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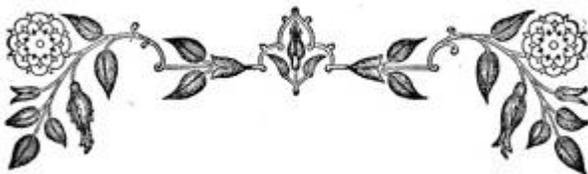
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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the LDS Family History Center, 521 Upham Rd, in Duluth.

Meeting topics for 2017

January 3 – Business Meeting
February 7 – Cathy Tonkin on writing and publishing a family history (*postponed due to weather*)
March 7 – Cathy Tonkin on writing and publishing a family history (*see note in the meeting minutes that follow*)
April 4 – LDS Family History Center in Duluth
May 2 – Presentation on Superior Fire Department history at the Old Firehouse & Police Museum
June 6 – Open
July 11 - Cemetery Walk at the Jewish Cemetery
August 1 – Open
September 5 – Meeting at the Douglas County Historical Society
October 3 – DAR
November 7 – Richard I. Bong Center
December 5 -Holiday Potluck



March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Jim Mattson. Officers present were: President Jim Mattson, Vice President Jan Marc Resberg and Treasurer Robin Barrett. Secretary Dave Johnson was absent.

Notation made that Marlene Case remains on the Financial Review Committee.

A motion to approve the February minutes as they appeared in the newsletter was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Karen Smoley. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was given by Robin Barrett. A motion to approve was made by Jackie Plunkett and seconded by Bobbi Hoyt. The motion passed.

Committee reports: the Program Committee and the Executive Board will meet on Wednesday March 15th at 5:00PM at Perkins.

Judy Aunet has reserved the small meeting room at the library for the June and August meetings.

An update on the genealogy "Lock In" was given by Judy Aunet. Club members who will be attending are asked to sign up at the library desk.

Website update: Dave Johnson continues to maintain the site, which can be found at www.douglaswigenealogy.org.

Jim Mattson continues to have informal discussions with Douglas County Board Chair Mark Liebert regarding the Parkland Cemetery.

Judy Aunet and Jane Sigfrids will give a presentation to the DAR at the library on March 11th.

A suggestion was made to create an appreciation award for a contribution to the genealogical

community. The Executive Board will discuss this subject at the March 15th meeting.

New member Gail Erdman expressed an interest in the vital records indexing project.

The April 4th meeting will be at the Family History Center Library at 521 Upham Road, Duluth.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jackie Plunkett and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. Following the meeting, we listened to Cathy LaForge Tonkin's presentation on writing and publishing a family history.

Members present: Judy Aunet, Robin Barrett, John Buczynski, Marlene Case, Don Erickson, Emily Fredrick, Bobbi Hoyt, Jim Mattson, Sandy Novak, Jackie Plunkett, Ján Marc Resberg, Jane Sigfrids, Karen Smoley, Marian Klein, Ted Nelson and Gail Erdman.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick, acting secretary for March 4th meeting

**Douglas County Genealogical Club
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

March 15, 2017, 5:10 P.M. @ Perkins.

Board members present:

Officers: President Jim Mattson, Vice President Ján Resberg, Treasurer Robin Barrett, Secretary David Johnson

Members: Marlene Case, Judy Aunet, Jane Sigfrids, Bobbi Hoyt, Emily Fredrick

Committee Reports:

Website: David Johnson reported on usage; our busiest month was January 2017 with 591 visitors. A few requests have come in for membership information and a few for genealogical research.

Membership: Robin Barrett reported that 18 members are currently paid. Four are new members. There was a discussion about sending out reminders. President Mattson requested a new membership list be distributed to members at the May meeting.

Old Business:

Parkland Cemetery: Keith Fine mentioned a need for additional pavers for the cemetery. These had been procured and delivered there. There is also need for a sign to designate the cemetery area behind the fence. Dave Johnson committed to building an appropriate sign. A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Bobbi Hoyt to reimburse Dave for expenses for making the sign up to \$25.00. The motion passed.

