

Bay Area Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes Friday, January 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice-President Alice Braud-Jones at 7:00. Alice welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Neil Miserendino led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

Jeanine Lawrence gave the invocation, reading from Matthew 17:1-9 and led the group in prayer.

Alice had the visitors introduce themselves and tell a little bit about their ancestors. There were 93 in attendance, including 17 visitors: Eileen Darbonne, Robin Etie, Walena Medlin, Patsy Chappellean, Ronnie Samms, Cathy Todd, Jody Russeau, Virginia Nelson, (first name unknown) Bly, Barbara Brown, Candy Tinnery, Myrah Alvarez, Tony Alvarez, Eric Ray, Terry Stone, Christine Senius, and Barbara Cecil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Neil Miserendino has the new *Yearbooks* to be picked up, and he has the *BAGS Cookbook* for sale for \$15.00
2. The *December 2008 Quarterly* is ready to be picked up. Melodey Hauch has Mt. Olivet Cemetery transcriptions in this *Quarterly* from the mausoleum which was the first section to be finished. It was transcribed by Rose Mary Fritz, Mary Brandhorst and Helene Stein. B-North is the next segment to be worked on. Melodey has some forms that we can fill out on the website. We need people to put the transcriptions in the database. We will have workdays on Thursday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 24 at the cemetery at 10:00 a.m. They will finish up the transcriptions and get the information from the new graves.
3. We need "Five-Generation Charts" to be added to the *Quarterly*. We can use generations past the first five generations. Give your charts to Melodey Hauch or Eleanor Caldwell.
4. Shirley Lindquist, Member Services Chairman, handed out a "Member Services Survey 2009" to each person at the meeting to be filled out. The classes will be scheduled based on interests.
5. Shirley Lindquist, Member Services Chairman, announced that we are partnering with the Family History Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Clear Lake located at 1802 Gunwale with a program called the "Portal" on March 7 from 10:00 – 12:00. There is no charge for this program. There will be a lecture and computer time. The Family History Centers have digitized records from the National Archives using the original documents which are available for the public to use. Contact Shirley Lindquist or Kathryn Black Morrow if you are interested in attending this program.
6. Saturday, March 7, The League City Historical Society will present "The Greatest Generation: Veterans of World War II – Ghosts of the Past" from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. with a tour beginning every half hour. It will be a guided tour of Fairview Cemetery; located at the 210 N. Kansas on the banks of Clear Creek and eight costumed "ghosts" will enlighten you with tales of WW II Veterans. Adults are \$10.00; Seniors (60+) and

Students (age 4 – 18) are \$5.00. Admission price includes both tours, and you may start at either location.

7. Judy Henderson, President of the Bluebonnet Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Friendswood, announced a program on Military Research at the Galloway School in Friendswood on Bay Area Blvd. The program will be on Saturday, February 28. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. Linda Kay Shuffield, a genealogist, will be the speaker. Registration is at 8:30. Call Judy Henderson at 281-482-7888 or e-mail judy39@hal-pc.org to register or for information.
8. The next bus trip to the Clayton Library will be Wednesday, February 4 which will leave the Clear Lake Recreation Center at 8:30 a.m., so that we can at the library in time for the ProQuest Program. The other scheduled trips are Thursday, February 26 and Thursday, March 12; these programs will leave the Clear Lake Recreation Center at 9:00 a.m.
9. The Clayton Library renovation is almost finished. On Saturday, February 14 (Valentine's Day), the Clayton Library Friends will have a meeting at 10:15 at the Clayton Library Carriage House. On Monday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m., Mayor Bill White will formally open the facilities at the "Grand Opening Ceremony". Saturday, March 14, there will be a program presented by the Ulster Society entitled "The Irish are Coming". The most that it will cost may be \$20.00. There is a \$9.00 fee for lunch. Only 90 people can register for this program.
10. Our next meeting will be February 27. Bruce Lockett will present a program entitled "Civil War History of East Texas – Treasure to be Found". Mr. Lockett is the President of the Beaumont Genealogical Society.

The meeting adjourned for the speaker.

Alice introduced speaker, Irene B. Walters who is Clayton Library's "Yankee Librarian". She started working at the Clayton Library in September 1997. Her program, entitled "Using Newspapers to Flesh out Your Genealogy" was very informative. Ms. Walters is working with the LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, on a program at the Clayton Library. Books in the public domain (published before 1921) at the Clayton Library will be digitized and made available free of charge on the Family History Library's website.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin
Recording Secretary