

SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Minutes of meeting on February 7, 2019

President Carol Tibor called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 P.M.

Visitors and New Members

President Tibor invited guests and new members to introduce themselves and share some information about themselves. The following people introduced themselves:

Kathy VonBargen
Dan Williams (former member re-joining)
Ruth Robinson
Kay Sullivan
Jim Barrett
Nancy Harrigan
John Coleman
Jerry Morris
Phyllis Rawlings

February Speaker

Christine Nelson introduced the speaker, Amy Urman. Ms Urman's talk concerned tips for using Google for genealogy research. She started her talk by saying that Ancestry is not the be-all and end-all of genealogy information. We should be willing to look beyond Ancestry for genealogy information.

She went on to say that there are several more powerful search options on Google than using a regular search. Using a custom range is effective in limiting the results to data you have not seen since your last recent search.

Using a wild cards such as Amy * Urman will get you the name plus any middle name or initial.

Using Google to search other sources can lead to useful information. For example:

Chronicling America under NARA is a U.S. Government site that scans newspapers.

Black's Law Dictionary is good for finding words used on old death certificates.

Original Social Security Applications can have useful information about the applicant and their parents. These applications started around 1928.

The Agricultural Census can also have useful information.

Family Search WIKI can have useful information about the history of a county including when they started keeping vital records .

Business Meeting

President Tibor asked for comments about the minutes of the January meeting. There were no comments. The minutes were approved as posted.

There was no treasurer's report as our treasurer, Pat Rourke, is away. When she returns, she will provide a report.

Kathy Plum reported on access to the club website. She has cards she is ready to distribute to members after this meeting. These cards have the access code and password that will provide access to the website. Everyone will use the same access code and password. The password will be changed once a year in November. New cards will be available to those who have paid their dues.

President Tibor asked Gloria Quigg to tell us about her upcoming training course. Gloria said there will be a class in combination with Ranch Roots, the SaddleBrooke Ranch club on March 26th in the Mountain View Ballroom. The schedule is as follows:

8:30: Registration

9:00 - 9:55: Breakout sessions

10:00 - 10:55: Breakout sessions

11:00 - 12:00: General Q and A

12:15: Lunch

President Tibor made the following announcements:

The Irish SIG will meet next Wednesday at Bonnie Lucas's house. The topic will be Irish history in the 18th century.

Michelle Goodrum will be the speaker at the March meeting. Her topic will be ancestry.com.

Door Prizes

The drawing was held for door prizes. The winners were Jan Cayhill and Kerry Wolfe.

President Tibor adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:27 P.M.