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| <p style="text-align: center;">Officers 2017-2018 President: Brenda Sanchez Vice President: Phylis Jorgenson Secretary: Kathy Morrow Treasurer: Samantha Morales</p> | <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  OUR WEBSITE </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  FOLLOW us on FACEBOOK </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  EMAIL THE EDITOR </div> </div> |



Remember that to stay current as a member your dues must be paid by the end of December. You can pay at the November meeting or send your payment to Sno-Isle Genealogical Society (Membership), 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036. The Membership Form is available on-line. If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at membership@snoislegen.org

Around the Society

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 the website (<https://snoislegen.org/meetings>)

- ▶ November 7: Kent Morgan will be presenting on World War I.
- ▶ December 5: Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Humble House at the regular 6:30 meeting time. Similar to last year, we're planning a brief talk on a heritage celebration and a spread of holiday food. It's sort of a pot-luck so if you have a recipe or dish that's part of your family's traditions we'd love to have your contribution.
- ▶ Professional writer and SIGS member Betty Gaeng will offer a writing class called "When I am Gone, Remember Me." The Writer doesn't have to write about themselves, pick a parent or grandparent. The 1hr. class will be Sundays at 1pm and will start Sun. Jan. 6, 2019 and end Feb. 10. Depending on the weather class days may be extended. The Class will be free to members and suggested donation from non-members of \$5.00 per class or \$20.00 for the 6 week series. Classes will be held at SIGS library, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood. Class size is limited. Register in person at the library or send email

The President's Message

Welcome!

Applause! The master artist has picked up the brush and pulled every color from the palette into the landscape. It is incredibly beautiful this year.

This month we honor our veterans, possible dating back to the Colonial Wars 1620-1774, the Mexican American War 1846-1848. And more here in the United States and abroad. My challenge for November is to research some of these wars and learn some history. The ultimate goal would be to find an ancestor who was a Veteran. I will take time to call family and friends who have served our country and say THANK YOU! Thanksgiving is a time to show our gratitude and be with family and to share our stories. Enjoy this month of much to celebrate.
Happy Thanksgiving!



Brenda

What's New?

Society computers will be frozen on Dec 1st; after that you will need to bring a flash (USB/portable) drive if you want to save anything you downloaded on one of the library computers. We're hoping to have a small supply of flash drives you could purchase should you happen to forget yours.

Society Happenings

Marge's Reid's family hosted a birthday party for family and friends at Humble House on Oct 7. Lots of local SIGS and Pokemon friends and lots of distant family came in for a great birthday celebration. As requested many left cash for SIGS in lieu of gifts; A HUGE Thank You to all our anonymous donors. See a few pictures on our [Facebook](#) page.

Membership

We're continuing to grow! Four new members joined us in October, bringing our total membership to 59.

Volunteer Opportunities

SIGS is 100% a volunteer organization; we have no paid staff. Lots of volunteer opportunities are available regardless of how much time you have - even an hour or two a month is helpful. There is no minimum time requirement. If you're interested, please email volunteer@snoiselgen.org. We're especially looking for help with the following:

- **Library:** We **really** need some fill-in help at the library for a scattering of Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are 11 am to 3 pm (bring your own lunch). For safety reasons we want two volunteers whenever the Library is open. You'd be a helper to one of our experienced volunteers. No need to be an experienced researcher or librarian to help out!
- **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 don't have any library interns! This is a good way for students to earn community hours, or anyone that would like to volunteer even an hour or two a month.

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.

Special Collection featured at Humble House: U. S. Military Resources - 20th Century Conflicts

For the month of November, a sampler of resources we hold that deal with Military Research can be found on the display table in the Living Room. One of these references just might be useful in YOUR 20th Century research!

New Additions

A two-volume set of the 1900 census for Whatcom County with a full name index at the end of Volume 2. Call # WA - WHA - 07a and 07b

Reinforcing Your Research

Favorite Blogs

Each of the “Big Four” genealogy sites has an interesting and useful blog.

- [Ancestry Blog](#)
- [FamilySearch Blog](#)
- [MyHeritage](#)
- [Findmypast](#)

Have a favorite genealogy blog? [*Let us know!*](#)

Focus on World War I

Check out the [website](#) (Community Resources / eResources/US Military) for new links on WWI research.

This Month's Genealogy Term.

BC, AD, CE and BCE

Many of us were taught to refer to years using BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini / year of our Lord). But we're starting to hear CE (Common Era) and BCE (Before the Common Era). The new terms do not presuppose faith in Christ, and are now being used in many schools and academic settings.

Resources

- Check out the [Family History Fanatics YouTube channel](#) for great genealogy-related videos.
- Get an edge on any holiday shopping for your genealogy friends with Lisa Lisson's (Are you my Cousin) [holiday gift guides](#).

- Jason G. Gauthier, [*Measuring America: The Decennial Census from 1790 to 2000*](#) includes census instructions for each census from 1790 to 2000. It can help to know exactly what the census takers were supposed to do, even if they didn't do it. The downloadable PDF file (free) is available from the U.S. Census Bureau website
- There's a great flow chart on the Genealogy Research Process on the [Genealogy Explained](#) site; see the [Genealogical Proof Standard section](#)

For Beginners

- There's an excellent and wide-ranging section on [How to Get Started with Genealogy](#) on the [Genealogy Explained](#) site
- [8 Things New Genealogists Waste Money On](#)

Quick Tips

- Having trouble with a complex genealogy problem or brick wall? Reading [Are You Mapping Out Your Research Problems?](#) might help you to get a new perspective on it.
- If you have Native Americans in your heritage you may be interested in [Historical Indigenous and Native American Newspapers Online](#)
- Want to learn more about Thanksgiving? [See Days of Thanksgiving Celebrated by Our Ancestors](#)

Did You Know?

- [You Tube](#) has thousands of genealogy related videos? You can find a video on almost any topic you're interested in – beginning genealogy, proof standard, DNA, brick wall busters The list goes on and on.
- November 11th is the 100th anniversary of the World War I armistice? Even if you didn't have anyone who served, about 98 percent of U.S. men born between 1872 and 1900 completed a draft registration form. Draft registration [resources](#) are now on our Website.



As we celebrate Thanksgiving, one of the few Holidays that belongs to all Americans, let us remember the sacrifices of those who came before us, have gratitude for those who are now around us, and hope for those who come after us.