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**May Meeting
Tuesday, 27 May 2003
7 – 9 p.m.**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
426 E. 4th Plain Blvd.
Vancouver**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
and
THE ALLEN COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Ft. Wayne, Indiana
The ACPL Web Site
and Using PERSI**

Come learn all about the Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department at the ACPL

The Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana has the second largest collection of genealogical holdings in the world. (You know who has the largest.)

At the May meeting, Jennifer Warren and Sharon Wodtke will present information about the ACPL, including tips for searching the web site and step-by-step directions for using PERSI (PERiodical Search Index). PERSI is an outstanding, though much under-utilized, genealogical resource that can help you find information that may be found only in periodicals. The CCGS Library has both the 1999 and 2000 versions of the PERSI CD, so you can search for articles of interest in the comfort of our own library. For those not planning to go to Fort Wayne, articles can be ordered for a reasonable charge from the Allen County Public Library.

Come learn about the ACPL. One can never have too many research resources! For further information about the planned CCGS research trip, see page 3.

NOTE

Our Guest Editor for the June Newsletter will be Lois Kullberg. Please get all items to her by 21 May.
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

For President: Bill Duchie
For Secretary: Janette Birch

For Treasurer: Joy Schmoldt
For Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Frost

BILL DUCHIE

I became interested in genealogy and joined CCGS in 1996. My first job was as a volunteer librarian, and I have since held several other positions. I served in the elected positions of vice-president (2001) and president (2002).

My theory of volunteer participation is that it should be enjoyable, involve cooperative work with others, be beneficial to the organization, and not interfere with my primary reason (genealogy in this case) for belonging.

As an officer, I have sought to increase new-member participation, create an endowment program, expand the speaker's bureau, develop partnerships with other groups, increase donations of genealogical materials, and expand the use of e-mail communication among Board members.

My goals for the coming year are to increase Society harmony and thereby encourage greater member participation, strengthen and develop new partnerships, further genealogical interest in the community, and develop a Society five-year plan.

JANETTE BIRCH

I was born in Exeter, England, amidst the World War II battle. I've lived in both England and the United States with the U.S. being the primary place of residence. I've lived most of my life in the Pacific Northwest, but have relatives in both England and Kentucky. I became interested in genealogy just on year ago when I attended the 2002 Spring Seminar.

After attending a business college in Seattle, I went to work for the Boeing Company, where I met my husband. We have two children, a son and a daughter, and five grandchildren, four girls and one boy.

I've been a volunteer in many social and philanthropic groups. I've been a foster mother as well. I've worked as an aide in the English department of a community college as well as a director of volunteers. Since 1984 I've been a Registered Nurse, but retired in 1999. I have an Associate of Arts degree and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

My main interests since retiring have been photography, learning to use the computer, writing, boating, reading, decorating, sewing, cooking, dream work, and now genealogy. I am currently the CCGS Recording Secretary.

JOY SCHMOLDT

My early years were spent growing up on the prairie and fertile farmland of south-western Iowa near Council Bluffs. My life was carefree, with no concerns about crime in our small town. I was the fourth generation of my family in the small town of Shelby. Two great-grandfathers and one grandfather served in the Civil War from Iowa.

I lived briefly in Greeley, Colorado, and in Salt Lake City before my family moved to Alhambra, California. I attended Pasadena City College one year and graduated from UCLA. I then earned a master's degree from Cal State Los Angeles.

Teaching business subjects for 3 years at Alhambra High School and then for 26 years at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California, kept me "on the go". So my genealogical work began only about 2 years ago--but now I am "hooked"!

I was married and have two grown children--a son living in Camas and a daughter living in La Jolla, California.

KAREN FROST

I was born and raised in Lodge Grass, Big Horn Co., Montana and spent my first seventeen years there. After graduation, I moved to Denver to further my education.

I worked three years for State of Colorado in the Dept. of Revenue and Dept. of Employment. My husband and I moved to Portland in 1964. After six months we moved to Vancouver and have lived here since.

I worked for twenty years at Alcoa here in Vancouver. In 1986, the plant closed and I retired from the company. In 1984 my husband and I formed our own business, Frost Associates, Inc., (convenience stores) and sold the business in September 1999. I once again found myself unemployed! This time around I'm enjoying my leisure and my newfound interest over the past three years of genealogy.

