

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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**CCGS Library**  
**3205 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St.**  
**Vancouver, WA**  
**360-750-5688**

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### Hours of operation

Closed Sunday & Monday

*Check the on-line  
library calendar for  
unexpected closures.*

<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

**Tues. - Fri**

10 am to 3:00 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday only**  
6-9 pm

**Saturday**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday only**  
10 am to 3 pm

### How to get here:

From I-5, take the Hwy.  
500 exit east to St. Johns  
Rd. exit. Turn left onto St.  
Johns Rd. and proceed  
over the highway.  
Continue to NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
turn left and we will be on  
the left, across from  
Hi-School Pharmacy.

### President's Message

Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Hello all. Welcome to the June 2020 CCGS Newsletter. I write this with a certain amount of sadness as it will be my last President's Message. Pursuant to the CCGS bylaws, I must put down my gavel and make way for new blood. I have been proud to serve as your President for the past five years. In many ways our Society looks the same yet in many ways, different from 2015. Our membership numbers were stable. Library use was up. Classes, meetings, special interest groups, seminars; all was clicking along. Then we lost our lease, forcing us to scramble to find a new home. We found the perfect building with great landlords. We remodeled, we moved. The effort it took to relocate was considerable. Then, just when we were getting rolling, the restrictions of the pandemic hit. At this writing, the building has been closed for more than two months but, the first glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel is showing. There is some possibility that "Phase 2" of opening things up may happen in a few days. As good as that news is, it doesn't mean a return to normal operations at the CCGS library nor the eminent return of classes. Libraries, museums and the like will not be able to physically reopen until "Phase 3". That is hopeful news for the facilities but those of us deemed high-risk (over 65 or with underlying medical conditions) will still be in lockdown until "Phase 4". All that said, CCGS will continue to be available with on-line meetings and classes. Keep watching the website, ccgs-wa.org, the weekly email and the Facebook pages for up-to-date information. August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be presenting a seminar with Fritz Juengling on German research, either in person with limited attendance or via the internet. Yet to be determined.

I am proud to have served as your President these past years. Thank you for your continued support.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find a ballot with the slate of candidates for President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Please mark your ballots and return them by mail to:

Clark County Genealogical Society  
3205 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St  
Vancouver, WA 98663

**Ballots must be received prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**So, don't delay!**

### June General Meeting

Since we are unlikely to be able to meet in person in June, the 7 p.m. June 23 meeting will be conducted on Zoom. The meeting topic will be "Genealogical Discoveries that You Have Made During the Pandemic". The speaker will be YOU. Please plan to share your discoveries and resources that would be of interest to others. Watch for additional meeting details in early June in the weekly e-newsletter and on the CCGS website.



**Membership Report**  
Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

**It is very important that you return the membership renewal form** that is mailed to you, or the regular membership form, when you send in your check to renew your membership. We have had problems lately with members sending in their renewal check with the appeal letter and they were credited with a donation instead of their dues for membership. We need to have the membership form to process your membership dues and these are kept in our records for reference. Please continue to support us at this stressful time and renew your membership on time. Mail to our new address at 3205 NE 52nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98663. Thank you for your past support.

**Trailbreakers**  
Submitted by Jane Germann

The 2020 edition of the Trail Breakers will be available soon. Watch your weekly emails for the download location and other information when it becomes available.

**Condolences**

We've learned that two of our long-time members have passed away. Cards have been sent to their families. Our condolences to their families.

Lorelei Metke passed away on August 10, 2019. She was a life member of CCGS. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry D. Metke, and her parents and siblings. Surviving are her children, Kathleen Metke Seguin, Brian R. Metke and Stephen C. Metke. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. She often visited the CCGS library to do her genealogy research. She headed straight for the books or microfilm readers. And when she would visit the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Family History Center, she would go to the microfilm readers to look at the microfilm ordered from Salt Lake. She will be missed.

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Long-time CCGS member James Crossman passed away in Longview WA on April 25, 2020 after a brief illness. His obituary appears in the May 10<sup>th</sup> Columbian. He is survived by his wife Beverly, daughters Cheryl and Janet, and son Dan; plus three grandsons. Jim and his wife were both present at the last "in-person" General Meeting in February. He was an early participant in the First Thursday Unfocused Group, and would often bring in tomato plant starts to give away to those in attendance.

A celebration of Jim's life will be held at a later date, at the Vancouver Church of Christ.

## By-laws Amendment vote will be by ballot this year.

Due to the Covid 19 virus we will vote by ballot this year. The whole bylaws appear in the *Directory*. The below items are under review and have been approved by the Board. There are no major changes. The item to be voted upon is in bold, the section(s) to be deleted will be crossed out and the section(s) to be added will be underlined. Reasons for the change will follow.

