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A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson:

September's meeting was a lot of fun. We had several guests and quite a few new members, many of whom have indicated interest in one or more of our Special Interest Groups. New members also mean new ideas and fresh points of view, from which we will all benefit.

If you haven't yet renewed your own membership for 2019-20, now's the time, and I hope you will consider submitting a photo of yourself to be published in the members only directory. It sure can help us put names with faces as we're getting to know each other!

I look forward to seeing you at our October 10 meeting!

A Note from Vice-President – Greg Nordlund:

Our October meeting will feature a presentation about cybersecurity - the kind that keeps you, your computer and your genealogy information safe. Threats to your computer and its data are everywhere and our guest speaker, Kathleen Roberts, will help us understand where the threats are coming from and what you can do to prevent losing your valuable family history information like family trees, media files and photos.

Kathleen, who has a background in the military, comes highly recommended by our friends at the Daughters of the American Revolution. This may prove to be the most valuable presentation of the year!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn:

Please welcome the following new OGS members who joined this past month:

Leanne Long --- Martha (Pierce) Plummer --- Cindy (Hastings) Stalnaker

The new OGS membership year began September 1. Thank you to the members who already have renewed your membership. If you haven't yet renewed for 2019-2020, please see the note on the OGS home page to dues-paying members (except those who joined after June 1 this year).

Since the launch of the current OGS website about 18 months ago, we've had a relatively low rate of logins by members. In the past two months only about a third of our members have logged in even though this spans the change in OGS membership year; a similar number have never logged in!

As time has gone on, we've added more and more resources that are available only to our members who log in to the website, the most recent addition being Claudia Breland's handout from the September Members meeting (see note in the meeting minutes below). If you have any trouble logging in, please contact me at Membership@OlyGenSoc.org and I will be glad to help.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Chair - Kerry McHugh-Upton:

A member has stepped forward with a new SIG (Special Interest Group) to lead a Computer support group. If you are interested, please respond to Kerry McHugh Upton at kerry.upton123@gmail.com. Welcome to all levels of users, primarily Windows based.

I would also like to fill Family Search.org SIG as well. If you would be able to facilitate this group, please let me know. A facilitator would set up meeting times and locations. You do not need to be an expert, just someone interested in it and wanting to learn more about it. As most educators will tell you, they learn more about a subject by teaching it!

If you have another idea for a SIG, please feel free to let me know. If there are several others interested, we can start one up!

Editor's Note:

Other Special Interest Groups cover the following topics: Ancestry.com; DNA; Family Tree Maker; Legacy; and RootsMagic

You can access information as to date, time, location and group coordinator in the Members Only section of the OGS website. Just click on Special Interest Groups (SIGS).

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom:

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person I like to bring a bit of "sunshine" when needed and I would like for you all to let me know, when you know, that someone is ill or needs a thoughtful note. It is nice to think about them and let them know.

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair - Peggy Cooley:

The Seminar Planning Committee is 'pruning' the list of topics for the 2020 seminar. We hope you will find this upcoming Seminar interesting and informative.

A Note from OGS Member, Diana Bargmann:

Radio Station KMAS (AM1030 or FM 103.3) broadcasts a Genealogy Program every Saturday morning from 7AM - 8 AM. It is titled Extreme Genes. Scott Fisher has created a new and different type of show for radio, aimed at showing how fun and interesting family history and genealogy can be. Genealogy is a topic that a lot of people are into and each week Scott talks about amazing finds and connections people make.

Additionally, there is an Extreme Genes website (extremegenes.com), which has a Podcast Archive as well as Fisher's Top Tips and News Archive.

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OGS Events Calendar – June 2019

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, Oct 10	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Drive SW	Bldg 1, Room 152
OGS Spring Seminar Committee	Tuesday, Oct 15	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Meeting Room
OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, Oct 15	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Meeting Room
OGS Drop-In Genealogy Help	Thursday, Oct 17	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Meeting Room
OGS Drop-In Genealogy Help	Saturday, Oct 19	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Genealogy Area Table

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OGS Future Events Calendar

Spring Seminar	Saturday, March 28, 2020	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Capital Event Center	6005 Tye Drive SW	Tumwater

Speaker: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, C. G.

**Minutes Olympia Genealogical Society General Meeting
September 2019 Thurston County Courthouse**

President Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Several new members were in attendance and two guests.

Minutes of the June meeting were in the September newsletter, there being no additions or corrections they were approved as published.

Treasurer Judy Artley gave the financial report.

Vice-President Greg Nordlund said he is working on the future programs. October's program hasn't yet been confirmed. It will be in the newsletter and on the website when it is confirmed.

On the website there is a listing of Community Events and also one for the Regional Events concerning genealogy.

Committee Reports

Seminar Chair Peggy Cooley announced the date for our next seminar, March 28, 2020. The speaker will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, an expert on German genealogy. We will have Percival Catering again. We need a Refreshment coordinator.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) Kerry Upton reminded everyone that the various SIG meetings now are included on the OGS calendar on the website.

The Program Greg Nordlund introduced Claudia Breland, a professional genealogist, who gave a program about finding her ancestors through DNA and not giving up! [Note: Claudia's handout can be found on the OGS website under Publications/Files / Downloadable Files / Program Materials; member login is required to access this folder.]

Announcements

- September 19 is the Secretary of State's 'Ahead of the Curve' grand opening at the SOS office.
- Jerri McCoy reminded us to not forget genealogy that you've put on the back burner, revisit them!
- Gary Foote passed away. A donation can is up front and the money goes to a book or something that will help in the new Lacey facility that will house our books.

SIG - Everyone was encouraged to sign up for the SIG of their choice.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm followed by refreshments and visiting.

Judi Hine, Secretary