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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 6 pm at the Superior Public Library

We will be hosting the annual Christmas Party so there will be no business meeting.



November 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM by President Vicki Garro. President Garro read the minutes of the October meeting as published in the newsletter. Noted the correction of \$42.00 that had been transferred to the checking account.

Discussion followed re: the purchase of DVD set by John Coletta for the Superior Library. The DVD had not been purchased and the price has risen. Roger Saari motioned to watch for sale again. 2nd by Jane Sigfrids. Motion carried. Jane Sigfrids gave the Treasurers report. Bobbi Hoyt made motion to accept Treasurers report. 2nd by Roger Saari.

New business: Joint Christmas party with Twin Ports Genealogical Society scheduled for December 2nd. Question raised about playing "Genealogy Bingo". Judy Aunet motioned. 2nd by Nancy Crider. Motion made to allow \$20. for prizes. Roger Saari motioned. 2nd by Jane Sigfrids. Motion carried.

Bobbi Hoyt showed her display from the Head of the Lakes Fair for which she won the "Grand

Champion Ribbon". Bobbi encouraged those present to think about entering exhibits next year.

Buzz Buczynski attended a celebration in Automba, Minnesota and gave a presentation with audio of the emcee.

Members who participated in the ancestor swap exchanged information. Meeting adjourned.

Present: Vicki Garro, Roger Saari, Karen Smoley, Buzz Buzynski, Bobbi Hoyt, Jackie Plunkett, Judy Aunet, Nancy Crider, Emily Fredrick, Jane Sigfrids and guest, Irene Peterson.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Looking for items for the 2015 calendar. If you know of any events, please email them to the address below.

This is a work in progress. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to vicgarro@centurytel.net

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=TwinPorts Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society

Be sure to check out the Minnesota Genealogical Society Calendar at <http://www.mngs.org/calendar.shtml> For a listing of other club events in the Twin Cities Area. Pay special attention to who is staffing the MNGS Library. Each of the affiliate clubs take turns which means you can have country focused genealogical research help. The WSGS website is <http://www.wsgs.org/>

December 2 annual Christmas Party with TPGS

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email them to me at vicgarro@centurytel.net.



News From the Internet

SPRINGVILLE, Utah. – November 25, 2014 – RootsMagic, Inc. today announced the official release of RootsMagic 7, the latest version of the award-winning genealogy software which makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy and enjoyable. With this release comes an update to the popular “RootsMagic Essentials” free genealogy software.

Family History Made Easy

Family Tree Magazine said RootsMagic is “probably the best all-around genealogy program” and “offers a winning combination of features for both casual and serious genealogists.”

Throughout its 13-year history, RootsMagic has helped people research and share their family trees with innovative features such as moving people from one file to another with your mouse, a SourceWizard to help you document your work, creating a Shareable CD to give to family and friends, and running RootsMagic off of a USB flash drive when you are away from home. RootsMagic has also received numerous awards, including the award for “Easiest to Sync” from FamilySearch for their work in interfacing with that system.

Photo duplication Services will be discontinued as of December 5, 2014. As of this date, existing orders will be completed, but new orders will not be accepted.

“As more microfilm and books are digitized and added to FamilySearch.org, and more links are made available to partner sites that already have this information digitized, the need for photoduplication will decrease. FamilySearch is attempting to digitize as many resources as possible and make these available online. If the film or book has been digitized, you can print your own copies directly from the web site, if printing the image is not restricted by the copyright holder.”

On October 31, 2014 Atavus, Inc. officially released rootstrust, an advanced genealogy program that runs on Windows, Mac OS X and Linux. It is one of the few genealogy programs that is portable across all three operating systems.

Atavus calls its product a genealogical data management system (GDMS), which is a computer program designed to manage relationships between people, and relationships between people and places as well as historical and administrative relationships between places and other places. A GDMS also allows users to import and export data, generate family tree charts and other textual reports, link document and multimedia image files as well as websites to the objects it manages: Persons, Families, Events, Places, Sources and Repositories (libraries, archives museums and private collections)

PROVO, UT–November 19, 2014 – Over the past decade, online family history research has grown in the United States by 14 times, with two-thirds (63%) of respondents in a recent study reporting that family history has become more important than ever. They also say that this growth is motivated by a belief that knowing more about the past is a key part of understanding who we are.

