

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Minutes  
January 7th, 2016

The General Meeting was called to order President Kerry Wolfe at 1:03 pm.

Kerry Wolfe welcomed our guests and new members:

Arueta Ray: from Texas researching German and English ancestors

Wanda Hutchinson: joining us with friends

Nancy Skogsbell: Researching "Lamb" family and has written 8 books

Michael and Shirley Hoven: left before meeting started

Mary Vinje: from Minnesota

Dennis Briels: will be doing research with his wife

Mary Barrios: new member and 2nd meeting

Mary Tyson: new member

There were no correction or changes in the December 2015 minutes and they will stand as written.

Kerry Wolfe announced that our speaker, Melody Sturgeon, was ill and could not attend our meeting. We will attempt to reschedule her for another meeting.

Kerry shared her "genealogy related" Christmas experience.

Library Information: Two new "to us" books related to the Mayflower (donated by Roy Christianson) are now in available to be checked out.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Spencer gave reports for November and December.

New Business:

- Chris Nelson reported that the Club will have a table at the Activity Fair, HOA #2 , Mountianview Clubhouse, January 30, 2016 from 8:30am- 11:30am. We will be in the Saguaro Room.
- Chris also advised members to "Save the Date" for our Annual Luncheon: April 7th, 2016 in the HOA#2 Mountianview Ballroom - further information TBA.

- Sharon Scanlan spoke the group regarding our Surname Registry and encouraged old and new members to submit names. Names can be added by contacting Sharon.

The speaker for February's meeting will be Susan Young Brayer, who will speak on "the Newspaper as a Genealogy Resource. That meeting will be February 4th, 2016

Two new seminars were announced:

Pinal County Genealogy Workshop, January 23, 2016 in Casa Grande, AZ

Irish Genealogy Seminar, January 23, 2016 at the McClelland Library in Phoenix

Information on both seminars can be found on the website.

Dave Tiefenbach spoke to the group regarding the software Family Tree Maker. After December 2016, it will no longer be supported by Ancestry.com. He encouraged people to contact Ancestry and express their dissatisfaction with this decision. This discussion brought up questions regarding other software that is available for genealogy documentation. Members were encouraged to check the internet for more information. Dave also advised that he was currently teaching a class through the Computer Club on Family Tree Maker.

Gloria Quigg advised that she will be teaching two genealogy related classes through the Computer Club: Using Familysearch and Using Ancestry.com - both classes start in March.

Door Prizes: Winners were - Mary Barrios and Jack Sheerin. A third door prize (donated by Randy Gibb of one (1) lottery ticket) was won by Richard McQuate.

There was a question from the floor regarding DNA and Richard McQuate gave a brief talk on the basics of DNA testing.

The group was advised that "Members helping Members" would be available after the meeting to anyone who was looking for assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 1400 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Gregory-Burke