

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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

3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

Saturday

2nd 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 52nd St.,
turn left and we will be on
the left, across from Hi-
School Pharmacy.



Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl
President@ccgs-wa.org

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Felice Navidad, whatever your greeting for the upcoming holidays, I wish you a safe, illness-free December and all of 2021.. This is the last Newsletter for the year 2020. What a year this has been!

Starting in the middle of March, the coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic closed down all of our in-person activities, including using the Library for research. Sharon Thiesmeyer and some of the librarians have continued to organize, scan documents (some from home), take inventory, and basically keep the Library in shipshape condition for the time when we can re-open. These folks are to be commended for their dedication. That is what we did at the November General Meeting. We mailed out more than 90 Certificates of Appreciation. We do want our volunteers to know that the effort of moving the Library, restoring the landscaping, painting walls, sewing on the appreciation quilt, depositing the dues and appeal donations, setting up a new website, and all the Library background work is **noticed, necessary, and appreciated..**

The November General Meeting did approve the dues increase proposed by the Board. It will take effect January 1, 2021. Individual dues will go to \$40.00 and joint membership dues go to \$50.00. We had a good presentation from Brian Rhinehart speaking on "Was My Ancestor in the Civil War?"

Steve Young has set up a small recording studio in the files area near the bathroom by the break room. This will enable a speaker to be isolated from background noise while making digital presentations for classes and general meetings.

The Library remains closed to the public. Be sure to check our website calendar for our digital meetings and focus groups. At the present time we are using GoToMeeting as the hosting software for most of our meetings. It seems to work well for meetings. As is common to hosting software, we need to send a link to everyone who is entitled to attend. Please let me, or the focus group leader, know if you need a link, didn't get it, or have trouble attending.

The annual appeal letter has been sent. Please give consideration to making a donation, if you are able. Thank you to those who renew. **The pandemic will pass.**

Reminder—No December General Meeting

January General Meeting

Elsie Deatherage

The Mayflower Voyage

It has been 400 years since the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims on our shores. We have all heard the story. But did you ever wonder where they came from, why they came, what was the ship like, what was the voyage like, or what happened to the people who lived in Massachusetts before they arrived?

Attend our 26 Jan 2021 online meeting and hear Duane Funk explain the Mayflower Voyage.

HISTORIAN REQUEST

Bea Ritter

As Historian, I am looking ahead to 2022, when CCGS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. We were founded in 1972 by Margaretta Zimmerman and 14 of her friends: Lois Bauman, Augusta Dean, Myrtle Fennefos, Janice Fillman, Mildred Finley, Gertrude Hamblen, Jean Holroyd, Bernice Hughes, Nelly Violet Miller, Lois Plotts, Mildred Porter, Helen Sykes, Hardieth Ward, and Joan Zuber.

To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we would like to publish a tribute to each of our Charter Members in our TRAIL BREAKERS. I am seeking information and pictures of each of those members to do that. I would also like a color picture of each of them to make a display for the library. In addition, I am collecting stories, pictures and information that tell the story of our society and pictures of each of the past Presidents. Please email pictures and information to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org or mail to me at the library address: 3205 NE 52nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98663. All original pictures will be scanned and returned.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bea Ritter

We do not have any new members or reinstated members this month. As of December 1, 2020, we had 304 members. Recently we lost our last Charter Member, Lois Bauman, and members Gloria Scullin and Steve Cornick. We send our Condolences to their families. Please send your membership renewals to the library. A special thanks to all of you who returned your membership dues on time.

**Deadline for February 2021 newsletter
is Wednesday, January 20**

**ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY & JACKSON COUNTY
GENEALOGY LIBRARY PRESENTS:**

Steven W. Morrison

February 20, 2021, Saturday 10am-4pm PST

**PROFILE of a QUAKER
Finding a Friend in Colonial America**

Full Day virtual seminar...Register Now!

