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NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2023

Editorial

LET'S TALK ABOUT THOSE DUES..... ☺

I'm coming from the outside world...the corporate world, but still 501 (c)(3) foundations....volunteer driven. I'm in awe of what your $40 dues buys you each year.

The last increase in dues was $4.00 from $36.00 to $40.00 in **February, 2011**. Let's look at what that $36 annual price tag bought back then Corn Flakes (18 oz) $2.89, Pinto Beans .86/lb, Pork Chops $4.37/lb, Chicken Breast $3.17/lb. (today...will not fill even one HEB grocery sack/bag). I guess we all groan as we sift that bit of memory lane through the synapses.

Honestly, what is now provided – that air conditioned two-story building full of world class, read **AWESOME**, genealogical material in our Library and that so modern, ADA-aware Dwyer building, making classroom events just peachy, complete with big screen, as compared with that little room off the library lobby, years ago. Value received?
YOU BET!

Let's think about raising that annual support, thru the upcoming Annual Fund Drive scheduled for this Fall. Let's think about keeping up with what it takes to keep all of this going, an investment for not only our members today but for those to come after us, our legacy, our gift to them.
And for you bean counters.....it's tax deductible☺

Note:

Barbara Holmes will be stepping down as Editor of the Newsletter. She will be mentoring Carol Thompson to fill her shoes. Please give her your support as she takes on this responsibility.

Submitted by Carol Thompson



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Submitted by Linda Monts

Meetings Board Meeting:
Sat. September 9at 10 am
Roosevelt Auditorium
All are welcomed to attend!

General Membership Meeting
Sat. September 16th 10 am

SAGHS Members

Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the Board of Directors approved budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

As per our Bylaws, the membership will vote to approve this budget at the Sep 16th General Membership Meeting. Please take a minute to review this budget and we invite you to join us on Sep 16th to cast your vote on this important document.

Our General Membership meeting will be a "hybrid" event in that you can attend "live" from the Roosevelt Auditorium in the Dwyer Center or from the comfort of your home via Zoom. The Zoom invites will be emailed sometime the week of Sep 10. Thanks and we look forward to your participation!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's membership renewal time at SAGHS. Our new year began July 1, 2023 and will continue through June 30, 2024. Please renew your membership [single $40 or Joint $60] so you don't miss out on any of the informative and educational meetings and programs available to you as a member of SAGHS.

Attached is a form that you can send or drop off at SAGHS, 911 Melissa Dr. San Antonio TX 78213. You can also go online under the "Members Only" and use your credit card for your renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Monts, Membership Chair at: membership@txsaghs.org.

We look forward to seeing you at SAGHS.

Submitted by Linda Monts



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SAGHS Members and Volunteers:

Once again we have been very blessed. Our Grant writing committee sent out a request for a $100,000 grant to finish the interior of the unfinished room in the south wing of the Dwyer Center. The request was sent to the V. H. McNutt Foundation where Valerie & Jack Guenther are Trustees. But the Guenther family has its own Foundation and the foundation members decided to honor Valerie's many years of "service and passion to the Society and its library by making this grant in her honor." The completed building will be named for her and we are delighted to also honor her in this way.

Coming soon – Save the Date! Our Annual Seminar will be held Saturday, **October 14, 2023**! Our guest speaker is Michael Lacopo, DVM. He will be with us in person as he was in 2019! Michael will speak on a variety of topics that will interest genealogists and family historians of every level. The topics will be determined shortly, so keep your eye on our website for that information. Michael is a life-long resident of northern Indiana. He began his genealogical research in 1980. His first published work appeared in 1985 with several books, journal articles and published contributions following. He appeared in USA Today in 2000 and has lectured locally, nationally and internationally. Dr. Lacopo has a varied and interesting ancestry and is a self-described "all -American mutt." He has research experience in numerous fields with particular strengths in Mennonite families, Pennsylvania Germans and Midwest/Middle Atlantic research (IN, OH, IL, MI and PA), and genetic genealogy. He is proficient in reading German script and has a particular interest in immigrant ancestry.