- (1) **Art. XII Sec. 4.:** Minor changes in wording, grammar, punctuation, etc., of the bylaws may be made as long as the meaning of the bylaw is not changed. So many of the changes of the bylaws were to change Chairmen to Chairs, capitalize Director, renumber this or minor changes that should not effect the law itself. We did not want to have 30 different items for the ballot concerning changes like that. Times change and so does our usage of terms or words.
- (2) **Art. III Sec. 1.:** middle sentence: Each membership shall receive ~~one mailing~~ the Newsletter, the Trail Breakers, and the Directory digitally, or if requested by mail, or get a hard copy at the library. The committee thought one mailing needed to be spelled out.
- (3) **Art. III Sec. 3:** **Subscribers: Omit this section.** The committee checked and there are no subscriber members. It used to be important to have this type of membership years ago, but it no longer useful.
- (4) **Art. IV Sec. 2.:** Add this sentence: If a general meeting in not held in the month of May, elections shall take place at an earlier general meeting. Just for clarification.
- (5) **Art. IV Sec. 3.:** An honorarium for speakers of the general meetings may include transportation costs for a radius of 200 miles (using IRS allowance as a basis for mileage base for mileage costs), lunch, and money amount of not more than ~~\$15.00~~ \$50.00, if included in the budget, or unless approved by the Board of Directors. It has been years since this has been increased. It still has to be a budget item or approved by the Board as an extra expense.
- (6) **Art. V Sec. 1.:** The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairman by January and that chairman shall ~~may~~ select ~~four~~ two or more committee members. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall present a slate of officers to the membership at the meeting prior to voting and publish it in the next Newsletter. All officers shall be elected by paper ballot before June 15th and their terms shall commence July 1. The society's year is from July 1 to June 30. The Nominating Committee may need less or more members and a paper ballot should always be ready to allow for nominations from the floor. We can still declare officers by acclamation.
- (7) **Art. V. Sec 4.:** Add: Even and odd shall be determined by the year starting in January so the new officers will start July 1. To clarify that we operate the society with the year beginning July 1, not January 1, unless otherwise noted.
- (8) **Art. VI. Sec. 3.:** Add: **This Week at CCGS.** This is a great continuing committee. We will probably have other changes also. We do have committees and Directors are not limited to the list.
- (9) **Art. VII. Sec. II. (b) (4):** ~~make available a financial report at monthly for each board-meeting,~~
- (10) **Art. XII. Sec. 2.:** A five-member committee shall be appointed to consider proposed changes to the bylaws and to conduct a review of the bylaws in odd numbered years (as determined by the beginning of the fiscal year). This committee shall make every five years unless requested more often by the Board of Directors. Recommendations will be made to the Board of Directors for consideration. Meetings can be called at any time, but every five years they will need to be reviewed.
- (11) **Art. XII Sec. 3.:** Add: , a majority vote of those attending shall be deemed valid passage. For clarity.

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Bylaws committee: Jane Germann, Chair; Marcia Grubb: Marian and Lowell Kenedy; Sharon Thiesmeyer.

## BYLAWS BALLOT:

Either check the first box to pass all proposed changes to the bylaws (OR) write yes or no for each item below, refer to newsletter for details.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass all by-law changes.</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. V Sec. 1.: Nominating Committee</b>          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. XII Sec. 4.: Minor changes</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. V. Sec 4.: Year defined</b>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. III Sec. 1.: Member benefits</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. VI. Sec. 3.: Add: This Week at CCGS</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. III Sec. 3: Subscribers: Omit</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. VII. Sec. II. (b) (4): Clarify Treasurer</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. IV Sec. 2.: Election rule.</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. XII. Sec. 2.: By-laws Committee</b>          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. IV Sec. 3.: An honorarium</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Art. XII Sec. 3.: Clarity of valid vote</b>       |

## BALLOT

Members shall vote on the ballot provided in the *Newsletter* for Election of Officers and Bylaw Amendments as follows: Download or copy the ballot, mark or write-in your selections then mail your ballot not later than **JUNE 15, 2020** to: Clark County Genealogical Society, 3205 NE 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Vancouver, WA 98663.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**President:**

.. **Eric Jordahl**

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**Secretary:**

.. **Elsie Deatherage**

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**Treasurer:**

.. **Lowell Kenedy**

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

President: Brian Runyan  
Vice President: Bea Ritter  
Secretary: Marian Kenedy

Treasurer: Eric Jordahl  
Asst. Treasurer: Lowell Kenedy  
Past President: Lethene Parks

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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

June 1 Legacy Users Group, cancelled  
Research Book, watch weekly email or web page for current information  
June 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group cancelled  
June 13 Tech Saturday, (check for current information on web page or weekly email)  
June 9 Board meeting, (check for current information on web page or weekly email)  
June 15 Scandinavian group, cancelled  
June 15 Research Trip group, watch weekly email news or the web page for status  
June 23 General Meeting, 7 p.m. via "Zoom." Watch for details

Note: Should any of these cancellations become "un-cancelled," check the CCGS Web page and your weekly email.

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.

**No General Meetings are held July, August, or December.**

Notify Jeanine Bailiff, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.