

THE BEACON FEBRUARY 2018

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*** * * SIGS MEETING WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018 * * ***

Our speaker this month is Mary Kathryn Kozy; the title of her presentation is "How Do I Know That's Right? Evaluating Genealogical Evidence". Mary will be answering MANY questions, including these - What does a genealogist do when there is so much data and some things conflict? What do you do if there are only a few data points and they don't agree? How do you know which one is right?

In her presentation, Mary will define the various types of evidence and discuss ways of evaluating them to come to a sound conclusion. A case study will help illustrate how points of evidence can come into conflict and demonstrate methods for resolving that conflict.

The meeting venue is the Family History Center in the LDS building at 22015 48th Avenue West in Mountlake Terrace. The (brief) General Meeting starts at 6:30, followed by socializing (also brief and with cookies) with Mary's presentation beginning at 7. Use Google to find directions and/or create a map. Park around the back of the building; (the EAST side); the entrance at the NORTH end of the building opens to the front door of the FHC.

SIGS WEBSITE IS STILL DOWN

As of 1 February, our SIGS website is STILL down, and RootsWeb/Ancestry is not offering any sort of Best Guess as to when our site will be up and running. People have told us that they miss specific online resources – the library catalog, the CamWood Obits Index, the Snohomish County Gazetteer, several indices to published SnoCo biographies (to name a few). Your Board is discussing options for creating our own web space with our own domain name and LOTS of room for expansion. Stay tuned!

BIG NEWS from the Family History Center in MLT

Keith Allred of the Family History Center in Mountlake Terrace recently told The Beacon's reporter that classes on Family Search, DNA for Family History and Writing Family Stories are being planned; these free classes are open to all, and are tentatively scheduled to start in March at the FHC, and will last 1 ½ hours. Here's a quick summary -

MARCH CLASS - Introduction to Family Search - 2nd Thursday 7 pm to 8:30 pm
repeated 4th Sat, 10 am - Keith Alldred

APRIL CLASS - Intro to DNA for Fam History - 2nd Thursday 7 pm to 8:30 pm
repeated 4th Sat, 10 am - Janice Alldred

MAY Class - Writing Your Family Stories - 2nd Thursday 7 pm to 8:30 pm repeated
4th Sat, 10 am - David Williams

The FHC's web page will be updated in the next week or so to include more information about class content and instructors, as well as an online electronic sign-up for each class. Visit www.shorelinefhc.com for all the details!

Still Hopin' and Wishin' - 2018

Your Society is seeking a Web Manager who has the skills to re-design our website so that it meets the needs (if not the wishes) of site visitors, and to teach US how to effectively bring our website into the 21st century. IMPORTANT! It is NOT necessary for the new Web Manager to be "a genealogist"!

The Library (as always) could certainly use more volunteer staff; perhaps you can spare only 4 hours, once a month, or whatever time/skill you can offer. We will cope with YOUR schedule!

Curious about any of these volunteer opportunities? Call the Library during Open Hours and the staff person on duty will get your name and contact information to the appropriate Director.

REJOICE! We now have an INTERN as well as a Designated Techie! You'll meet them both in next month's issue!

Fred Meyers Rewards Program

Our members and friends (8 households) who participate in the Community Rewards program at Fred Meyer, and shopped there between 1 October 2017 and 31 December 2017, have contributed to our \$24.03 donation check from Fred's parent company, Kroger. Visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards for information about how YOU can participate!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We know that Winter is almost over, and it has nothing to do with Rotund Rodents from Pennsylvania! On 14 February, Mariners pitchers and catchers report for Spring Training in Peoria! We've made it through another yet another winter here in the Great North Wets!

“IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS” DATA BASE from BYU

The Immigrant Ancestors Project, sponsored by the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University, uses emigration registers to locate information about the birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries, which is not found in the port registers and naturalization documents in the destination countries. Test Drive the data base at http://immigrants.byu.edu/main_page MANY thanks to the volunteers, students and researchers at BYU for their efforts!

I DON'T HAVE TO BE SMART AS LONG AS I HAVE SMART FRIENDS

Smart Friend Michael John Neill ALWAYS seems to have a slightly different take on some all-too-common issues... take "name variants for instance. Check out HIS advice at <http://genealogytipoftheday.com/index.php/2018/02/01/7916/>

"Watch out for 'assumptions' ", says MJN. Read the story at <http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=6181> , and see if YOU would have assumed something that just wasn't the case.

Our smart friend Vita Brevis writes a blog for American Ancestors, and HER smart friend Michael Dwyer posted to that blog a MOST interesting story about "guessing true age" and figuring out "birth order" within an Irish family household. He called it "a shot in the dark". (Irish researchers tend to know a LOT about "shots in the dark", for sure.) Yes, it's a long story, but most interesting. Be sure to read the comments from blog readers, too. <https://vita-brevis.org/2018/01/missing-years/>

The Lad has done it again! Michael John Neill really caught my attention when he posted a recent Tip of the Day - yes, a person could be mentioned in (and indexed in) a newspaper DECADES after that person died! Read the story at http://genealogytipoftheday.com/index.php/2018/02/01/newspaper-spread/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+blogspot%2FItIXf+%28Genealogy+Tip+of+the+Day%29 (Yes, that IS a long URL, but worth it!)

CALENDAR

Sat, 3 Feb 2018 - Basic Beginning Genealogy 10 am at the SIGS Library. FREE!

Wed, 7 Feb 2018 – SIGS Monthly Meeting featuring Mary Kathryn Kozy at the Mountlake Terrace FHC. Her topic – Evidence”. General meeting starts at 6:30, Mary's presentation at 7. More details on Page 1 of this issue of The Beacon.

Sat, 10 Feb 2018 - DNA Focus Group 1pm to 2pm at the SIGS Library. FREE!

Mon, 19 Feb 2018 2017 – SIGS Board Meeting – 12:30 to 2:30 at SIGS Library.

Tue, 20 Feb 2018 – Scandinavian Focus Group - 11am to 12 noon, SIGS Library. FREE!

Tue, 20 Feb 2018 – German Focus Group – 1pm to 2pm, at the SIGS Library. FREE!

Sat, 24 Feb 2018 – Brick Wall Busters Group – 10am to 11am at the SIGS Library. FREE!

Wed, 7 Mar 2018 – SIGS Monthly Meeting at the Family History Center in MLT – meeting at 6:30, speaker at 7. Details in the March issue of The Beacon.!

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES and SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed, 28 Feb 2018 through Sat, 3 Mar 2018 – RootsTech 2018 – Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Read all about it on the RootsTech website – visit <https://www.rootstech.org/>

Sun, 18 Mar 2018 - Irish Genealogy Seminar - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Location Upper Level Amory (formerly the Center House), Seattle Center, Seattle, WA. Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt o learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-genealogy-seminar-tickets-42301967323> for more details.

Sat, 7 Apr 2018 – Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar – Lisa Alzo – Immigrant Cluster Communities; Silent Voices: Female Immigrant Ancestors; more. Find the event brochure at <http://www.olygensoc.org/2018SpringSeminarBrochure.p>

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