Figure 1 Photo by Elizabeth Prike

SAGHS YEAR IN REVIEW

SAGHS, like all major organizations, has been busy staffing its officer/volunteer cadre, post COVID-19. And the news is spectacular!

Here are the familiar and new names of our members, in no particular order, who are making our operation run smoothly, providing the wonderful, helpful services all enjoy.

- **Barbara Froebel**, President guided us through that fiscal year, and will again captain our 'ship of state' 2023-2024.
- **Nancy McNamara** served as Volunteer Coordinator, Education Chair and Book Sale chief.
- **Linda Monts** worked as our Membership Chair. We finished the year with **454 Members**, Linda wishes to step down, and is looking for a replacement.
- **Nancy Mabie** stepped in to assume Treasurer duties, in addition to her Publication Chair responsibilities. Our financial reports are all up-to-date.
- **William Mabie** served as Secretary….a job most necessary.
- **Rob Lewis,** Director -At-Large made so many things run smoothly as our Website Guru. He provides the expertise to make our Society look professional, a marvelous reference for members and the public at large. In addition he produces our Zoom Meetings, and the relevant follow-up videos.
- **Steve Mabie,** Director-At-Large and immediate past president, volunteered to be our interim Finance Chair, and Researcher.
- **Bev Rakowitz** directed those skillful Tuesday volunteers in managing our library activities, cataloging & shelving resources, organizing vertical files, etc. and always with a positive attitude.
- **Barbara Johns, Linda Monts, and Julia George** provided duty librarian-scheduling so that our extensive collections could be available for all.
- **Kitty Massey**, Director-At-Large worked as Book Selection Chair to find resources to fill our shelves.
- **Jackie Meldrom** and **Wanda Foltz** assumed the role of Memorial Fund Chairman.
- **Don Sharon** accepted the call, a major challenge of replacing Larry Luckett, the Editor of our award winning journal *Our Heritage*.
- **Julia George,** the faithful indexer for *Our Heritage*, a job which makes articles easily accessible by those searching for clues.
- **Charles Brussels,** indispensable as the graphic designer, lay-out artist for award winning *Our Heritage* as well as doing this same magic for our Membership Yearbook.
- **Mr. and Mrs. Gasper Gomez** volunteered to take those very useful, Membership Yearbook photos.
- **Jackie Meldrom, Deborah Knippa and Carol Thompson**, all newer members, received Nancy McNamara's training/instructions to insure that our library and classroom would be open, for classes and workshops.
- **Kurt Kneeland** faithfully continued as our IT manager, keeping our technology updated and working. In addition he fills the role of our Building Manager, two never-ending jobs.
- **Barbara Holmes** kept us up to date with the monthly Newsletter, as editor and lay-out artist. She is turning this role over to Carol Thompson.
- **Sir Oliver Smith and Bill Mahoney** kept our grounds in good order.

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Another Successful Duplicate Book Sale

This year, we added **$634.00** to the General Fund from our duplicate book sale of 402 books, and other items sold.

Chairman **Nancy McNamara** wants to acknowledge these outstanding Book Sale and Processing volunteers**: Dale Bingham, Ginny Pulliam, Robert McNamara, Jackie Meldrom, Linda Monts, Bev Rakowitz, Jean Schlather, Mary Souter and Robert Wright**. Why….Jackie even provided lunch during that long Tuesday's display.

All remaining items are, by the way, now available for a modest $2 tax deductible donation. They are in that Dwyer classroom. Many other unsold duplicate books have been shared with other genealogical societies.

