

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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October 2004 General Meeting

Come to the October meeting and learn more about our Strategic Planning Project. You can read about it on page 2 of this Newsletter. We'll have a "round table" type discussion to get things going. You're invited to come and give us your ideas and input.

We'll also have an informal Salt Lake City Trip Show & Share. Some of those folks who made the trip in October will share their finds and information to help you with your next trip.

The meeting will be held
Tuesday, October 26, 2004
10:00 am until noon
at the
First Presbyterian Church
4300 Main Street
Vancouver, WA

Congratulations Doris!



Doris Leachman Wastradowski is a Lifetime member of CCGS and a volunteer who has finally been honored for her thousands of hours of work.

She was awarded "The Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor Award" at the Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in September. Ruth

Bishop and her family gave the endowment for funding this award in coordination with FGS.

As the second person to win this annual award, Doris received a registration to the FGS conference in San Antonio, TX; five complimentary hotel nights (Tuesday through Saturday at the conference hotel), airfare to the conference and a ticket to the FGS banquet. Our Hall of Honor winner also merited a cash award of \$1000 for CCGS!

Doris, a long-time genealogist, has been active in many phases of CCGS including being (past) President; Library Director; in charge of the Clark College classes for many years and too many other things to mention here.

Among the names she is researching are: Leachman, Wills, Beatty, Fields, Campbell, Coe, Ruhr and many more!

Our Research Policy!

Alice Allen is our Research Correspondent. The current research policy that Alice follows is posted on our webpage at www.ccgswa.org. It states that a search of CCGS publications will be made for any surname for a donation of \$10.00 which includes one hour of research and up to 10 photocopies. There is a charge for additional copies (.15 cents per page) and postage in excess of 3 oz.

PSSST! HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING?

Several of you have been asking "Why do we need a strategic planning process?" Some of you have expressed concern about the time it may require. Following is a short explanation of why other organizations have chosen to engage in a strategic planning process.

WHY STRATEGIC PLANNING?

In today's world of rapid change, especially in technology, non-profit organizations face the challenge of staying abreast of changes while managing with dwindling resources. Genealogy libraries are especially impacted as more and more people can access information from home. How can we maintain an active membership and volunteer base that will continue to sustain our library? What is unique about our library that can capture the interest of new membership while maintaining the interest of our current membership?

Organizations have used strategic planning as a way of answering these questions through an exercise of thinking and acting strategically. The dynamics of strategic planning are different from long-range planning in that it: (1) emphasizes assessment of the environment outside and inside the organization to determine how best to take advantage of future opportunities and avoid potential threats; (2) formulates a "vision of success" for the future and asks how it might be achieved; (3) relies more on identifying and resolving issues that evolve from changes

external to the organization that directly impact how we serve our membership; and (4) is more action oriented in that the organization is guided by a 'vision of success' that allows it to pursue a different path to achieve the vision if the future does not turn out as planned.

WHY DOES THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS TAKE LONGER THAN CONVENTIONAL PLANNING?

Strategic planning takes more time because it requests participation and input from all of its membership (in the form of interviews, focus groups, interactive activities, etc.) This is to ensure that a final strategic plan is not achieved only by the efforts and through the insight of a few people - the organization at large has a say in its future.

Some of you have already been involved and others will be contacted in the future for your participation and input. Opportunities for you to give input include (1) a survey sent to every member, (2) one-on-one interviews with a cross section of the members, (3) a DRAFT Strategic Map to be placed on the back wall of the library to solicit your comments and responses: one will also be placed on the Web site, and (4) a round-robin activity at the October General Meeting.

Your opinions are important-make a difference by letting us know what you think. We can all look forward to this exciting adventure.
Earlene Holmstrom

Recycle those cartridges!

We are recycling printer cartridges through 123InkJets.com and are collecting the following: Lexmark Inkjet Cartridges; Hewlett Packard Inkjet Cartridges; Compaq Inkjet Cartridges; CANON cartridges and HP & Xerox toner cartridges for printers.

This will not only benefit CCGS but will help our environment by keeping these cartridges out of landfills.

Please leave them in the box near the copy machine at the library. Rosalie Kepler is the CCGS member in charge of sending in the cartridges for our refund.

Fiche Basket is Full!

The long-awaited Clark County Marriage fiche 1890 - 1977 are cataloged and in the library for use by all patrons. Marriage fiche are listed under Groom and Brides names, by year.

They have been made available by the generous contributions of CCGS members like you! We were “*Fishing for Fiche*” for several months before “catching” enough to buy the entire collection.

Maybe we can start a trend?

Our CCGS webmaster, Patricia McKee Bauer, has been working with Eileen Abernathy of Camas on a huge project which is nearing completion. It's a web page with information on every burial in the Fern Prairie Cemetery near Camas, WA. Not only is there information on each burial, there is a picture of each gravestone; an obituary from local newspapers when available; other pictures of the individuals buried there; interesting history of the cemetery and lots more information.

The web site is free from Rootsweb and a digital camera was used for the photos so there was no cost for film or developing! The site has been receiving some nice comments! See the web page at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wafpc>.

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to Bill & Gene Kuechmann in the recent death of Bill's sister in Denver. Her funeral was held in Wisconsin.

British Certificates Available Online!

Our Head Librarian received information recently on ordering certificates from the General Register Office in England online. The message came from the Certificates Online Management Team. These are Births, Marriages and Deaths in England and Wales

In their message, they said, “As you may be aware, last year we launched a registration certificate online ordering service for customers living in England and Wales. The success of this has resulted in over 50% of applications for certificates now being made online.

Further improvements have recently been made to the website, with a new site address at www.gro.gov.uk and a more user friendly format reflecting the services provided. We are please to announce that, following these improvements and trial tests, we are now able to offer this online ordering service to customers worldwide.”

Check out their web page for more information. There is a link to this web page on the CCGS page of links for your convenience.

Want to enhance your research skills and be of service at the same time?

The library is in need of shift librarians. If you are unsure of your skills you will be paired with an experienced librarian. Your help is needed to keep the library open.

There are also many other opportunities - assisting in accessions (you'll be among the first to look at books new to the collection) - write thank you notes for donations - check in periodicals - etc., etc. You volunteer - you make the choice of where you would like to serve.

Call or stop by the library to volunteer. We're at 717 Grand Blvd, phone 360-750-5688.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Annette Jakubiak
Elizabeth Jakubiak
Robert Scullin
Gloria Scullin
Patricia Youngren
Jody Stahancyk
Micah Bronilsky
Teresa Foster
Joey Frizzell
Gary Palmer
Luann Clark Buffam
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CCGS MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

4 Oct 2004 Legacy Family Tree Interest Group 10 a.m. - noon
11 Oct 2004 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.
26 Oct 2004 General Meeting, First Presbyterian Church 10 a.m. - noon.
1 Nov 2004 Legacy Family Tree Interest Group 10 a.m. - noon
8 Nov 2004 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.
19 Mar 2005 Spring Seminar with Cyndi Howells of *Cyndi's List*
General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at First Presbyterian Church
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