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TUESDAY, APRIL 18, NEXT GENERAL MEETING

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Barbara O'Rand, program chairperson, announces that an expert on the IGI (International Genealogical Index) has been invited to expand our knowledge of this research tool. Have you been disappointed not to find the people you are looking for? Come to hear about the in's and out's of one of the world's most-used indexes. Our speaker will explain some of the intrinsic problems using this research aid and make your time spent with it more profitable. Our speaker--Bette Kot, professional researcher, teacher and librarian. Don't miss this one!

YOUR

CALENDAR

*****see you the 18th*****

NOMINATIONS FOR 1989-90 OFFICERS

Nominations for officers for the 1989-90 year will be accepted from the floor by the general membership at the April meeting provided each nominee is present or has given written consent to serve if elected. The Nominating Committee recommends the following members for office:

President -- Bea O'Rand

1st VP -- Frances Lloyd

2nd VP (Program) -- Martha Banner

3rd VP (Membership) -- Carol Glover

Recording Sec -- Alice Wade

Corres. Sec -- Jo Bolenbaker

Treasurer -- Jess Sutfin

SPEAKER ROBERT MOOG AND THE CIVIL WAR

PERSONALITIES OF THE CIVIL WAR was the topic of our speaker at the March meeting. Mr. Moog laid the background of events surrounding the lives of men who were later to become "big" names in American history. Interesting trivia seldom told were revealed about these personalities to enrich our understanding of the "war of the rebellion."

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FIGURING UNCERTAIN BIRTHDATES

One way to approximate birthdates, when the exact information is unknown, is to assume that the first child was born approximately a year after the marriage. Dr. Carl Weatherbee in a recent Federal Genealogical Society's Newsletter suggests this example: If a couple married July 15, 1783 and had four children, the birth dates could be assumed to be: 1784, 1786, 1788 and 1790.

BIG BOOK BROWSE AND GENEALOGY SALE AT MAY MEETING

The Third Annual BBB & GS is again scheduled for the morning of our May meeting. This is the occasion when we each gather together some of our favorite resources and take them to the "book browse." It is always fascinating to examine each other's maps, manuals, charts, genealogy books, etc. which are displayed by subject matter on tables.

Several other tables will feature items for sale, (things which we may no longer need, but others may wish to purchase . . . in the manner of a garage sale), and will provide a good opportunity to recycle our genealogy inventories.

Jean Blackmur, chairman, reminds us to start sorting and organizing early so there will be much to browse through and buy.

GRIMES REPORTS MAY LUNCHEON PLANS ARE ALL SET

Luncheon Chairman Arlene Grimes reports that plans for the annual May luncheon are now complete. After the book browsing has taken place, members will move to the inside where tables will be set up and lunch served. Soft drinks and wine will be furnished as part of the luncheon price of \$8.50 per person. Food will be a Chinese

buffet. Guests are welcome. Mail your check to Arlene Grimes, 2365 Harbor View Drive, Martinez 94553. Checks should be payable to SRVGS.

All members are urged to bring any cut flowers they may have at that time to help decorate the tables. Luncheon annually has been a delightful experience; last year 43 people attended.

THIS AND THAT . . .

****The next library trip will be on April 25.** This time to the California Gen. Society Library in San Francisco. More details will be given at the coming meeting.

****A new special interest group starts in May.** Margaret Jensen will host a Nova Scotia Group at her home in Rossmoor. Tune in at the April meeting for more details of where and when.

****If any member wishes to pass around a sign-up sheet at monthly meetings, he or she should clear it with the Membership Chairperson at least a day before the meeting.**

****The National Archives has recently published a free catalog of "Aids for Gen. Research."** This 28-page catalog describes a wide selection of items related to genealogy and family history, including popular and serious research guides and new and unusual gifts. This catalog is free and may be ordered by writing: "Aids for Gen. Research," National Archives Trust Fund Board, Publications Services (NEPS) Room 1W1, Washington, D.C. 20408.

****From time to time members offer gen. books, materials, records and tapes to our society.** The Board appreciates these gestures. However, the only donations we can accept are audio cassettes. The society has no storage facilities for other items. Instead of donating to our society,

members should bring items to the May Exchange where they may either donate or sell them to other members.

****If you missed the info given by speaker Robert Moog about his "Prepackaged Family History" packets (historical events occurring in a given year printed at the top of 8 1/2" x 11" paper), here it is: Sold in 50 year packets for \$7.50 each plus 6% sales tax. Order from Moog Associates, P.O. Box 2129, Walnut Creek 94595. If you receive the GENEALOGICAL HELPER, look at Mr. Moog's full page ad on page 112, Jan-Feb '89 issue.**

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS MEET

****The Publishing Interest Group will meet Wednesday, April 12, 10 a.m. at the home Marilyn Fullam. Members will discuss the progress of their projects.**

****The British Group will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, April 24 and again May 22. Those attending the March meeting were Mary Ella Parrott, Pat Monteith, Bea O'Rand, Peg Frazier, Barbara Johnson and hostess Jean. "Holdings of the Heritage Collection" at the County Library in Pleasant Hill was reviewed as well as the booklet put out by the Centre for English Genealogy of Salt Lake City. The latter is a catalog of search services in various English records for which the customer orders prepaid, upon request. Pat Monteith shared her list of British gen. research books/materials. For more details of this "fast-track" interest group, contact one of the members mentioned above.**

****The German Group will meet at Kate Prunte's house at 1 p.m. on April 25, at Kate Prunte's house. This group decided to have meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Bring a bag lunch if you like. If any questions, call Kate at 838-9873.**

****The Irish interest Group will meet Tuesday, April 11 at the home of Carol Glover, 333 Goshen Court, San Ramon, at 10 a.m. Topic for discussion: Finding the immigrant ancestor's county of birth and where to do actual research while in Ireland.**

NEW RULE AT SUTRO

Virginia Meadowcroft has alerted us that photocopying pages from books printed before 1925 is now a no-no at the Sutro Library. The librarian explained that many of the old materials are simply falling apart after repeatedly being flattened out on the xerox machine. So go prepared to do a lot of hand copying. Ugh!