Foolin' Around with Genealogy Library Lock-In, March 31. Judy requested that she be reimbursed for items she will need such as pens, pencils, notebooks, name tags, etc. A motion was made by Ján Resberg and seconded by Emily Fredrick to pay for these supplies. The motion passed.

New Business:

Civility: President Mattson reports that at the last meeting several disruptive discussions took place while the speaker had the floor. He reminds all members to act respectfully during meetings.

Certificate: A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Emily Fredrick that a certificate of appreciation and a \$50 stipend be presented to Keith Fine for his work at the Parkland Cemetery. The motion passed. Jane Sigfrids volunteered to make the certificate. Further discussion directed that we try to get this presentation submitted to the newspaper.

Certificates: A discussion was had concerning giving out certificates on a scheduled basis or as needed. A motion was made by Bobbi Hoyt and

seconded by Ján Resberg to present certificates on an as-warranted basis. The motion passed.

It was suggested that the next meeting be held on June 21 @ 5:15 at the Upper Deck restaurant. A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Ján Resberg to accept that time and venue. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Ján Resberg and seconded by Emily Fredrick to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Douglas County Genealogical Club Program Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017, 5:38 P.M. @ Perkins.

Board members present:

Officers: President Jim Mattson, Vice President (Program Committee Chairman) Ján Resberg, Treasurer Robin Barrett, Secretary David Johnson

Members:, Marlene Case, Judy Aunet, Jane Sigfrids, Bobbi Hoyt, Emily Fredrick

One of the meeting rooms at the library (probably the small room) will be available as of June, 2017.

The meeting schedule for 2017 as it stands now is:

April 4 - @ LDS Research Center in Duluth

May 2 - @ the Old Firehouse & Police Museum. Presentation on Fire Department history by Dave Johnson.

June 6 - @ Library. Help each other with "Brick Walls". Bring your laptop!

July 11 - @ Hebrew Cemetery Walk. Sam Pomish will be our guide. We'll meet at Shamrock Pizza in case of bad weather.

August 1 - @ Library. John Coletta video #2

September 5 - @ Douglas County Historical Society

October 3 - @ Location TBD, DAR presentation (Ján will check with his sister about the availability of the Peter Rich Community Center.)

November 7 - @ Bong Heritage Center

December 5 - @ Location TBD. Holiday Potluck, Possibly VIP, Shamrock, Upper Deck or Bong Heritage Center

January 2018 - @ Location TBD. Annual Business Meeting.

The Program Committee's next meeting will be held on June 21 @ 5:15 at the Upper Deck Restaurant.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Judy Aunet. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary David Johnson.



Dues Reminder

Membership dues can be paid throughout the year for 2017, but non-renewal will result in the

removal of a member's name from the newsletter subscription list. Dues can be sent to Robin Barrett, the new treasurer, at 313 Homecroft Ct, Superior, WI 54880. Checks should be made out to the DCGC.



Upcoming Events

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=Twin Ports Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MNGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society
WHS= Wisconsin Historical Society

DCGC

The Club will present the second Annual "Foolin' Around with Your Family Tree," Library Lock-In on Friday, March 31, 2017, from 4:45 to 8:30 p.m. Registration forms are available at the library or email mehlel@superiorlibrary.org to sign up. Deadline for registration is March 24, 2017.

This year's keynote speaker is Wisconsin Historical Society archivist Lee Grady, who will give a presentation about searching for ancestors in the records of county and state institutions, including prisons, schools, hospitals, and sanatoriums. There will also be an optional "breakout" session with David Johnson, who will share his tips and tricks for "Foolin' Around with Ancestry.com."

Participants will have plenty of time for independent genealogy research using the library's many genealogy resources like newspapers, census records, city directories, and

more. Library staff and volunteers from the DCGC will be on hand to answer questions and provide one-on-one assistance to participants. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptop or device, or they may use one of the library computers to access online genealogy resources.

