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October Program

October 20, 2016	
6:00 PM	German ancestry study group
7:00 PM	"You Have A Story to Tell" Vicky Wolff

Vicky Wolff, a former President of GSSC is speaking on Writing Family Histories. She has traveled far to do Family research, and has written and put together several family histories. Listen and learn how to craft your family history. This program will help you start your own story, your legacy to your family.

A Few Words from Your President

Bev Johnson

Fall Greetings, all. I suspect many of you, as do I, welcome a change of the seasons. Not only a refreshing change of the weather, Fall begins to suggest the coming of the holiday season along with the end of the current year and yet another new year and the beginning of early planning for the new year to come. Such is the case for our Society and its leadership.

Transparency seems to be the current buzz word so I will tackle my following comments with that in mind. At our September Board of Directors meeting several issues confronted us with decisions requiring a change in direction, namely Newsletter printing issues and budgeting issues. Sound budgeting principles require that our income must support our expenses. The reality is that some of our major expenses have increased while our income has not. As your leadership tackles these issues, it needs to be said that providing quality services to our members remain the primary objective while trimming the frills where possible.



Issue 1. The Researcher, our monthly newsletter, no longer will have the use of the printing service we have used for years. Bluntly, printing costs have risen to a level of cost which our budget cannot support. This issue has been resolved as we now have a resource within our own membership that will do the printing we need at no cost to us. However, we all have to "give" a bit. Therefore, beginning in January, 2017 the mailing of our newsletter will go to only those members without electronic access. We appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.

Issue 2. Unless you have read through the budget that was prepared for 2016, you may not have noticed that the yearly rent for the facility we use for our meetings has risen to \$1000.00 which includes a Board meeting and a General meeting each month. There is a good possibility that the Board meetings in 2017 will be held at a different location requiring no rental fee, thereby a significant savings.

Having confronted these two issues, I can assure our members, without hesitation, we continue to be a financially sound organization while at the same time we continue to serve our members with quality services and new opportunities. Change can sometimes be difficult but compromise and an open mind can often lead to better things. Your understanding in these matters is appreciated.

Rarely are you, the members, called upon to support a Society fundraising event but our upcoming holiday poinsettia sale is one where we need each of you. Let's all get behind this effort this year and raise the bar of its success. Great holiday gifts!



Time to go rake up the leaves in my yard and..... my family tree!!

October Program

by Jennifer McDonald, 1st Vice President

“YOU Have a Story to Tell”

Presented by Vicky Wolff

Everyone has a story to tell. What's yours?.....

Only you know your story, so write it down and pass it on.

This program will help you start your own story, your legacy to your family.

In this program you will learn different means to tell your personal story and how to also do your ancestral story.

The thing is to get things down so it can be preserved for your family and the future. Start today without delay!

Early American Cookery

by Lewis M. Ruddick

Salamongundy

A salad for an American who could have been King. A recipe from the kitchen of Martha Washington.

Ingredients

2 heads romaine lettuce, cored and thinly sliced crosswise
 1 roasted chicken (about 3 pounds), carved into breasts, wings, and legs
 10 to 12 anchovies
 1 lemon, diced
 4 yolks of hardboiled large eggs, minced
 1 bunch fresh parsley, stemmed and chopped
 1/2 pound small white onions (can use pearl onions), cooked and peeled
 Mrs. Taylor's Sallad Dressing
 Salt
 Ground black pepper
 Blanched red grapes for garnish
 Blanched young green beans or haricots verts for garnish
 Nasturtium blossoms for garnish



Instructions

- Arrange the lettuce in a serving dish.
- Remove the skin and meat from the chicken wings and breasts, and cut the meat into thin slices. Alternate the slices with about 10 of the anchovies, sliced if desired, on top of the lettuce and around the dish.
- Remove the skin and meat from the chicken legs, and cut the meat into small dice. Combine with the lemon, egg yolks, parsley, and any remaining anchovies, if desired. Heap the mixture in the middle of the dish, piling it up as high as possible.
- Place the largest onions on top of the salamongundy. Arrange the rest of the onions around the edges of the dish. If you are holding the salad to serve later, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 2 hours.
- To serve, pour Mrs. Taylor's Sallad Dressing over the salad, season with salt and pepper, and garnish with grapes, green beans, and nasturtium flowers.

<http://www.mountvernon.org/recipes/salamongundy/>

2017 GSSC Officer Nominations

PRESIDENT	Dale Thompson
1 st VICE PRESIDENT	Jennifer McDonald
2 nd VICE PRESIDENT	Pamela Atherstone
SECRETARY	Dot Kreiter
TREASURER	Jay Mirza
DIRECTOR AT LARGE:	Term Ending
Heidi Arno (completing 1st year)	1 2017
Jackie Niemeyer (completing 1st year)	2 2017
Diane Conklin	3 2018
Diane Seiger	4 2018
Nancy Seaver	5 2018



The above individuals have been nominated for the designated offices for 2017. Nominations can also be made from the floor during the General Meeting.