Our book sale relies on donated books that are duplicates of existing items. Please know that all donations are reviewed by **Bev Rakowitz and Ginny Pulliam**. Contact Bev, if you have questions. Next year, look for the list of books available right here in the Newsletter. There may just be a brickwall buster among these books for you☺

Submitted by Nancy McNamara – Book Sale Coordinator

The More You Know:
The SAGHS members who are not involved in this process, probably view this Duplicate Book Sale as an easy task. However, it involves several steps, some of which require lots of volunteer hours. First the Library catalog is checked to see if we already have a copy of the donated book. If we do already have it, then Bev and her group need to verify that the resource that is already on our shelves is in good condition, before turning this duplicate to Nancy Mc Namara. Second, Nancy McNamara prices each resource, and enters the relevant information into a database. Third Nancy makes the listing available first to the Volunteers and later to the membership via the Newsletter, for them to pre-request their choices. Fourth Nancy pulls requested books aside waiting for the members to make their purchase, on Book Sale Day. Fifth just prior to the sale day, Nancy & her group of volunteers sort the books by state/subject and display the boxes in the Dwyer Classroom.

On the sale date(s) the volunteers assist buyers, by helping them find resources and completing their purchases. And finally, after the sale, Nancy takes the left-over resources and makes determination on how to either continue to sell (at reduced price or in the next sale),or give to a needy group.

If you are willing to help with any of these tasks, please let Nancy know of your interest.

MEMORIAL

Doris Franke, former member passed away on June 27, 2003

Memorial donations in her name help fund the various programs and resources of SAGHS.

You may submit your memorial donation in person with cash or check to our duty Librarian, or by mail to SAGHS 911 Melissa Dr., San Antonio, TX 78213. Please indicate the person's name in the memo portion of your check.

Review (cont.)

- **Nancy Brennan** served as the First Families Researcher.
- **David Ringer** served as Grant Committee Chair. His committee has been very busy this year and are beginning to see the fruits of their efforts.
- **Dr. Charlotte Travis** served as our Bylaws Chair, guiding a group to revise our bylaws and standing rules.
- **Neka Scarbrough-Jenkins** served as our Chaplain, offering needed prayers to those in need.
- **Sandy Burton** fills the role of Purchasing Agent, making sure our shelves are stocked with needed supplies.
- **Hal Curry** assisted Rob Lewis for our Zoom broadcasts.

Certainly.... not the least of this list of those who go beyond self to help all, are the Duty Librarians and Teachers; those members who whether they are still working or retired, skillfully give without pay the knowledge they have acquired over years of experience. We are truly blessed to have these folks among us:

TEACHERS

Scott Atkinson
Peter Baron
Suzy Bettac
Marianne Collier
Julia George
Annette Graham
Laura Grover
Barbara Holmes
Dr. David Katerndahl
Rob Lewis
Larry Luckett
Steve Mabie
Lloyd Shenberger
Stephanie Wells

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Submitted by Committee Chairs

HELP WANTED: ASSISTANT TREASURER

We need a volunteer for the position of Assistant Treasurer. The bylaws of the society that were revised in February 2023, state that the Treasurer "will appoint an assistant treasurer with consent of the Board of Directors and the Society Membership." This person will assist the Treasurer on a weekly basis with managing the money the society receives. This person should be good with numbers.



If interested, please contact **Nancy Mabie** at NRMabie@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED: MAIL CLERK

We need a volunteer to open and distribute the mail sent to SAGHS. This typically takes 1-2 hours a week, depending on the time of year. During membership renewal season, this task may take an additional hour per week.

If interested, please contact **Nancy Mabie** at NRMabie@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED: DUTY LIBRARIANS

SAGHS needs additional volunteers to serve as Duty Librarians during the Library's normal business hours. Ideally, Librarians only have to work one shift per month, but because we are shorthanded, some of our Librarians are working two or three shifts per month. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile position. On-the-job training will be provided.

If interested, please contact **Barbara Johns** at artyjohns27@gmail.com.

