently made changes to our service. Although the changes went smoothly and only took a few minutes, it took me much longer to find all my passwords to make changes to my local network. It seems since some of the original installations I have changed the program that I keep track of my passwords three times. It is interesting that everything has been working so well for so long that I haven't needed to access the majority of the devices on the network. Finding the equipment manuals is another thing altogether!

During the high winds we had a tree break and leave a few holes in my dad's house, five in the roof and two in the walls. We lost one teddy bear totally taken out by the branch that came through the walls of the house. I only mention this since I usually keep a backup of my genealogy data at dad's house. I no longer can keep a copy in my desk drawer at work since I no longer am employed. I have my database (192 MB) currently backed up on Google, Adrive, and DropBox. Currently all three of these options are free. In these economic times this could change at any time or just no longer be available which is why I go through the effort to use multiple services.

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Marilyn Ulbricht Our January Speaker



Marilyn (with her computer operator)

Marilyn gave an interesting discussion on local archaeology with some great photos and then expanded with the historical research that she had done. Marilyn also provided a genealogical chart so that we could more easily follow her research discussion.



Harold Unruh

Meet your fellow members...

I was born in Long Beach, California, and lived in southern California for the first 40 years of my life. I graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering and went to work full time. I received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's Degree in Public Administration by attending CSULB in the evenings. I bought a few apartments for investment while I was still going to school in the evenings. After owning apartments for about ten years, I decided that I would retire and get out of the rat race in southern California and move to northern California since my part-time rental activities were netting more income than my more than full-time engineering career. My girlfriend of 32 years and I bought the house where we live now in 1987 and were fully moved up here by 1989.



I developed an interest in genealogy during the 1980's and did some research at the National Archives in Orange County during that time. We knew about a family tree chart on my Dad's side of the family that was compiled in the early 1930's. One of my uncles loaned me a copy that he had in his possession and this gave us a lot of information on the Unruh family starting with two brothers born about 1740. While back in Arkansas one year, I joined the local historical society in the county where my mother was born. They publish a book every year and have also published larger books with lots of information which includes some on the ancestors on my mother's side of the family. Once I moved to Placer County, I joined

PCGS, a club that my brother was already a member. He's the current club President. I gradually defaulted to my brother and I really don't do any research anymore since I developed some other time-consuming activities. I still attend most of the PCGS meetings since the subject matter is usually of interest to me.

While working out of town between 1990 and 1992, I developed an interest in antique tools. This is the main activity that consumes both my time and money and diverted me away from genealogy. Traveling to shows and purchasing tools for my collection took its toll on my finances and I returned to work for a few years, cutting short my early retirement. There are about a dozen antique tool collecting clubs in the U.S., of which I belong to five, and have attended shows of some other clubs. I have been President of the club that is based in California now for over 10 years. I have also been Editor of our 16-page newsletter for about 2-1/2 years. With the tool activities consuming a large part of my free time, I look forward to my brother completing more genealogical research so that I can enjoy the information on my ancestors without actually doing the hard work.

How to Begin Seminar Canceled

Our annual How to Begin Seminar was scheduled for March 20; however, due to family illnesses of several of our speakers we have had to cancel the Seminar for this year.

Upcoming Meetings

March 25 General Meeting: Sandra Harris on *When was that Picture Taken?* Sandra has been researching for many years and has provided research for people all over the world. Because the California Room of the California State Library has so many good resources, she's been able to find many relatives for people in Ireland, Australia, England, Canada, and most of the United States.

April 22 General Meetin: Shirley Reimer on *Intermediate German*. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Shirley earned a Masters Degree in English from Carnegie-Mellon University. She taught high school English for 10 years, then worked in communicates for 22 years. Her book, *The German Research Companion*, was published in 1997, followed by a second edition in 2000 which is now sold out. In 2001, followed by a second edition in 2000, she coauthored with Dr. Roger P. Minert the book, *Researching in Germany: A Handbook for Your Visit to the Homeland of Your Ancestors*. Since 1992, she has edited *Der Blumenbaum*, the quarterly journal of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. She has made 40 trips to Germany.

Mailing List: CA-PCGS

We have a mailing list at [RootsWeb](#) for PCGS. Announcements of meetings and other information of interest to PCGS members will be made available through this mailing list. It is also a place to gloat about your recent finds and general discussion among our members. If you have trouble subscribing please e-mail at the address below.

CA-PCGS is a mailing list for the members of the Placer County (California) Genealogical Society (PCGS) to discuss the activities of the Society. If you are a member of the Society you can subscribe by sending "subscribe" to <mailto:ca-pcgs-l-request@rootsweb.com> (mail mode) or <mailto:ca-pcgs-d-request@rootsweb.com> (digest mode). To switch from one mode to the other, you should unsubscribe from one and then subscribe to the other. There is no "no mail" mode -- if you want messages to stop, you should simply unsubscribe. You may also search or browse the archives or subscribe at http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Genealogical_Societies/CA-PCGS.html. If you have trouble subscribing or unsubscribing please send an e-mail to maillist@pcgs.pcgens.com

Please feel free to communicate with other members and the PCGS board through the mail list on any topic of interest to the PCGS.

PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Don Cortez of Three Ring Service has graciously donated a voice mail telephone number for Placer County Genealogical Society. The answering message will announce basic information and the upcoming PCGS meetings. Callers can leave messages for board members, chairpersons and the research committee. Thank You, Don Cortez.

Ancestry Magazine and Others

Apparently we we have lost one more genealogical magazine as March/April issue of Ancestry Magazine will be the last after 25 years. We mentioned this last month, in addition we have noticed that several other genealogical societies are ceasing to produce their paper newsletter.

The costs of producing a paper newsletter is increasing and it seems that membership numbers are decreasing. During these economic times, societies and their membership are making hard decisions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting (Fourth Thursday of the Month) – February 25, 2010, *Write Your Life History in Short Stories* with **Vi Parsons**

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) – March 8, 2010 – [Barbara Leak](#) leads the Day Study Group.

Family Tree Maker User's Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – March 11, 2010 – *Family Tree Maker 2010 Adding Media* with [Jerry Unruh](#).

Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings (Wednesday prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. at the Carnegie Library on Almond Street in Auburn. All members are welcome to attend, but please let a board member know due to space restrictions and to confirm date and time.

For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:

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