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February Meeting

Tuesday, 25 February

10 a.m. – 12 noon

**St. Luke's Episcopal
Church**

Parish Hall

426 E 4th Plain Blvd.

Vancouver

**The WHY, WHEN, WHERE,
WHO, and HOW of "doing"
Salt Lake City!**

Jeanine Bailiff and Marge Greenen

NOTICE, Snowbirds (and others)!
If your *Newsletter* or *Trail Breakers* is
returned as undeliverable, no more mailings
will be made until you contact CCGS with a
corrected address.

Have you ever said . . .

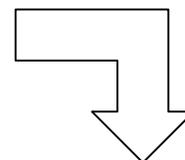
**Why on earth would I want
to go to Salt Lake City for
research?**

**Come to this meeting and see how to
Plan the Perfect Trip to Salt
Lake City!**

Jeanine Bailiff and Marge Greenen have organized the past several CCGS trips in October to Salt Lake City. They will present a program with lots of ideas, suggestions, and some great information, in the form of handouts, that has been sent to us from Salt Lake City.

We hope you will plan on attending the meeting and find out why you should go with the group next time to Salt Lake City.

**Spread
the Word**



About our Spring Seminar on
15 March with Dr. John Philip
Colletta

NEW SPRING SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The CCGS Board is looking for a new chairperson or co-chairpersons to be in charge of the Spring Seminar for 2004. If you enjoy contacting potential speakers, making meeting arrangements, and working with great volunteers, this is the job for you. In addition, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have made a vital contribution toward supporting CCGS and its many activities.

Jennifer Warren and Sharon Wodtke, this year's co-chairs, will be glad to meet with you to give you all the information you need about the responsibilities involved. There are a number of files from past spring seminars at the CCGS library that can assist

The first task for Spring Seminar 2004 is that of arranging for a speaker. The sooner that process begins, the better.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping to plan Spring Seminar 2004. Right now, we are in the exciting planning stage of our 2003 Spring Seminar. This would be a great opportunity to work with Jennifer and Sharon and get hands-on experience. Contact Jennifer at <jwarren@pacifier.com> or Sharon at <wodtke@wa-net.com>.

CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS

We look forward to meeting you at our second New Member Get-Together, Sunday, February 9, from 2 to 4 pm at the CCGS Library. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with other new members (and some older members), to discover how the society can help you with your genealogical search, to learn about the many activities in which CCGS is involved, and to learn about various volunteer opportunities if you want to become more active in CCGS.

If you are not a new member but would like to learn more about CCGS, you are also welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Clark County Genealogical Society will host an estate planning seminar on March 26, 2003 at St. Luke's Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

There will be two sessions, at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Each 90-minute session will cover the same essential material, with ample time for questions at the end, so plan to attend at the most convenient time.

Our presenters will be Robert Ives, a Vancouver attorney experienced in estate planning issues, and Danielle Fischer, Vice President and Trust Officer

of West Coast Trust Company. They will discuss wills, probate, family trusts and living trusts, charitable gifts, and other issues that are important to consider when adopting or revising your estate plan.

Attendance at each session will be limited to 30 people to assure ample opportunity to answer questions at the end. To make a reservation, please contact Clarissa Farnsworth at 360.695.2935 or by e-mail at <clarfarn@pacifier.com>.

CCGS is hosting this seminar as a service to our members and it is the responsibility of attendees to judge the appropriateness of the contents for their individual situations. CCGS is not responsible for

REGISTER NOW FOR THE SPRING SEMINAR AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP

March is just around the corner and registrations for the 2003 Spring Seminar on Saturday, March 15, are beginning to come in. Send your registration in today to ensure that you won't miss one of this year's primo genealogical events in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. John Colletta is a superb speaker. His presentations are packed with information to help you with your genealogical search and, best of all, he makes learning fun.

The day of the Seminar registration will begin at 8 a.m. There will be one break in the morning and one in the afternoon, at which times refreshments will be available. Lunch is included in the registration fee if you register no later than March 6.