I have served on the board of two credit unions (one term as secretary); American Business Women's Assn (president twice); Financial Investment Group (president twice); and am currently the vice president of my condo association. I am also the current CCGS Asst. Sec./Treasurer.

I'm the proud mother of two girls and one son, plus a granddaughter and grandson.

Research Trip To FHL In Salt Lake City Planned For 2003

Leave: Sunday, Oct. 5 Return: Sunday, Oct. 12

We will stay at the Carlton Hotel, 140 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Hotel reservations will be made by Jeanine Bailiff to get the discount offered for genealogical groups. Give room preferences to Marge Greenen as soon as possible. If you need a roommate, let her know. The hotel shuttles us to & from the library and airport. If you want to stay at a different hotel it will be your responsibility to obtain reservations.

Room rates at Carlton Hotel:

Single \$335 + tax = \$371.00 total

Double \$375 + tax = \$415.69 divided by 2 persons

Triple \$415 + tax = \$460.03 divided by 3 persons; Triple with kitchenette, add \$70

Price includes breakfast each morning. (A tip is appreciated!)

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Join CCGS for our First Genealogical Research Trip to Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 12 - 19, 2003

Curt Witcher, the Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, in response to an email saying CCGS was planning a trip to Fort Wayne in October, made the following comments about the library's new temporary location:

"Moving our entire collection (indeed, the entire main library) and getting opened back up in one month was quite taxing. The good news, though, is that we have put together one of the best research set-ups for patrons that anyone can find anywhere coast to coast. Your group should really have one of the very best research times ever. Please know that I will do everything possible to make this an exceptional trip for your group."

The program for the May 27th general meeting will definitely help members prepare and organize for research in Fort Wayne.

Regarding flight arrangements, we can get a group rate through a travel agent if we have a minimum of 10 persons for the trip. Features of a group rate are:

- a. Lower price.
- b. Once reservations have been made, the rate is set and doesn't change.

c. Fourteen (14) days after making reservations, each person must make a deposit of \$40.

d. Any payment made is refundable up to 60 days prior to the date of departure.

e. All reservations must be paid in full 60 days before departure.

f. Name changes are allowed up to 30 days prior to departure.

As of April 8, the group rate price for a Northwest Airlines round-trip ticket from Portland to Chicago to Fort Wayne, IN, was \$371.50. This price includes all taxes and fees. The cost is only \$20 more than a group rate round-trip ticket to Chicago.

Airline ticket prices have been very volatile in the past few weeks. It's impossible to know if there will be a better rate in the coming weeks or if the price will increase.

When we know for sure we have 10 to 12 people who definitely want to go to Fort Wayne, we can make a group reservation. Those who want to make their own flight arrangements are welcome to do so.

Please let Jennifer Warren, jwarren@pacifier.com, or Sharon Wodtke, wodtke@wa-net.com, know ASAP if you want to join us for this outstanding opportunity to do research at the Allen County Public Library.

Note From President Bill Duchie

Have you wondered why CCGS has been successful in meeting the needs of its members and as a result grown to nearly 600 members during its rich thirty-year history? I recently gained new insights.

CCGS nominated Doris Wastradowski as our candidate for the Federation of Genealogical Society (FGS) Ruth C. Bishop Family History Volunteer Hall of Honor. Doris' current 20 to 30 volunteer hours per month came as no surprise. We are all aware of her involvement with the library committee, serving twice a month as a librarian, mentoring members in their research, Society meetings and willingness to lend a hand. What did surprise me was her consistent and sustained level of activity since becoming a member in 1980. During that time she has served more than 21,400 hours in a broad range of elected, appointed and volunteer positions. When asked about her participation, Doris responded, "I just like being involved in things." Her experience and judgment are invaluable assets as this Society reflects upon its history and looks eagerly to the future. Thank you, Doris, and all the other volunteers who have done and continue do the things they enjoy while serving the Society so well. Don't forget to report your volunteer hours to Marg Fizzell. The information is important as we seek future monetary or equipment grants.

There is a steady stream of genealogical resources (books, microfilms, CDs, and family histories) being donated to the library by members and friends of CCGS. Consider that your donation could create valuable space on your home shelves while giving others access to these materials

Mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter is Margaret Colf Hepola's gift for purchasing items on the Society's "wish list," and we have been notified that Jean Holroyd, a charter member of CCGS, named the Society in her will. The endowment committee can assist you in identifying a range of ways for you to remember the Society in your will and the wish list includes a wide range of items that may appeal to your philanthropic interests.

