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50 YEARS & GROWING

Monthly AGS Meeting

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Program: *Publishing Your Genealogy*

Presented by: *Ron Neilson and Joan Naubauer*

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 p.m. — Refreshments & Networking
7:00 — 8:30 p.m. - Program

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

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Joan R. Neubauer taught for a number of years before tackling freelancing. Since then, her articles have appeared in scores of publications, and she has authored or co-authored 12 books. Joan serves as the Public Liaison Officer for the Davis Mountain Trans-Pecos Heritage Association.



Following Joan's presentation, Ron Nielsen from Historical Publications will share with us different types of printing and binding options for publishing our work.

AGS Business

The AGS Board of Directors met in regular session prior to the regular meeting on June 22, 2010. Committee and treasurer reports were submitted and approved. The following topics were discussed and actions taken:

Programs & Education: Preparations for the meeting tonight have gone well and it promises to be a good one. Preparations for the Mini-Seminar are well under way for that event on July 17th.

Quarterly: Editor Randy WHITED advised he continues to edit and format submissions for the quarterly. He expects publication by mid-July.

Salt Lake City trip refunds. Refunds of overpayments made by individuals who traveled to Salt Lake City in April have been made. The total of the refunds was \$883.50. This action was approved by the Board last month .

TSGS liaison Kate ALLEN proposed putting a quarter-

page advertisement in the syllabus for this year's TSGS annual conference at a cost of \$50. The ad will use our 50th Anniversary logo and motto: "Promoting genealogy through research, education, and preservation." Kate will also check with TSGS regarding award submission deadlines for the AGS Quarterly and AGS Newsletter.

Other Business: The Board discussed policies/procedures on how AGS should publicly recognize and thank members who contribute funds over and above their membership dues. It was agreed that information should be published in the Newsletter. (NOTE: This information is shown later in this Newsletter.)

Kay BOYD announced the Texas State Library is open again for research after two years of renovations. AGS will sponsor tours for AGS members on July 8th and 29th. (NOTE: More information later in this Newsletter.)

Looking Forward

NOMINATING COMMITTEE to be elected at July meeting. According to Article III, Section 6 of the AGS Bylaws, July brings us the task of planning for next year. AGS president Cindy FOREMAN will be appointing someone to chair the Nominating Committee at the Board meeting in July. In addition to the chairperson, the committee must consist of two members elected by the Board of Directors from the Board of Directors plus two members elected from the general membership by the general membership. This must be done at the July meeting.

The duty of this committee is singular: develop a slate of nominees to serve a two-year term on the AGS Board of Directors beginning in January of next year. If you would like to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee, please have someone nominate you at the July meeting. This is an excellent way to "get your feet wet" in the behind-the-scenes activity that makes AGS a strong and growing organization. The task of the Nominating Committee is completed when the slate of proposed candidates is submitted for consideration at the September general meeting.

NEEDED: Six individuals who are willing to take up the torch and carry forward the efforts of our founders in making the Austin Genealogical Society not only a viable, but vital organization to the genealogical community of Austin, Travis County, and the surrounding area.

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(Continued from page 2) *Looking Forward*

The strength of any volunteer organization is largely created by the members who actively participate. For AGS, there are volunteers too numerous to mention who make a great team, but the team is led by the Board of Directors. The terms of six members of the Board expire at the end of each December.

There are *many* members of AGS who, whether they realize it or not, can make a meaningful contribution to our success. AGS needs the talents, thoughts, ideas, input, and dedication of those who want to be a part of the continuing success of our society. Please consider how you can participate in these activities in the coming year. If you are approached by a member of the Nominating Committee, please take some time to consider their request. If you know you would like to contribute by being on the Board of Directors, please do not be shy about letting us know by contacting any of the current members of the Board.

Programs

(Submitted by Sharon Foley)

The Member-to-Member Brick Wall Blast at our meeting on Tuesday, June 22nd was a great success. The questions submitted beforehand were interesting and elicited great response with many members helping to solve mysteries and break or greatly damage those brick walls. Some responses were emailed ahead of time and more were offered during the meeting. We ran far short of time, so much of the Q&A was not covered during the meeting. It can, however, now be found in the Members Only section of the website. If you have mysteries still remaining (I'm guessing you just might!), keep them for another session. We'll do it again in 2011.

Membership

The June meeting was held in the foyer/atrium area of the church. Due to the lack of space, there was no registration table or head count made. The space was full and worked well for the exchange of comments and suggestions for breaking through the challenging questions presented.



We welcome Karen GIDDENS, Bill LUKENBILL, Jacquie WILSON, and Robert and Judy CORRIGAN as our most recent **New Members**.



