



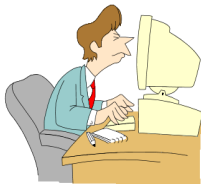
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THIS MONTH – March 18, 2014

**“An Introduction to Our Favorite
Genealogy Programs“**

Presented by: Society Members



Our March meeting will have three of our members explaining all the features of three genealogical programs. Susan Rush will be presenting Family Tree Maker, Sharon Clay will be presenting Legacy and Bill George will be presenting Reunion. Each of these members offer classes on these programs; Susan and Sharon's classes are part of our SIG groups and Bill had a SIG group, but is now doing two different classes at the Family History Library. We are hoping this presentation will be useful to those of you searching for a genealogical program, or those who are unhappy with their current program and are looking for a replacement. We hope this program will answer all of your questions. ■

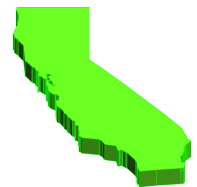


From the February Meeting

"California USGenweb Project"

Speaker: Lewis Ruddick

Reporter: Russ Erickson



Lewis Ruddick, president of the Stanislaus County Genealogical Society and researcher since 1981, with an extensive background in criminal justice and education, spoke on USGenWeb and California GenWeb Projects. He is the county coordinator for 5 California counties, beginning with Mendocino in 1996.

<usgenweb.org> has centralized genealogical resources for 50 states and the District of Columbia. <cagenweb.com> has resources for all 58 California counties. This has expanded to <worldgenweb.org>. A map on USGenweb allows one to click on any state where genealogical information is desired. The GenWeb began in Ken-

tucky in 1996 to keep free genealogical resources for research. It counts on volunteers creating and maintaining websites to provide a single entry point for all genealogical data for each state and county. In October 1996, a US GenWeb white paper went to other countries to spread the idea. Special projects evolved to collect and disseminate sites. It is still growing and needs volunteers.

Projects: The *Archives Project* provides a digital library. The *African-American Griots* group is a project for those interested. In the *Events Project*, seminars, etc. can be advertised and brought to attention. The *GenWeb Kidz* helps kids get into genealogy and history. The ►



(Photo by Nancy Alexander)

Lewis Ruddick

Lineage Project concentrates on those born prior to 1850. The *Tombstone Transcription Project* encourages recording of cemeteries. There are Archives subtopics: A *Digital Maps library* for US digital maps (Texas University has the best collection). A *Pensions Project* relates to wars prior to 1900. There are Census Images, Church, and Marriage records. *Archive Newsletters* collects and store genealogy society newsletters. *Obituaries* began collection after 2000. *Special Collections* has entry for historical texts and magazines.

The states include all 50 with websites such as ingenweb for Indiana and cagenweb for California. Rich Wilson was initial coordinator and paid for cagenweb from 1996 to 2004. Now the genweb for California is supported by the county coordinators and provides a single point to collect and store all county and city data. There are many links to genealogical sites and reference material. Updating websites varies with the coordinator; try each periodically. Some county historical books are also listed in GenWeb. ■



President's Message

By Russ Erickson

It has, so far, been a joyful experience working with the SRVGS membership and board this year. So many members help out, by setting up our computer and sound systems, bringing out tables prior to meeting and putting them back after, setting up membership reception, bringing in and arranging snacks for social breaks, and by simply coming to hear our speakers and being part of a warm, pleasant group.

The socializing alone is very important for most of us, who have retired. Learning new facts keeps our brains younger and prevents elder fading. We are, frankly, very good for one another. Furthermore, being a member of the SRVGS Board and helping determine our continued strong existence, has been even a greater pleasure. Patty and I look forward to our monthly meetings, that are both stimulating and social. We recommend them highly for any members who might consider joining the board in the future.

This year, with Francie Lloyd, Jean Hunt, and Russ Erickson acting as nominating committee, we have succeeded in finding potential board members to fill the positions of first VP (to succeed the president in 2015), two members of the Programs committee, a Membership Chair, a new (returning) Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. Your President, Parliamentarian, and Corresponding Secretary continue on to 2015. We are truly in need of a third Programs Committee volunteer. PLEASE, with interest in keeping SRVGS moving strongly in genealogy education, step forth and join us. To make this position even easier, Patty and I have potential program speakers' names available for such a person to contact and arrange. Finally, I ask anyone with listening and writing skills to volunteer to write the speaker summary for some of our meetings. ■



Proposed Amendments to the SRVGS By-Laws

These proposed amendments to the SRVGS By-Laws were approved by the officers of the society at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on February 4, 2014. The proposed amendments are hereby printed in the March newsletter and will be presented to the membership for consideration at the regular meeting on April 15, 2014. A two-thirds vote of the members in attendance is required for approval. You can find the complete text of the By-Laws in your Society Handbook.

