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GENERAL MEETING

In April come hear local DAR member **Sharon Katz**. She will help us learn about what is available on the DAR web site. The talk: **“The DAR Genealogical Research System: Another Tool in the Toolbox .”** Did you know you can actually search for and possibly find records available on your ancestor, if someone has joined DAR on that ancestor. You might even find a document of proof you have been longing to find. This general meeting falls on **Tuesday night, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in **Tandy Auditorium** of the FW Central Branch Library (500 W. Third St.) **Refreshments begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30.**



SHARON KATZ is an avid family researcher. She joined DAR in 2010, realizing a long time dream. She served as Chapter Registrar using the DAR GRS and gaining much experience solving lineage problems. Sharon also volunteers with her church, community, and works part-time at the Grapevine Public Library. **WELCOME** her!

Don't forget parking is easy downtown with all meters free at 6:00. Or park **FREE** in the 3rd Street Garage (only a block E. from the library door) for 2 ½ hours with your ticket validated in the library before you leave.

MARCH MEETING

Roger Cobb, brought the March program on his very own experiences using DNA testing to overcome his BRICK WALL. On his own surname Cobb he found that his great grandmother was married to Mr. Mills, then left him to marry Mr. Cobb while pregnant from Mr. Mills. That child was given the Cobb name and was never told his true parentage. When Roger did his Y DNA test, he did not match any COBB participants, but he did match the MILLS. The truth was uncovered and a huge mystery solved. Since then, Roger has become a true advocate and scholar on the subject of DNA testing for genealogical uses. He shared many of the basics of the 3 major DNA tests: **Y** (for males only; follows the male surname), **Mt** (follows the female line only, mother to mother) and the **autosomal** test (which indicates your origins and tracks up the middle of your tree.) He gave us reasons to use each of the 3 major companies: **Ancestry, 23 and Me, and Family Tree DNA** (which has the largest database of all.) Thanks to Roger for a very informative night! He invited us to the “Grapevine Name Droppers” who meet in the Grapevine Public Library where they sometimes discuss the results of DNA tests. **Come to our Meetings and Bring a Friend! YOU WILL LEARN SOMETHING NEW!**

April FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Apr 16th

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Apr 30th

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Apr 30th

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Apr 26th

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: **Phil Morris**

From the Editor



What a taxing time of year! That was your reminder! Your editor did have a taxing day recently, when the society received very belated notices (like a year and a half late) from the postal service. Some of these were belated change of address notices and some suspension of mail services (in cases of deceased persons or moves into nursing homes.) This represents a loss of a FWGS friend or member, which is dearly felt by the society and we strive to include memorials if we can. But it also represents a financial loss to the society as well. When you move and forget to notify the society, we lose postage, often 3 times on one mailing. We mail to you, we pay to have it returned to us and then we pay the third time to get it back to you, but only if we find your new address. Have you noticed on your *Footprints* envelope that it says **Address Service Requested?** This guarantees we will pay postage to return it back or forward to your new address if you notified the post office of that address. As we all know, sometimes wheels turn slowly as evidenced above. **FWGS just asks that you notify us when you are making a change of address, email or phone number and then we will not have to rely on the Postal Service.** For several years, FWGS has instituted several cost saving changes to help us be better stewards of our membership dues in these days when fewer people are belonging to their local societies. We hate to waste money on unnecessary mailings. Can you continue to help us with this?

Thank You and on a Brighter Note: HAPPY SPRING!



Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director reports **138 members** .

That means we're still missing some members.

The FWGS year runs January to December and with the holiday rush it is easy to forget to send that check in with any address changes. Please don't delay.

It is never too late to send in your Dues!

New member:

Linda C. Prindle
Rodney & Joan Thompson

Returning Member:

Nancy MacDonald
Betty Porter

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, May 7th 10:30-12:00 noon

"The Story of Chandor Gardens"

by **Steven Chamblee**,

horticulturist, editor, author, instructor

in **Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch, FWL**

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

***Saturday, April 23rd 10 am- 12 noon**

Presenter: **Bob Ray Sanders**, journalist

Topic:

"The History of KERA and its Fort Worth Connection"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

***Date Change from last month & different from web site.**

Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA Noon-1 p.m.

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Up Next: May-Sept is NOT scheduled. Summer Break Ahead!

The Dallas Holocaust Museum invites you to a hands-on workshop for preserving/archiving family treasures, led by Museum Archivist, **Felicia Williamson**, MLIS, CA.