MONTHLY RAFFLE CONTINUES

The anonymously donated and beautifully home crafted 27" by 54" accent rug on display at the last meeting will still be available at this coming meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each. Reminder: this item will not be awarded until at least 150 tickets have been sold. We're getting closer to that number at each meeting. Let's make it over the top in April.

As they say at KQED during fund raising time, "The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we quit the fund raising activities." So get out your checkbooks and buy, buy, buy raffle tickets and make donations.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

A will: Being of sound mind, I spent every cent when I was alive.

****The Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Griffith Park, 4700 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles is now open. Hours: 10-5 Tuesday through Sunday. Admission: \$4.50 adults, \$3.50 for seniors and students, \$2 for children ages 2 through 12.**

MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

****This month marks the 100th anniversary of the opening of Oklahoma Territory to settlement by homesteaders. To mark this milestone the Oklahoma Gen. Society has designed a conference to celebrate the "Centennial of the 1889 Run." The event will be held June 8-10 at the Airport Hilton in Oklahoma City. It offers workshops as well as bus tours and research opportunities.**

Historically the run began at noon on 22 April 1889. By nightfall better than 10,000 people had laid claim to portions of present day Ok City. People on foot, on horseback and by train raced to the land to lay claims.

Registration is limited to 500 participants. More info is available by contacting OGS Centennial of '89 Conference, P.O. box 12986, OK City, OK 73157.

****Southern Calif. Gen. Society is hosting its 20th Annual Gen. Jamboree on April 23. It will be held in the spacious Pasadena Center Exhibition Building at 300 E. Green Street. This jamboree has been called by some reports "the premier genealogical event in the United States." In addition to a full slate of classes taught by guest speakers, there will be exhibits and gen. materials for sale covering every facet of gen. and historical research imaginable.**

****James Dent Walker is main speaker at the 4th annual Gen. Fair of the Calif. Gen. Society. Mr. Walker is an archivist and associate director for the museum and archives of the District of Columbia public schools and is well known for his knowledge of military records. The Fair will be held June 16th and 17th at the St. Mary's Conference Center; plenty of parking underground at the Center. It seems that every year this Fair gets better and better.**

Special classes will be available for \$3 each. Admission to the exhibit area is included in the door fee. For more info call 415/777-9936

FREE QUERIES IN MISSOURI PAPERS

Here are a few newspapers in Missouri which have columns accepting free queries.

Enterprise-Courier Newspaper, "Muddy Roots," P.O. Box 4, Charleston, MO 63834

Farmington Press, Genealogical Column, c/o Rob Beckerman, 1021 Market St., Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. Covers counties of Perry, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois.

Genealogical column, "Family Trails," by Tom Caulley, 419 Wood Crest, O'Fallon, MO 63366 Limited to Lincoln and surrounding counties.

Mound City News - Independent Newspaper, "Westward Ho!" limited to 50 words per query. SASE should be included for a reply. Send all mail to Westward Ho! P.O. Box 72, Graham, MO 64455

Springfield News & Leader, "Ozarks Genealogy," Lena Wills, 535 E. Bennett, Springfield, MO 65807.

"Sharing the Past," c/o Don Vincent, 936 No. Skyline Dr., Tacoma, WA 98406. Covers MO counties of Pulaski, Laclede, Webster, Wright, Texas, Phelps, Maries, Osage, Miller and Camden.

There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval.

Fame is chiefly a matter of dying at the right moment.

Spring is riss, I wonder where my great grandpa is!

BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON--EFFECTIVE 1989-1990

Please read the proposed by-laws changes below. A copy of these changes was given to each member attending the January meeting. However, for your convenience the proposals are again presented. President Marilyn Fullam will explain voting procedure at this meeting.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

2. First Vice-President shall:

- c. Be Director of the Program Committee - deleted.

3. Second Vice-President shall:

- c. Be Director of Membership Services - deleted.
Add: Be director of the Program Committee.

4. Third Vice-President shall:

- b. Assume duties assigned by the Board of Directors. -
deleted
Add: Be director of Membership Services.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. Nominating Committee shall:

- a. Consist of three members appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Change to:

- ___a. Consist of three members, one of whom should be a Board member, appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

- c. Report the list of candidates to the Board of Directors before April 1, and at the regular April meeting, ...

Change to:

- c. Report the list of candidates to the Board of Directors at the April Board meeting and present to the general membership at the regular April meeting, ...

ARTICLE IX - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

2. Nominations.

- a. The Nominating Committee shall present a list of at least one nominee for each office being vacated to the Board of Directors before April 1 and to the general membership meeting in April.

Change to:

- a. The Nominating Committee shall report a list of at least one nominee for each office being vacated to the Board of Directors at their April Board Meeting and present the list to the general membership meeting in April.

MAY 16 LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

The 1989 May Luncheon will be a Chinese buffet. Cost is \$8.50 per person. Guests are welcome. Please send completed form, along with your check, by May 8, to Arlene Grimes, 2365 Harbor View Drive, Martinez 94553. Make checks payable to: SRVGS

name _____ no. of persons _____

address _____ city _____

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