Article III Section C. Classes of Membership and Dues.

Current wording: Annual dues and membership classes shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Change to read: Annual dues and classes of membership shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Reason: Clarification and consistent wording.

Article III Section D. Honorary Life Membership.

Current wording: This may be conferred upon any member who has given exceptional service. The recommendation shall be signed by one member and approved by the Board of Directors before being presented to the membership for a vote. A three-fourths vote shall elect. A Life Member shall retain the privileges of a regular Society member.

Change to read: This may be conferred upon any member who has given exceptional service. The recommendation shall be signed by one member and approved by the Board of Directors. A three-fourths vote (5) shall elect. After the presentation, the action shall be noted in the Board Minutes at the next Board meeting. A Life Member shall retain the privileges of a regular Society member

Reason: Change to protect the element of surprise.

Article VI Section C. Board of Directors.

Change to read: Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors, with the exception of the President, may be filled until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote (4) of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Reason: Clarify the number it takes for the vote.

Article VI Section E. Board of Directors.

Change to read: A majority of the Board Members shall constitute a quorum (4).

Reason: Clarify the number it takes for a quorum.

Article VII Section H. The Parliamentarian shall:

Add: 2. Review By-Laws and Standing Rules annually.

3. Present any proposed changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules to the Board of Directors for further action.

Reason: Provide a means to keep the By-Laws and Standing rules current to meet the Society's needs.

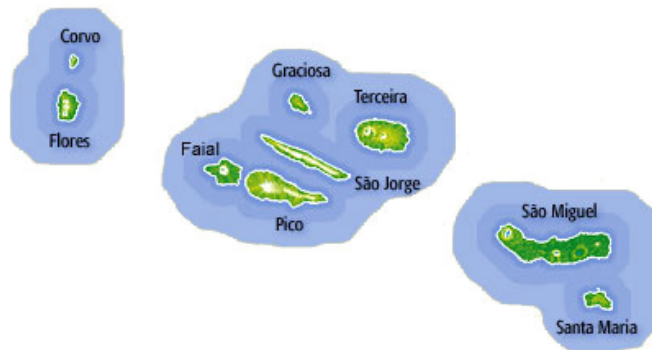
Prepared by Virginia Rood, Parliamentarian, and Lynnet Keihl, 1st Vice President



Finding Your Azorean Ancestors

Tips & Resources to help with your research

The Azores Islands have been the source of immigrants to the United States, particularly in New England, California and Hawaii since the early 1800's. Many contemporary Californians interested in genealogy have Azorean roots. Diane George will help you learn about resources for finding those ancestors and learning to understand records written in Portuguese. Prior to the early 1900's, all records had their origins in the records kept by the Catholic Church for baptisms, marriages and deaths and are all handwritten. We will meet on Monday, March 17th, from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road, Alamo.



Danville Family History Center

2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo, CA 94507

March 2014 update of Danville FHC services available to SRVGS (and the public).
(Provided by Bill George)

Monday Afternoons 1-4pm

Beginning Genealogy, FamilySearch.org

Tuesday Evening 7-9pm

Beginning Genealogy, FamilySearch.org

Wednesday 10am-1pm

US Research

Wednesday 10-4pm

Irish, Scandinavia, US Research

PAF and Ancestral Quest genealogy programs

Wednesday Evening 7-9pm

Colonial, Southern US and general US Research, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Legacy, Roots Magic, Ancestral Quest genealogy programs.

Thursdays 10am-1pm

England, Scotland, Wales, Quaker, Utah and Southern US Research

Legacy genealogy program

By Appointment

Canadian, Dutch, Chinese, Indonesia, Mandarin and US Research

Book Collection

Over 200 donated books. Mostly early American family histories and record collections (Land Grants, Marriage Licenses, Wills, etc.)

Microfiches and Microfilm

Many on-site Microfilms and Microfiche. Order microfilm from Salt Lake City

Premium Online Genealogy Services

Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, 19th Century British Library Newspapers, FindMyPast.com, NewspaperArchive.com, Alexander Street Press, ArkivDigital Online, Godfrey Memorial Library, Heritage Quest On-line, Historic Map Works Library Edition, Legacy Stories, Paper Trail, WorldVitalRecords.com, Charting Companion, FamilyInsight, Genelines, Generation Maps, GetmyAncestors, MagiKey Family Tree and Map My Family Tree.

To be absolutely sure a person will be available and knows about the topic you need, you should call ahead to the Danville FHC at 925-552-5920, 2949 Stone Valley Rd, Alamo, CA 94507.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

March 2014

- 4 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville.
- 18 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. From the I-680 Freeway, take Stone Valley Road east 2 1/2 miles.

