

Saddlebrooke Genealogy Club Meeting

October 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the SBGC was held in the Coyote Room in the HOA 1 clubhouse. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Carol Tibor, Club President. President Tibor introduced two of the new officers of the club: Patty Burke, Vice President, and Christine Nelson, Secretary. Pat Spencer, Treasurer, and Hod Wells, Member at Large, were not at the meeting. President Tibor said she had contacted all the people who served as volunteers or on committees and all had agreed to continue supporting the club with their volunteer activities.

There were no guests or new members to introduce.

President Tibor announced the speaker's topic, The Paper Trail of Death, and Vice President Burke told us a little about the speaker, Amy Urman. Ms. Urman was born near Chicago, Illinois. In 1988, she moved to Tucson. She is a licensed private investigator. She began doing genealogy research in the early 1980's to research a family medical issue. She likes genealogy research because it's always different.

Before Ms. Urman began her talk, President Tibor advised us to check the website for the Pima County Genealogy Society because they have some interesting activities coming up in the future.

Ms. Urman gave a very informative talk on the many types of records associated with death that can provide important information about an ancestor. Often these records contain more than just the date and place of death. They may also tell the date of birth, the names of parents and spouse, the cause of death, funeral home, cemetery and name of the informant. However, Ms. Urman cautioned us not to believe everything in a record without some additional verification.

Types of records associated with death include death certificates or death registers, mortality schedules, military records, funeral home records, cemetery records, burial

records, obituaries, Social Security records, probate records, coroner reports, autopsy reports, insurance and medical records, employer newsletters, and more.

Ms Urman also provided tips on a couple of places to search for information:

archivegrid.org and [twisted twigs.com](http://twistedtwigs.com)

After Ms Urman concluded her talk, President Tibor stated that the minutes for the September meeting were posted on the club website and asked if anyone had any changes to or comments about the minutes. None were offered, so the minutes were approved.

President Tibor asked if there was any old business to discuss. There was none.

President Tibor asked for announcements and asked Gloria Quigg to tell us about future education opportunities. Ms Quigg said she wants to offer a beginner genealogy class. She asked who would be interested in the class if it were held in October or November. No one expressed an interest, so Gloria said she would consider offering the class early in 2018. A suggestion was made that an e-mail be sent to members asking about their interest in a beginners genealogy class and when they would like to have it since there were few members at the meeting.

Vice President Patty Burke announced that the speaker at the November meeting will be Jan Larkey who will give a talk on how to write a family story.

The door prize drawing was held, and the winners were Randi Thekan and Ron Perry. They were advised to see Pat Spencer at the next meeting to claim their prize.

President Tibor adjourned the meeting at 2:30 PM.