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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 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Madrigrano Auditorium

## PROGRAMS

**Monday Nov 8, 2010**  
Professor Kim Baugrud  
Professor at UWM  
Organization and signing  
his new book

**Sunday Dec 12, 2010**  
Danish Brotherhood  
Club House  
Christmas Party  
@12 noon

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Tom Nielsen



Hello Fellow Genealogy Enthusiasts

Once again I feel that we have an exciting season upon us. Let's all help each other and share all our skills and knowledge that we have available to us, with one another. It looks like we are having that membership sign up explosion I talked about. This is all due to your enthusiasm for our splendid club and for getting the word out there to everyone of what we have to offer. We had a great visit to the Elkor Family History and Educational Center where Marshall and Priscilla Wren were eager to assist all of us in our search for our ancestors. A special Thanks to Kathy Woods in planning this wonderful trip. Hope she plans many more for the future.

Tom

## TIP OF THE MONTH

Organizing That Clutter

Don't try to tackle everything at once. It can be just too overwhelming. Start with your shortest branch and organize them first. Then go to the next shortest one and so on, until the whole thing is done. That way you will have a sense of accomplishment with each branch completed.

(If you wish to submit a tip please contact Trisha at [celtic3design@att.net](mailto:celtic3design@att.net) )

## EVENTS CALENDAR For 2010

### November:

11-16-10 Arlington Hts. IL Public Library  
Michael will greet and give a tour of their collection. The afternoon will bring a DAR representative to answer your questions.

### December:

Annual Christmas Party Dec at the Danish Brotherhood Club  
12 Noon bring a dish to pass and a wrapped white elephant gift (optional) to exchange

### January:

1-19-11 Zion IL Public Library

### February:

2-22-11 Walworth County Genealogy Room at Elkorn Library

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



## PAST MEETINGS

### SEPTEMBER

Mr. & Mrs. Wren gave a very informative talk on the Elkorn Family History Library. They told us what is in their collection and a little bit about it then opened the floor up for questions. I think that was the best part when everyone was able to ask questions and get some very excellent answers.

### OCTOBER

PCinC Steven Michaels gave a talk on the Civil War. He also discussed his findings in regard to his family and what he has found. Some of the places he suggested we visit are:

[www.suvcw-wi.org](http://www.suvcw-wi.org) (sons of union veterans of the civil war)

[www.geocities.com/Area51/Lair/368/cw/cw.html](http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Lair/368/cw/cw.html) (on line source for rosters from all states)

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### NOVEMBER

Monday Nov 8, 2010 Professor at UWM Kim Baugrud, will speak on the art of organization. He will also be there to sign his new book.

### DECEMBER

Sunday Dec 12, 2010 we will be meeting at the Danish Brotherhood Club House for our annual Christmas Party scheduled to take place at 12 noon. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass and your white elephant present to trade if you want to participate in our exchange.



### **Get well wishes were sent to:**

#### **☞ SEPT:**

Maria Sorensen as her father fell and was injured.  
Joyce March as she is in the hospital for surgery

#### **☞ OCT:**

Joyce March is still in the hospital after two brain surgeries  
Peter Grabas who fell and injured his leg.  
Jeff Huff as he had a detached retina.

## **TITLE**

By Trisha McMaster

I recently had the opportunity to go to a Free Genealogy Workshop held in Hales Corners WI. It is an annual event and definitely worth the effort to attend. I am looking forward to next year already. There were different sessions you could attend. Here are the ones I attended:

### **Researching Your German Ancestors** presented by Gary Haas

The best book to use is called "The German Reach Companion". Germans tended to immigrate in whole groups, so if you can't find your ancestor try looking for someone else from the same town.

### **Documenting Sources & Adding Notes** presented by Jane Orne

A *Repository* is the actual address of the place where you found your information and a *Source* is the name of the information you found.