Laredo Students Visit SAGHS

On May 17th, SAGHS was visited by a group of 27 students and 2 adults from Leo G. Cigarroa High School, Laredo, TX. The students, who are members of the school's Library Club, were accompanied by Patricia Sosa, the school Librarian, and another faculty member.

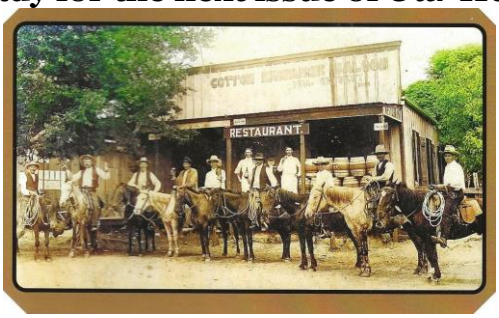
These students share an interest in books and reading and volunteer in the school library. Some of the students plan to pursue degrees in Library Science and future careers as librarians.

At SAGHS, the group was met by volunteers **Bev Rakowitz, Linda Monts, Rob Lewis**, and President **Barbara Froebel**. Beginning in the Roosevelt Auditorium of the Dwyer Center, Rob gave the group a demonstration of SAGHS' Databases. The students were then split into smaller groups and shown around the society's library by Bev, Linda, Barbara and Rob. Students were given pedigree charts so they could start tracking some of their ancestors. One young lady was able to find the maiden names of her grandmother and great-grandmother.

If you would like to schedule a group for a tour of the SAGHS facilities, please call us at: 210-342-5242.



Get ready for the next issue of *Our Heritage*



Two months and counting. We have until 20 October to submit articles for the next issue of *Our Heritage*, with the theme "Grandpa's Stories." Publication is scheduled for January 2024. Your article can focus on stories a grandfather told you or you can focus on a certain aspect of his life. You can write about both grandfathers—either in the same article or in two articles.
While you're at it, you can plan articles for the July 2024 issue of *Our Heritage* with the theme "Military Brats." Deadline for submissions for the July issue is 20 April 2024.

Other articles of a genealogical nature also can be published in any issue of *Our Heritage*.

Articles should be no more than four pages in Microsoft Word format (*.doc or *.docx). If you need to write longer, we can segment the article into two parts with publication on successive issues. If you are using a different word processor, be sure to save the file so it is compatible with Microsoft Word. Also,

- Do not embed photographs or other images into the text. (More later in this article.)
- Use only one space between sentences.
- Leave no empty lines between paragraphs.
- Do not indent paragraphs.
- Do not submit in PDF format.
- Be sure to spell check and grammar check your article. (Microsoft Word's spell check and grammar check are useful tools, but do not necessarily follow standard usage.)

Other information about preparing your article is available at the SAGHS website. From the links on the left of that page, click Publications. On the Publications page, scroll down and click the link "Learn about how you can get published in *Our Heritage*".
Be sure to include photographs or related illustrations. If the photograph is a family photograph, state who owns the original. If this photograph or illustration comes from the Internet, be sure you have permission to use that image and that copying does not violate copyright laws. Be sure to cite the source of that image. (Refer to the book "Carmack's Guide to Copyright & Contracts," by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG. A copy is on file at the library of the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.)

Submit your article to publications@txsaghs.org. Use the subject line "OH_(short title)", such as "OH Grandpa Joe". In the body of the email, indicate how many pages you have and any general comments about the article. Then, attach your article and images to the email. To attach these, look in your email program for a paper clip icon. Click the icon and you will be asked to find the items to attach.

After the article has been reviewed and edited, the article will be sent to you to show the track changes. If you are not familiar with using Microsoft Word's track changes feature, we will help you learn how to use it.

We look forward to seeing your articles in print.