Our thanks and appreciation go out to the following individuals and families who have made donations to AGS in excess of membership dues:

PATRONS

Thomas & Paula COOPWOOD
William J. NASH, Jr.
Kathleen Moran TULLY

SPONSORS

Mary Jane ERMIS
Teri E. FLACK
Cindy FOREMAN
Elizabeth Root JONES

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Nancy MACHU
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Inez EPPRIGHT
Kay GREGORY
Georgia Poulas JAMES
Bob & Mary Lou LOGAN
Terri Hoover MIRKA
Shirley A. ROGERS
Judith & James STOCKTON
Mary TODD
Robert & Mary WARD
Katherine WEST
Daniel and Jackie WIRE

Hospitality

Our thanks go out to Eva HUDDLESTON, Linda MILLIGAN, Jim NELSON and Barbara FROCK for the refreshments at the June meeting and to Bob TIEMAN who served as greeter.

For the July meeting, Deb Van CLEAF, Inez EPPRIGHT and Lynn LeCROPANE are signed up to bring refreshments. Deb has also volunteered to be the greeter.

AGS Calendar of Activities

Saturday, July 17— 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Last of the Mini-Seminar series—and it is FREE!
See page 5.

Tuesday, July 27— AGS Monthly Meeting

Thursday July 29 at 9:30 a.m. — AGS-sponsored tour of the newly-renovated Texas State Library located at **1201 Brazos** (immediately east of the capitol building). This tour is limited to 12 people. Contact Kay BOYD at 836-7484 or mkdb1405@aol.com to sign up. A **second tour** will be conducted on **Thursday, August 12th at 9:30.**

Parking for the Library is available in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage located between 13th and 12th, Trinity and San Jacinto Streets. Parking is free for the first two hours and \$.75 for each half hour thereafter (maximum charge: \$6.00). Metered spaces are available throughout the capitol complex.

Saturday, July 31—Laptop Saturday
“FamilySearch.org” presented by Karen Matheson
10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[Austin History Center](#) (by the Faulk Library)

[810 Guadalupe](#)
Austin, Texas, 78701



FREE!!



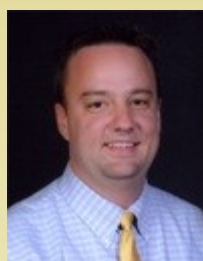
AGS Educational Opportunities

PRESENTING THE THIRD and final of the 2010 MINI-SEMINAR SERIES

AGS is proud to present Geoff RASMUSSEN as the speaker for our July Mini-Seminar. There is **NO CHARGE** for members and the program is also **FREE** for non-members. Although you may register at the door, pre-registration is appreciated.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Kay Boyd at mkdb1405@aol.com

Pre-registration helps to ensure the committee can arrange to have enough tables set up and plenty of snacks for everyone prior to the program and during the short breaks! We hope you can join us for this special program.



Saturday, July 17th — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Highland Park Baptist Church
[5206 Balcones Drive](#), in Austin

**DOORS WILL
OPEN AT 8:15 a.m.**

Geoff RASMUSSEN, of Surprise, Arizona, holds a degree in Genealogy and Family History and was awarded the Young Family Historian of the Year Award. The father of four budding genealogists, Geoff has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. Geoff is a dynamic, humorous speaker who likes to interact with his audience. He is the author of numerous books, articles, and training videos. He develops the Legacy Family Tree software. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center.

Geoff will speak on the following topics:

Genealogist's Guide to Working with Digital Images

Timelines and Chronologies-Secrets of Genealogical Success

12 Step Checklist to Using Your Genealogy Computer Program

Legacy Genealogy Program

AGS WEBSITE NEWS

The [AGS website](#) continues to expand as each month passes.

One of the most helpful sections of the AGS Website is the ability to get copies of the program handouts from the regular meetings. Check out the "Handouts" section in the Members Only area. It includes the questions and suggested answers discussed in June's Member-to-Member "brick wall buster" meeting, along with a number of other handouts from recent programs.

Can't find your membership directory? The directory, in its entirety and in searchable form, is included in the Members Only section. In addition, the names and contact information for all members who have joined since the publication of the directory are also found under "Directory Updates."

The **Members Only** section **login ID is agsmember** and the **password is gene.AGS** (case sensitive).

AGS — 50 Years & Growing!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH -
MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR AGS!

New Members and AGS 50th Anniversary Tote Bags make a great combination! If you're new to AGS and haven't gotten your souvenir tote bag, be sure to pick one up at the JULY meeting--or any monthly meeting.

CAN YOU HELP? We're searching for 50th Anniversary items:

AUSTIN DISPLAY: Photos, news clippings, interesting items from 1960-2010.

