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MEETING TIME / PLACE

General Meeting Times
 Second Monday of the month
 (No meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)
 6:30 PM Social
 7:00 PM Meeting/Program

Gateway Technical College
 3520 30th Avenue
 Madrigrano Auditorium

PROGRAMS

Monday Jan 13, 2010
 "Question & Answer"
 Plus "Show 'N' Tell"

Monday Feb 11, 2010
 Deb Ketchum form
 Elkhorn Genealogy
 Center & Karen Weston
 from UW Whitewater

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Tom Nielsen

Hello all you fellow genealogy enthusiasts, Genealogy is becoming very popular pastime. It is rated the 2nd most involved hobby in the USA today. About 15 million hits on the internet are made each year, and it is growing, so congratulations everybody, you are so right on!

I urge members and guests to sit closer to the front in order to hear our speaker better. Don Kueney has been looking into microphones, but he hasn't found one yet.

The board heard that several members wished to discuss the option of refreshments at our meetings, so we will have a discussion and voting as to whether we should or should not have any at our future meetings. (See below pg. 3)

We had a smaller than usual crowd at the Christmas party, but those who were there had a good time and plenty of great food to enjoy. Unfortunately the weather may have kept some members away. Hope your holidays were great. My family and I wish you and your family the very best for the New Year.

Tom Nielsen

TIPS

One of the most common mistakes made by beginners in the hobby of family history is to spell genealogy incorrectly. Nothing shouts out "**I don't know what I'm doing!**" louder than the misspelling this pivotal word in our hobby. Typically, most failed attempts at spelling genealogy put the letter "O" where the letter "A" belongs. Like this: **geneology**

By Mark Howells

A mnemonic he devised for remembering correct spelling of the word GENEALOGY

Genealogists Examine Needed Evidence At Lots Of Grave Yards

EVENTS CALENDAR For 2010


January: 1/26/11 Wednesday 7-9 p.m.
Zion Benton Genealogy Public Library Zion, IL

February: 2/22/11 Tuesday 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Walworth County Genealogy Room @ Elkhorn
Library

March: 3/23/11 Wednesday 2 to 8 p.m.
Milwaukee Irish Resource Library, Milwaukee WI

(If anyone has a suggestion for future trips, please contact Kathy
Woods at kwoods16@wi.rr.com)

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES



SPOTLIGHT

FUTURE MEETINGS

JANUARY “Question ‘N’ Answer” & “Show ‘N’ Tell” Bring your questions to ask the members and we will try to answer them. Bring your latest find and tell us how you went about finding it. Or bring your best places to do research, your best web sites (I will put them in the next newsletter if you give me a copy), easy to use forms you have come across over the years (please print a handout for everyone, at least 40 copies), simple methods you have found over time or any tips you wish to share with the membership. Just remember everyone wants to speak so don’t monopolize the whole time.

FEBRUARY Deb Ketchum from Elkhorn Genealogy Center & Karen Weston from UW Whitewater will be our guest speakers. They will speak on their respective collections. They are very talented and great speakers. You do not want to miss this.

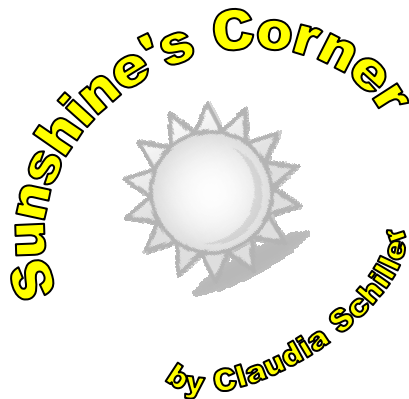
PAST MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Kim Baugrud gave a talk on beginning the organization of your mountain of genealogy papers. The most important things are to be consistent, document all resources, and back-up all information you have put on your computer with a hard copy, He also talked about how to write you genealogy story. Always start with yourself and work backwards.

DECEMBER

The Christmas party was a great success again. Even with a blizzard some of us die hard members braved the weather and showed up. (Really it wasn’t that bad because we are close to the lake). The food was delicious as always and our white elephant was a vast success too. There were 21 members present and all will be looking forward to our up coming picnic in the summer of 2011.



☞ Get well wishes were sent to:

Our vice-president, Joyce March, who has been transferred to St. Francis Terrace Nursing Home. Maybe some cards of encouragement would be helpful. The address is:

Joyce March Room 112 Bed 1
St. Francis Terrace
3200 S 20th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

SNACKS

In January we will only be having liquid refreshments. Please obtain them before you are seated so as not to interrupt the speaker. Remember if you want to visit Social Time is 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. The speaker starts at 7:00 p.m. and the general membership meeting starts at 8:30 p.m.

The board heard that several members wished to discuss the option of refreshments at our meetings, so the board decided that we will have a discussion and vote as to whether we should or should not have any snacks at our future meetings. The general membership input would be appreciated and a vote will be taken on the following.

OPTIONS:

A. No snacks, just juice

B. Refreshment committee is formed and supplies snacks and juice.

1. Club pays for snacks out of the general fund to reimburse those providing them.

OR **2.** A tip jar would be placed by the snacks, to reimburse those providing them.

C. Everyone ought to volunteer to bring snacks at least once during the year. There will be 4-5 people responsible every meeting to provide these snacks and juice.

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OR **2.** A tip jar would be placed by the snacks, to reimburse those providing them.

