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January 2017 Announcements



## ANNUAL APPEAL

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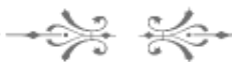
- Our [Annual Appeal](#) is underway. Your donations enable us to continue to provide a high quality resource for genealogical information in California. California Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization and all or part of your gift may be tax deductible as a charitable contribution. Membership fees only cover 40% of our operating expenses. Please contribute today so that we can continue to thrive and assist others. Read more about our [2016 accomplishments](#) and future plans.



- Our Annual Membership and Business Meeting will take place on Saturday January 14th from 1 p.m.. to 3 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room. The agenda includes brief committee

reports, approval of the 2017 budget, presentation of the slate of nominees, and electing the Board of Directors for 2017.

- The Annual meeting will be preceded by a Potluck at 11:30 a.m.



- Save the Date! The California Genealogical Society is going to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The trip dates are April 23 through 30. The trip includes 7 nights hotel accommodations at the Plaza Hotel (right next door to the library), three group dinners, and expert help before and while at the library. [Registration for this trip is now open!](#) Contact [Lisa Gorrell](#) (group leader) for more information.

### CGS Volunteers

Several volunteer positions are vacant

- **Membership Committee Chair**
- **Offsite Events Chair**
- **Field Trip Coordinator**
- **Writers to update the history of CGS**
- **In-house Events Assistant**

Additionally, we need committee work on the following:

Assistance is needed with our one-day giving event, East Bay Gives. Please contact chairperson, [Shannon Reese](#) for details.

Assistance is needed planning a plethora of activities related to our 120th Anniversary. Please contact [Tim Cox](#) for details.

As always, training is provided. Make your ancestors proud and volunteer!

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#), [Maureen Hanlon](#) or [Linda Okazaki](#) for more information about any of these great opportunities



### Board Member Nominations

*by Karen Lemelin*

The Nomination Committee is proposing two new board nominees for the 2017 - 2019 term. The slate of candidates will be presented to the general membership for election at the annual meeting. The new nominees are Rich Kehoe and Arlene Miles.

Continuing in a first term are Maureen Hanlon, Vicky Kolakowski and Stewart Blandón Traiman.

Continuing in a second term is Felicia Addison. Proposed nomination for a second term are Linda Okazaki, Kathie Jones, Todd Armstrong and Therese Hart-Pignotti.

Continuing in a third term are Nicka Smith and Karen Lemelin. Proposed nomination for a third term is Shannon Reese.

Ellen Fernandez-Sacco will be also serving in the role of past president.

Lisa Gorrell and Jim Sorenson have termed out after serving three terms, and Diana Edwards will not be serving an additional term. Todd Armstrong will not continue on the board.

### About the new board member nominees:

**Arlene Georgia Schroeder Miles** is a long-time volunteer, having joined CGS in 2007 hoping to continue her genealogy research and to help others research and record their family history. A native New Yorker, Arlene has lived in San Francisco since 1984. She has an Associate Degree in the study of



Library Technology from City College San Francisco and many years of experience in record management. She is currently the CGS Library Manager, and motivates a group of volunteers dedicated to maintaining and growing our collection of books, manuscripts and vertical files. Arlene is currently serving on the board for the remainder of the 2016 term to replace the late Henry Snyder.

**Richard Kehoe** became interested in family history research years ago during visits with his mother and aunt, listening to their interesting and spirited discussions about growing up in San Francisco. Rich is a 6th generation San Franciscan. His ancestors came to San Francisco in 1769 with the Spanish Portola Expedition. He also has extensive Irish roots. Rich did not become obsessed with genealogy until 2010, and discovered CGS two years later, after retiring from a sales and marketing career in the educational technology business. He has been a volunteer with the Educational Programs & Events Committee, and has taken many of CGS's wonderful classes, seminars and trips, attended SLIG, and is a member of UGS, NGS and Los Californianos.



**Classes and SIGs**

**California Genealogical Society & Library**  
**2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland**



Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

When registering on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to: [membership@californiaancestors.org](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org).

