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We have a different look to this month's newsletter; please be patient; we have both a new vendor and a new editor. [Let us know](#) of any problems. Pdf copies of the Beacon are available on the [Website](#) about the first week of the month. (<https://snoislegen.org/the-beacon-newsletter>).

Our eMail system is in transition; if you have difficulty contacting an officer, please email [Kathy Morrow](#) using the subject "Please Forward."

Only 37% of members have renewed their memberships for this year. If you still owe dues for 2018-19, please plan to pay at the Oct 3rd General Meeting or send your payment to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Membership), [19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036](#). Membership is \$25.00/year, due in September. The form is available [on-line](#) (<https://bit.ly/2pbEPOD>). Members receive our monthly newsletter, full website access, and a discount on all SIGS Bargain Bookstore purchases. Have membership questions? email [membership@snoislegen.org](mailto:membership@snoislegen.org).

## Around the Society

### *The President's Message*

#### **Welcome!**

My favorite time of the year! As cooler weather approaches we greet the most colorful time of the year. The air seems to be alive with amazing color and the sounds and sights of the landscape. Leaves crunch beneath our feet and fly through the air. This season has us finishing our yard work and planting bulb for spring, Rains will soon come and we will start hibernating and finding inside things to do.



In the seasons of change I often think about my ancestors and what their experience was at this time of the year. What weather did they experience crossing the oceans? Traveling cross our land in a covered wagon. What did they experience setting up a home? There are many questions we could ask ourselves. These are some simple questions that could lead to a great story in your own personal history.

I plan to put aside some time in this season and do some research finding ancestors and researching historical facts about the places they came from and settled in. I challenge you to do the same.

If you need help getting started we have very experienced members that are willing to help you. Our Library in Heritage Park houses volumes of books and computers to assist you.

A Huge THANK YOU to the Lynnwood, WA. IT department and talented Kathy Morrow for her countless hours spent in tackling this major project of upgrading our computers. Also a Thank you to Craig Gowens for his generous donation of a router which saved our organization dollars.

Come visit our library a great resource of information, and Have a great October!

*Brenda*

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### ***What's New?***

▶ **Our website** is being updated with new content frequently. If you haven't already done so, check out <https://snoislegen.org/>. Work is ongoing; the final on our third and final conversion will start late this fall and involves moving some of data into searchable databases.

▶ **Library Computing support** has been improved! With help from the city's IT department, our Wi-Fi has been improved throughout the library, and our two computers have been updated with the latest software versions. Log-ins for the computers and Wi-Fi have also changed. There is a new notebook with instructions for log-in, Wi-Fi setup, printing, etc. available. Please check with the library staff if you need help.

▶ **PLEASE NOTE: We will shortly add a program that resets the computers each night. If you have files or images you want to save, you will need transfer them onto your own flash drive or they will permanently disappear overnight.** (The library does not provide portable drives; you will need to bring your own).

▶ **IF YOU HAVE AN INDEXING OR OTHER PROJECT AND SAVE YOUR**

**DATA TO A LIBRARY COMPUTER** please email [membership@sno-islegen.org](mailto:membership@sno-islegen.org) (Kathy Morrow) as soon as possible using subject "Computing Freeze".

### *Upcoming Events*

Our General Meetings are held at the north end of the Mountlake Terrace LDS Church, [22015 48th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043](#). A short business meeting at 6:30 pm is followed at 7 pm by a genealogy presentation that runs until about 8:15 pm. Guests are invited to all general meetings. A map and directions are available on the [website](https://snoislegen.org/meetings) (<https://snoislegen.org/meetings>)

- **October 3:** Janice Allred's presenting "What to Do Next with Your DNA Report." This is a follow-up to Janice's talk last April on the different DNA tests.
- **November 7:** Kent Morgan will be presenting on WWI. (November 11th is the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I).

For other Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Special Events see the [Events Calendar](#) on our Website (<https://snoislegen.org/events>).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 2018 Washington Family History Fair has been cancelled due to conflicting activities and the unavailability of key volunteers. The free annual event is usually the first Sat. of November.

### *Society Happenings*

Betty Gaeng and Phylis Jorgenson recently hosted our information table at the Monroe Fairgrounds, complete with our recently completed SIGS banner. See the new [Blog](#) on our website for Pictures.



### *Membership*

Three new members joined us in Sept, bringing our total membership to 55.

Welcome back to everyone!