Our Fall Seminar will be October 22, 2016 Mark your calendar!

Morning Session with **Robyn Echols** will teach us on Blog your family history How Census and Tax Forms Can Lead to Other Records, and RAMBLE America-Some Factors Affecting Migration in North America <http://www.robynchols.com/contact.html>



Afternoon Session with **James M. Baker, PhD, CG**
 Getting Started with German Genealogy
 The Peripatetic Germans: German Emigration and Immigration (1693-1914)
 German Genealogy Gems: Going Beyond the German Church Records
<http://familytreewebinars.com/jamesbaker>

Flyer attached



Sacramento Family Search Library

Presents a Genealogical Seminar

"The Search Is On" Saturday, November 12, 2016 . 8:30- 3:00 2745 Eastern Ave., Sacramento.

Free Admission, On- Line Syllabus Robert Kehrer,Keynote Speaker .He is the Senior Product Manager, Search Technologies with Family Search.org

A lot of other speakers included as well as classes. For details go to <http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/>

GSSC Member Passes



Lydiabelle Biedenweg

December 1926 ~ September 2016

Our beloved Mom, Lydiabelle Biedenweg left this life & went to join her family and many friends. Those of us left behind, will miss her.

Lydiabelle was a retired elementary teacher for Modesto City Schools & a community volunteer. She passed away at her home in Modesto at the age of 89. She was a Modesto native and lifelong resident.

Lydiabelle graduated from Modesto High School, Modesto Junior College, & attended U.C. Berkeley. After marrying the love of her life, Henry (Jim) Biedenweg & having had 3 children, she was among the first to enroll at Stanislaus State College & graduated in the first class, with a B.A. & teaching certificate.

She was a past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honor society for women in education, a past president of Y's Menettes (a YMCA service club), a lifetime

member of CA Retired Teachers Assn. & the Genealogy Society.

She had served on the Site Selection & Furnishing Committee for the building of the YMCA in Modesto, & was a 2 term YMCA Board member. Lydiabelle also served 11 years on the YMCA Camp Jack Hazard steering committee. She had served many leadership & serving rolls in the First United Methodist Church & United Methodist Women's groups.

She is predeceased by her sister Isabelle Kauffman, her parents Samuel & Ethel Kauffman, & her husband of 52 years, Jim Biedenweg.

Lydiabelle is survived by her children, Jim (Nancy) Biedenweg, of Portland OR, Claudia (Richard) Williams, of Modesto, CA, & Rob Biedenweg (Stefanee Pace), of Fair Oaks, CA. She is also survived by grandchildren, Shannon (Alan) Bauck of Portland, OR, Dr. Kelly Biedenweg (Beto Morales) of Corvallis, OR, Brian (Kristin) Ackerman of Tonasket, WA, Erin Ackerman-Ayers of Modesto, CA, & Robbie Biedenweg of Fair Oaks, CA. Other survivors include great grandchildren Jocelyn & Kirsten Bauck, Madeline & Devin Ayers, and sister, Virginia Taylor of Merced, CA.

Burial will be at Acacia Cemetery on Scenic Dr. at 10am, Friday, Sept. 30th. (all are welcome) followed by a Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, 16th & I St., Modesto at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to United Methodist Women Scholarship Fund or Habitat for Humanity. Please leave memories and condolences at www.allenmortuary.com

Renewed Hope in Finding European Ancestors

by Karen Jackson Souza

Last month as I read the GSSC newsletter I must admit wasn't very excited about the presentation that was planned for the August meeting. (I always feel like my ancestors were working so hard to survive that they didn't leave any marks on the world and that's why I can't find them.) As I was impressed with the bio of Kathryn Miller Marshall, I knew I would learn something. I had already planned to go to the meeting because I wanted to attend the pre-meeting gathering of those interested in researching their German roots and I was bringing a friend this month. When Dr. Marshall began speaking, I became enthralled. She is an excellent speaker: engaging, entertaining, and of course, educated. I have not pursued some of my ancestors' lines because I felt I didn't know how to get from the vague information I had discovered to their birthplaces in Europe. My ancestors for the most part have been in the U.S for a long time, therefore, I've felt dismayed at trying to find enough information to get to the 1700s in Europe. Dr. Marshall's presentation gave me hope. She gave examples of personal information on families and that is what I want to know about my family. If you did not attend the meeting, I highly recommend you contact Dr. Marshall at the Lodi Family History Center or touch base with any member who did attend, including me, to find out what you missed!