We are happy to announce that the Heritage Quest Regional Library bookstore from Sumner, WA, will be the vendor for this year's seminar.

We suggest that you carpool if at all possible, as parking is limited. Parking is available on the east side of the school off Evergreen Blvd. and at the corner of Evergreen and Gillis. There is on-street parking on Grand Blvd. and on Gillis. The building entrance on Grand will be open for drop-off.

Co-chairs Jennifer Warren and Sharon Wodtke are asking for your help in making the seminar a huge success. We need help before the seminar as well as the day of the seminar. Please contact one of us ASAP if you can assist with any of the following:

- a. Publicity.
- b. Assembling registration packets.
- c. Making Signs.
- d. Helping in the kitchen or providing refreshments for the breaks. Irene Page is in charge. If you can help, please email her at <pageig@pacifier.com>.
- e. Registration table - morning of seminar.
- f. Selling Dr. Colletta's books at speaker's table.
- g. Presenting door prizes (already obtained) at the seminar.
- h. Working at the membership table.

At this time CCGS has no publicity chairperson, so we need your help. Word of mouth is the best advertising. Please send seminar registration forms to friends and encourage them to attend. Forms are available at the CCGS library or online at the CCGS website <www.ccg-wa.org>. If you receive this newsletter by mail, it includes a registration form.

It is expensive to put on a Spring Seminar and to have a nationally known speaker of Dr. Colletta's stature. This event is the main fundraiser for the society this year. The greater the attendance at the seminar, the greater our profit will be. Keep in mind that the "profit" helps to fund society activities throughout the year, such as the operation of the CCGS library, educational classes, general meetings, etc. Working together, we can make Spring Seminar 2003 a great success.

Dr. Colletta will be staying at Best Inn & Suites at 7001 NE Highway 99 in Hazel Dell. Speakers who have stayed there in the past have been very pleased with the accommodations and the breakfast that is included with the cost of lodging. For more information, call 888-696-0516.

There are two Shilo Inns that you might want to consider. One is the Shilo Inn, Hazel Dell, located at 13206 Highway 99. For information call 800-222-2244.

The other is the Shilo Inn, Downtown Vancouver, which is the closest lodging to the Washington State School for the Deaf, where the seminar is being held. You can call 800-222-2244 for information.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to meeting each of you at CCGS - 2003 Spring Seminar, featuring John Philip Colletta.

Note From President Bill Duchie

Have you ever met a person who was not the least bit interested in genealogy? I can only re-member one. Of course interest levels vary. Younger people usually feel it is something they can do later in life.

How can we best showcase genealogy and encourage people to experience the joy of research-ing their families?

Some things I do:

1. Share short family stories (two to three minutes) from my research.
2. Give a CCGS business card and invite them to the library.
3. Do research on their family and present it to them. It shows how easily the work can be done and it generally sparks their interest.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED ACCOUNTS OF THEIR EXPERIENCES IN SALT LAKE CITY

Your accounts have not vanished into a black hole – they are in our publishing queue. We value them, but we can only use them as space is available. This is true also of other submitted material. We would like, in fact, to receive more such material so that we have a selection to choose from when we have a bit (or a lot) of space to fill. And we know our readers like to hear from their fellow CCGS members

I have been looking for information on family members in Ohio. I saved a costly airline trip by using the Internet. From Cindy's List I searched for public libraries in Youngstown, OH. The library's web page directs you to genealogy research policy. Listed on their web page are the sources they will check, such as obituaries or birth announcements for specific dates (5 days from info), city directories and much more. You can ask for information by email, with a maximum of 5 questions per request.

The library charges \$5.00 per request plus 10 cents for each page copied. This was such a great find! I sent for and received 3 obituary notices from the newspaper and 3 copies of city directory pages, all for under \$6.00. It is so amazing to me that you can get so much information, all from the comfort of your own home. I know there is so much more information out there in never-never land just waiting for me to ask the right questions.