### *Volunteer Opportunities*

SIGS is 100% a volunteer organization; we have no paid staff. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and we welcome anyone who has even an hour or two

available. There is no minimum time requirement. If you're interested, please email [volunteer@snoiselgen.org](mailto:volunteer@snoiselgen.org). We're especially looking for help with the following:

- **Hospitality Chairman:** to set-up and break-down the monthly meeting, manage the raffles and the cookie sign-up. This is part of the Outreach committee.
- **Library Interns:** We currently have one part-time intern volunteering at Humble House, but there is enough work to keep 2 interns busy. If you know of anyone interested in scanning old newspapers and printing out the copies at the library, please contact Marge Reid at the SIGS library. This is a good way for students to earn community hours, or anyone that would like to volunteer a few hours a month.
- **Website Event Entry:** Someone to enter upcoming events on the website. Training and support will be provided as needed, and the work can be done from home on your own computer. Not likely to require more than a couple of hours per month.
- **Library Support:** Our Library at Humble House has a few open shifts PERFECT for someone like YOU! Training will be provided and you'd always be working with one of our regular volunteers. **Most urgent needs** are for the First Thursday of each month from 11 to 3, and the Fifth Thursday for those months that have one) Call the library (425) 775-6267 and talk to (or leave a message for) Marge; she'd LOVE to find a fun spot for you to volunteer!



## About the Library

Humble House, Heritage Park,  
**19827 Poplar Way,**  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

The SIGS Research Library has more than 5,00 titles, including books, periodicals, newspapers, obituaries and the like.

**Library Hours:** Tue, Thurs & Saturdays 11 am-3 pm | **Phone:** 425-775-6267  
*For holidays or bad weather please call ahead to confirm the schedule.*

### **New Additions**

▶ Postal Guide [Germany] 1994 (with large map). Call # GER-34b

- ▶ Carmack, Sharon D. Organizing Your Family History c1999. Call # REF-146
- ▶ Edmonds High School Yearbooks 1952-1955 Call #'s YBK-072h-k

### ***New on the Used Bookshelf***

There are many new arrivals on the Library's Used Book Shelf - two of the best are "German Research Companion" c 2010 - \$2.00 and "Family Saga - Stories of Scandinavian Immigrants" - \$5.00. Remember, SIGS members get a 10% discount off prices of ALL books on the Used Book Shelf!

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## **Reinforcing Your Research**

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### ***Favorite Blogs***

- [Genea-Musings](#)
- [Are You My Cousin](#)
- [Family History Fanatics](#)

*Have a favorite genealogy blog?*

[Let us know!](#)

### ***Focus on Immigration***

Check out the [website](#) (Community Resources / eResources) for new links for Immigration research.

### ***This Month's Genealogy Term***

**Soundex**– Soundex coding turns a last name into a one letter and three number code based on the way the name sounds rather than its spelling. Surnames that sound alike (Smith and Smyth) have the same Soundex code (**S530**). This allows you to find a surname even when it's has different spellings. You can learn more about the Soundex and figure out your family's codes [here](#).

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### ***Resources***

- One of our members (Betty) shared that she has been using the free [Olive Tree Genealogy](#) since it was new (20 or so years ago) and has always had good luck with it. (focused on American and Canadian research).
- Olive Tree also has an article on [12 Ways to Become a Better Genealogist](#)
- [Genealogy Glossary](#) – abbreviations and terms used in genealogy
- [Covering Your Bases: Introduction to Autosomal DNA Coverage](#) by Paul Woodbury on the [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#) blog.

### ***For Beginners***

- [Visual Family Tree](#) has good information and free forms on starting your family tree research.
- The U.K. Society of Genealogists has a good article on the [Top 10 Tips for Starting Your Family History](#); plus a downloadable pdf of the article.
- The free on-line GenealogyInTime Magazine has a terrific article “[The Key to Understanding Family Relationships](#)” that explains how to define the relationship between any two people in a family. It even includes a free relationship chart.

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### ***Quick Tips***

- ▶ Improve your Google Searching with Family History Daily's article on [Using “Site” to narrow your Google Searches](#).
- ▶ Find first name abbreviations at [GenealogyInTime](#).
- ▶ Learn more about posted a helpful article on [preserving those old newspaper clippings](#) on The In-Depth Genealogist.
- ▶ Looking for a bargain? One of our members shared that she just renewed her AARP membership and found out that you can get 30% off a Ancestry World Explorer membership? You just input your AARP number!

### ***Do You Know?***

- ▶ **About Legacy Family Tree webinars?** A great source for on-line genealogy training you can take at home. Many courses are free; a membership gives you access to 700+ webinars and their syllabus. Some classes are geared to the Legacy software, but most are on genealogy topics., and have good speakers and high-quality content. Check out their [Webinar Library](#).
- ▶ **What a genealogy Wiki is?** Learn about them on Ancestral Finding's [website](#).
- ▶ **Newspaper Advertisements can provide useful data?** – I've found out when & where they moved and their occupation from their ads.

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