

Minutes of the General Meeting, Bay Area Genealogical Society, August 31, 2003

President Carolyn Hellen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Roy Hellen led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeanine Lawrence led us with a prayer.

We adjourned to have our "Pot Luck Supper" and "Show and Tell" items from the members of the society.

Carolyn acknowledged the visitors who were present. We also had two presidents at the meeting: Linda Johnson Cooper, President of Texas City Genealogical Society and Herman Taub, President of the Galveston Genealogical Society and his wife First Vice-President of the Galveston Genealogical Society.

Carolyn announced that Elizabeth (Liz) Hicks has been elected President of The Clayton Library Friends. Ms. Hicks is also a member of Bay Area Genealogical Society.

Robert de Berardinis, a director of Clayton Library Friends told us about their upcoming seminar on "Getting to Know the Cuban Papers". It will be held **Saturday, September 27, 2003** in the auditorium of the Julia Ideson Building of Houston Public Library, Downtown Location, 500 McKinney. It will be from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Professor Paul E. Hoffman from LSU. Robert de Berardinis will speak from 1:00 – 3:00 on "Understanding French Documents in the Cuban Papers".

John Sellers, a noted speaker in Hopkins County, will present a Genealogical Seminar at the Charles T. Doyle Convention Center, 2012 5th Avenue North, Texas City, TX on September 13, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be sponsored by the Moore Memorial Public Library in cooperation with the Texas City Ancestry Searchers. He will also bring tapes of other seminars.

Business:

1. The next meeting will be **Sunday, September 28, 2003 in the Chapel** instead of the Great Room.
2. We will have two hotels for the Salt Lake City Trip: It will be \$45.00 a night at the Holiday Inn – Downtown and \$65.00 a night at the Best Western – Plaza.
3. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who would like to receive the newsletter by mail. Leo Waltz will put the newsletter online for those who have e-mail.
4. We have filing cabinets. Carolyn showed us examples of what to bring for it: pamphlets pertaining to genealogy, pedigree charts, genealogy information that we find on the internet.
5. Karen Stanley will be our speaker at the September meeting. Her topic will be "Genealogy Research Using Clayton's Online Databases".

We had the election of officers:

President – Neil Miserendino – no other nominations

First Vice President – Resa Hennings – no other nominations

Second Vice President – Dick Warren – no other nominations
Recording Secretary – Mary Martin – no other nominations
Corresponding Secretary – Shirley Lindquist – no other nominations
Treasurer – Linda Goerland – no other nominations
Registrar – Ron Cox – no other nominations
This slate was elected to fill the offices for the coming year.

Bill Teas made an announcement that Clayton Library is in desperate need of volunteers. Clayton Library has lost two more people that will not be replaced. There are volunteers needed in these areas:

1. Microfilm upstairs, sit at the desk and assign readers to researchers
2. Shelve books
3. Sit at the front desk at the Clayton House with the Family Histories and help researchers

Sandy Scott is the Volunteer Coordinator. Call Irene Walters if you would like to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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