April 2014

- 1 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** A Board will be held at the home of Frances Lloyd in Danville.
- 15 Tuesday - 10:00 a.m.** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo. ■

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: *Bill George*

There is some very good information about SIGs on our web site, <http://srvgensoc.org>. Hover your mouse or click on "About SRVGS" on the top menu bar. Then click on "Special Interest Groups". Another way to get to SIGs is by typing in the URL, <http://srvgensoc.org/sig.html>. This has all the information about our SIGs including:

1. Current month SIG announcements
2. Detail Description of each of our SIGs
3. SIG Calendar – listing all meetings in a Calendar Format
4. Member Resources – List of SIGs and Danville FHC offerings in a downloadable PDF. ►

We had to cancel the 3rd Monday Roots-Magic SIG due to low attendance. So, in March on the 3rd Monday, 1pm at the Danville FHC, we will have a discussion on Azores genealogy, led by Diane George. Tell your friends who might be interested, as this will be a one-time meeting on this topic. See a flyer on page 4 of this newsletter about this event. We're considering having different topics, on the 3rd Monday each month. Some ideas are Drop Box, Evernote, Pinterest, Southern States Genealogy, Unique fields in various US Census years, How calendars have evolved, etc. If you have a suggestion for a topic, including someone who could share that knowledge, please let me know at williamcgeorge@gmail.com. ■

SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



ANCESTRY/FAMILY TREE MAKER – This group focuses on how Family Tree Maker interacts with Ancestry.com. This group will have met **Monday March 3rd** and will meet **April 7th (the first Monday) at 1 pm at the Danville Family History Center, 2949 Stone Valley Road.** Susan Rush is the coordinator for this group. You may contact her by e-mail gen4you@astound.net or phone 674-0929.



FAMILY SEARCH / FAMILY TREE - This Special Interest Group will meet **Monday March 10th (the second Monday) at 1 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road.** The theme topic for this meeting will be *Sources*. Bill George is the coordinator and contact person for this group. You may contact him via e-mail williamcgeorge@Gmail.com

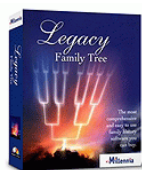


IRISH - This special interest group will meet **Wednesday March 12th** and April 9th (the second Wednesday) at **10:00 am., at the home of Russ and Patty Erickson** in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is the contact person for this group. You may contact Patty via e-mail, russpat@comcast.net or phone 229-0889. ►



PUBLISHING – The publishing group will meet **Thursday March 20th at 10:00 am at the home of Frances Lloyd** in Danville. This

Group invites you to monthly third Thursday meetings where you will learn the ins and outs of publishing your family History. This informal group of members will offer advice, encouragement, suggestions and guide you to publishing sources as you develop your book. Members that are interested in joining should let Francie know that they plan to attend. Please contact Francie via e-mail, frances_lloyd@comcast.net or phone 837-9382.



LEGACY SOFTWARE – This is a genealogy software users group. This group will meet **Monday March 24th** (Fourth Monday) from **1-3 pm at the Family History Center on Stone Valley Road in**

Alamo. The theme topic for this meeting will be; “*Publishing Books in Legacy.*” If anyone is interested in joining this group, please contact Sharon Clay with an e-mail to sharonlclay@comcast.net, or phone 462-4518.



GERMAN – The German Group will meet **Wednesday March 26th** (the fourth Wednesday). The

German group will be going for their annual German lunch at DJ's Bistro in Concord. Please contact Helen Odegard if you plan to join the group so she can include you in the reservation. The contact person for this group is Helen Odegard. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact her via e-mail, odegardsh@gmail.com or phone 932-6796 for more information. ■

CALENDAR OF OTHER EVENTS

11 March Tuesday 7:30 pm The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. Their web address is: <http://www.l-ags.org> Tim Cox, a member of ►

the California Genealogical Society, will speak about **Hard Drive Organization; Making Use of Your Computer File Folders.**

12 March Wednesday 7 pm A Macintosh Genealogy (MacGen) group will meet at The Oakland Family Search Library, 4766 Lincoln Avenue in Oakland. The topic will be: *Sources.* The speaker will be Chuck Athey, a Family Search Library Consultant. Their web address is: <http://www.macgen.org/>

13 March Thursday 7 pm The Contra Costa County Genealogical Society holds their regular meetings on the second Thursday of the month at the LDS Building, 1350 Alberta Way in Concord. Stephen Morse will make a presentation about; “*A Case Study: Genealogy of Renee Kauffman.*”

15 March Saturday 10:30 am The San Mateo County Genealogical Society will hold a regular member meeting at the Grace Lutheran Church Hall, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo. John Glead will speak about “*English Research After 1750, Civil records, census, voting, probate, and land records.*” John Glead has been active as a teacher, speaker, and consultant in our area for over 20 years. Their web address is: <http://www.smcgs.org/>

