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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.

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COMING UP AT TGS

Thursday, October 24
"If the Building Could Talk, What Stories Might it Tell?" (Monthly Program)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
In this program, Nick Xidis will present his research on the downtown Topeka building currently occupied by Hazel Hill Chocolates, and its possible resident ghost.

Program is free, and open to the Public. No registration required.

Nov. 9, 1:00-4:00 PM - (Class/Workshop) "Introduction to Genealogy Research", at TGS Lib. click HERE to register

Nov. 11, 9:30 AM - DNA SIG Group, topic- "workshop- working on segments & clusters" (bring your laptop/ipad, passwords, & your info you want to work on, at TGS Lib.

Nov. 11, 1:00 PM - Brick Wall SIG Group, topic - "continuing genealogy research in Pennsylvania", at TGS Lib.

Nov. 14, 9:30 AM - Computer Genealogy & Software SIG Group, topic - "continue review & discussion of Family Tree Maker 2019 software", at TGS Lib.

Nov. 14, 1:00 PM - TGS Board Meeting

Nov. 17, 2:00 PM - Ancestral Quest Computer Genealogy (formerly PAF) SIG Group, contact Eileen Davis at 785-235-5845 for more info.

Nov. 27, 28, 29 - TGS Library CLOSED

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

I love October with all of the colors galore, cooler temperatures, and allergies going, going, gone. I think it might be my favorite month. Plus, it is Family History Month. I hope you are celebrating this wonderful month.

We have had jammed pack activities at TGS. It has been fun and exciting to meet and greet so many of you. It is now slowing down, with minimum activities at TGS while family activities increase. Here are a few suggestions: take pictures, do videos, write stories, do research, read books, call your love ones and interview them before it is too late. Do not forget to buy a couple of DNA kits when they are on sale for gifts for the holidays.

Our SIGS will continue during the next couple of months, so join us for a fun day of
researching and learning with friends. There is one more monthly program at TSCPL before 2019 is over. Be sure to come. Our friendly Greek, Nick, from Hazel Hill Chocolates will present a very scary program.

The Board of Directors had to make a very difficult decision, but we need your vote. Our roof repair did not hold and the roof has developed serious leaks that must be repaired. Please send your vote back in as soon as possible as the expenditure is more than the amount authorized by the By-Laws and members must vote for authorization to spend the money (a “blast email” was sent out to members with the “link” to vote, or a letter/paper ballot was mailed to those members who do not have email - votes must be received by Oct. 21st). We project the bill will be about $10,000.00.

Happy Halloween or should I say, “Trick or Treat!” See you soon.

- Marty Flanagan, President

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2020-2022

We would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for 2020-2022 calendar year. Elections were finalized on September 26 at our monthly meeting at the Shawnee County Public Library. Our new officers will be Barb LaClair, President; Julie Bernhardt, Director at Large and Janice Ashby, Recording Secretary. Thank you members for participating in the election process.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have many wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents every day but I know there are many more out there with talents to share. If you are wanting to get more involved at Topeka Genealogy Society, stop by and let us know where you would like to help. We have several options you might consider:

- **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - We are always looking for new ideas for genealogy workshop topics that would be of broad interest. Help us continue to build and strengthen our educational offerings. Time requirement is variable.

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE** - If you have a business or banking background and are familiar with forecasting budgets and revenues, or worked in insurance or real estate or have a bookkeeping background, then you might be a good fit for this committee.

- **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** - This group makes and puts out brochures in the Topeka area for our classes and for membership. The group posts what is going on at TGS in our outreach media and manages our Facebook page. We would like to have more exposure on Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. We are looking to expand our online presence. So, if you are knowledgeable about this online world, we are looking for you.

- **RESEARCH AND RECORDS PRESERVATION** - Oversee, direct and perform duties related to research services and record preservation projects.

- **BUILDING COMMITTEE** - Oversee the maintenance of the building to see that the building is kept in good repair and systems are in working order.
These are Board level positions requiring attending Board meetings once a month BUT we have many other ways in which you could help. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions, please contact Janice at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com.

**SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED AT TGS**

When you are out shopping, please remember that TGS could use donations of office supplies - paper clips, pencils, pens, REAMS OF PAPER, etc; & paper towels, liquid hand soap, toilet paper; & cases/bottles of water. You can call TGS or Marty Flanagan and ask if there is anything else that they need.

**KEEP UP TO DATE & LEARN ABOUT DNA & GENEALOGY RESEARCH TOPICS**

- One of the ways to "grow" & continue to learn is to attend TGS’s Classes/Workshops, SIG Groups, Monthly Programs, and Annual Conference.
- Another way is by watching selected You Tube videos on DNA and genealogy topics; web search different topics on You Tube.
- Highly recommend that you try out watching "Legacy Family Tree Webinars" [click HERE](#). MANY topics such as BCG, Beginners, DNA, Down Under Series, FamilySearch, Google, Legacy Family Tree, Methodology & Skills, Misc., MyHeritage, Organization, Photos/Digital Images, Places & Ethnic, Records, Software, Technology, Watch Geoff Live, Writing & Publishing. **you can watch for FREE for a limited time (usually for free for one week, right after it comes out). So, check often each month. AND you can subscribe to the webinars for $49.95/year.**
- Also another highly recommended way to keep up-to-date and learn is to watch for FREE "RootsTech Videos"- to watch all of the 2018 Videos [click HERE](#); to watch all of the 2019 videos [click HERE](#); to watch 2015-2019 videos [click HERE](#).

**PHOTOS FROM THE LINEAGE SOCIETIES WORKSHOP AT TGS**

Genealogical paydirt is discovering the relative who is the family packrat! Start checking with family members while you gather this holiday season. You might be surprised!

Join us! [click here](#)
"LOCK IN" AT MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER - Nov. 8th

There will be a "Lock In" at the Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, MO on Friday November 8th from 6:00 PM to 11:30 PM. Registration fee is $15.50; call 816-282-7228 or click HERE to register.

Stay up late at the Midwest Genealogy Center for a night of research, mini-classes, and fun! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm in the new Community Hall followed by guest speaker Kathleen Brandt’s presentation, “Using DNA for Your Brick Walls”. Stick around for research time, classes, networking with fellow genealogists, and prizes.

OTHER AREA EVENTS

- Topeka Shawnee County Public Library - click HERE for their upcoming events/calendar for computer & genealogy classes
- TGS Website - check the Events & Education - click HERE for "Regional Events"
- Midwest Genealogy Center - click HERE for their upcoming genealogy classes/workshops
- Spring Seminar at Midwest Genealogy Center - March 28, 2020; 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; featuring George G. Morgan & Drew Smith

RENEW MEMBERSHIP & ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN TGS !!!

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership to TGS. If you haven't renewed yet, or you're not a TGS member yet, please do so. Please also encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to join - the more, the merrier! click HERE to join or renew

MONETARY DONATIONS TO TGS GREATLY APPRECIATED

Please remember TGS when making end of the year monetary donations. click HERE to donate