Please contact [Carroll Patterson](mailto:carrollpatterson@austin.rr.com) (carrollpatterson@austin.rr.com) or
[Glenda Black](mailto:gblack@austin.rr.com) (gblack@austin.rr.com) for more information.

AGS DISPLAY: Single or group photos taken at meetings, on research trips; handouts; publications; souvenirs. [Mary TODD](mailto:westy42@austin.rr.com) (westy42@austin.rr.com) would like to hear from you.

Historically Speaking

During 2010, we will feature excerpts and information from the recorded history of the Austin Genealogical Society since its inception in 1960.

AGS has received its first Life Memberships: Phoebe SIMPSON and Lorrie FOSTER HENDERSON.
AGS Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 10, November 1997.

The Austin Genealogical Society Cemetery Project is a Go! The committee chair is Jean SHROYER ... with John C. MILLER, President of AGS, to assist on the committee.
AGS Newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 6, June 1999

News about The Quarterly

The Spring issue of the AGS Quarterly was an exceptionally good issue, and because it was, we are very much looking forward to receiving the **Summer issue** which should be arriving in our mail boxes between the **middle to end of July**.

As Editor Randy WHITED stated at the June meeting, *every* issue is a "members" issue and your submissions of stories, family group sheets, historical records, abstracts or transcriptions of old documents or records are all welcome. And don't forget about the contest. Everyone who submits something for publication is automatically entered.

Past issues of the AGS Quarterly are now posted on the [AGS Website](#).



Other Educational Opportunities

14th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference

POSSIBILITIES & PROBABILITIES

Lufkin, Texas

July 15, 16, & 17

This annual conference always has top-notch presenters and a wide variety of courses from which to choose. With way too many courses to list and some in the same time slot, the hard part is choosing just one to attend! The speaker list includes Pat GORDON, Kelvin MEYERS, Trevia Wooster BEVERLY, Emily CROOM, Charlie GARDES, Don RANEY, Barbara Brixey WILEY, and John WYLIE.

For specific information about this conference, visit the website at: <http://www.angelina.edu/genealogy/genealogy.html#Sessions%20&%20Times>



FGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 18 – 21, 2010

Knoxville, Tennessee

The [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), in partnership with the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#) and the [Kentucky Historical Society](#), is hosting its annual conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, August 18-21, 2010. Some of the genealogists featured on the hit NBC show are making presentations at this conference. This year's theme is "Rediscovering America's First Frontier."

Wednesday is called "Focus on Societies Day." Presentations on that day are designed to help societies and their members improve their organization. The day will end with focus groups for various society leaders.

Thursday begins with a keynote session featuring J. Mark LOWE, CG, a full-time professional genealogist, author, and teacher who researches primarily in original records and manuscripts throughout the South, and Kent WHITWORTH, the executive director for the Kentucky Historical Society who is a seventh-generation Kentuckian.

Exhibits are open to everyone Thursday through Saturday. Find out more about this year's FGS Conference and register online at <http://www.fgs.org/2010conference/>.



Victoria County Genealogic Society

GENEALOGY SEMINAR

Featured Speaker: George G. MORGAN

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 8:30 – 4:00

2200 E. Red River, Victoria, Texas

The Victoria College Student Center, Room A

- * Bring 'Em Back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile
- * Push and Pull: The Reason for Migration
- * The Genealogist as CSI: Modern Genealogist Are Like Crime Scene Investigators – CSIs
- * Bits and Obits: Reading Between the Lines

Price: \$50.00 SAVE early registration by September 25th \$40.00

A box lunch is included. Seats are limited, so please register early!



San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

51st ANNUAL FALL SEMINAR

October 16, 2010, 8:30 – 4:00

Doubletree Downtown in Market Square
(formerly the Radisson)

Featured Speaker: Dr. John Philip COLLETTA

Dr. COLLETTA's topics will be:

- * Breaking through Brick Walls - Use Your Head;
- * Using Newspapers for Family History Research;
- * Using Original & Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence; and
- * How to Assemble & Write a Narrative Family History.

Early registration ends October 1st. For more information, check our website www.rootswest.com/~txsaghs2/Pages/News.htm

Odds & Ends

From the website for the **Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research**, we find the following:

“Beginning Thursday, July 1, 2010, ... Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research will **open on Fridays** and close on Mondays. ... changes are as a result of ongoing evaluation of the new system-wide schedules implemented in April 2010. A formal evaluation of all HPL schedules will be made once an initial six-month-period has passed for an in-depth look at the effectiveness of the new schedules and *review of customer feedback*.”



