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### **Club Social Postponed**

Based on my recent informal poll, only a small number of members said they would attend the planned October Social. Many who declined indicated they would still be out of town or that they felt uncomfortable attending social events as the pandemic has not fully subsided yet. At our September Board meeting, the Board decided to postpone the social until late February or early March in hopes that more members will attend. More to come on this.

### **Using Zoom for Club Meetings**

I am pleased to announce that Gregg Synder has renewed the Kiva Club's paid license for Zoom, allowing us to continue using Zoom at no cost to the membership for at least another year. September showed that running a meeting on both Zoom and live has its challenges, but I believe I know what went wrong. My apologies to those on Zoom who missed the slides and got cut off near the end. The handouts, including the slides, are on the website. I promise better results in the future.

### **October Workshop**

Our October meeting will be held Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Center for Higher Learning. This meeting will be a hands-on workshop where you will research your ancestors and with some of our more experienced members available to assist and answer questions. Bring your laptop or borrow one from Member Services at the Kiva Club front desk. If you are an experienced researcher and are willing to come and help others, please send me an email and let me know before the meeting.

The workshop meeting format was the second-highest-rated meeting format on last Spring's survey. It will only work if we all work together to help each other.

As a bonus, I have about a 30-minute presentation on cluster research. This research technique can often be used to get around a brick wall when no records can be found. I will explain the concept and then walk you through a research exercise where I used cluster research to learn about one of my immigrant ancestors.

### **The Census**

In November and December, we will turn our attention to using the census in Genealogy Research. The census records can disclose a fantastic amount of information about our ancestors, yet many of us are not proficient at finding and gleaning that data.

In November, Denise Beason will be back with an information-packed presentation on using the census for genealogy research. In December, Gary Loeb will chair a workshop focused primarily on using the census to find your ancestors.

## Upcoming Election

Our Club Bylaws require that we hold an annual election of officers. The relevant section reads:

***Section C - Election of Officers:** Any member in good standing may nominate another member for an officer position or may offer to have his/her name placed in nomination for any office. Nominations will be gathered before November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and discussed during the November meeting. An electronic ballot will be sent to all members no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>, with a deadline for the voting of November 25<sup>th</sup>. The votes will be tallied, and the results announced at the December meeting. The new officers will assume their responsibilities on January 1<sup>st</sup>. In the event that there is a tie between two candidates for the same office, the final selection will be made by the Executive Board.*

We will discuss this further at our October meeting. Please give some thought to volunteering to serve as a member of the Board in 2022.

## Planning for 2022 Meetings

The Board has begun planning for our 2022 meetings. The big questions we ask ourselves are: “*What subjects do members want to hear about?*” and “*What meeting formats do members prefer?*” Only you can answer these questions. If you have thoughts, please email me and let me know. This is your club, and we want it to work for you.

## Family History Day

Family History has been a tradition here at Trilogy and the highlight of every club season, since Susan Van Vleck started it many years ago when she was President. Due to the pandemic, we did not have one in 2021, but we would like to do one in 2022. I have reserved the Tewa room for an all-day event on the first Monday in March.

Family History Day is a big undertaking and requires many volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help with this when asked. To start, we need to form a planning committee very soon. If we don't get sufficient support, we will not be able to put on this important event.

## A Member Survey

The Genealogy Club exists for the benefit of the members. To maximize the value of the club to you, the Board needs your input and your support. I will be sending out a survey later this month. Please complete the survey, The questions will not be complicated, and it shouldn't take you more than a few minutes to complete.

## New to Genealogy?

Are you new to genealogy and not sure how to get started? Or perhaps you have been at it for a while but have not made much progress and wonder what you are doing wrong. Last Spring, I did a two-part online webinar on getting started in Genealogy. Those that attended told me it was beneficial and gave them the boost they needed to get going.

We now have new members, and some may have been with us for a while but can't seem to get past first base. If you would like help and can spare two 30 minutes sessions on Zoom, let me know. If there is enough interest, I will schedule it.

## **Membership Renewal**

Our Bylaws require that we renew memberships annually. There is a ten-dollar annual membership fee. In 2021 the Board waived the yearly dues as so few meetings were held in 2020 due to the pandemic. The regular membership drive is from December through January. Members who join or renew in the Fall get full credit for the following year. You can beat the rush and renew at any meeting by seeing the club secretary.

## **This Month's Picture**

The picture at the top of this newsletter is a painting of the Winthrop fleet. John Winthrop came from England to the Boston area in 1630 with over 700 immigrants. The voyage took about seven weeks. Many did not survive the trip. Those that did founded Massachusetts Bay Colony, and John Winthrop served as Governor. His son, John Jr. was the first Governor of Connecticut Colony. Winthrop kept a detailed journal throughout the journey and for many years afterward. Images of the original pages of the journal and a complete transcription are now available online.

## **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?

Please write to me at [rsalford@gmail.com](mailto:rsalford@gmail.com). I'm listening.

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