

## **Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Sunday, April 25, 2004**

President Neil Miserendino called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 5:08 p.m.

Jeanine Lawrence welcomed everyone and gave them information about the restrooms, etc. Jeanine read from the Bible beginning with Genesis 1:26. She led us in a prayer.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Teas, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Neil Miserendino called on Betty Dunquez, Past President of the Texas State Genealogical Society to talk about the meeting of the Federation of Genealogical Societies in Austin, September 8-11 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Ms. Dunquez is the Co-Host of this meeting. It will have nationally known speakers, vendors with books, computer packages, and other things available. Tapes of some of the seminars will be available for purchase. The last meeting of this magnitude in Texas was in Dallas in 1997. The meeting of the National Genealogical Society will be in Sacramento, California in May. There are programs for this meeting in the back of the room. The program has a good map in the back showing locations of hotels, etc. Ms. Dunquez invited everyone to come to Austin. The meetings will be located in the new Austin Convention Center. This will be a good conference.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next Bus trips to the Clayton Library are Wednesday, April 28 and Tuesday, May 18. There are sign-up sheets for both trips in the back of the room. The last two trips are Tuesday, June 29 and Tuesday, August 17.
2. We also have sign-up sheets to help with the Houston Archives. You can be a part of this great service project.
3. Every month, we have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring food to the next meeting. Please sign-up and participate.
4. If you did not get your yearbook last month, pick it up from Resa in the back of the room.
5. Copies of websites to visit and past speaker's handouts are available for a small fee.
6. New members will receive a new member packet. See Doug or Polly Wilson to receive one.
7. Sign up for Officer Nominating Committee. We need three people.
8. Supplements are available from the March meeting. They are entitled "Five Tribes Research" by Marjorie J. Lowe.

We adjourned from the meeting to hear the speaker. Dick Warren introduced the speaker Loretta "Tommy" Burns who will present: "Finding Aids for Our Confederate Ancestors". An attorney trained Ms. Burns as a legal researcher. She has 40 years

experience researching and 35 professional years researching genealogy. Ms. Burns is a member of several societies.

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9. The May meeting will be held in the Chapel on the first floor instead of the Great Room.
10. Neil Miserendino thanked the following people for bring food: Patsy McCall, Carol Lynn O'Neal, Shirley Hughes, Glenda Warren, Mary Olsen, Dennis Rohlfring, Annette Bowen, Gail Wittich, Joan Homann, and Wanda Yelverton.
11. Neil Miserendino welcomed the following visitors: Reba Teel, Darwin Gilmore, Betty Dunquez, Janie Kennedy, Karen and Gary Wedekind, Bob Cantrell, Denetta Dwyer, Catherine Widerquist, and Loretta "Tommy" and John Burns.

President Neil Miserendino adjourned the meeting for the Social Hour.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary