COMING UP AT TGS

This Thursday, September 28, is our regular monthly program, open to all. This month Barbara Scanlon will help in "Researching Your Elusive Irish Ancestors.” Barbara is the Genealogy Specialist at the Kansas City Irish Center. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. Hope to see you there!

October 6, 9:30 - Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
October 9, 9:30 - DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
October 9, 1:00 - Brick Wall Session, TGS
October 12, 9:30 – Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
October 12, 1:00 – TGS Board Meeting, TGS
October 13, 10:00 -- Introduction to DNA, TGS - register here
October 20, 9:00 – DNA Testing with 3 Major Companies, TGS - register here
October 26, 7:00 - Monthly Program, “Orphan Train Riders in Northeast Kansas,” TSCPL
October 29, 2:00 – DNA Testing with Other Companies, TGS - register here

November 3, 9:30 - Family History Writers’ Group, TGS
November 9, 9:30 – Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
November 9, 1:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
November 22 – TGS LIBRARY CLOSED FOR VETERANS’ DAY HOLIDAY
November 13, 9:30 - DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
November 13, 1:00 – Brick Wall Session, TGS
November 17-18 – "What's in Your DNA?” TSCPL
November 19, 2:00 -- Computer Genealogy (formerly PAF group), TGS
November 22 - 25 -- TGS LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

TGS president Marty Flanagan is on vacation this month. In place of her usual column, the Board of Directors has these reports to pass along:

Election of officers will take place at this month's TGS meeting. Members who have not voted by advance ballot can cast their vote at the meeting. Ballots will be distributed upon arrival and must be signed. The offices of President, Recording Secretary and Director at Large will be filled in this election cycle.

The TGS Library Project Group has great progress to report. Barbara and Frank LaClair have created a map of the library using the dimensions provided by Ed Grey and Ed Nakoneczny. To accompany the map, our librarian Lyn Hutchison has developed two indexes. One is “Numeric by Shelving Unit” and the other is a “Topical Index.” The new map with indexes should soon be available for use. Other participants have drafted
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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.

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summaries of the main TGS collections that will be used in cataloging and assisting library patrons. Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project.

EXTENDED FAMILYSEARCH ACCESS AT MGC

The Midwest Genealogy Center has announced that it will now have access to nearly all of the digitized microfilm images that are viewable in LDS family history centers. MGC is very excited to be able to offer this service to customers and to provide access to additional wonderful genealogy resources. The Center is located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Rd. Independence, MO

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WHAT'S IN YOUR DNA?

The Topeka Genealogy Society and Topeka Shawnee County Public Library are co-sponsoring What's in Your DNA? - a 2-day workshop that will give a comprehensive look at DNA and your genealogy. The event will be held November 17 and 18 at TSCPL. It is free but participants must register through EventBrite on the TSCPL website after October 1.

Friday is dedicated to introducing the novice to DNA and discovering genetic genealogy. Sessions will discuss the various types of DNA and what you can expect from getting tested.

Saturday is dedicated to what happens after you have been tested, which tests tell you what information, how to use your results and how to keep it organized. Kathleen Brandt, a nationally-recognized genealogy consultant, will be the guest speaker.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT YOUR DUES

When renewals are sent out this fall you will notice an increase in your membership dues by $5, except for the Student class which will remain at $10. This comes about due to increased expenses to run our wonderful library. An Individual membership will be $30 and a Joint membership will be $40. Benefits of your membership may be viewed on our website. If you haven't visited the library lately, please come visit!

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WOULD YOU LIKE A PERSONALIZED ANCESTRAL TOUR?

Go Ahead Tours and Ancestry have announced a new portfolio of tours that will take travelers on a journey into their personal histories. The new portfolio of heritage trips will launch this fall with itineraries in 2018 to Ireland, Italy, and Germany. New tours featuring additional destinations will be announced in early 2018 with first departures in 2019.

The journey begins with an AncestryDNA kit, which analyzes DNA and provides a breakdown of a person’s ethnic background. Travelers will then have the opportunity to build their family tree and discuss their results with an expert from AncestryProGenealogists during a pre-trip family history review. Every journey will be led by a local Tour Director and Ancestry Genealogist, who will provide family history context and bring a personal perspective to each destination. For more information, please visit www.goaheadtours.com/ancestry.

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GOLDEN RULE FOR GENEALOGISTS
Did you know there is a Golden Rule for Genealogists? It is "leave for your descendants what you wish your ancestors had left for you." Some of the things you can do to be a great ancestor are:

If you don’t want to write a whole family history book, consider writing essays, your own life story, or preserving those stories that have been passed down orally in the family.

Keep scrapbooks and albums of photos and documents. Include transcribed letters and diaries if you have them.

Write down the history of any family heirlooms - quilts, furniture, china, etc.

Digitally preserve family history by recording family members, scanning photos and documents, and putting it all together on a family web site or DVD to share.

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**SWEDISH HERITAGE CELEBRATION**

There will be a Swedish Heritage event on Saturday, October 28 at TSCPL from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. If any members would like to attend as TGS representatives and man a table, please contact Cindy (clcruez32153@aol.com) or Marty (Marty.flanagan3@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

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**YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE OTHER EVENTS**

**The Midwest Genealogy Center** is offering a class on "Finding Your Italian Ancestors" on October 11 at 7:00 pm. Find out more about it and their many other clubs and classes [here](#). The Center is at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Rd. Independence, MO 64055  816-252-7228. All events are free, but registration is required.

**Wichita Genealogical Society Conference**, October 14 -- "A Day With Ancestry" with guest speaker Juliana Szucs from [Ancestry.com](#). Details [here](#).

**Johnson County Genealogical Seminar**, October 28 -- Featured speaker is Thomas MacEntee. More information [here](#).

**Don't forget the free online webinars** on the 4th Wednesday of every month, sponsored by the Georgia Genealogy Society. The Society’s website can be found here: [www.gagensociety.org](http://www.gagensociety.org)