	<p><b><u><a href="#">RootsMagic SIG</a></u></b></p> <p>A monthly forum to share knowledge of the robust features of RootsMagic and to answer questions. The SIG discussion is informal and encourages questions to be asked about the application. Arlene Miles facilitating.</p> <p>Thursday, January 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a></u></b></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, January 7 from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">DNA Special Interest Group</a></u></b>          led by Pam Miller.</p> <p>The DNA Special Interest Group is the next step for those who have submitted DNA samples or are considering it and want to connect with others to learn and share the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.</p> <p>Saturday, January 7 from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
<p><b><u><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></u></b></p>	



A monthly forum devoted exclusively to the Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Hosted by facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

Saturday, January 21 from 1 - 4 p.m.



### [San Francisco Special Interest Group](#)

Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SF-SIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records. Our core research guide is Nancy Peterson's book, *Raking the Ashes: Genealogical Strategies for Pre-1906 San Francisco Research*, published by CGS.

Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m - 12:30 p.m.



### [New York City Genealogy Basics and Problem Solving](#)

Steve Harris

For many of our ancestors, New York City was the gateway to their new home in America. Learn the important basics about New York City genealogical records and resources, including special censuses, naturalization records, probate records, and city directories.

Saturday, January 28 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.



### [Young Genealogists Gathering](#)

The Young Genealogists group invite 18-45 year old genealogists for an informal work day at the CGS library. Bring a research question, brick wall, or any backlog of genealogy work you've been meaning to get to. We'll use the CGS library and each other as we strategize through brick walls and share resources that have been helpful in our searches.

Saturday, February 11 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



### [Eastern European Genealogy](#)

Eastern European genealogy presents unique challenges to the researcher because of shifting boundaries, multiple languages, multiple religions, politics and population movement. This class will highlight the best resources and strategies for those with ancestors primarily from regions that were formerly parts of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Saturday, February 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

### [Migration to the Gold Rush](#)

The discovery of gold was a milestone in the history of the California but also influenced migration and





movement across the whole country. Learn about the variety of methods used to get to the gold country and what might have influenced your ancestors' progress, pathways and final destination.

Saturday, February 25 from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

For additional events check out the [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#). Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

## Meetings and More

### California Genealogical Society & Library 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



**Saturday, January 14** : Potluck preceding Annual meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, January 14**: Annual Business Meeting 1 - 3 p.m. Board Meeting will follow directly afterwards.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.), then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#)

If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#)

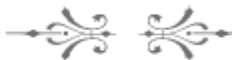
## CGS Blog

### Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.



We want and need your stories. Have an idea for article, on-going series of posts or have an idea for monthly column? Then contact the Blog Editor [Shannon Reese](#) to discuss.



[Help us reach our \\$15,000 Annual Appeal goal](#) by Shannon Reese

[Wordless Wednesday: A Washington, D.C. Genealogy Research Trip](#) by Shannon Reese



### Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[That 1923 Date](#) by Judy G Russell, The Legal Genealogist

[Handwriting Recognition is in Your Future](#) by Genealogy's Star

## People are Talking

### Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



#### Top Facebook Post for December:

[Read the fine print](#) by Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



#### Top Twitter Post for December:

[Wordless Wednesday: Washington, D.C. Genealogy Research Trip](#)

by Shannon Reese, California Ancestors Blog

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

## Continuing Membership Perk



[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription** (over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our [Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

## Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly.

### Local Genealogy Conferences

- [Annual WAGS Seminar](#) presented by the Whittier Area Genealogical Society - January 28. Featuring Michael Lacopo.

### Major National Conferences in 2017

January 22-27	<a href="#">Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
February 8-11	<a href="#">RootsTech</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 10-13	<a href="#">National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference</a>	Raleigh, North Carolina
June 9-11	<a href="#">Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree 48th Annual</a>	Burbank, California
July 23-28	<a href="#">International Association of Jewish Genealogy Societies (IAJGS) Conference</a>	Orlando, Florida
July 25-28	<a href="#">BYU Conference on Family History</a>	Provo, Utah
August 30 - September 2	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference</a>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Connect with Us**

**See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information**



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**Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



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