<http://www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org/> 214.741.7500

Details: Preserving Family Memories Workshop

Sunday, April 17, 2016, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dallas Holocaust Museum

211 N. Record Street Dallas, TX 75202

Cost: \$15.00 (member) \$25.00 (non-member) Register online.

New FWGS Mailing List

Fort Worth Genealogical Society is moving our mailing list. The new list is through **Google Groups** and will give FWGS the ability to include graphics and attachments with our announcements. That means we will be able to deliver our newsletters directly to your inbox.

We need everyone to participate and subscribe to this new mailing list, whether a member or a guest. Soon, this will be our main way to communicate, so please re-subscribe to the new list. Contact FWGS@mail.com to give permission to subscribe to the new list or visit our website and click there.

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/mailling_list.html

FWGS conducts Beginners Classes & Computer Users Group (CUG) for 8 months every year.

Classes meet on **Saturdays** at the FW Central Branch Library, 300 W.5th St.

Next class is April 30th!

Beginners Class with **Terri Meeks** meets at **10:30 a.m.** in the **Chappell Room.**

Topic: **Information from Archives & Libraries**

Computer Users Group meets at **2:00 p.m.** with **Ed McCoy** in the **Intel Lab.** (Hands-On computer use.)

Each class meets for 2 hours.

For more:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/html/beginners_workshops.html

NEXT Month: **May 14th** on **Church, Cemetery & Vital Records**

ATTN: This is a major date move due to the commitments of the Library. Please make note on your calendar of this date change.

Annual NGS Family History Conference

The National Genealogical Society 2016 Conference is titled ***Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time*** and will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in May. The dates are Wednesday the 4th – Saturday the 7th with special pre-conference events on May 3rd. Pre-Registration began in December and is still ongoing at this site (click on REGISTER):

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Early Bird pricing ends March 31, but any price is a bargain with over 180 lectures and workshops on geographic regions, general genealogical topics, technology, research skills, and methodology. Member & Non-member prices run from \$240 to \$275 for the entire 4 days and one-day pricing is available for \$120. In addition to the classes there are meals with keynote speakers, tours of Fort Lauderdale sites, and a large selection of exhibitors and sponsors.

If interested, explore the web site and scout accommodations here:

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations/>

TOP GENEALOGICAL BLOGS

WHAT IS A BLOG? I think of it like a diary. People start out writing about whatever is on their mind. Some focus on their family, some on subjects dear to them, and that is where Genealogy blogs came together. People wanted to share their own family genealogies or talk about research, methodology, hot topic or news in the “genealogy world.” **Kim Powell** listed her 10 top blogs (Kim writes articles & blogs herself on About.com so she should know). Here are Kim Powell’s choices:

1. **Genea-Musings** <http://www.geneamusings.com/>
2. **Genealogue** <http://www.genealogue.com/>
3. **Ancestry Insider** <http://www.ancestryinsider.org/>
4. **Creative Genealogy** <http://creativegenealogy.blogspot.com/>
5. **Genetic Genealogist** <http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>
6. **Genealogy Blog** <http://www.genealogyblog.com/>
7. **ThinkGenealogy** <http://www.thinkgenealogy.com/>
8. **Practical Archivist** <http://practicalarchivist.com/category/blog/>
9. **Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter**
<http://blog.eogn.com/>
10. **Boston 1775** <http://boston1775.blogspot.com/>

Kim also lists these great blogs too:

- Dear Myrtle** <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/>
Geneablogie <http://blog.geneablogie.net/>
24-7 Family History Circle <http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/>
RootDig <http://rootdig.blogspot.com/>
AnceStories <http://ancestories1.blogspot.com/>
Tracing The Tribe <http://tracingthetribe.blogspot.com/>
Family Matters <http://moultriecreek.us/>
Genealogy Reviews Online
<http://www.genealogyreviewsonline.typepad.com/>

Too many more to list but here is a link to Family Tree Magazine’s 2015 list:

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/best-genealogy-blogs-2015>

Chris Dunham, the **Genealogue** (above) lists his own blog finder; an attempt to let you search by regions or topics to help you find a blog. Lots to explore here:

<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Editor: Thanks to **Kim Powell** of About.com for her original list used in this article. see here:

<http://genealogy.about.com/od/blogs/tp/genealogy.htm>

BIG NEWS: SAVE THE DATE, SEPT 10th

FWGS announces the 2016 Speaker for their annual End of Summer Seminar: **KELVIN MEYERS** of Dallas, TX. Watch for the list of his topics for the day, but circle **Saturday, September 10th** on your calendar now. It will be a great day of genealogical topics!



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Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before 1 Jan of year checked

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name:

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