Attendees are welcome to bring a bag lunch, or they may request that a box lunch be provided. They can indicate their sandwich selection on the registration form and bring \$8 to the event (cash only) to cover the cost of the lunch. The box lunch includes a sandwich, chips, potato salad, and pickle. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

(Many thanks to Leslie Mehle for providing the lock-in information.)

WSGS

Tuesday, April 18

**Postmasters, Carriers and Railway Clerks:
Genealogy Records of the USPS (Webinar)**

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Presenter: Michael Strauss

Webinar Description: Was your ancestor a mail carrier? Did they serve as postmaster? The postal service can trace its roots to 1775 during the Second Continental Congress, where Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first Postmaster General. The Postal Service was officially created in 1792, elevated to a cabinet department in 1872, and finally transformed in 1971 to an official government agency. Records of the United States Post Office are an overlooked genealogical pathway worth the effort to search. Many details about family members who may have worked with the postal system from the earliest listings in federal records are available to researchers nationwide. Learn to conduct primary research at the National Archives where most of these records are stored.

Register **at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1157312233397517825>

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar, and that there are a limited number of spots to view the webinar live. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar.

Information for the 2017 WSGS Gene-o-Rama is now available on the WSGS website at wsgs.org. The event will be held April 6-8, 2017 at the Chula Vista Resort & Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells.

MNGS

Wednesday, April 5

Documenting Your Family Heirlooms (Webinar)

7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

GoToWebinar

Description: Do you know who made that quilt that your mother passed on to you? Are there family photos you received when your grandparents passed? These and other heirlooms are sometimes spread out among multiple family households, which makes it challenging to know much about where these items originated.

We'll discuss techie and non-techie ways to document your family's heirlooms through apps, websites, and programs you can install on your own computer. By scanning photographs and documents, taking photos of your other items, and documenting the stories associated, we can share those items with our family throughout the world and to generations to come.

Presenter: **Jennifer Alford** is a Professional Engineer by day and a genealogy professional by night. Her business, Jenealogy, creates engaging family history treasures. The highlight of her days is her work as Publisher the In-Depth

Genealogist's magazine, *Going In-Depth*.

Cost: Free!

To register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2843781651983324163>

If you're new to webinars, check out this link:
<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/how-it-works.html>



Every attempt is made to keep **Upcoming Events** pertinent and timely. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to jnjsig@yahoo.com.

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email me at jnjsig@yahoo.com.



News from the Internet

From blog.familytreemagazine.com, posted March 21, 2017:

Time to Sync Your Family Tree Maker and Ancestry Trees
Important news for Family Tree Maker software

users: Software MacKiev, the company that acquired Family Tree Maker from Ancestry.com early last year, will release Family Tree Maker 2017 on March 31.

Previous versions of Family Tree Maker used something called TreeSync to sync your software with your tree on Ancestry.com. Family Tree Maker 2017 will use something else, called FamilySync, to sync your trees. As of March 29, Ancestry will no longer support TreeSync.

If you use Family Tree Maker and don't plan to upgrade to 2017, you should open the software and sync your trees before March 29. You still can use your old Family Tree Maker after that, but your trees will no longer sync.

(Note that Family Tree Maker is *not* affiliated with *Family Tree Magazine*, which hosts this blog.)

Upgrading to Family Tree Maker 2017

If you bought Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev since March 1, 2016, you're eligible to upgrade to 2017 for free. Discounted upgrades are available for some folks who received Family Tree Maker 2014.1 or Mac3.1. Visit the Software MacKiev website and sign up for the company's newsletter for full details.

Sneak Peek at RootsMagic 7 TreeShare

Many of you have been anxiously waiting for RootsMagic software to start syncing with Ancestry trees. RootsMagic posted on its blog earlier this month that RootsMagic 7 will use technology called TreeShare to do the syncing. The new version will also add research hints from Ancestry.com records to its WebHints feature (which also offers hints from FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage).

The post also shares RootsMagic 7 screenshots and asks for folks to be testers.