If snacks are to be kept, please keep in mind to make this possible we need people to contribute fairly for what they consume.

FYI

Cook Memorial Public Library District

They have reached the final phase of their building project, and their newly-expanded Cook Park Library, Illinois is set to open in early January.

Here's a closer look at how the move will temporarily affect library service in the Cook Memorial Public Library District.

Library Closings The Temporary Library Center (TLC) will **permanently** close its doors on Thursday, December 16, at 5 p.m.

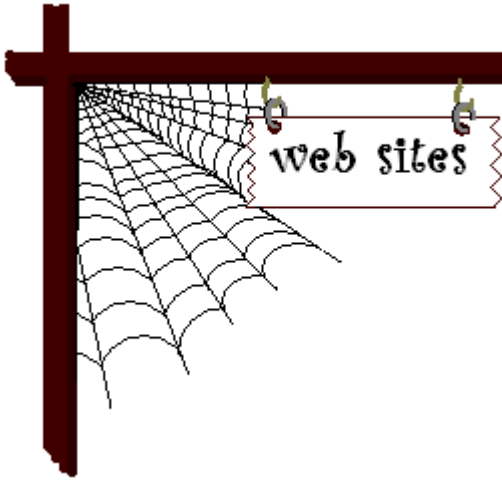
The Aspen Drive Library will **temporarily** close on Thursday, December 16, at 5 p.m., and is expected to reopen on Saturday, December 18 at 9 a.m.

Holds While they are in the process of moving, you will be unable to place holds, interlibrary loans or LINKin requests for the month of December. This suspension also applies to the Aspen Drive Library and the Bookmobile.

Returning Items The drop boxes at TLC will remain open until December 31. On January 1, materials can be returned to our new drive-up returns at the Cook Park Library.

Continued Service Aspen Drive Library (with the exception of the evening of Thursday, December 16, and Friday, December 17) will continue to be open during this transition. Please visit the new, beautiful building located at 701 Aspen Drive in Vernon Hills, if you haven't had the opportunity!

Questions call: (847) 362-2330



General Genealogy Sites

If you are researching ancestors in Scotland:

- www.genuki.org.uk General Register Office
- www.gro-scotland.gov.uk Ship Passenger lists
- <http://news.scotsman.com/news/At-touch-of-a-button.6559970.jp?articlepage=1>
- <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/SCT/AYRSHIRE.html>
- <http://www.scotlandpeople.gov.uk/>

Ancestry Magazine Online

Ancestry Magazine is no longer being published.

All issues are posted online at Google Books for free. You can keyword and surname search. Here is the link:

<http://books.google.com/books/serial/FTqEAAAAMBAJ?rview=l&lr=&sa=N&start=0>



THE BRICK WALL

Taking them down one by one

Here is a tip from my cousin (in-law) from Canada. She broke a huge brick wall in the family. Go to Google and put in the first and last name of person then the year of birth then the town and country of birth. And do it all in a set of quotes. She found a message board this way and then replied to a message posted from last year. **Example:** "John Smith, 1700, New York"

She found my husband's GG Grandfather, his wife & family plus his mother and his brothers & sisters.



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MEMBERS ONLY PAGES

(Answers to the Holiday Games)

NAMES OF St. NICHOLAS

Dun Che Lao Ren **China**

Papai Noel **Brazil**

Weihnachtsmann **Germany**

Santa Claus **USA**

Jultomten **Sweden**

Julemanden **Denmark**

Kanakaloka **Hawaii**

Father Christmas **England**

Pere Noel **France**

Babbo Natale **Italy**

Kerstman **Netherlands**

Dedt Moroz **Yugoslavia**

Jolasveinar **Iceland**

Joulupukki **Finland**

Bellsnickerle **Old American**

Kris Kringle **Austarila/Canada**

Sinterklaas **Holland**

Svaty Miklas **Czechoslovakia**

Hagios Nikolaos **Greece**

Dyed Moroz **Russia**

Bozicek **Slovenia**

Sinterklas **Indonesia**

Kerstman **Belgium**

Gwiazdor **Poland**

Ganesha **India**

Diado Coleda **Bulgaria**

Mikulas **Hungary**

Gaghant Baba **Armenia**

Hoteisho **Japan**

Christkindle **Czech Republic**

REINDEER GAMES ANSWERS

He'll be dressed in a tutu. **Dancer**

Always trying to be the match maker. **Cupid**

He considers himself Spanish royalty. **Comet**

Has a second job as a linebacker. **Donner**

First Reindeer to learn hip hop. **Dancer**

You'd find him cleaning your bathroom. **Comet**

Plays mean tricks on the elves. **Blitzen**

The fastest of them all. **Dasher**

Considers himself very stylish. **Vixen**

Always wants Santa to fly in an egg shaped pattern. **Blitzen**

He'll light the way through the fog. **Rudolph**

Always on his hind legs trying to impress Santa.

Prancer

His second favorite holiday is Valentine's Day.

Cupid

The others consider his pompous gait a little irritating. **Prancer**

FILL IN THE BLANK ANSWERS

1. **B** A Star

2. **D** They reconciled

3. **D** She was walking down the sidewalk minding her own business

4. **C** Figgy pudding

5. **A** Created as a department-store promotion

6. **D** Say your prayers

7. **C** Sable

8. **D** An alcoholic drink

9. **D** Alleluia

10. **A** "Do you hear what I hear?"

CLUB PICTURES:

CHRISTMAS PARTY

