

# SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



## MEETING MAY 28

**Immigrants and their Stories** by Suzanne Young Brayer. A popular speaker will speak to SGS for our last meeting before summer break. Suzanne will appear on the big TV in the Fiesta Room from her home in Scottsdale. An avid genealogist for more than 30 years, she will share stories on immigrant ancestors to teach and inspire us to find ours.

## MEMBERS' MENTIONS by Sue Cerri

Kim Gunyou is our current Treasurer, Webmaster, Zoom master, and Newspaper Editor.

That is an understatement for sure when I say that is a lot of hats to wear. Kim does a wonderful job and makes it all look easy.



Kim is a retired Dietitian that taught diabetes education. She is a mother of three and step mother of two more. She is traveling to England for her daughter's second baby this year. I hope she has an opportunity to do some genealogy while she is there. Kim likes to research English and Polish ancestry and if you didn't know this, Kim is a mentor in our genealogy society. She is willing to help you with your research too.

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## SUE CERRI HONORED MAY 10TH



Left to right: Kim Gunyou, Eileen Carney, Kathryn Smith, Sue Cerri, and Paulette Weiser

On May 10, officers of the Sunflower Genealogy Society met to surprise Sue Cerri with an award of appreciation for her years of service, which continue to this day.

Over a period of well over 10 years, Sue has held different positions with SGS: director (president), assistant director, member-at-large, and member of various committees. She thought being on a committee was a good way to see how the society worked before she decided to take on a board position. Still recovering from breaking her back, Sue has been Zooming in to meetings since last fall, so the award was presented at Kim's home. We are so grateful for her friendship and zeal to share her talents with all of us over the years.

The crystal vertical paperweight reads:

Above and Beyond

SUE CERRI

Thank You for Your Dedication

Sunflower Genealogy Society

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## MEMBERS' MENTIONS

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One of Kim's greatest and latest discoveries was about her great-grandparents. To begin, Kim wrote down what she already knew. Her g-grandfather died in Columbus, Ohio. She knew he was Catholic. Their surname was Debney and her mother always said that her dad was born in Poland (or on the way over here.) He was possibly born in Poznan, the main capital of Poland. Kim also had both her grandfather's and g-grandfather's obituaries.

Kim started her research with Google, a perfect place for all of us to begin. She decided to type in Poznan, Poland and found an interesting site named the Poznan Project. This site is transcribing the 19th century marriage records from the historic Greater Poland (then Prussian Province of Poznan) into a searchable online database. Kim entered the name of her g-grandparents and she learned that the database is divided into Catholic or Protestant records by color. Once she typed the names, her g-grandparents came to the top of the records! His surname was spelled Dębny on the actual documents. Her grandmother was always known as Mary, but when she married in Poland, she was Michalina. Kim learned the exact date her g-grandparents were married and the towns where her g-grandparents were from. They lived about 9 miles outside Poznan, and so the information originally passed down to her was correct!

Google is a great place to begin researching. Besides Google, there is Google Books. You never know what you might find there. Books can add all kinds of interesting stories about the family or the place they lived and what the times were like that they lived in.

This is the last year Kim can be Treasurer in our genealogy society. During her time in office, she has simplified the way we keep the records, so anyone that is interested in this job could easily do it. We need some new members that could be our President and Treasurer. You can contact Eileen Carney if you are interested.



## LINES FROM THE LIBRARY

Paulette Weiser



Sit a spell and check out our magazines.

The latest issue of the Family Tree Magazine in the Brownson Legacy Library has a plethora of useful articles. It can be found with other issues in the upper cabinet to the right of the main library cabinet in the Tech Room at the Community Center.

The cover story is on Heritage Travel and entails how to save money as you travel to the locations from which your ancestors immigrated. It includes such facets of planning as a budget, public transportation, lodging, food, technology, free resources, local regulations and customs, networking, and health and safety. Another story talks about tour companies, if you do not wish to go it alone and want to travel with a company with a genealogical theme.

“On the Road Again” tells of research resources in different areas of the country, including such institutions as the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne IN, and the National Archives in Washington DC, as well as others not as well known. In addition, a story on the National Archives system reports on the different regional locations of NARA repositories. You may be able to find what you need closer to home or online.

The “centerfold” is all about Ellis Island, the information available there, common myths, tips on research, and written and online resources about this famed entry port for immigrants. It also lists other points of entry through which your ancestors may have passed.

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## LIBRARY/ FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

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The two states featured in this issue are New Hampshire and North Dakota. Each story gives a brief history of the state, when different records began being kept, where to find those records, and a list of resources related to genealogy in both states.

The Sunflower Genealogy Library, which includes books, pamphlets, magazines, maps, DVDs, and CDs, covers a wide variety of genealogical topics and makes them available for research close to home. Should you have any questions about the library, call or text librarian Paulette Weiser at 419-308-0237 or email her at [pauletteweiser49@gmail.com](mailto:pauletteweiser49@gmail.com).



### NEW FROM FAMILY SEARCH

FamilySearch has a new "full search" index to search for previous unindexed searches!

It uses AI technology to read written text. Currently it only includes US Land records and probate records and Mexico records.

Go to [FamilySearch.org/labs](https://familysearch.org/labs).

Sign into FamilySearch for free.

Turn on the first box that is named "Expand your search with Full Text"

Bookmark this page because you can't find it in the FamilySearch Bar. It is a Beta version.

I've tried it and had great luck finding land records that I didn't think were there.

-Sue Cerri



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## April 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2024 Budget
<b>Memberships</b>			
Renewals	0	24	25
New Members	0	6	5
Total	0	30	30
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$2,228.62	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19
<b>Income:</b>			
Member Dues	\$0.00	\$446.97	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$696.97	\$450.00
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$210.00)	(\$260.00)
Subscriptions	\$0.00	(\$114.00)	(\$210.00)
Library	\$0.00	(\$16.24)	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	(\$54.27)	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	(\$51.03)	(\$50.00)
Total Expenses	\$0.00	(\$445.54)	(\$700.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$2,228.62	\$2,228.62	\$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.

No income, no expenses. Nice and boring. I have all info in Excel and it takes a minute to generate a report! If you use Excel or similar, can balance a checkbook, and want to know more about being treasurer in 2025, contact me over the summer.

Kim 952-237-7501.

## WHAT'S NEW OUT THERE?

1. If you've wanted to take an Ancestry DNA test, but haven't, they are \$39 through Sunday, May 12, for their Mother's day special (usu. \$99). Never fear, they will probably have another sale for Father's day or another holiday! [Ancestry link](#).
2. In that same vein, newspapers.com is free this weekend, but you need to register, if you haven't in the past. They got me with their question, "Did your mom ever make the paper?" and the answer was "Yes!" She was in the *Terre Haute Tribune* for various things in high school and college. [Newspapers link](#)
3. Finally, if you find yourself stuck inside on a hot day, check out this website with free and paid webinars: <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>



photo from my yard this month!