

# Gen News

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(I apologize for not getting a December newsletter out; my computer hard drive died. – Jane)

## Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Superior Public Library. Agenda items will include:

- November Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Calendar of Events
- Committee Reports
- Election of President and Secretary

The November meeting minutes are not available due to my computer problems. The November and December treasurer's reports will be covered at the January meeting.

Minutes for meetings held in November and December (i.e.: committee meetings and the Executive Board meeting) were not received in time to be included in this newsletter.

Proposed topics for future meeting programs include:

**January** –newsletters from other genealogy clubs

**February** – (I don't have any topic in my notes, but perhaps we can discuss our favorite books, blogs or other resources)

**March** – webinar (topic suggestions appreciated)

**April** – research at UWS

**May** – connecting with the DAR

**June** – Native American research

**July** –Cemetery walk

**August** – Songs of the Mariners

**September** – Courthouse research

**October** – Find-a-Grave

**November** – Military records (Bong Center)

**December** – Holiday Party

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Looking for items for the 2016 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 [jnjsig@yahoo.com](mailto:jnjsig@yahoo.com).

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/>

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email them to me at [jnjsig@yahoo.com](mailto:jnjsig@yahoo.com).

documents, etc.)

Transcribe recordings of my mom's  
family stories

Scan and label family photos

**Happy New Year & Happy Ancestor Hunting in  
2016!**

### **News from the Internet**

I've recently discovered a genealogy blog that I like very much - <http://www.geneamusings.com>, hosted by Randy Seaver. He has maintained this blog since 2006; one of the most interesting and useful features is a yearly review, where he recaps his research, outlines breakthroughs in "brick walls", highlights happenings in the gene world, and states goals for the coming year. He also provides a list of "top" postings for the year. One from 2015 I found particularly readable is titled "Why Aren't Researchers Using the FamilySearch Family Tree?"; the attendant comments make the reasons very clear.

Most of us are looking for organizational tips; if you can combine this with storytelling, all the better, right? I'd like to suggest reading about the 52 Ancestors Challenge on [www.nostorytoosmall.com](http://www.nostorytoosmall.com), a blog hosted by Amy Johnson Crow. The goal of writing about one ancestor every week is quite ambitious, especially if you don't already blog, but I think one could start small - maybe once a month? The blog for Week 2 is a useful example of organization and citation, especially, as Ms. Crow points out, she has only bare-bones information to go on; it's not as overwhelming as some of the other entries.

### **New Year's Resolutions**

The new year always seems a particularly appropriate time to think about organizing our research and documentation. My resolutions for this year are:

Properly archive my source material  
(newspapers, memorial books, official