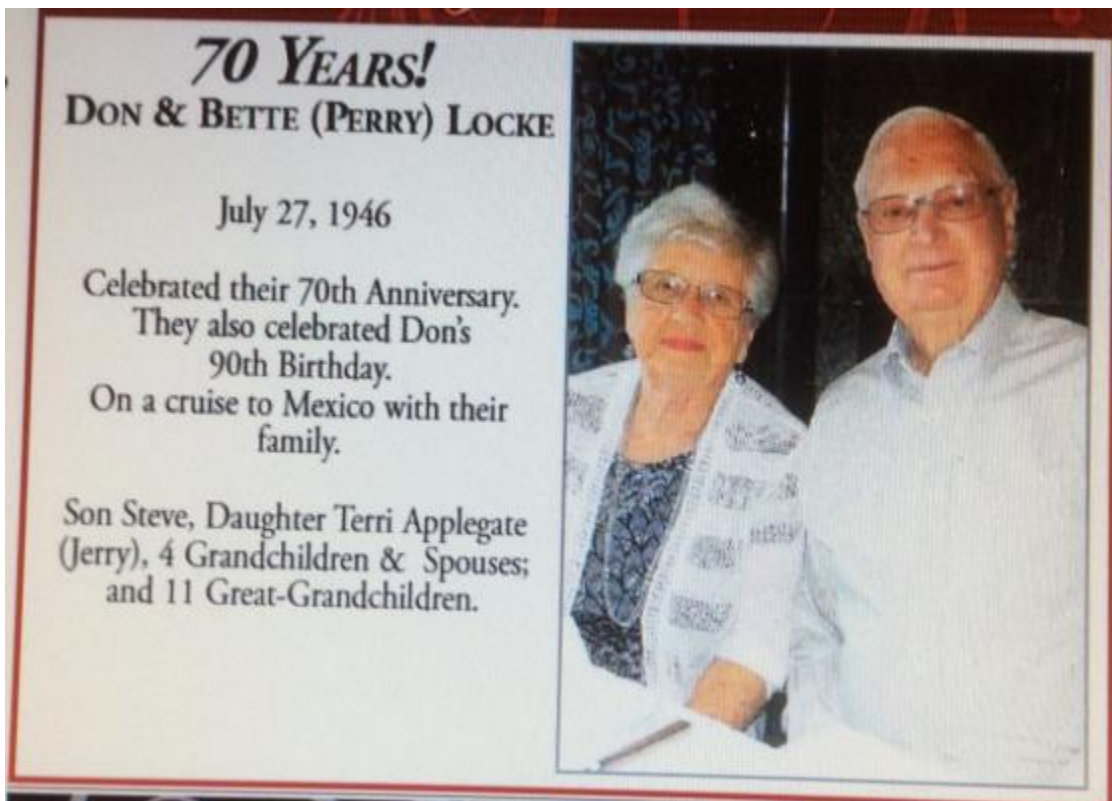
As for me, I got right on Familysearch.org and tried to locate the passenger information Kathryn said would give me the particulars of my ancestor's family back in the home country. After two weeks and visiting my local Family History Center, I found and printed my grandfather's declaration of intention, certificate of arrival, and petition for naturalization. William G. Garniss last lived in Thirsk in England and came on the S.S. Saxonia from Liverpool. I've also located the date of my third great grandfather's naturalization and the date of arrival of his wife. August Daum was naturalized on 9 October 1860, and his wife arrived from Büch, Bavaria, Germany on the ship Johannes in 1834.

Perhaps this “review” will encourage one reader to have renewed hope in pursuing those ancestral lines that seem stuck in the mud. I also want to thank Jennifer McDonald for providing us with such an inspiring speaker.

Note: You May Have Missed a Good One!

Those of you who missed the September General Meeting you also missed an excellent presentation by Jennifer McDonald. She provided the attendees with a great demonstration of an alternate technique to take down “brick walls” through construction of a descendency tree. Very well done Jennifer!

Charter Member Bette Locke Celebrates Platinum Wedding Anniversary



Don't Forget That We Also Have a GSSC Blog



<http://stanislausgenealogy.blogspot.com/2016/09/genealogical-society-of-stanislaus.html>



2016 Red Poinsettia Fund Raising Event

Pre-Sale: September 20, 2016 to November 22, 2016

The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County Board voted to support a repeat of our successful Poinsettia fundraising effort. This activity helps maintain the vitality of our great organization.

Please support this fundraising effort.

Remember, these beautiful, long lasting, plants make great gifts for friends and family, and are a lovely addition to your own home decor.

You can pre-order your beautiful poinsettia plants for afternoon pick-up on December 2, 2016, by completing this form and either mailing the form, or by bringing it to the October or November meeting. If you have any questions please call Sharon Hawley-Crum at 209-838-2118, or Bev Johnson at 209-526-5009.

