



Bay Area Genealogical Society (BAGS)

General Meeting Agenda

Friday, July 28, 2023

Call to Order – Polly Swerdlin, Web Editor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Welcome to Visitors and New Members – Polly welcomed visitors and new members to the meeting and reminded visitors that they may attend two meetings prior to joining the society.

- **Membership Report:** Polly announced that the number of current members is 157.

Announcements

- **Committee Help** – Polly announced that if members are interested in serving on a committee to please send an email to info@txbagareagen.org.
- **Nominations for officers** – Polly announced that members who are interested in serving as an officer or wish to nominate someone for an officer's position to contact Kim Zrubek at education@txbayareagen.org.
- **Announcements from the floor:** Polly requested that if you have an announcement to please either raise your hand or post the announcement in the chat box.
- **Mid-Term Changes to the Board** – Polly announced that Lisa Smith has resigned as President due to personal reason, however, she will remain in the position of Email Coordinator. Polly announced that Teresa Rundell as Acting 1st Vice President will assume the role of Acting President until the end of 2023. Polly informed the members that the role of 2nd Vice President is also vacant, however, Kitty Olson as Chair of the Programs Committee has assumed the position of Acting 2nd Vice President until the end of 2023.

Future Events – Polly encouraged members to attend the following events and she reminded members other upcoming events are posted on the sidebar of the home page.

- **Members Helping Members:** Designed to provide an avenue for members to share recent research discoveries or accomplishments and provide a means to ask for assistance with roadblocks. See the website for details.
 - **In-Person – Clear Lake - Freeman Library – Tuesday, August 22 10:00 AM-12:30 PM**
 - **In-Person – Friendswood FamilySearch Center – 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**
Next meeting **August 16**. Open only to BAGS members for research. Members are encouraged to bring a laptop and use the Center's Wi-Fi or use one of the Center's six computers.
 - **Online via Zoom #1 – Monday mornings at 10:00 AM**
Moderators: Renee Ball and George Porterfield
 - **Online via Zoom #2 – Monday evenings at 7:00 PM** (except August 21 due to Board meeting)
Moderator: Kim Zrubek
 - **Online via Zoom #3 – Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM** Focus on Family Tree Maker
Moderator: Renee Ball
- **German Special Interest Group – Online via Zoom 2nd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**
Next session **September 13**. Moderators: George Porterfield and Karen Engelauf. No meeting in August.



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- **Clayton Bus Trips – TBD sometime in September**

Polly announced that a bus trip to Clayton Library is planned for September, however, a date has yet to be finalized. She reminded members that we must have at least 10 members confirmed two weeks in advance of the scheduled date. Polly announced that members will meet at 16511 Diana Lane, Houston at 9:15 AM. Printing and copying materials at the library are currently unavailable so members will need to bring a flash drive to save any records. Lunch is on your own. For more information, contact Kathleen Williams at countycoord@txbayareagen.org or go to the sidebar or Trips page of the website.

- **Meet N Munch**

- **Sunday, July 30 4:00 - 6:00 PM** at Jason's Deli, 541 Bay Area Blvd, Webster, TX between Gulf Freeway & Highway 3.
- **Sunday, August 27 4:00 - 6:00 PM** at Gringo's Mexican Kitchen, 2202 Broadway St., Pearland

Tonight's Program – It Takes a Village – Community Research (Live Virtual) by Diana Smith

- Polly introduced the speaker, Diana Smith, who has been researching genealogy since childhood and served as a lay librarian at the local Family History Center for more than twenty years. She has written for numerous genealogical publications and serves as an instructor for FamilyTree University and on the faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies.
- Polly announced that a recording of tonight's presentation will be available on the Members Only section of the website for 90 days. Polly informed members that "this presentation is copyrighted by the Speaker, may not be downloaded, screen-captured or otherwise further recorded and may not be further reproduced with the express written consent of Speaker."

Next General Meeting – Saturday, August 26, 2023, at NOON (in person)

- Polly announced the August meeting will be held in person at the University Baptist Church. The program is the annual "Show and Tell" with an accompanying potluck luncheon. Polly encouraged members to bring side dishes and/or desserts; BAGS will provide barbecue meats.
- Polly announced that members who wish to share a story, heirloom or project that are working on should send an email to Kitty Olson at programs@txbayareagen.org by no later than Friday, August 18.

Adjournment – Polly adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.