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, and requests to receive her weekly message "Chat Room Reminder. . .". If you've requested but are not receiving Pat's weekly message, it might be that your on-line mailbox is full! Each week she gets several messages back as undeliverable, so be sure to empty your mailbox often.

We're affiliated with Heritage Books, Legacy Family Tree, and Ancestry.com. CCGS receives a commission from each of these companies for sales to anyone [accessing their site from our web page](#).

Please remember that the Newsletter comes out monthly and is prepared at least a week before the end of the month. For news of late developments, log on to our web site. If there is important news there, please share it with your non-computerized friends.

By the way, the electronic Newsletter and the printed version may not always be identical in appearance, but they contain the same information.



**NEW COMPUTERS AND SOFTWARE BEING
INSTALLED !**

We are very excited about the new computers and software that in the future will make research much easier for both Patrons and Volunteer Librarians. The Library Committee deeply appreciates the generous gift of Margaret Colf Hepola and the Colf Family Foundation towards the purchase of such an important "lasting project" for the Library and extend our many thanks. We also thank Jane Germann for her extensive help in coordinating this project with Margaret Hepola and the CCGS Board.

We appreciate all the efforts of the Computer Improvement Project Committee, especially Pat Bauer, Don Finel, and Phil Thompson.

IN MEMORY OF JEAN HOLROYD

One of our dearest members, active since this Society began, has died.

Before she retired, Jean was a teacher. She was a good Librarian; she always enjoyed helping patrons in the Library and was very responsible. Because of ill health, she was unable to work recently in the Library. She will be greatly missed

CCGS Library Committee

PLEASE NOTICE

If we are to keep costs down, we cannot print the minutes of Board meetings or the Treasurer's reports in the Newsletter. Our Board meetings are open to all members. Also, members are welcome to examine the minutes of Board meetings and the financial reports of the treasurer at the CCGS Library. Ask a librarian on duty for help.

WSGS Editor Resigns

The WSGS Newsletter Editor, Hazel Rasar, is resigning because of poor health and impending surgery. For the time being information for the WSGS Newsletter should be sent to Bob Witherspoon at RGWSpoon@aol.com

Welcome, New Members
M-164B Baker, Barbara A. O-135A Oliver, Joan
F-087A Fox, Cynthia R-114A Royce, Leslie F.
L-077A Kallberg, Bonnie C-139A Chase, Bonnie
T-063A Titus, Charles W.

**Let's Make Our New Members
Welcome !**

New Member Meeting at the CCGS Library
Sunday, May 18, 2003 - 2 to 4 p.m.

The new member meetings provide a special opportunity for those who have recently joined CCGS to learn about the Society and to get acquainted with some of the officers or committee chairpersons. It also provides an opportunity for older members to extend a warm welcome to new members.

All members, no matter when you joined CCGS, are encouraged to attend and let the "newest members on the block" know that they are part of a friendly, helpful, and supportive organization.

The library is open to researchers on May 18 from 1 to 5 p.m., which gives those planning to attend the new member gathering time to do research before and after the meeting. Linda Clark and Joanne Jenny, librarians on the 18th, will be happy to assist you.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jean G. Holroyd, a charter member of CCGS, who died 25 March 2003.

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Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Janette BIRCH

Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

Past President: Sharon WODTKE

CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 1 March** **New Library schedule: Tues.: noon – 6 p.m., Wed. – Sat.:10 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Wed. and Thurs. evenings: 6 – 9 p.m.**
- 18 April –** **Beginning Genealogy, Clark College Campus, Town Center, room 108**
13 June **10 a.m. – noon (no class 23 May)**
- 12 May** **CCGS Board Meeting, CCGS Library, 7 – 9 p.m. (Members welcome to attend.)**
- 18 May** **New Member Meeting, CCGS Library, 1 – 5 p.m.**
- 19 May** **Irish Interest Group Meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 27 May** **General Meeting, St. Luke's Parish Hall, 7 – 9 p.m.**
- 5-12 Oct.** **Research trip to Family History Library, Salt Lake City**
- 12-19 Oct.** **Research trip to Allen Co. Library, Ft. Wayne, Indiana**

**General Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in Nov.) at St. Luke's Parish Hall.
Morning meetings are 10 a.m. - noon in January, February, October, and November.
Evening meetings are 7 - 9 p.m. in April, May June, and September.**