COMING UP AT TGS

December 18-January 2 -- TGS LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

January 5, 9:30 - Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
January 5, 9:30 - Class, “Using Ancestry DNA Testing,” TGS - register here
January 8, 9:30 - DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
January 8, 1:00 - Brick Wall Session, TGS
January 11, 9:30 – Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
January 11, 1:00 – TGS Board Meeting, TGS
January 20, 10:00 - Saturday Skillbuilder, “Periodicals and PERSI Index,” TGS
January 21, 2:00 – Computer Genealogy (formerly PAF group), TGS
January 25, 7:00 - Monthly Program, “Deborah Sampson, Revolutionary War Soldier,” TSCPL

February 2, 9:30 - Class, “Family Tree Autosomal DNA,” TGS, register here
February 2, 9:30 - Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
February 8, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
February 8, 1:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
February 12, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
February 12, 1:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
February 17, 10:00 - Saturday Skillbuilder, TGS
February 22, 7:00 - Monthly Program, “Genealogy and the Civil War,” TSCPL

JUST A REMINDER

If the Topeka Public schools close due to the weather, so do we. We will reschedule classes for another date and SIGs will send emails if they plan on rescheduling and post on our web page. This year we will use our web page to keep our members informed. Please check it out.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE TGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Many family history stories and memories are shared by the photos you take. The important part of celebrations is to share your family story with loved ones and your new cousins as they find you in 2018.

We have a custom at New Years to make a resolution to do something, anything to improve us. What will yours be? Sometimes, it is necessary to think in a broader term. Here is an example of one of my resolutions. Yes, I have several. In 2018, I’m going to organize my paper and start writing my
Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering with TGS is a great way to meet other TGS members, grow and expand your skills, and give back to the broader genealogy community by helping us to compile genealogical resource materials and make them accessible to other researchers. No matter what your age, experience, or skill set, we want and need your help. Training is provided, and hours are flexible.

Administration Chair - Although this may sound like a big job, in reality it would not be that time consuming. If you might be interested, please contact marty.flanagan@Outlook.com to learn more about it.

TGS Quarterly Editorial Board - Support the Editor of the TGS Quarterly, by contacting Brenda Kelly@cruzn67@sbcglobal.net with ideas and suggestions for content, and perhaps writing a column or articles or abstracting genealogical data for publication.

Conference Committee - We are currently working on details for the 2018 Annual Conference, and beginning to think about 2019. Get on board now, and help us put together another great conference! Time requirement: Minimal. Most active in March-April just prior to the Conference. The 2018 Conference Planning team is in place, but will need more help as we get closer to the April date. Are you interested in learning and helping in 2018 and beyond contact Jan Droge at drogejan@mail.com?

Education Committee - Do you have ideas for genealogy workshop topics that would be of broad interest? Do you enjoy teaching? Maybe you would be willing to help in a support role by preparing and assembling course handout materials? Join the education committee by contacting Terry Stahl at t.stahl@cox.net and help us continue to build and strengthen our educational offerings. Time requirement: variable. Do you have a special skill? Would you be willing to share it? Could you present it in a hour skill builder?

Library Volunteers - Serve as a volunteer librarian, assisting library patrons and helping us to keep the library clean and orderly. Training is provided, and new library volunteers will be paired with an experienced librarian. Time requirement: One or more 3-hour shift per month during library operating hours (weekday afternoons and Saturdays). Contact Alma Baker at tgslibrarycoord@gmail.com

Looking Forward 2017 and Beyond - This special committee will work with Tim Brock to look at what is best for TGS in the future and present their findings to the Board and membership. Particularly needed are volunteers with expertise in real estate, construction, finances, organizational skills, visionary view of the future, and good old common sense. Contact Tim at tbrock419@gmail.com.

Annual Picnic Committee - The group will help plan and put on the annual members’ picnic, usually held the first Saturday in August. Contact

Research Committee - Several people are needed to assist the Research chairperson to answer research requests from members and others. Contact barb.laclair@sbcglobal.net

Indexing - Several ongoing indexing projects are being carried out at TGS and help is always needed. Some of these indexing jobs can be done from your home. No contact but maybe you would volunteer. Training goes with this job.

Technology – If you are interested in the nuts and bolts of keeping TGS wired this is the group for you. Contact Dave Haslett at tgs.topeka.tech@gmail.com.

Publicity – The group makes and puts out brochures in the Topeka area for our classes and for membership. This group posts what is going on at TGS in our outreach media, manages our Facebook page both public and members only. We would like to have more exposure on Twitter, Instagram, and
Pinterest. Does this sound interesting because we are looking to expand our online presence. Contact Rich McReynolds at rlm4017@gmail.com.

**Donation Committee** - Sandra Kassebaum has graciously accepted to chair Topeka Gives. She will need volunteers. We are looking for someone to take over in 2019 this position. Contact Sandra at ckrskass1@att.net

A final note - did you know that you can see all upcoming TGS classes and events at a glance with our new Events Calendar? Check it our on our website [here.](#)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** May your new year be blessed and filled with good health, happiness, and family.

Marty Flanagan

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**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR TGS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018?**

We have added a new, convenient feature to make your experience of joining or renewing a breeze. On our [website](#) click on “Membership – Join Us”, then choose “online join” and follow the guidance. It’s that simple! Thank you for your membership in TGS!

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**SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR OUR 2018 CONFERENCE!**

The 46th Annual Conference of the Topeka Genealogical Society will be held April 20 & 21, 2018 at the Kansas State Historical Society, in Topeka.

On Friday morning there will be opportunities for personal research in the area, and breakout sessions are scheduled for Friday afternoon.

The featured speaker on Saturday will be Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, board certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, award winning writer and author. This will be a great conference!
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