



Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society

Presents ~

Ralph F. Severson

Oakland FamilySearch Library Director

You Are Invited

WHEN: Monday, May 8, 2017 ~
7:30 PM, Doors Open 7 PM

WHERE: Congregation Beth Emek
3400 Nevada Court
Pleasanton, CA 94566

COST: No Charge ~Visitors Welcome



Ferretting Out Obscure Sources Using FamilySearch

Ralph began his early involvement in genealogy at age 14. He attended Richmond Union High School, received his Bachelors of Arts degree in 1969 and his Masters of Business Administration in 1971, both from Brigham Young University. He also taught a genealogy class while at Brigham Young. After 30 years, Ralph retired as Partner from Goldman, Sachs & Co. He is also the retired Chairman for Grosvenor Americas, a real estate company for which he worked 2008-2013. Currently, Ralph is an investment management principal for RFS Investments, Inc.

Presently he serves as Director of the Oakland FamilySearch Library and as the Northern California Family History Area Adviser for the LDS Church. Ralph is the primary instructor for classes at the Oakland FS Library. His research specialties are Portugal-Azores and America's Southern States.

Ralph was born and raised in the East Bay. In chronological order, he has lived in France, Switzerland, Utah, New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, and currently in Orinda, Contra Costa County, since 1978.

He is married to Elizabeth Susan "Sue" Severson, retired Mayor of Orinda, and former President of the Orinda Union School Board, and as an Orinda City Council member. Sue is also an avid genealogist. They have 5 married children and 20 grandchildren. Ralph is an avid baseball fan (both A's and Giants), enjoys fishing, reading, investing, travel, and family time.

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