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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 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD WEATHER -- CHECK FOR HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Can a first cousin once removed be returned? Join us!

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COMING UP AT TGS

April 20-21 - TGS Annual Conference, “Finding Unfindable Ancestors,” KSHS
more information and registration here

*there will NOT be an April TGS Monthly Program, due to the TGS Annual Conference

May 4, 9:30 AM- “DNA- Y-DNA & MitDNA DNA Testing” Class, TGS, register here
May 4, 9:30 AM- Family History Writer’s Group, TGS
May 10, 9:30 AM- Family Tree Maker/Computer Genealogy Interest Group, TGS
May 10, 1:00 PM- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
May 12, 1:00 PM- “Cemetery Research” Workshop, TGS & Topeka Cemetery, register here
May 14, 9:30 AM- DNA Special Interest Group, TGS
May 14, 1:00 PM- Brick Wall Special Interest Group, TGS
May 19, 10:00 AM- Saturday Skillbuilder - Topic to be Announced, TGS
May 20, 2:00 PM- Computer Genealogy (was PAF Users) Special Interest Group, TGS
May 24, 7:00 PM- Monthly Program - “Charles Sheldon’s In His Steps”, Topeka Publ. Lib.

June 1, 9:30 AM- "DNA - Testing with MyHeritage and LivingDNA" Class, TGS, register here
June 1, 9:30 AM- Family History Writer’s Group, TGS
June 5, 7:00 AM-6:00 PM- Topeka Gives, Fairlawn Plaza Mall
June 9, 10:00 AM- “Intermediate Genealogy Research” Class, TGS, register here
June 11, 9:30 AM- DNA Special Interest Group, TGS
June 11, 1:00 PM- Brick Wall Special Interest Group, TGS
June 14, 9:30 AM- Family Tree Maker/Computer Genealogy Interest Group, TGS
June 14, 1:00 PM- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
June 16, 10:00 AM- Saturday Skillbuilder - Topic to be Announced, TGS
June 28, 7:00 PM- Monthly Program - "The Impact of DNA on Genealogy", Topeka Publ. Lib.

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

I’m so ready for spring. The few days we had were more like summer than Spring. I’m beginning to really miss that season. Cool, rainy, and perfect for flowers is what I’m talking about. I’m thinking of changing the title of the “News from the Prez” to “As the World Turns at TGS”. It is with sad heart, I announced Terry Stahl’s resignation from the Board as the Education Chair. She has done a fantastic job in keeping our mission on target. Our mission is to educate members and the public using the highest standards in learning. Our subjects include, genealogy, genetic genealogy, multiple SIGs, gravestone care, native American genealogy, computer genealogy, and the list goes on. Check out our web page at www.tgstopeka.org for more information. They are going to be mighty big shoes to fill. She has agreed to continue with the Writing Group, teaching classes for beginners, and scheduling the Thursday night programs at TSCPL. If you are interested in finding out what the job is all about, please call me. I know we have many great members who can step into those shoes. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A BACKUP IT PERSON and EDUCATION CHAIR ASAP. Contact Marty Flanagan by phone or email.

Each November, our Treasurer with input from the BOD develops a budget for TGS. All Board members have input in both revenue and expenses. Our income budget for 2018 is $24,811. For March only expense was $122.00 more than income. This is just 4 memberships more. Here is a breakdown of our yearly
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.

Revenue coming into our Society. The conference estimate is 34% of our budget, donations 12%, membership 41% and our other sources sales, classes, research, interest, printing combined and misc. equal 13%. As you can see the Conference and Membership is the larger part of our revenue and the responsibility belongs to all member of TGS including your BOD. You control whether we are successful. If you have not signed up for the Conference or join our vibrant group at TGS, please do so quickly. Membership is up at 247 but it is still lower than 257 from SPLY. Each of us need to ask a neighbor, friend or family member. Please help get the word out. We have buttons and business cards to help you with this. Do you have applications to hand a prospective member? I will have buttons, cards, and applications at the conference so look me up. I would love to see our TGS buttons everywhere I go. If you have one, wear it at the conference. You just might gain us a new member. Are you a grant writer or know someone who is? This would be helpful as we do not get any tax money or support.

Topeka Gives donations from 2017 allowed us to purchase a Hovercam, laptop, ink for laptop, and new 1080 revolution projector with quality sound for our classes and meetings. Thank you for making these dreams come true. These are ready to go and training will begin in May for the scanner. Watch for details in May! We have set a goal for Topeka Gives for this year, please help us reach it. The goal is in another article in this Newsletter.

Our Annual Picnic Meeting the first Saturday in August is underway. Be sure to save the date. We have 3 folks working on it, but they could use a couple more. If interested contact Janice Ashby at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com. See you at the Conference.

- Marty Flanagan

REGISTER FOR OUR 2018 TGS ANNUAL 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.

Conference registration information is available on the TGS website or you can register at Eventbrite. Paper registration forms will be available at TGS. It is strongly suggested you register before March 17 as there is an additional processing fee as well as the $10 late fee after that date.

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. His theme will be "Finding Unfindable Ancestors." This will be a great conference - don't miss it!

TOPEKA GIVES - A FUN DAY OF GIVING SPONSORED BY THE TOPEKA COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION

On June 5, 2018, the Topeka Genealogical Society will be participating in Topeka Gives sponsored by the Topeka Community Foundation. The event will be held at Fairlawn Plaza Mall from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

On that day, the Community Foundation will accept donations for participating non-profit organizations and provide a proportional match for each donation. Last year the match was nearly 18%. So far, $65,600 has been earmarked as "match money" for this year.

Donations must be made in person by cash, check or credit card on June 5th. One hundred percent of donations will go to the organization(s) selected by the donor. A minimum of $25 up to a maximum of $1000 may be donated per donor per organization. Up to 5 different organizations may be selected. Donations are tax deductible and the Community Foundation will provide each donor with a receipt letter. Donations made that day will help TGS purchase much needed equipment so volunteers may continue to digitize and share
historic records in the organization's collection.

Mark June 5 on your calendar now and start saving. Let’s increase the number of donors and the total donated to TGS that day. This is an opportunity to support your favorite non-profits and learn about the variety of services they provide in the community.

* The TGS Board approved all funds received from Topeka Gives will be used to upgrade technology and our training facilities at TGS Library.
* We need helpers at our booth on June 5th. Please contact Sandi Kassebaum (862-7499) or Alma Baker (272-7921).

Volunteers Needed - Are YOU the one we’re looking for?

If your expertise runs along the lines of computers, printers and other tech machines, the library could use your help. Dave Haslett, chair of the Information Technology (IT) Committee is looking for two volunteers to help him keep our technology running.

Do you love social media? If so, our Social Media Coordinator position would be great for you. Help us manage Society publicity through social media such as our Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram. Contact janiceashby3131@yahoo.com for more information.

TGS MEMBER’S PICNIC

Mark your calendar for our annual TGS member’s picnic on Saturday, August 4, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM at the Brookwood Covenant Church. More details to follow.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thanks to everyone for turning in your empty printer cartridges for recycling. We have earned $325, which Lyn will be using to purchase a new library ladder.

Keep those cartridges coming!

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!

INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN TGS - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!