

Bay Area Genealogical Society  
General Meeting Program  
April 25, 2014

The General meeting was called to order by President, Shirley Lindquist at 7:05 p.m.

Neil Miserendino led the pledges to the U. S. flag and to the Texas state flag.

The President introduced the new Registrar, Bob Wegner and his assistant, his wife, Betty Wegner. The President, also announced that Bettyjean Spatafore is the new Greeter that will be welcoming us all to the General meetings.

Polly Swerdlin gave a brief assessment of the SIGS. She said the one in Friendswood Library for the British Isle SIG had 19 people. The next one at Friendswood Library is to be on May 6.

The next one on the African American SIG is to be May 12. The first one had 12 people. She felt there would have been more but it was raining very hard and thought people didn't want to get out in the weather.

The SIG will be 6 months long.

She is looking forward to ideas for next year's SIG program.

The Yearbooks are available to be picked up at the back of the room.

The next bus trip to Clayton is May 21 with a sign up sheet at the back of the room.

The bus leaves from Diana St. Rec. centre at 9:15.

Eleanor Caldwell announced that she had cataract surgery and will be functioning again soon, so get your Pedigree charts to her. A question about format was asked but Eleanor said that format doesn't matter as she has to retype it anyway.

Shirley Lindquist, the President asked Deborah Gammon to tell about her recent project. Deborah Gammon announced that she had been interviewed by Kevin Reece of Channel 11 KHOU news that afternoon and it was to be aired at 10 p.m.

Deborah also told about a new app for iphone that she had discovered for scanning material called Genius Scan.

The evenings visitors were introduced by Shirley Lindquist.

Kim Zrubek introduced the evenings' speaker, Sue Yerby who is a retired legal assistant. Sue is on the Clayton Library board for Clayton Friends. She is a DAR member and a member of Texas State Genealogical Society as well. She volunteers at Clayton House on Saturdays between noon and 2 p.m.

It was announced that the Federation of Genealogical Societies is August 17-30, 2014 and that Clayton Library Friends will be giving away day passes to the conference.

Sue Yerby began her presentation by announcing that Familysearch.org has added 107 million images to their website.

Sue's presentation was on Family History Portal Resources. The list of resources included "Heritage Quest Online", Historic Map Works Library Edition, Legacy Stories, Origins.net, Paper Trail, World Vital Records, The 19<sup>th</sup> Century British Library Newspapers digital archive, Access Newspaper Archives, Alexander Street Press, American Civil War, Ancestry.com, ArkivDigital Online, Find My Past, Fold3, and The Genealogist.

Sue said that if we had to pay for all the above websites that it would cost \$1,102.00 per year.

Sue, also, encouraged our society to index records.

Sue answered questions from the group. Kim thanked our speaker and presented her with a padfolio.

Kim announced that she will be doing a class on Heritage Quest at Friendswood Library at 2 p.m. on Monday morning, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 8:15.p.m.

Respectively submitted,

*Deborah C. Gammon*