Maria Adler

PLEASE KEEP US POSTED

Irene Page, <pageig@pacifier.com>: news that calls for a greeting from the Sunshine Department.

Gene Kuechmann, <genekuech@aol.com>: news that calls for notice in the Newsletter.

Pat Bauer, <patbauer@pacifier.com>: news and items for the CCGS web page or weekly news bulletin.

To receive Pat Bauer's weekly message, send a note to her at: <patbauer@pacifier.com>.

We're affiliated with Heritage Books, Legacy Family Tree, and Ancestry.com. There are links to all three of these on several of the pages on the CCGS web site. CCGS receives a commission from each of these companies for sales to anyone accessing their site from our web page. But Ancestry's automatic renewal system does not credit CCGS. Please refuse the automatic renewal and resubscribe from our web page.

IN THE LIBRARY

With Sandy Thompson
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If you are planning to combine a summer vacation with doing some genealogical research, NOW is the time, during these winter months, to come into the Library and do your basic preparation. The librarians will help. It will save you time during your travels.

WELCOME ABOARD, CAROL WHITNEY!!

Carol has joined the Binding Committee. At her first learning session during the first week of January 2003, she did an excellent job rebinding 7 damaged books from the shelves. She is a quick learner and we are pleased she has joined our group.

THANK YOU, PAT BAUER !!

Pat has done a wonderful job presenting our Binding Service information on the CCGS Web Page. We even have our own Library page! Check it out.

The Library Committee had a workshop after the Monday January 6th meeting and were able to process quite a lot of the Watson Collection. You will notice the Library is a lot neater now, with fewer boxes stacked around. This work will continue during January and right up until our scheduled February 24/25 Library Inventory date. Many new research books are being added daily.

Remember the Library has FEBRUARY FIRST FREE FRIDAY and bring a relative, friend, or neighbor and help them get started on their own genealogies.

Searching and Sharing that is what we are all about.

Sandy

CCGS CLASS SCHEDULES

For additional information, call Burt Paynter, CCGS Education Director, at (360) 891-9411.

MINI-CLASSES

Two special-topic mini-classes are being offered at the CCGS Library in February.

The fee for each class is \$10. A maximum of 16 people will be able to attend each class. Register by visiting the CCGS Library and signing up or by calling in and reserving a space.

Space reserved but not paid for by the class date may be offered to people who walk in that day.

The February schedule is:

Feb 4, 10 a.m. – 12: Searching the 1930 Census
Gerry Lenzen

 Feb. 18, 10 a.m. – 12: Heritage Quest/Pro Quest databases
Connie Lenzen

(More information below.)

Connie Lenzen wrote in her November 7th column in the Columbian:

Tom Taylor, from Vancouver Community Library's District Information Services, announces that the library has subscribed to HeritageQuest Online and to digital Sanborn Maps for Oregon and Washington. Anyone with a Vancouver library card and Internet access can view the databases, either at the library or in their own home -- and for free.

For information on how to access the Vancouver Library and the Multnomah County Library from home, see *Libraries on the Web* on page 3 of the December 2002 CCGS Newsletter.

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of CCGS member Audrey (Garner) Stevens, who died Sunday, January 19.

NEEDED!

Microfilm readers for the Library
Can you help?

CCGS

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President: William DUCHIE

Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Janette BIRCH

Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 11 Jan. – Beginning Genealogy, Clark College Campus, Town Center, room 102**
- 28 Jan. Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 1 - 3 p.m.**
- 4 Feb. Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon.**
- 9 Feb. New Member Meeting, CCGS Library, 2 – 4 p.m.**
- 10 Feb. CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 17 Feb. Irish Interest Group Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 18 Feb. Special-Topic Mini Class, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 25 Feb. General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 15 March 2003 Spring Seminar with John Philip Colletta**

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at St. Luke's Parish Hall.

Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. - noon in January, February, October, and November.

Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m. in April, May June, and September.