



Trilogy Genealogy Club

Newsletter February 2022

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Our 2022 Season

Welcome to our 2022 season. We have 49 paid members so far, and only paid members will receive this newsletter as we have cleaned up the membership roles and the website database. We have some great plans for this Spring and are starting to put together the program for the Fall.

February Club Meeting

We were honored to have David Fryxell as our guest speaker in January. David was the founder of Family Tree Magazine, which is currently the most widely distributed genealogy magazine in the world. He is also a well-known author, with numerous published books available on Amazon. The slides from his talk and special handout he prepared for us are available on the club website.

February Board Meeting

We held a short Board meeting on February 10, 2022. I have posted the minutes on the website.

We talked about transition plans for 2023. Trey and I are both term-limited out and can't serve after the end of the year. Community rules require all clubs to have a full slate of officers to operate. Each December, the club must report the names of the incoming officers to resort management. If the club does not have officers, it is suspended and not allowed to meet. Please give some thought to stepping forward when the time comes for nominations.

We discussed plans for next Fall. Several topics were suggested (see minutes for details). One suggestion was to do another member survey later this Spring to see what members think.

I also did a quick demo of a new club website I am preparing. The old one is getting very outdated and is difficult to maintain as it is all written in code (HTML, php, JavaScript, and SQL). This method was necessary twelve years ago when I created the site, to provide a login wall, but no longer. We require a login wall so we can post speaker handouts and member sensitive information. The new site utilizes Weebly as a platform, and almost anyone can maintain it as there is no code involved. Weebly now supports a simple, but adequate login function. My goal is to have this completed by the April meeting.

Finally, we discussed the upcoming club social (see below.)

Last Call for Rootstech 2022

Rootstech 2022 is coming March 3-5. This year it is all virtual and all free. This event is the opportunity of the year to attend webinars and learn from the experts on any aspect of Family History that interests you. Just go to <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next/> You will need to login into FamilySearch to register. If you don't already have a login, you should get one. This login is also free.

Family History Conference 2022

We had a final meeting of the organizing committee on February 10, 2022, and it appears that we are ready to go. This event is coming together nicely, and I hope all of you will attend and bring a friend or two. Tickets are now on sale at Member Services in the Mita and the Kiva Clubs, and tickets are \$30, including a delicious luncheon catered by Chef Ben.

Ticket sales will close by March 2 as we need a final count

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me know by March 2 so I can tell the catering staff.

Please - Help Us Make our Conference Successful

First, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been and will be working on the Family History Conference. We need a big turnout of club members, other Trilogy residents, and invited guests to make this all worthwhile. **Help spread the word.**

TrilogY Genealogy Club presents

**FAMILY
HISTORY
CONFERENCE**

Monday, March 7
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Tewa Ballroom, Kiva Club

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OPEN TO ALL

Six speakers
and lunch catered by Chef Ben
LEARN - SHARE - SOCIALIZE

Tickets \$30
on sale starting February 1st at Member Services
For more detailed information: TrilogYGenealogyClub.org

I have attached an electronic copy of the contents of our flyer. Printed copies are available.

The information is also available on a special section of our website at:

<http://trilogygenealogyclub.org/Conference.php>

Please share the link with anyone you think might be interested, or hand them a printed copy of the flyer.

You can get copies at the club table at Happy Hour, or from me. Just let me know how many you want

Highlights:

- Six great speakers
- Exhibits
- Lunch catered by Chef Ben
- Book signing by Jane Ammeson
- Tickets are \$30
- Tickets on sale at the member services desks
- Ticket sales end March 2
- Tickets will not be sold at the door.
- No entry without a ticket

Please do not try to print the attached for distribution. I will supply you with printed copies if you need them.

Items needed for the Exhibit Tables

We are currently seeking additional items for the DNA and Telling the Family Story exhibit tables. We will staff these tables all day, and we will make sure your item is secure and is returned to you after the conference. This is your opportunity to share what you have done in your genealogy. If you have any items, or if you just have questions about the exhibits, contact the following members:

Telling the Family Story Exhibit – Frank Van Vleck - fvanvleck@icloud.com

DNA Exhibit – Trey Higgens - thiggens@comcast.net

Club Social – Let’s Party!

