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A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson:

Vacation or no, the summer months have been busy for OGS.

In June, your board of directors met in retreat to review the strengths and weakness of our past program year, and to begin planning for the new.

New officers have been learning their responsibilities and gearing up.

Book Coordinators Nancy Cordell & Rebel Romero have continued working with the City of Lacey to build a new partnership, which may result in a home for our library.

August 4, OGS participated in “Thurston Throwback” by hosting a genealogy table at the Thurston County Fair. Beside brochures and other information, there was a flannel board tree for children, sample family tree and pedigree charts, and a large map on which visitors could post dots representing where their ancestors came from. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who worked to make this event happen! There was also a drawing for a free one-year membership in OGS, which was won by Mari Evans. Welcome to OGS, Mari!

And at the August board meeting, the board passed a new operating budget.

I hope you will attend the September 12, general meeting. We are ready to rock!

A Note from Vice-President – Greg Nordlund:

You may not have heard my name before, but I am Greg Nordlund, your new Vice-President. I'm excited to take on this new challenge. I've been an on-and-off member of OGS for several years and have been getting my feet wet with projects here and there, including working Saturday DIG sessions, which I enjoy a great deal.

One of my biggest challenges will be finding engaging topics for our monthly meetings and encourage you to send in any suggestions you think would make a good presentation.

Our speaker this month is professional genealogist and author, Claudia Breland who will be talking about “The Murder of Rhoda Jones.” Rhoda was Claudia's 2nd great-grandmother and was murdered in 1883. Newspapers called it a suicide and confirmed the name of her husband who deserted her during the Civil War.

Claudia spent many years working to solve the mysteries surrounding these great-grandparents. She will share the details of this story and you will discover many helpful tips, resources and strategies for solving such mysteries.

Please join us for the meeting, Sept 12 to hear Claudia. I'm looking forward to working with you all this year!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn:

Please welcome the following new OGS members who joined this summer:

Mari Evans
Scott Kampen
Michele Monn
Kandy Seldin

The new OGS membership year begins 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).

If any member has a photo of yourself that you'd be willing to have added to the OGS Membership Directory, please send it to me at Membership@OlyGenSoc.org. The OGS web platform allows members to maintain their own profile info, but it does not allow you to upload your photos. A number of members have commented about the value of member photos for networking at our meetings. Only members who log in to the OGS website are able to view our directory.

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom:

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person means 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.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS):

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).

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

Ask The Experts – Kathy Erlandson

The culmination of almost two years planning, OGS's Ask the Experts was an unparalleled success. Twenty-three members participated in 20-minute consultations with professional genealogists, who provided tools and resources for enhancing their research and breaking down brick walls. "This was Great!" said one member. "My expert was well prepared and had ideas about the direction I should take and continue with." Another said, "[My expert] furnished many resources for me to consult, along with verbal instructions on using them. Very helpful." And yet another said, "I would like to see OGS do this again as it was helpful to me. [My expert] had done her homework and came up with several resources for me in my continuing search for my paternal grandfather... I'm a happy camper."

Our thanks go out to the experts who provided this wonderful help. Claudia Breland, Caroll Budny, Karin Coppernoll, Nancy Cordell, Carol Jenner, Trish Hackett-Nicola, and Sheila Thayer, all members of Puget Sound Association of Professional Genealogists; Jerri McCoy, OGS Research Chairperson, and David Olsen from Hovedstad Lodge 2-94, Sons of Norway.

Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors

2019-2020 Elected Officers

President – Kathy Erlandson
Vice President – Greg Nordlund
Treasurer - Judy Artley
Secretary – Judi Hine
Past President – Nancy Cordell

2019-2020 Standing Committee Chairs

Beginners Workshop - Ann Olson
Book Coordinators – Nancy Cordell & Rebel Romero
Drop-In Genealogy Help – Eileen Dodge
Election Committee -
FaceBook – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Historian – Joyce Ogden
Library Liaison – Juliet Lawson-Hall
Membership – Bob Monn
Memorials -
Multi-Media – Rebel Romero
Newsletter – Eileen Dodge
Outreach -
Publicity – Joyce Ogden
Refreshment – Diana Bargmann
Research – Jerri McCoy
Spring Seminar – Peggy Cooley
Sunshine – Gayle Strom
Special Interest Groups – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Webmasters – Bob Monn, Kerry McHugh-Upton, & Jerri McCoy

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OGS Events Calendar – September 2019

OGS General Meeting Thurston County Courthouse	Thursday, Sept 12 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW	7:00-9:00 pm Building 1, Room 152
OGS Spring Seminar Meeting Olympia Timberland Library	Tuesday, Sept 17 313 8 th Ave SE	5:00-6:00 pm Meeting Room
OGS Board Meeting Olympia Timberland Library	Tuesday, Sept 17 313 8 th Ave SE	6:00-7:45 pm Meeting Room
OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Olympia Timberland Library	Thursday, Sept 19 13 8 th Ave SE	1:00-3:00 pm Meeting Room
OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Olympia Timberland Library	Saturday, Sept 21 313 8 th Ave SE	1:00-3:00 pm Genealogy Area Table

OGS Future Events Calendar

Spring Seminar Capital Event Center	Saturday, March 28, 2020 6005 Tyee Drive SW	9am – 4 pm Tumwater
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Speaker: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, C.G.

June 2019 OGS General Meeting Minutes

President - Nancy Cordell opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. she welcomed one guest and one new member.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed as part of the June newsletter. There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer - Judy Artley gave the financial report. There is \$15,137.92 in the bank and the CD has \$4,137.57.

Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson reminded the members about Ask The Experts on Aug 24, 2019. There will be eight experts and the participants who have signed up will hear in the next couple of weeks about their appointments.

Committee Reports

Book Coordinator - Nancy Cordell stated that we have a letter of understanding with the City of Lacey and things are going well.

Election – Greg Nordlund gave the names of committee members: Greg Nordlund, Eileen Dodge and Scott Morrison. He also presented the slate of nominees:

President-Kathy Erlandson
Vice President- Greg Nordlund
Secretary-Judi Hine to continue
Treasurer-Judy Artley to continue

Nancy Cordell conducted the election. Since there were no nominations from the floor it was moved, by Judi Hine that the nominations be closed. The move was seconded and passed. Greg Nordlund then moved that the vote be unanimous. This was seconded and passed.

Nancy then passed the gavel to Kathy but continued to conduct this, her last, meeting.

Outreach - Nancy announced that on Sunday, Aug 4 For Thurston Throwback our volunteers are needed for setup/breakdown and to person the booth in two-hour stints throughout the day. It is preferable to have two people per shift. There will be more information before the event.

Refreshments - Nancy announced that starting in September members must provide their own water/beverage at general meetings because large water container cannot be filled at the courthouse.

Special Interest Groups -

Greg Nordlund announced that the Ancestry group will not meet in June but will meet in July and August.

Dave Abernathy announced that the Family Tree Group will not meet in June but will meet in July at the Fire Station in Lacey at 10 a.m.

Program - Kathy Erlandson introduced Judi Hine who gave a program on the National Society of the Daughters of the America Revolution.

Close meeting - Nancy adjourned the members at 8:00 p.m. and asked them to visit and have refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Judi Hine, OGS Secretary