Thanks in advance for your support of our organization!

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County Order Form 2016 Red Poinsettia Sale

Name:

Date:

Phone Number:

Email:

Quantity X \$10.00 each = Total Due \$

Form of Payment: Cash Check Number

Make checks payable to: GSSC

Please make a note of "Poinsettia" in the Memo section

Mail to: Sharon Hawley-Crum 16504 Henry Road, Escalon, CA 95320

2017 Salt Lake City Research Trip

by Lisa Bruk

Hi Everyone,

Remember the GSSC 2017 Salt Lake City Research Trip Sunday, April 2, to Sunday, April 9. We hope you are planning to join us again! Make your reservation by sending the reservation form and your \$200 deposit to Bev Johnson by October 1st. Family, friends and other interested researchers are all welcome to go on this trip.

Also, we are very pleased that Nancy Seaver has just joined our Salt Lake City Research Trip Committee. She joined us on our 2016 trip.

The GSSC Salt Lake City Research Trip Committee

Lisa Bruk, lbruk@comcast.net

Bev Johnson, jbevjohnson@att.net

Nancy Seaver, nanbobse@charter.net

Judith Welch, welchjudith@yahoo.com

Application and flyer is in the September issue of the Researcher

3 Top Tips for Irish Genealogy Research

- Can't make sense of the handwriting on an original image? Use the typed transcript to find the most important record information
- If you're having trouble finding someone in the records, try searching for their name in Latin
- The kinship calculator on our family tree will help you figure out how two ancestors are related

From www.findmypast.ie

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Introducing the New Beta Site for The Family History Guide

The Family History Guide is a huge website aimed for beginners and advanced genealogy researchers alike. It is not a simple ebook published in PDF or some other format. Instead, it is a full interactive guide that contains some of its information on the Family History Guide's own web site and adds hundreds of links to other web sites that also contain useful information. I described The Family History Guide in an earlier article at <https://goo.gl/mOWPpZ>.

Now The Family History Guide has a new site that is still under construction. You can view the beta site at: <http://www.thefhguide.com/beta/index.html>.



Note that the original website will be fully operational until the Beta period is over. Then it will be retired, and the Beta website will be moved to the regular www.thefhguide.com address.

You can read more about the beta test at <http://www.thefhguide.com/beta/about-beta.html>.

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County FALL SEMINAR

October 22, 2016

Come join us to learn great things from two fantastic speakers

Morning session with Robyn Hobusch Echols

Blog your family history

How Census and Tax Forms Can Lead to Other Records

RAMBLE America-Some Factors Affecting Migration in North America



Afternoon Session with James Baker, PhD, CG

Getting Started with German Genealogy

The Peripatetic Germans: German Emigration and Immigration (1693-1914)

German Genealogy Gems: Going Beyond the German Church Records

When: October 22, 2016

9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00 to 4:00pm

Where: Trinity United Presbyterian Church (Telle Center on North Side of Church)

1600 Carver Road

Modesto, CA 95350

Cost: \$40 all day if registered by Oct 20, includes handouts and light snacks for breaks: lunch on your own. \$45 at the door on day of seminar

Sign me up for the Fall Seminar! Name _____

Address: _____ Street, City, Zip

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed@ \$40/person _____

Checks only please, made payable to Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County (GSSC)

Please register by October 20, 2016, so we have enough handouts for everybody

Mail to: GSSC c/o Pam Atherstone 828 Grimes Ave. Modesto, CA 95358

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Address changes:	Send address, email and phone number changes to Maybelle Allen at: US Mail: Maybelle Allen c/o GSSC, P. O. Box A, Modesto, CA 95352-3660 Email: gssc-founded1968@gmail.com Telephone: 209-523-0593 (Maybelle Allen)	
GSSC web page:	http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html . The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.	
General meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.	
Board meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.	

2016 Officers		2016 Standing Committee Chairs	
President	Bev Johnson	Acquisitions	Ellen Reesh/ Carmen Pedrioli
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Director at Large	Dorothy Winke	Membership	Maybelle Allen
Director at Large	Cyndi Bray	Memorial Day	Dale Thompson
Director at Large	Heide Arno	Newsletter	Lewis M. Ruddick
Director at Large	Jackie Niemeyer	Planning & By-laws	Bev Johnson
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		Publications	Vicky Wolff
		Publicity	Ellen Reesh/ Carmen Pedrioli
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		Refreshments	Jackie Niemeyer
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		Research Salt Lake City	Lisa Bruk
		Seminar & Workshop	Pam Atherstone
		Special Collections Room	Marilyn Belleville/ Jackie Niemeyer
		Social Media	Angela Kraft
		Sunshine	Judith Welch

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We have 153 members for 2016



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