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Happy Summer!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>.

NEWS FLASH!!!

GEORGE ANDERSON WINS STATE-WIDE AWARD

George Anderson wins state-wide award at the annual meeting of the Conference of California Historical Societies, June 22nd. Our George Anderson was awarded the prestigious Individual Award for helping "to nurture and preserve our priceless heritage." Details to follow in the next issue of the Roots Tracer. This is a most well-deserved award.

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Summary of Meetings

Visitors are welcome free of charge to each of these meetings.

- ❖ **General Meeting:** *Tips and Tricks for More Accurate Genealogy*
When: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Vera Broyles
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *Continuing TMG Back to Basics! Our topic: "Do you know what is missing in your database?"*
When: Saturday, July 20, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, July 13 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn:** *Reports We Use in Genealogy*
When: Wednesday, July 31 – 11:30 a.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**
When: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly general meeting. Your guests should also sign in. Before leaving the meeting site, kindly leave our nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: *Tips and Tricks for More Accurate Genealogy*

GUEST SPEAKER: Vera Broyles

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

Fifty years ago Vera began asking questions of her family members about her ancestry. For the past 26 years, she has been actively assisting others to find their ancestors.

Vera is a staff member at the Oakland Family History Center. She has also served at the Sacramento Family History Center and the Orange Family History Center. Vera will share her strategies for delving into various websites, links, and databases. She will talk about how to find the filmed and scanned databases of courthouses, libraries, and archives.

For additional information contact: Pat Northam, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: BACK TO BASICS! *"Do you know what is missing in your database?"*

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013, 9 a.m. – Noon

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Continuing our new series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*, in July we will learn to create reports to help determine what is missing in your database. Are you looking for a way to identify male ancestors with no parents? What about single fathers or single mothers? These examples and more will be our July featured topic. Do you have a specific challenge of this type? Let us know—send an e-mail to tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org.

Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates*, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop textbook. You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>.

Contact <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Be sure to check our <http://tvtmgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and “follow” our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions. Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact Kay & Sue: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvtmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog pre-August 2011:
<http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

We will talk about our writing goals and our writing projects. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with “Add me to the Writing list” in the subject line.

LUNCH ‘N’ LEARN

Forms We Use in Genealogy

Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

Location: To Be Determined (Livermore or Pleasanton)

Chair: Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

Bring your favorite genealogy forms for a “show and tell.” As the RSVPs roll in, I’ll let you know the total number of copies you should bring, but get them ready to go! Please RSVP to Debbie at <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org> so that we can determine the number of people and a place.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. For those members who would like to join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with “Add me to the DNA list” in the subject line.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

June Board Meeting Notes from June 25

The Board is looking into a wireless microphone for use in the general meetings. Keep your ears tuned for news on this! There are no ½ year dues and any members not paid to date will be taken from the lists. As noted in the BREAKING NEWS, George Anderson has received the CCHS Award which was given out in Sacramento on June 22. Others went to the luncheon and reported on the speakers and numbers recognized. The Pleasanton Library seems to be adding to the genealogical collection with so please keep checking it out! Visit often and learn much!

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM – 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail:

<mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Genealogy Center, jointly supported by L-AGS, the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, and the Pleasanton Public Library, contains the largest collection of genealogy books, CDs and online databases in the Tri-Valley. Over 100 of the genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- AmericanAncestors.org (formerly New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS))
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will your descendants regret your failure to publish?

Tell us the story about the occupation of one or more of your ancestors. Optimistically, you are drafting your first article for the Roots Tracer. If you seek assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff is prepared and eager to help you. Send an email to: <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride? The deadline for the August 2013 issue is July 1.

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but unborn generations will. We want to make sure that, when a descendant or distant cousin is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues here: <http://www.l-ags.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The **MacGen group**, a group for MacIntosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday and the fourth Saturday in Oakland, California at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://www.macgen.org/> for more information.

The **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** meets the third Tuesday of every month in Danville, California at the Danville FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://srvgensoc.org/> for more information.

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies: <http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILYSEARCH CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS FamilySearch Center (FSC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and special interest groups.

LDS facilities at their Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FSC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FSC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere.

The Mocho Street FSC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For further information please contact the center at (925) 443-2750 during these hours.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

HELP WANTED

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

Organizers and Helpers. Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Millie Frietas books. Need volunteers. Please contact <mailto:program@L-AGS.org> for information.

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
August 13	Navigating FamilySearch.org	Ralph Severson
September 10	Using City Directories	Lisa Gorrell

Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Patricia Northam, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:



*Grandma, Who Are You?
L-AGS June 2013 General Meeting featuring Janice Sellers*



*Self-Publication Process
L-AGS May 2013 General Meeting featuring Debbie Mascot and Jane
Southwick*



*Dick Finn giving a send-off to Mary Dillon at the
L-AGS May 2013 General Meeting*



*Mary Dillon cutting her going-away cake at the
L-AGS May 2013 General Meeting*



Membership Report at the L-AGS February 2013 General Meeting



*Maps Hold Clues
L-AGS April 2013 General Meeting featuring Teresa Fraser*