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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 14 June - California Genealogical Society spring luncheon and genealogical fair at Ft. Mason Officers' Club, San Francisco. See bulletin board for details.
- Tuesday, 17 June - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Speaker: Ann Doss "Paper Preservation and Restoration" and Lee Meola "Fabric Preservation".
- Monday, 25 June - "Beginning Genealogy" and "Getting Your Genealogy Material Ready for Distribution" glasses begin today at the Shannon Community Center, Dublin. Instructor is Bette Kot and the classes are for six weeks. Contact the Dublin Recreation Department at 829-4932.
- Tuesday, 15 July - SAN RAMON VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
10 a.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Road, Danville. Program: "Sharing: Useful Tips and Unique Sources".
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- Our last meeting: Our May speaker, John Roake of the Irish Genealogical Research Institute, gave us some very helpful ideas for undertaking research on an immigrant ancestor. He pointed out that it's necessary to do "homework" before attempting foreign research. Checking vital records, obituaries, old letters, census and immigration listings and church records in this country may give information and provide clues that will make research easier in the "old country". Mr. Roake also suggested some substitutes for Irish records that have been destroyed, e.g., parish records, tax lists, cemeteries, newspapers, and even oral traditions.
- Our June meeting: Ann Doss, Curator of the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Museum will show how to identify the different types of old papers and how to restore and preserve them. She will also give a demonstration on the use of a "relaxer" to get those wrinkles and creases out of old documents. Our member Lee Meola will show how to preserve old fabrics. Ann and Lee will provide a list of supplies and suppliers for the items necessary for the preservation and restoration of paper and fabrics.

Our July meeting: COME SHARE a favorite source--a publication, person to contact, a place to look--that you've discovered in your own research, something that might help someone else. We'll give you two minutes (by the timer) to tell us about it so we can hear as many as possible. Some of our members have found some unique sources of information. COME LEARN some new "tricks of the trade."

Our August meeting: NO meeting in August. Have a nice summer vacation and look forward to seeing you at our September meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The beginning of the second year of the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society brings new names and faces to your board as well as to your membership. How reassuring to a new president to have board members with enthusiasm, talent and varied areas of research! We are looking forward to a great year!!

A great year involves board and membership sharing ideas. As we expand our range of research, new areas of interest become apparent--a new area of the country, a new ethnic group, a new religious affiliation, a new place in history, etc. Would these new discoveries be a topic for a meeting, a speaker on the subject, a panel discussion among the membership?

Please share these discoveries with any board member as your input is vital to every good meeting. Let's hear from you!

Patty Erickson

THE JOINER by Mary-Ella Jones Parrott, Joiner

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN was organized in 1895 for female lineal descendants of any ancestor born in New England prior to the signing of the Constitution of the United States 4 March 1789. This organization provides financial support for numerous charitable schools and other organizations.

Perhaps I should use the last JOINER to explain why I have joined so many historical, genealogical, hereditary and lineage societies...almost forty of them to date! SHEER JOY! It is a great rewarding joy to trace my lines (each organization I join has a different line!) and know that they are being recorded for posterity. Genealogy, when put to the test of scrutiny by my peers, is a challenging pursuit. And every organization gives me a chance to put back into the community of Man some small measure of support, financial or otherwise.

DUES

The treasurer hereby notifies those members that have not paid their dues for the 1986-1987 year that they will be dropped from membership July 1, 1986 if their dues are not received by that date.

Clifford Gant, Treasurer

FREE BASKET

Bring genealogy materials you no longer need--catalogs, forms, books, etc.--but could be a help to someone else. We need a "basket" and a basket chairman. See Patty Erickson.

SURNAME FILE

Don't forget to make up your surname index cards for our surname file. Turn your cards into Loretta Vranesh. (See May newsletter for format.)

CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Volunteers are needed to pack the CGS library books—a good way to learn what is in the library. After June 20 the library in the Flood Building will be closed. Contact Bette Kot at 531-0776.

NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter in July or August. Next newsletter will be mailed September 9, 1986.

MAY LUNCHEON

The May Luncheon was an outstanding success. Thanks to Jean Blackmur for the lovely setting beside her pool; to Sue Guinivere for the delicious lunch; to Ginny Rei, Anne Moulds and Mary Lou Victor for yummy cookies.

NEW MEMBERS TO ADD TO YOUR SOCIETY ROSTER

John Arrol, 2427 Alamo Glen Dr., Danville, CA 94526
Mary Louise Kimball, 3363 North Lucille Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549
Charlotte Stephens, 4247 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803

WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Our own Ruth Farrell was honored by the Sorooptimist International of Alamo-Danville as the club's 1986 Woman of Distinction as a champion volunteer. Congratulations, Ruth!

MAY VISITOR

Our May visitor was Laura Eanes from Atlanta, Georgia. Also present was our member Evelyn McCauley from Wilton, California.

TAPE RENTAL

Check with Fred Potter for new tapes in our tape library.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Changes and additions are shown in *Script Type*.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

No. 7. *No part of the net earnings of this association shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.*

No. 8. *Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.*

Article VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A.

No. 7. Treasurer shall:

- c. Make all financial records available for audit six weeks prior to the ~~Annual~~ September Meeting.
4. Present at the ~~Annual~~ September Meeting a financial report covering the entire previous year.
5. Prepare and present a budget for the current year for approval of the membership at the September meeting.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

. 2. Auditor shall: Audit the books of the Society prior to the ~~Annual~~ September Meeting and submit the report with the Treasurer's Report.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or

corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

These revisions and additions will be voted upon at the June meeting.

RATE OUR PROGRAMS

The following programs were presented during our 1985-86 year. Please rate your interest in each subject by circling appropriate number.

1=very interested 2=somewhat interested 3=no interest

Planning a research trip	1	2	3
Genealogy, the roadway to history	1	2	3
Using the computer in genealogy	1	2	3
Tracing lost persons	1	2	3
Descendants trip to ancestors' homeland	1	2	3
Show and share by members	1	2	3
Past, present and future of genealogy	1	2	3
Preserving and dating old photos	1	2	3
Alliance records project	1	2	3
Resources for research	1	2	3
Organizing genealogical materials	1	2	3
Migration patterns	1	2	3
Grouping into regions of interest	1	2	3

Help our program chairman to plan future meetings. Please indicate your interest (as above) in the following subjects:

Adoption	1	2	3
Basic research techniques	1	2	3
Joining lineage societies (DAR, SAR, etc.)	1	2	3
Documenting research (proof)	1	2	3
How to use libraries	1	2	3
English Research	1	2	3
German Research	1	2	3
Land records	1	2	3
Immigration	1	2	3
Civil War history	1	2	3
Local (San Ramon Valley) history	1	2	3
Collecting oral history	1	2	3
Family reunions	1	2	3
More computer information	1	2	3
Quaker records	1	2	3
San Francisco records and research	1	2	3
Genealogical indexes	1	2	3
Southern Research	1	2	3
New England Research	1	2	3

Other subjects of interest to you _____

Suggested speakers (name and subject plus your name and phone number) _____

Please bring the above to the June or July meeting. Or mail it to Program Chairman Dorothy Stanton, 501 El Capital Dr., Danville, CA 94526