21 March Friday 1:15 to 3 pm The Mount Diablo Genealogical Society will hold one of its regular meetings at the Creekside Clubhouse meeting room #3 in Rossmore. They meet on the third Friday of each month. The speaker will be Lisa Gorrell. Her subject will be “*Brick Walls, or Research Ideas You Haven't Tried Yet.*”

5 April Saturday 9 am to 3:30 pm The Sacramento Genealogy Society (Root Cellular) will sponsor a spring seminar. Geoff Rasmussen will be the featured speaker. He graduated with a degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young University and has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genea- ►

logical Association. Featured topics will include; Legacy Family Tree, Webinars, Timelines and Chronologies, Googling Around, The Latest in Digital Imaging for Genealogists and What's New in Legacy 8. It will be held at The Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd in Fair Oaks. Prior to March 25, the registration fee will be \$30. Visit <http://www.rootcellar.org/> to learn other details

26 April Saturday 9 am to 4 pm The Sonoma County Genealogy will sponsor a spring seminar. Donna Moughty will be the featured lecturer. She is a Professional Genealogist and former Regional Manager for Apple Computer. Donna has been conducting family research for over 20 years. Four lectures are scheduled. Registration fee at the door will be \$35. It will be held at the Harry A. Merlo Theater at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts off Highway 101 at River Road in Santa Rosa. Visit <http://www.scgsonline.org> for further details and see the registration form.

7 - 10 May The NGS conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia. For more information go to <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

10 May Saturday 8 am to 4:30 pm The Sacramento German Genealogical Society will sponsor an all day seminar at the Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd, in Fair Oaks. The New Family Search/Family Tree will be the focus of the morning presentations by Kory Meyerink. The afternoon sessions will be about "German Church Records" and "Internet Sources for German Research." For further details go to <http://www.sacgergensoc.org/> Click on spring workshop, then click on the pre-register icon. ■

WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

A warm "Welcome" to our newest members:

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EDUCATION

By: *Kathy Javdani*

March offers some diverse learning opportunities. Please note that a number of classes/events fill up quickly. So, check all the websites listed below for registration details. As far as I know, I have not listed any classes that are already full.



The California Genealogical Society (CGS) www.CaliforniaAncestors.org starts the first Saturday of each month with its **Introduction to Genealogy** class from 1-3. This month the class will meet on Sat., Mar. 1st. Please register on line for this class.

- Sat., Mar. 8th from 1 - 3 Ron Arons will present **What's in a Name?** - ►

Trouble! Register online.

- Sat., Mar. 15th, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet from 10 – 11:30. This SIG always meets on the third Saturday of each month.
- Tues., Mar. 18th the **Roots Magic SIG** will meet from 6:30 - 8:30.



The Oakland Family Search Library (FSL) <https://familysearch.org>

- Tues., Mar. 11th from 10:30 -12 **How to Use the SEARCH feature of Roots-Magic along with Making Special Reports**
- Wed., Mar. 12th from 7 – 8 pm **Mac Users Workshop**
- Fri., Mar. 14th from 1:30 – 2:30 **Using SEARCH to Create Special Reports in PAF**
- Sat., Mar 22nd from 11 - noon **Beginning Swedish Research - Class & Workshop**. Preregister online.
- Tues., Mar. 25th from 10:30 – noon **Introduction to RootsMagic**
- Tues., Mar. 25th from 7-8:30 pm **Beginning Evernote**
- Fri., Mar. 28th from 10:30 – 12:30 **How to Use the SEARCH feature of Roots-Magic along with Making Special Reports**



As always, this month is a good time to check the tutorials, wikis, discussion forums, and Webinars on your favorite websites. The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) www.scgsgenealogy.com continues to offer free Webinars. This month it will be offering

- Sat. Mar. 1st at 10 am **Timesaving Apps for Busy Genealogists** by Lia Alzo.
- Wed., Mar. 12th at 6 pm **Timeline Creation Applications** by Tammy Hepps ▶

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Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.

Members are encourage to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to the Coordinator.

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Do you need individual help in overcoming a "brick wall" in your research? Go to the SRVGS web site at: <http://srvgensoc.org/>, click on RESOURCES, then click on INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR SRVGS MEMBERS.

- Wed., Mar 19th at 6 pm **Organizing Database Searches** by Michael John Neill



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) www.Americanancestors.org has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. There is access to archived Webinars, online courses, how-to videos, subject guides, and more.

Save the Date:

CGS 14th Annual Salt Lake City Tour from Apr. 6th – 13th.

Family History Expo in Sacramento from May 2nd – 3rd. See www.fhexpos.com

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree from June 6th -8th.

Enjoy! ■

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