



Trilogy Genealogy Club Newsletter January 2022

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Happy New Year!

We made it to 2022! That was certainly an item on MY bucket list! 2022 promises to be an excellent year for our club, and many things are happening. Read on to learn more.

A New Club Logo

What you see on the left in the header above is our new club logo. I hope you like it. You will start seeing more of this. We will use just the tree part on the badges and where we need a very small, and the whole logo on anything over about 1" square. Our old logo was created over ten years ago and needed replacement.

January Club Meeting

We had a great meeting in January. Mark Andrew Davis spoke to us about using proof arguments in the absence of records. This approach is a way to overcome brick walls. We all have brick walls in our genealogy, and too many people get discouraged and give up. Not all brick walls are solvable, but some techniques can help. Mark's handouts are posted on the club website. I have spoken in the past about cluster research, and our guest speakers in February and May will discuss other approaches that may help.

January Board Meeting

The Board met on Friday, January 7, 2022. The minutes are posted on the website. Go to Club Organization/Exec Board, then click on the blue bar that says "minutes." Much of what we discussed is included later in this newsletter.

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 learn from the experts on any aspect of Family History that interests you. If you are not registered, I highly recommend doing it as soon as possible. I already have. 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

On Saturday, January 8, 2022, we had a meeting of the Organizing Committee for Family History Day. I am pleased to report that we are well on our way to having a great conference. The program is complete, and we have booked all the speakers.

Here is the schedule for the day:

Trilogy Genealogy Club

Family History Day March 7, 2022

All Day Event 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (doors open at 8:30)

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome and opening remarks** – Bob Alford

9:10 – 10:00 Session 1 – **Ancestry DNA - Beyond the Ethnicity Estimate** Discover the basics of what Ancestry DNA has to offer and what it means to you – Speaker Peggy Ash

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:05 Session 2 – **DNA personal life-changing experience resulting from DNA information.** – Speaker: Lucinda Harrison.

11:05- 11:20 Break

11:20 –12:10 Session 3 – **FamilySearch Sources – Finding Your Ancestors' Records Among the Available Millions** – Speaker Jeanne Koniuszy.

12:10-12:45 – Lunch - Buffet

12:45 – 1:15 Session 4 – **Introduction to the West Valley Genealogical Society** – Speaker Pam LaFond.

1:15 – 1:30 Stretch Break

1:30-2:20 Session 5 – **Writing Tips for Telling the Family Story** – Speaker: Diane McCarty

2:20 – 2:35 Stretch Break

2:35 – 3:25 Session 6 – **25 ways to tell the Family Story (Many with no writing involved)**
Speaker: Bob Alford

3:25-3:30 Closing Remarks – Bob Alford

As you can see, it will be a full day packed with information. The speaker sessions are limited to a maximum of 50 minutes with 15 minutes stretch breaks between each speaker when you can get up and stretch or grab something to drink, seek out a speaker and ask questions, visit one of the display tables, or socialize with others. We also have a nice lunch planned for you.

Our goal is to break even on the event. This is not a fundraiser, but likewise, it shouldn't be a draw on the club treasury. Tickets will go on sale in early February, and the price will be \$30 or less. We will set the final price as soon as we have all the costs locked down.

This conference is open to all, and I encourage you to bring friends and neighbors who might be interested in Family History. This event is our most significant source of new members every year, and you can help by letting people know about the event and encouraging them to attend.

For those of you who volunteered to help either in the preparation or on the day of the event, Susan Van Vleck, our volunteer coordinator, will be in touch with you soon. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Susan at yelowbrick@cox.net.

Getting Started Class

I have not received any response to my request in last month's newsletter for people interested in attending a getting started class to let me know. I will assume some people would like to attend based on early comments. I will hold a "Getting Started in Family History" class immediately following our February meeting. If you are new to family history, or, after trying to take it on without much guidance, you now feel you aren't getting anywhere and that you might be doing something wrong, this may be an opportunity for you.

Invite a friend: If you know someone who is not a club member but has expressed interest in learning about Family History, invite them to attend our February meeting and this class free of charge as your guest. If they have expressed an interest in attending the March Conference, this is a great way to prepare to get the most from that event.

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 ask every couple to bring a side dish or dessert.

This is just a Save the Date notice. When we get closer to the day, I will send an invite with an RSVP.

What's Ahead for 2022

In February, we have a special speaker, David Fryxell, coming to us all the way from Tucson. David has written columns for Family Tree Magazine and is a real professional. Because he lives so far away, he has agreed to do this via Zoom to avoid the club having to pay his travel costs. He will speak on "Finding and (carefully) using published sources such as family histories to beat your brick walls."

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.

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.

Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board

Our club is now a member of the Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board (AZGAB) is a state-wide organization of public and private genealogical societies, clubs, and professional genealogists in Arizona. I discussed this in detail in last month's newsletter. The dues are only \$25 a year, giving us access to all of their resources, including their speaker's registry and advertising for events on their website, like our upcoming Family History Conference.

The membership is only for one year. If it proves to be as beneficial as I believe it will, the 2023 board can renew it.

Time to Renew Your Membership

The time has come to renew your membership in the Trilogy Genealogy Club for 2022. Many have already done so. If you are one of them, thank you. I look forward to working with you on your adventures in Family History during 2022. If you have not done so yet, you may do so by mail. I have attached a membership form you can use to renew by mailing it with your check for \$10 to the address shown on the form.

As of today, we have forty-five paid members for next year. Usually, we have sixty-seventy members, but many members wait until the last minute. Those that don't renew by the end of January will be removed from the club roster, the email list, and the club website. If you intend to renew at the Club meeting on February 7, 2022, send me an email, and I will keep you on the membership list until that day.

If you don't plan to renew for 2022, please respond to this email and let me know. I will remove you from the list, and you won't receive any nagging emails from the club reminding you to renew.

Genealogy Quick Tip of the Month

When we first start researching our ancestors, the amount of data available on Ancestry or via Google search may seem overwhelming. However, as we dig deeper, we often find those sources are not enough. Learn to think outside the Ancestry box.

If you know where your ancestor lived and their timeframe, an excellent place to start looking for additional resources is the state pages of the FamilySearch Wiki.

1. Go to FamilySearch.org
2. Click on search, and in the dropdown menu, click on Wiki
3. Type in the name (or country) where your ancestor lived in the search box.

The state (or country) page will appear with a wealth of contacts and links. Read these over carefully and select relevant links to find records. There is so much information on these pages that you need to take time to explore them. Don't be discouraged if the first few links you try don't yield anything useful. The real gems tend to be well hidden, and that's what research is about.

This Month's Banner Photo

All of you should recognize the beautiful view from the back of the Kiva Club.

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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