The Genealogy Club Social will be Sunday, March 20th at my house, 27796 N. Helios Trail, 5 PM – 8 PM. Spouses and significant others are invited. This event will be a potluck, and I will provide brats and sauerkraut. I will also have water, beer, and wine on hand. Every couple is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. You are welcome to bring wine, beer, or another beverage to share. Also, if you have any dietary restrictions (or just don’t like brats), feel free to bring your own main dish. You can have access to our outdoor grill or kitchen if needed.

I will send out an RSVP invitation in early March with a signup for potluck items.

What’s Ahead for 2022

In March, we will hold our annual Family History Conference.

In April, I will tell you about “The Revolutionary War, Up Close and Personal.” The History Club has asked me to speak about the Revolution at their March meeting. I believe genealogy is where family and history come together, so I incorporated that into this talk. I have most of this drafted, and I think it is a story that all of you would enjoy as well. I will also introduce you to the new website at this meeting.

In May, Coleen Watts, a retired Federal Investigator, will talk to us about applying professional investigation techniques to Family History.

In June, we will view a webinar by our old friend James Tanner on researching your family history. James spoke to the club several times while working at the Family History Center in Mesa. After the Family History Center closed, he moved to Utah and is currently at BYU. In addition to his teaching and research at BYU, he is a frequent speaker at Rootstech and conducts online courses. This hour-long class is packed with helpful information from a real expert on Family History Research.

Summer Break. We will be on break for July and August.

September – November – We are currently planning these meetings. If there is a subject you would like us to address or any meeting format you prefer, please let me know.

December will be my last month as Club President, as Trey and I will be term-limited out. For my last meeting as President, I have a special presentation for you I call “My Family History Journey and Lessons Learned.” I think you will enjoy it.

This Month’s Banner

It is text instead of a picture. I started to think about everything the club does and came up with this. What do you think? Did I miss anything?

Genealogy Quick Tip of the Month

Finding, Fixing and Avoiding errors in your family tree.

Most trees on the Internet, including the large, shared ones, have many errors. This is why I always say you should be aware of OPT (Other Peoples' Trees.) Unfortunately, it is far too easy to pollute your tree with false information. Here are some quick tips on finding, or better yet, avoiding errors in your tree.

- **Does the information seem reasonable?** Often you can detect false information just because it isn't rational. Children can't be born too close together, mothers must be where the child is born, older men don't go to war, people can't have children, get married, or anything else, before they are born or after they die. It is amazing how many trees have these types of errors. They usually come from typos, combining families with the same name, or confusing generations.
- **Don't Auto-copy Anything.** Modern genealogy sites sometimes do automatic searches for you or give you hints. Sometimes the data they provide is good, but it is often not. They usually offer to copy multiple generations into your tree automatically. Don't ever accept that. Even if you have verified the ancestor they have found, verify that all the data, especially earlier generations, is correct and then carefully select what you add to your tree. Auto copy is the surest way to pollute a tree beyond repair.
- **Review Linked Sources.** Sometimes the information you find will have a linked source. This doesn't mean the data is valid. Often these identified sources are someone else's tree or another unreliable source. Check the reference to make sure it is valid and reliable. If it is someone else's tree, check that tree, as it may have a reliable source.
- **Run a Consistency Checker.** MyHeritage and some other platforms have consistency checkers which will scan a tree looking for inconsistencies. Unfortunately, Ancestry does not. Note that some discrepancies are not errors, and a consistency checker can't detect some mistakes, but it is well worth the effort to do this.

More Information

On January 18, 2018, I presented Finding and Fixing Errors in Your Family Tree. This presentation is available on the club website under Genealogy Resources/Handouts.

Your Feedback is Appreciated

- How can the Trilogy Genealogy Club help you with your Family History?
- What ideas or suggestions do you have for future meetings?
- How can we improve what we are doing for the benefit of our members?

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