

BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2003

President Carolyn Hellen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence opened with a "welcome" to all attending the meeting. The October and December meetings will be in the "Chapel" and November meeting will be in the "Great Room". Jeanine read from 1 Chronicles 16 and led us in a prayer.

Bill Teas, the incoming Sergeant-at-Arms led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dottie Crabb and Resa Hennings presented Carolyn, retiring president, with a corsage and an engraved pin. Doug Wilson presented her with a plaque from the Society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. On Sunday, October 5, Carolyn Hellen will hold a "Not for Beginners Only" Heritage Scrapbook class. Please let Carolyn know by Saturday, October 4 if you would like to attend. The class has written to states asking for certificates of birth, death, and marriage. The class will start writing family histories.
2. The Salt Lake City Library and Research Center is closed on Sundays. The Plaza Hotel is \$69.00, and the Holiday Inn is \$45.00 including transportation on a shuttle bus. We will leave on a Wednesday and come back on a Wednesday in February. Alice Jones is in charge of this trip.
3. The September newsletter was available on the internet, and Leo Waltz, Webmaster, did it.
4. The Genealogical and Cultural Conference will be held October 16-18 at the Omni Houston Hotel Westside. It will be about Slovaks, Czechoslovakians, people from Holland, and others. There is a handout on the back table with information and websites.

Carolyn Hellen installed the new officers. Neil Miserendino, President is now the head of the organization. Resa Hennings, First Vice-President is the arms of the organization because she embraces it. Dick Warren, Second Vice-President is the heart of the organization with the programs. Mary Martin, Recording Secretary, is the right hand. Shirley Lindquist, Corresponding Secretary, is the left hand. Linda Goerland, Treasurer, is the legs because she will have to run after the dues. Ron Cox, Registrar, is the feet because that is where we are anchored. The body is the members who hold the organization together. Carolyn Hellen passed the gavel to President Neil Miserendino.

Neil Miserendino introduced Karen Stanley who will present a program on "Genealogy Research Using Clayton's Online Databases". She has been a librarian at the Clayton Genealogical Library.

President Neil Miserendino, resumed the meeting with some more announcements:
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Annual dues are due. Linda Goerland and Ron Cox are in the back of the room if you would like to pay them.
2. If you need to get a newsletter by mail, there is someone at the back table who can help you.
3. Please leave your nametags at the door.
4. We need volunteers for photography.
5. We need helpers for newsletter distribution when the regular people are traveling or on vacation.
6. The "Surname Databases" are on sale for \$5.00.
7. The October 26 general meeting will be held in the "Chapel".
8. We will have a group going to the Texas City Library, tomorrow, Monday, September 29 for those who have taken the classes and anyone else who would like to go. We will meet at 10:30 a.m.
9. We had 107 people present at tonight's meeting. This is the largest group that we have had.
10. There are sign-up sheets in the back for the October and November County Bus Trips to the Clayton Library.
11. Alice Jones will have a sign up sheet for the Salt Lake City Trip.
12. Sarah Jackson, Archivist for Harris County will present a "Family Preservation Day" at the Julia Ideson Building in downtown Houston (Old Library Building), in the Reynolds Room on the first floor on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There are handouts in the back of the room for this meeting. The Harris County Archives has tax records, Justice of the Peace records, tax assessment records from 1915-1982, and other records. They need volunteers to work on 1000 volumes of Harris County records. This would be a good project for groups. You can see what an empty space looks like developing an archive.
13. The visitors at this meeting were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary.