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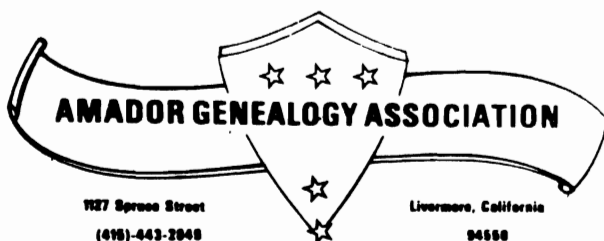
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The Amador Genealogical Association invites you to become a member.

These projects are promoted by the Amador Genealogical Assn.:

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One of the most useful tools in discovering persons interested in the same families and pertinent data on these families.

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Editorial

In starting a new fiscal year with a new president, I believe our organization should take a look at where we have been and where we are going.

During the last year we have built the framework for a successful permanent genealogical and historical association. We now have the organization to accomplish the objectives set forth in our constitution.

Looking into the future, the need for growth in membership is readily apparent. Despite the rapid growth experienced during our first year, we are now in a lag period. Every effort should be made to help Bill Wolcott, our new membership chairman, in increasing the size of our organization. Societies do not remain static, they either increase in size or wither away. We should set a goal of at least 50 new members for the coming year. Every member should try to bring a friend to each meeting.

In order to accomplish our objectives, we need additional money due to recent political developments. We should aid our new president, Kathy Benapfl, by suggesting and helping develop new fund raising activities. Some excellent suggestions have already been made.

In conclusion, we should continue to seek the most economical and cost effective methods of operation.

Your Editor

President's Message

Hopefully all of our members know by now that a few changes have been made recently. Annual elections were held at our June meeting and we have some new faces on the Board. We're all going to miss Shirley Terry, and we all hope she'll return from El Paso as soon as possible. (We also hope she makes lots of genealogical discoveries during her stay there!) Meanwhile, I'll do my best during the next year to keep things

running as smoothly as Shirley has.

Joining me, as First Vice-President will be Bill Wolcott. Bill's going to be busy filling the job of membership chairman left vacant by Gayle Pipes, who resigned recently to edit this newsletter.

I'm happy to say that Sandy Fox will continue as our Recording Secretary, Judy Williams as Corresponding Secretary, and Art Skinner as Business Manager. Olivette Chinn, will serve as 2nd Vice-President and Program Chairman.

Two of our appointed officers will be with us another year, Ruth Dierks as our Historian and Art Skinner as Parliamentarian. Our new librarian will be Pat Saltgaver. (Get those surnames and locality cards in to her!) Replacing Pat as our Publicity Chairperson will be Pat Lundberg.

All of our continuing officers, both elected and appointed, have done excellent jobs in the past year, and I know they'll continue to do so. I also welcome the new officers, since I think they're suited to their new jobs, and will enjoy their duties.

I look forward to working with these people during the next year. I think we can count on all of them to do their best for all of us.

I want to remind you that this is your club. We are all members for our mutual benefit. This means that we all have responsibilities as well as privileges. If you're unhappy about something within the organization, feel free to talk to any member of the Board about it; a seemingly small suggestion may find support from a large number of members. Participate!

A final word: We're going to be asking for volunteers for several projects this year. Our officers are all going to be busy with their respective jobs, and it would be unfair to expect them to do all the volunteer work too. If you're too shy to volunteer for something at a meeting, that's okay! Call me at 443-1189 or any member of the Board and tell us what you'd like to do; we'll be delighted to have your help!

Kathy Benapfl

Meet Our Members

Kathy Benapfl, your new President I was born and raised here in Livermore. Although both of my parents are from the midwest (Wisconsin and Illinois), my dad's family has been here for almost 50 years. Having my "roots" here has made me interested in local history and families, but I've also developed an interest in a little town in Tennessee where my mom's family has been living for at least 150 years.

I graduated from Cal State in Hayward in 1971 with a BA in English. Since then I've spent a year doing some volunteer teaching at St. Michael's school, holding a variety of part-time jobs, and raising my 5-year old daughter, Meredith. Aside from AGA, I'm also a member of St. Michael's Altar Society.

Library Notes

First, I want to say thank you to Kathy Benapfl for the excellent job she did in setting up our library. Everything is so well organized that taking over the responsibility of librarian will be very effortless. I wish Kathy the best of years as our new president.

Second, you might like to know how to find the library's new home. All of our materials are at the Saltgaver home, 777 Lido Drive, Livermore. That is in the south west corner of Livermore, one block south of Catalina St. and near Mendenhall Junior High School. I do not work (at least I don't get paid) so I should be home during the days and most evenings. Since I run around a lot please call before you come (443-0693). I hope to see lots of all of you.