Example:

Town Register Birth Record (*source*)

Court House, 1234 Street, Anywhere, USA (*repository*)

### **Folders & Sub-Folders** presented by Pat Mundstock

This is one of those personal preferences. Whatever makes sense to you. Just keep it consistent. Such as :

*Location* (town, city, country), *Document Type* (certificates, licenses) *Dates* (decades, century),

*Events* (birth, marriage, death), and *Electronic only* (jpg, pdf, doc).

### **Internet Searches** presented by Pat Mundstock

Google now has a wonder wheel that helps you narrow your searches. Intriguing.

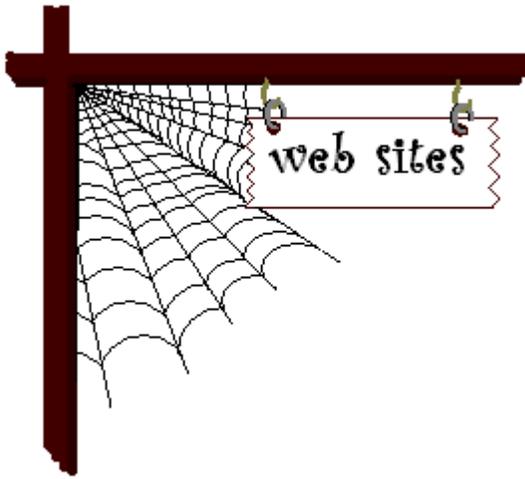
### **Getting Over Those Brick Walls** presented by Bob Heck

In some German & Swiss communities if the man married and lived on his wife's parents property he took her last name instead of her taking his last name. So be careful when looking for a name.

### **Using Technology to Research Your Ancestors** presented by Gary Haas

We got to see the latest gadgets just coming out on the market. Very fascinating.

On the whole I had a very enjoyable time and would recommend it to anyone interested in genealogy and how to acquire more knowledge for researching.



## General Genealogy Sites

(if you want to check out passenger lists)

<http://www.theshipslist.com/>

<http://www.immigrantships.net/>

<http://www.castlegarden.org/>

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/passengermanifestsearchcontents.html>

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/results/anc?>

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

## THE BRICK WALL

*Taking them down one by one*



I recently was going back through my files and stopped to re-read some of the information I had previously gathered. It was a passport application by my great-great-uncle. In doing so, I not only discovered that my Great-great-grandfather left from the port of Queenstown, Ireland but on the date of April 1, 1880. I have read this several times but it just goes to show you, it never hurts to take a second or even a third closer look at all those papers you have gathered. There are so many clues to look at that it is not hard to miss one once in awhile.



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## **QUESTION & ANSWER SECTION**



### **QUESTION:**

How do I organize all those papers?

### **ANSWER:**

There is no *one way* to do that. Everyone has their own system that works for them. But I will let you know how I do it.

### **What to do with all those papers?**

1. Get a file cabinet of some kind. It can be a 2-drawer, 4-drawer, or even just a small portable plastic or cardboard box type. Depending on the amount of information you have.
2. Decide if you prefer hanging file folders or manila folders. Hanging files take extra room and are more expensive but don't slip down between others like manila ones do. It is a personal preference, but be consistent.
3. I took a list of every name in my database and printed them off on card stock, to make them easier to slip in the plastic tabs. Since I see color first I decided to color code them. My husband's side is printed on one color and my side is another one.
4. I put the names on each folder in my file cabinet alphabetically. I decided that I had too many so I have one drawer for my side and another one for my husband's side.
5. Because I have hanging file folders I was able to put my mother's side on one and my father's side on the other. So as I go back in the file if I am looking for someone on my father's side I know to look on the right side of the folders and if it is for my mother's side I look on the left side of the folders. Yet both are in the same drawer.
6. I started with the group that I have smallest amount for. I took all the papers and put them in the proper folders. Then I was able to take one folder at a time and make sure all information from that folder is entered in my computer database. This way I felt I had accomplished something much sooner.

**Watch next month for more questions and answers to come.**

Send any genealogy questions to: [celtic3design@att.net](mailto:celtic3design@att.net)  
I will try to answer them here in this section. Don't forget to mark in the subject line "society question"