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Monthly Program Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 1515 SW 10th Street.

TGS Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD WEATHER – CHECK FOR HOLIDAYS & CLOSINGS

COMING UP AT TGS

Nov. 17, 10:00 AM - (Saturday Skillbuilder), “HeritageQuest”, at TGS
Nov. 18, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG (was PAF), contact Eileen Davis at 785.235.5845 for more info.
Nov. 21-24 - TGS Library will be CLOSED

*there won’t be any Monthly Programs scheduled for Nov. & Dec. due to holidays

Dec. 10, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic- X-Factor (workshop- your own X-factor project), at TGS
Dec. 10, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic- How to Use FamilySearch.org, at TGS
Dec. 13, 9:30 AM - Family Tree Maker/Computer Genealogy SIG, topic- MyHeritage, at TGS
Dec. 13, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
Dec. 15, 10:00 AM - (Saturday Skillbuilder), “Thinking about DNA, But Haven’t Tested Yet”, at TGS
Dec. 17-Jan. 2 - TGS Library will be CLOSED

Jan. 10, 9:30 AM - Family Tree Maker SIG, at TGS
Jan. 10, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting, at TGS
Jan. 14, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG, topic- FTDNA, at TGS
Jan. 14, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG, topic- How to Use FamilySearch.org, at TGS
Jan. 20, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG (was PAF), contact Eileen Davis at 785.235.5845 for more info.
Jan. 24, 7:00 PM - (Monthly Program), “Researching Your Home & the People Who Lived In It”, at the Topeka Shawnee Publ. Library

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

Your TGS Board of Directors wishes you a very Happy Thanksgiving.  May your Thanksgiving have a table full of food, family, stories, and making many new memories.  Please take time to write those facts down after this get-together and share in your memory book for future historians in your family to find.  I have many things to be thankful as your President. I have met new people who have shared with me their DNA journey, enjoyed the many programs at TSCPL. Thank you, Terry Stahl, for giving us strong programs. Thank you for attending our skill builders and classes this past year and using our library in your research. Thank you for your membership. This is what keeps the doors open at TGS.

Here are some things you can do to help TGS:
- Our Christmas wish list: toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex, and boxes of computer paper. Anything you buy for TGS can be written off your taxes but be sure to keep your receipts.
- With it being close to the end of the year, you can make monetary donations to TGS. It can be made on our web page or our donation jar at TGS.
- If you are over 70 ½ and need to make a withdrawal from your IRA's -- make a donation to TGS. Check with your financial adviser about the correct process. There is a way to prevent additional taxes.
- Renew your membership in December.

All of this will help your BOD to make better financial decisions. We need your help for the coming year.

It has been a blessing to have participated in Topeka Gives the last three years. Topeka Gives will no longer be available for non-profit organizations as a source of additional revenue. Their focus and future will
Did you know that TGS has hundreds of publications of Shawnee County records, other Kansas records, and records from across the country? Click here to see what we have to offer.

If you don't tend your roots, the tree may wither away. Use your family gatherings at Thanksgiving to "tend your roots".

Join us! click here

Do not be tied to a grant they received and their only focus will be health issues in the community. We have been blessed to be a part of this amazing organization and we thank them for their help and wish them well in their new endeavor. It is time for us to develop additional revenue sources. Let your board know of any ideas you have.

One of our goals is to increase membership. This is an area you can really help us with. If you have Facebook, please go to our public Facebook page and share the information we provide to your newsfeed. Facebook has algorithm that needs the support of folks who visit to share. Many of you like and love our pages but we need the share because of this Facebook change. Please help us get our information out. Please do this at least once a week. Facebook provides us with stats so help us make our membership bloom.

Happy Thanksgiving, see you soon.

- Marty Flanagan

MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER HAS LINKS TO THIS NEWSPAPER

First published in 1785, The Times of London is widely considered to be the world's “newspaper of record.” The Times Digital Archive allows you to search over two hundred years of this invaluable historical source. Times Digital Archive is available on Android and iOS.

SECRETS FOR GETTING DNA COUSINS TO ANSWER

Use the subject line to get their attention - (example) “John Smith is my 3X Great Grandfather and I think he is yours too”.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Here are items that might impact genealogical research in the future:
1. Political pressure to destroy or restrict access to certain genealogically important documents.
2. History education for younger students.
3. Increase in natural disasters. Do you have a plan?

SAVE THE DATE FOR TGS’s 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Save the date for our 47th Annual Conference, Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2019 at the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, KS. Our featured keynote speaker on Saturday will be Michael J. Hall who is Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch, headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Friday morning will consist of a personal research option with breakout sessions in the afternoon.

IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

As a reminder you can renew or join on our website by clicking on “Membership – Join Us”, then choose “online join” and follow the guidance. It’s that simple! Remember: To renew online please await the reminder email notice which should be sent to you around the end of November. Should you try renewing before receiving your notice it will only accept you as a new member.

If you prefer, you can print a membership form on our website by clicking on “Membership – Join Us”, scroll to the bottom of the page and choose “Personal Membership Form” and print. You also have the option of stopping by the TGS Library for a printed form.

Membership dues are the same as last year and due by December 31. We look forward to another great year! Thank you for your membership in TGS!

Nancy Appelhanz, Membership Chair
OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & RESEARCH:

Topeka Genealogical Society - website; TGS Library; Special Interest Groups; Skillbuilders; Classes/Workshops; & Events; go to https://tgstopeka.org; and find out more.

Topeka Shawnee County Public Library - Genealogy Center on 2nd floor; check out their newsletter/website & sign up for genealogy & computer classes at Events- https://tscpl.org/events

Midwest Genealogy Center - website, online genealogy databases (with membership), library, events, & classes; check out their website - https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/