Announced today by Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, the new findings are part of the first chapter in its *Global Family History Report*, a multi-country study that examined trends in the family – both past and present – across six developed countries: the U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, Germany and Sweden.

According to the study, the relationships between younger and older family members have strengthened, with relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren growing closer in the past 50 years.* Nearly three-quarters (72%) of respondents reported feeling closer to older relatives, with half of older relatives saying they had drawn closer to young relatives as a result of learning more about their family.

“This shift back to vertical family structure is really interesting,” said Michelle Ercanbrack, family historian at Ancestry. “Vertical family structure, meaning multiple generations interacting with one another, was common historically because nuclear families often lived under the same roof. The rise in multigenerational relationships today has everything to do with advances in technology and medicine. As grand- and great-grandparents live longer and stay connected with social media, there are now unprecedented opportunities to engage with younger generations and pass on family stories.”

Collin County Clerk Stacey Kemp and her staff have been awarded the 2014 Best Practices Award from the National Association of County Recorders, Elections Officials and Clerks (NACRC), according to county officials. The award was for Genealogy Corner, an online, publicly accessible archive that offers a wide variety of online research tools for anyone interested in the history of Collin County.

More than 8,000 licenses, dating from 1884 to 1949, have been scanned and indexed, and are now searchable online, including:

- Historical marriage licenses, dating back to 1864
- School Census records, 150,000 records dating back to 1941
- Complete listing of Collin County elected officials, both past and present
- Birth indexes, dating back to 1903 with some delayed birth records from the 1800s
- Death indexes, dating back to 1903
- Marriage indexes, dating back to 1864
- Collin County Facts: Did you know?
- Interactive Cemeteries locator
- Men and Women from Collin County in the Armed Forces during World War II

According to the announcement from the NACRC, the three-year project, involving the scanning and cataloguing of thousands of documents, has resulted in a treasure trove of information for genealogists and historical researchers that is accessible from any computer 24/7.

As always, thanks to Dick Eastman <http://blog.eogn.com> for information in this article.



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Dues are Due!

Only \$10 annually (Jan-Dec) for an individual (only membership class we have) Dues can be paid at our meetings or contact our treasurer, Jane Sigfrids at 915 N 5th St. Superior WI 54880.



Committees New members needed!

Education, Programs and Presentations (EPP)- EPP- Lorie Madden, Vicki Garro, Jackie Plunkett

Membership, Public Relations, and Publications MPP- Jane Sigfrids, Jan Resberg, Vicki Garro

Executive Board Meeting Scheduled

The executive board will meet at Perkins on Dec 9 at 5:45 pm.

Storing Old Photos Vicki Garro

For many years now, my ancestral photos have sat neglected in cardboard boxes while I pondered the best way for storage. Some have been lost by this method as writing has bled onto the photo below.

I set up a file box thinking that this way I could at least sort the photos by the main person in them but still was at a loss on how to safely store these. After all, what is the difference if they are stored vertical or horizontal, the backs will still bleed onto the fronts of others.

The solution would be page protectors, they are archival safe and made of a clear material, albeit some form of plastic. Wait! Wouldn't that plastic stick to my photos and cause further damage? Remember those old magnetic albums? Clearly that was not the solution either. After doing some

research, I discovered archival glassine envelopes. They seemed just the thing! There would be no more bleeding in my files. I ordered several sizes but as they have not arrived yet I can not tell you more.

I will be organizing and scanning as I file. Quite a task, but it will allow me to hopefully safely store my photos for future generations.

As an aside, I am continuing my sharing of ancestral photos through calendars. This year's calendar focuses on my father. I found I had many childhood photos of him as well as the photos as an adult.

I used Shutterfly for my calendars again this year. Not only does this provide cloud storage of my photos, it allows for reprinting of the project should the need arise. If I find I have many more fotos of him, I may just make a book to share.



Holiday memories Vicki Garro

As genealogists, we are always trying to dig into our pasts, just one more generation then I will be done. Often overlooked is the stories of our own lives. Take some time this holiday season to start writing your own story. Or, if writing isn't your favorite means of communication, get a digital recorder (many phones have apps for that) and start telling your great grandchildren the stories of your life. Nevermind they are not born yet, They will treasure the stories for years to come.