If you haven't taken a look at the [Familysearch pilot program](#) lately, you may want to check it out ... at least once a month. Kay BOYD reports she did an advanced search recently and found marriage records that she needed that had not been there before. More and more records are added everyday and you can search them for FREE.

Here is a link listing of some of the projects currently being added: http://indexing.familysearch.org/projects/current_projects.jsf



Circle this date on your calendar: Monday, April 2, 2012. Less than two years from now, all genealogists will be able to gain access to the 1940 U.S. Census Records for the first time. The closer it gets, the harder the wait!



Need a bit of more formal instruction? Check out some of the free Genealogy-related webinars that are available:

Introduction to Footnote.com— <http://blog.footnote.com/the-worlds-first-footnote-webinar/>

New England Historical and Genealogical Society:

[African American Genealogy at NEHGS](#)

[Bridging the Atlantic - Methods of Tracing Your 17th Century New England Ancestors Across the Water](#)

[An Overview of the NEHGS Manuscript Collection](#)

[Library resources at NEHGS](#)

[Finding Your Ancestors Online](#)

[Who Was Your Mother's Mother's Mother's Mother?](#)

[Genealogical Tips: Transcribing Gravestones](#)

[Getting Started in Irish Genealogy Part 1](#)

[Civil War Pension Research: Union Soldiers](#)

[Methods of Finding a Wife's Maiden Name](#)



From the [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) website we learn the VA is offering “a new medallion to be affixed to an existing, privately purchased headstone or marker to signify the deceased's status as a veteran. If requested, the medallion will be furnished in lieu of a traditional government headstone or marker for veterans that died on or after November 1, 1990, and whose grave is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.”

The medallion is available in three sizes (5 inches, 3 inches, and 1½ inches) and will be inscribed with the word “VETERAN” across the top and the branch of service at the bottom. Important: This benefit is only applicable if the grave is marked with a *privately purchased* headstone or marker. In these instances, eligible veterans are entitled to either a traditional, government-furnished headstone or marker, or the new medallion, but not both. Check the VA website for additional information: <http://www.cem.va.gov/hm/hmtype.asp>



**Austin Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
January 1 through June 30, 2010**

INCOME

Contributions Rec'd	660.00
Donations - Miscellaneous	112.50
Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars)	1,715.00
Membership Dues Rec'd	4,180.00
Misc Income (Family Tree DNA commissions; Lifetime Learning; Pioneer Certificates	212.32
Misc. Collections	82.35
Total Income	6,962.17

Cost of Goods Sold	8.00
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GROSS PROFIT 6,970.17

EXPENSES

Education (Classes, Mini-Seminars, Laptop Saturdays, Monthly programs)	2,963.59
Membership Costs	6.87
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees: PayPal discounts	82.45
Board Member Expenses	82.70
Ofc. Supplies and Materials	71.53
Permits & Licenses	185.00
Postage & Delivery	374.01
Printing & Copying	1,843.25
Society Memberships	100.00
Total Operating Expenses	2,738.94
Records Preservation (Quarterlies Scanned)	753.68
TOTAL EXPENSE	6,463.08
Net Ordinary Income	507.09
Other Income - Interest Earned	41.43
NET INCOME	548.52

**AGS
2010 First Half
Financial Reports**

**Austin Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2010**

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,483.53
Wells Fargo	12,060.10
Total Checking/Savings	22,543.63
Other Current Assets	140.05
TOTAL ASSETS	22,683.68

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	0.00
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	22,135.16
Net Income	548.52
Total Equity	22,683.68
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,683.68

Editor's Corner:

How is it possible the first half of this year has come and gone?! It has been a busy one for AGS as we continue to celebrate 50 years of service to the genealogists of Austin, Travis County, and surrounding areas.

We hope you have marked your calendar for the meeting on Tuesday, September 28th as it will be our special Anniversary Meeting and many efforts are being made to make it a very special one.

Don't forget to take advantage of the Texas State Library now that it is back in full operation again. And of course the Archives are also housed in the same building. Until next month, I hope your research goes well.

Happy Trackin'

Janis

2010 Board of Directors

Term ending 2010:	Term Ending 2011:
Kay BOYD	Kate ALLEN
Inez EPPRIGHT	Maud CAIN
Sharon FOLEY	Teri FLACK
Cindy FOREMAN	Dona KURTZ
Sara GREDLER	Mary TODD
Janis TRAYLER	Randy WHITED

2010 Officers

President	Cindy FOREMAN
1 st Vice President	Kay BOYD
2 nd Vice President	Sharon FOLEY
Recording Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Teri FLACK

*We are here to serve the members of the Society.
If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns,
please feel free to share those with us.*

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)
Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00
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