**Register at: www.rvgslibrary.org * Programs & Classes
Members: \$45 * Non-Members: \$55**

Upcoming Virtual Classes from the Family History Library in Salt Lake

We are very excited to be sending out the January class calendar. All of our classes do require registration that should take less than 3 minutes to fill out.

January is a special month. We have our quarterly Nordic Research Day on January 9. This Research Day will consist of five classes, when you register for the Nordic Research Day, you will be registering for the whole day and not a single class. Whether you are interested in only one class or all of them, the start time on the confirmation email will be for the whole day.

These online classes are free and are virtual. They are usually taught in person at the Family History Library. You will need to register, and you will receive log-in instructions after you've registered. To see a list of classes and to register, go to:

http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule

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The Rankin's Have Moved

Because Covid 19 has hampered their travel plans, Kara Lynn and Ed Rankin made the big decision to sell their Vancouver home and move to Brooklyn, NY, to be close to their son and his family. We will miss them, but "Family First." We wish them well in their new home and with their family.

And yes, they continue to support CCGS from a distance by renewing their membership dues.

All I Want for Christmas . . .

Linda Schrom sent us her Christmas Wish List:

All I want for Christmas is the ability to be able to read the old German script, and other European script, without painstakingly looking at charts and trying to decipher letter by letter. I love to look at digital images of handwritten images from two or three centuries ago. I imagine the day the entry was made and the people who were there at the time. If I actually find an ancestor's birth, marriage, or death record, it gives me pause to think about that moment. Looking at old German, Swedish, Czech, and English records can be a time consuming and frustrating experience. Even if the writing is legible, it can still be indecipherable. But imagine if there were a way I could just easily read each entry, that would be a wonderful Christmas gift for me.

(Editor's note: I can relate to this Christmas wish.)

Elsie Deatherage sent the following link from the St. Louis Genealogical Society's blog:

<http://stlgs.blogspot.com/2020/12/2020-holiday-gift-ideas-for-genealogists.html>

Plenty of gift suggestions here, including memberships to genealogical societies, online genealogy site memberships such as Ancestry, Find My Past, etc; books, flash drives, etc. Take a look if you need a gift for a genealogist, or to ask for one of these for yourself.

VOLUNTEER INDEXERS NEEDED

We have made great progress in putting together local newspaper obituary and vital statistics information, working down a backlog of several years. Now we have a great need for volunteers to help index this information, so that researchers can use it. Many hands (and eyes) can make it lighter work! This should be somewhat easier than earlier indexing, as you can work from a digital image, rather than paper or books. All you need is a decent sized computer monitor. We'll email you images and a pre-formatted spread sheet; on your computer screen, you can put an image of a page on one side, and a spreadsheet next to it, and transcribe information from the image to the spreadsheet.

If you can help, please email Library Director Sharon Thiesmeyer at sharronT1@hotmail.com, and we'll get you started. Thank you for helping with this important Research and Preservation project!

I asked one of my friends who has crossed 70 & is heading to 80 and beyond, what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following very interesting lines, which I would like to share with you

#1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children, my friends, now I have started loving myself.

#2 I just realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

#3 I now stopped bargaining with vegetables & fruits vendors. A few pennies more is not going to burn a hole in my pocket but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees

#4 I pay my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than me

#5 I stopped telling my elderly friends that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down the memory lane & relive the past.

#6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

#7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You"

#8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

#9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

#10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

#11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

#12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

#13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be.

#14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

From the files of CCGS President, Eric Jordahl

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President: Eric Jordahl
Vice President: Bea Ritter
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Past President: Brian Runyan

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

December 14 Board meeting, 10 a.m. Meeting virtually, log-in details will be sent to Board members by email
December 25 Christmas day
January 1 New Years day
January 4 Legacy Users Group, meeting virtually at 10 a.m.
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon
January 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, meeting virtually at 1 p.m.
January 11 Board meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually
January 20 February newsletter deadline
January 26 General Meeting, 10 a.m, held virtually

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.