Submitted by Don Sharon

New Books		
Call Number	**Title**	**Author**
RF 00000 (294)	Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook, A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website	Hendrickson, Nancy
RF 00000 (295)	Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org: How to Find Your Family History on the World's Largest Free Genealogy Website	Mccullough, Dana
RF 00000 (296)	Handbook of Genealogical Sources	George K. Schweitzer
RF 00000 (297)	Searching for Your Ancestors: The How and Why of Genealogy	Doane, Gilbert H., F.A.S.G, & Bell, James B., F.S.A.
RF 00000 (298)	Turbo Genealogy: An Introduction to Family History Research in the Information Age	Cosgriff, John and Carolyn
RF 00000 (299)	Becoming an Accredited Genealogist: Plus 100 Tips to Ensure Your Success	Clifford, Karen
RF 00000 (300)	How to Climb your Family Tree: Genealogy for Beginners	Stryker-Rodda, Harriet
RF 00000 (301)	Everything You Need to Know About How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers	Cook, Lisa Louise
RF 00000 (302)	Tracing your Ancestors From 1066 To 1837; A Guide for Family Historians	Jonathan Oates
RF 00000 (303)	Do People Grow on Family Trees?: Genealogy for Kids & Other Beginners: The Official Ellis Island Handbook	Ira Wolfman
RF 00000 (304)	How to Write and Publish your Family Book	
RF 00001 (12)	Ellis Island; Gateway to the American Dream	Reeves, Pamela
RF 01004 (20)	Royal Descents of 900 Immigrants to the American Colonies, Quebec, or the United States; Who Themselves Were Notable or Left Descendants Notable in American History, Volume I	Roberts, Gary Boyd
RF 01004 (20a)	Royal Descents of 900 Immigrants to the American Colonies, Quebec, or the United states; Who Were Themselves notable or Left Descendants Notable in American History, Volume II	Roberts, Gary Boyd
RF 08002 (1)	Census Records for Latin America and the Hispanic United States	Platt, Lyman D.
RF 10002 (25)	Revolution War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, Family History Library Microfilm Numbers Index	Gloria Gibbel
RF 16002 (2)	Uncle, We are Ready! Registering America's Men 1917-1918 A Guide to Researching World War I Draft Registration Cards	John J. Newman
RF 00000 (294)	Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook, A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree on the #1 Genealogy Website	Hendrickson, Nancy
RF 00000 (295)	Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org: How to Find Your Family History on the World's Largest Free Genealogy Website	Mccullough, Dana
RF 00000 (296)	Handbook of Genealogical Sources	George K. Schweitzer
RF 00000 (297)	Searching for Your Ancestors: The How and Why of Genealogy	Doane, Gilbert H., F.A.S.G, & Bell, James B., F.S.A.
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Submitted by Beverly Rakowitz

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Library Hours

Sun.: 1 pm – 5 pm
Mon.: 10 am – 4pm
Wed.: 10 am – 7 pm
Sat.: 10 am – 4 pm

Library Closures:

New Year's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Founders Day (June 17), Father's Day (June 18), I Independence Day, Labor Day, Seminar (Oct. 14), Thanksgiving Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve

ALSO: Delayed opening on Membership Meeting days

Upcoming Events at SAGHS

Classes are held in the Dwyer Center
Social distancing will be respected.

Please Pre-register by calling the Library at
210-342-5242 or via email to: ***education@txsaghs.org***

NOTE:
Classes that lack sufficient pre-registrations
MAY BE CANCELLED

Sun. Aug. 20
DNA Advanced Class –
Matching Collateral Ancestors
2 pm – 4 pm
Annette Graham

Sat. Sept. 9
DNA Consult Hr.
10 am, 11 am, 12 pm
Annette Graham

Sun. Sept. 10
How I Found My
Catholic Irish Ancestors
2 pm – 4 pm
Laura Grover

Wed. Sept. 13
FamilyTree Maker/WikiTree
10 am – 12 pm
Scott Atkinson

Sun. Sept. 17
What I Wish I Knew
2 pm – 4 pm
Daniel George