



From the President

January 1, 2021

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Let's all put 2020 behind us and look forward to a great 2021. Your Genealogy Club is back in business. We will be using Zoom for the first few months but will return to the Learning Center as soon as conditions allow. We will be using the Kiva Club's Zoom account, and Mark will send you the link to the meeting a few days before the meeting.

Using Zoom

If you are new to Zoom, don't worry, it is straightforward to use. Just click on the link 5-10 minutes before the meeting. It will download the Zoom app to your device and set up the call. Mark is our Zoom-Master, so he will let you into the meeting before we start. Zoom will work on almost any device with a camera and microphone, but it works better on a larger screen. All smartphones and tablets and newer computers have these built-in. If yours doesn't, you can still watch and participate in via the chat. We are not expecting a lot of personal interaction for this first meeting, so it will be easy. Please tune in. We have a lot to share with you.

Scheduled Meetings

Please mark your calendars. We have the following meetings scheduled:

- Monday, January 11, 2021 – 1 P.M. Zoom
- Monday, February 1, 2021 – 1 P.M. Zoom
- Monday, March 1, 2021 – 1 P.M. Zoom (and maybe the CHL)
- Monday, April 5, 2021 – 1 P.M. The CHL (and maybe Zoom)
- Monday, May 2, 2021 – 1 P.M. The CHL (and maybe Zoom)

Use of the Center for Higher Learning will depend on conditions regarding the pandemic. We are looking into the possibility of holding meetings in the CHL AND broadcasting them on Zoom so that those who are vaccinated and ready to do so can meet in the club, and members who are not ready or out of town can join us on Zoom.

Favorite Webinar Sites

In a previous email, I asked everyone to send me their favorite sites for genealogy webinars. So far, I only have four websites on the list:

- Legacy Family Tree
- Lisa Lousie Cook
- Family Search

American Ancestors (NEHGS)

If you have any additional sites you can recommend, please send me an email, and I will add them to the list. I will distribute the list and post it on the website for our January Meeting. This will be the first of a series of resource files based on your input and ideas. Please help make these comprehensive by sharing information about the ones that you have used and the webinars you have watched.

Rootstech 2021

Rootstech 2021 is February 25-27 and it is all virtual this year and FREE! Go to rootstech.org to sign up. It is free and you are not making a commitment. You will be able to choose what sessions to watch and have the opportunity to obtain some great information from real experts.



Here's to Great 2021

I am confident that 2021 will be a great year, for our club, our community, and our country. We all need to stay safe for just a bit longer, and before you know it, life will be back to normal. I can't wait!

Happy New Year

Bob