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SGS FAMILY LINES

Kim Gunyou, editor

Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



PASSWORD CHANGE FOR MY HERITAGE EFFECTIVE 12/15/23: WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FRONT DESK WHEN PAYING DUES, OR CALL/TEXT KIM AT 952-237-7501. THANK YOU!

MEETING DEC. 15!

Top Tips for Swedish Genealogy Research

Note: this meeting is on **Friday**, December 15 at 2 pm. After a 30-minute video, we will have plenty of time for our holiday party. Members are encouraged to bring cookies or other treat to share!



June Gible

CHRISTMAS IN PENNSYLVANIA

by Sue Cerri

June Gible is a 91-year-old member of our Genealogy Society. Before retiring to Tucson with her husband, she was a social science teacher in Lakeland, Florida. She was even voted Teacher of the Year. June's family has all made it a priority to keep in touch and to keep records of the family. The Hess Genealogy book is 4 inches thick!

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CHRISTMAS IN PENNSYLVANIA

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June has many memories of Christmas that she likes to tell. What a great way to pass on her heritage. June said, “Christmas is responsible for generating a lot of family history. We’re spread over a 100-mile distance.” There were about 30 grandchildren coming for Christmas, at one time that comprised of 10 families. “We had to divide the visits. We were farmers. There was a main house on the farmland. There was another big house across the field that was also on our farm. At Christmas time one house had adults with older children and the other house had parents with the little kids.

Since I was one of the youngest born, I mostly had to always stay in the house with the younger kids.” June’s church did not believe in having Christmas trees. They felt the focus should be on the birth of Jesus. Gifts were exchanged. June had a most outstanding Christmas gift, a watch from her father. Each child would receive one when they were around 10 years old. I wonder if each of our readers can remember a “best” Christmas gift too?

Her aunt always made plum pudding. Food memories can make your mouth water and those recipes are worth passing on. They also had pies, cookies and cakes. They didn’t have the same main dish every year. Oysters were usually on the menu. They didn’t live far from Baltimore. The treat for the children was candy and an orange.

Their youth pastor, Ray Gibble, loaded the back of his truck with bales of hay and filled it with the youth choir so he could drive them around to the neighboring farms. He got out of the truck and knocked on the house doors, mostly of the elderly, to let them know the choir was there.

As the holidays approach, whatever religion you be, it’s a wonderful time to remember the tastes, sights, sounds, gifts or giving that you remember and pass them on to others.

Happy holidays to all.



GENEALOGY CLUB AT THE EXPO



Eileen Carney, Paulette Weiser, and Joyce Lawson (above) planned and staffed the Genealogy booth at the Club Expo on Sat. Nov. 18th at the Sunflower Village Center. It was a big success!

THANK YOU
Thank you
SO MUCH!

PLANNING AHEAD: 2024 PROGRAM

Kim Gunyou, Paulette Weiser, and Sue Horsfall,
Program Committee

January 23	Unlocking Ancestral Legacies: Vital Records & their Alternates	Amy Urman, genealogist and private investigator, speaking in person
February 27	Weaving Cultural History into our Family History	Duane Roen, ASU professor and dean. Duane will likely visit via Zoom.
March 26	German Records	Ed Storey, Tucsonan, writer, and retired engineer. Ed will present in person.
April 23	Modern Photo Storage	Sue Horsfall, SGS member
May 28	Immigrants and their Stories	Suzanne Young Brayer, genealogist, ASU. Suzanne will likely be speaking to us via Zoom.
September 24	Field Work: Researching the Old-Fashioned Way	Paulette Weiser, SGS member
October 22	Researching with the Internet	Kim Gunyou, SGS member
November 19	Field Trip	Family Search Center East, Tucson.
December 17	Your Ancestors in Immigrant Passenger Lists and Holiday Party	John Philip Colletta video

2024 SGS BOARD

The 2024 Board was elected at the Nov. general meeting. All officers from last year agreed to stand up for reelection again. This will be the third year for most of them in their current positions. Please consider running for a role in 2025!

Director: Eileen Carney

Assistant Director: Paulette Weiser

Secretary: Arnie Seppi

Treasurer: Kim Gunyou

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kim Gunyou

November 2023 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	7	7	25
New Members	2	3	5
Total	9	10	30
Beginning Balance	\$1,942.19	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
Income:			
Member Dues	\$133.99	\$148.99	\$450.00
Other	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$383.99	\$398.99	\$450.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$260.00)
Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$210.00)
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	(\$700.00)
Ending Balance	\$2,326.18	\$2,326.18	\$1,727.19

Fiscal Year is 10-1-23 to 9-30-24 to match HOA reporting.

"Fiscal Year to Date" is cumulative beginning 10-1-23.

FY 2024 Budget is board-approved budget.

All data are reported on a cash basis.



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