The new books we ordered are now in. We also subscribe to six periodicals:

1. The Genealogical Helper
2. Pennsylvania Traveler Post
3. The Ridge Runner (covering Va, NC, Kentucky, Tenn, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas)
4. Kentucky Ancestors
5. Mid West Genealogical Register
6. Ohio, The Cross Road of our Nation, Records & Pioneer Families

It has been suggested that to speed the circulation of periodicals a pass along system be used. At each general meeting I will bring all new periodicals. In addition to the regular library cards, each book will contain a card on which four names can be put. The first person on the list will take the magazine home and at the end of one week or sooner will take it to the second person. The second takes it to the 3rd, etc. The 4th person returns it to the librarian. Duplicate rotation cards will be kept by the librarian so she will know who has the book at any time. For detailed information on how to check out materials please see the May newsletter.

Only thirteen persons have turned in their surname and locality cards out of a membership of 29. If you need instructions for preparing your cards Kathy Benapfl has them. The more members we get registered the better chance you will have of finding someone working on your surnames. The surname file has been coded to members names to make it easier to use. I will have the listing at each meeting. I also hope to make a computer listing soon so that each of you can have your own copy.

I will welcome any suggestions you have for making the library materials more accessible to all members. Please remember LIBRARY MATERIAL CAN ONLY BE CHECKED OUT BY MEMBERS.

Pat Saltgaver

Ed. Note. The single most important advantage of belonging to a genealogical association is the assistance you can obtain by having your surname registered. If you need help in preparing yours I will assist you or see that you are aided.

News of Other Organizations

We are still contacting other genealogical societies trying to work out long range plans for cooperation with them, such as an exchange of speakers, genealogical resources and techniques. We are planning to exchange newsletters with other organizations and some of you may wish to attend meetings of adjacent societies and tell them about our activities as well as learn about theirs.

We received this note from the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society. From their Librarian--Mrs. Laurella O'Brien--

If you want Sutro Library to stay in San Francisco, the Bay Area or better yet, down the Peninsula--WRITE--Make your needs and reasons known to.....Head Librarian, Calif. State Library, Mrs. Ethel S. Crockett, P.O. Box 2037, Sacramento, CA 95809

Note: It seems the college adjacent to Sutro Library is no longer able to spare the space occupied by the library and requests that they move. It is my opinion that Sutro Library should continue to be located in San Francisco from a historical standpoint. In addition, it has been accessible to persons travelling both by car or public transportation. A location which allows convenient transportation to patrons travelling from throughout the Bay Area would be very desirable. The availability of parking should also be considered. We certainly don't want to lose this valuable library from the Bay Area. You are strongly urged to make your requests known to the above address. (M. Camozzi)

We have the address of the Hayward Area Genealogical Society-- P. O. Box 754, Hayward, CA 94543. You may wish to contact Mr. Rodgers at 886-8434 or Mr. Barklow at 351-6142 since their goals are very similar to ours.

The Napa organization is planning a Genealogical Jamboree this summer and we will keep you informed of their program.

Upcoming Events

The speaker for our next meeting in July will be Dr. James Mc Farlane who will discuss the activities of the Mayflower Society and his own genealogical efforts.

While the number of organized field trips has fallen off last month, Ed Pyle's genealogy class took 18 class members and association members to the Oakland LDS Library for an interesting evening.

By calling this library you can find out what time to go for a free consultation with an expert in the area in which you are working.

If you are planning to visit a genealogical library, call Lucille White our field trip coordinator at 455-0550 and she will help you arrange to make up a carload of eager genealogists.

Don't forget to bring your check book to the June meeting. Dues for the next quarter will be due and Art Skinner will be happy to take your money.

Genealogical Notes and Aids

If you are stuck on a particular problem don't hesitate to contact other members who can help you. The association maintains a list of professional genealogists across the country who will help you for a fee..

The Oakland Tribune - Action Line Column edited by Cliff Pletschet P. O. Box 24304, Oakland, California 94623 will help in locating lost relatives across the country. A recent column referred a reader to Dudley W. Thickers, 3319 Sweet Drive, Lafayette, CA who is a representative of the World Ship Society and has access to much lore of the sea.

Ed. Note. We are in need of a distribution manager who can see that copies of the Tracer are placed in strategic locations and perhaps help Bob Blair in securing advertising to support this publication.

Ed. Note. We will appreciate any contributions by members for the Tracer for any of its sections. Please try to get your material in by the 15th of the month so the Tracer can be published in a more efficient and economical manner. We urge each of you to submit a profile so the other members may become better acquainted with you and your activities.

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