



e-News

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December 2018 Announcements



2018
Annual Appeal
 You make our library, community and classes possible!



CGS 2018 Holiday Event
 Sunday December 2 at 11:00 to 2:00

If you have not already done so please RSVP to the annual Holiday Event

RSVP by email to [Chris Pattillo](#)
 or telephone (510) 654-8124



Nominations for the Board of Directors

There will be an election of directors at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Four current directors' seats are up for election, and as the by-laws allow up to 20 directors, another eleven could be elected.

Anyone interested in serving on the board, or who has a suggestion on a member who should be considered, should contact [Richard Kehoe](#) or [Nancy Cork](#) for the Nominations committee.



The RootsMagic SIG will no longer be meeting. If you are interested in leading the RootsMagic SIG please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).



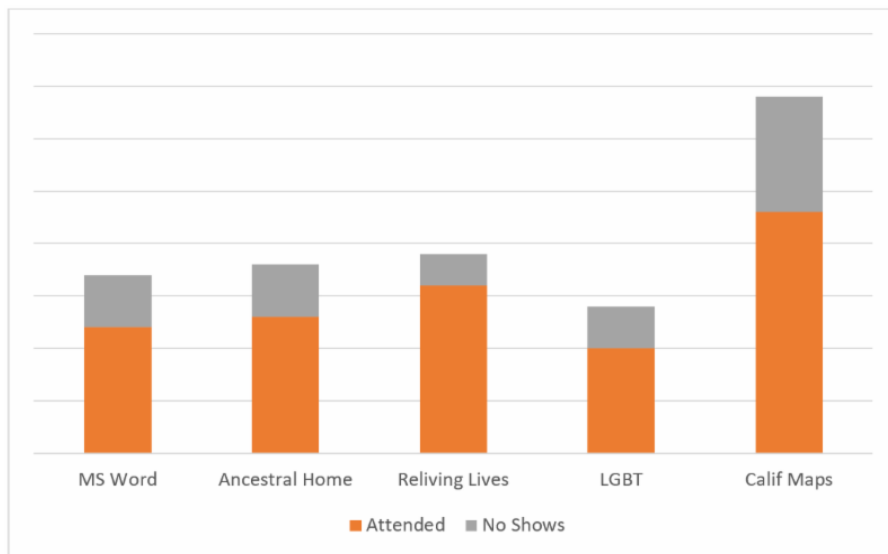
SLIG - If you going to be at SLIG next month please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) so that CGS members can schedule a group photo and possible social gatherings.



Library Holiday Closures - We will be closed on December 27 - 29.

Growing No-show Trend for CGS Classes: Nominal Class Fees in 2019

Free classes are a wonderful privilege of CGS membership that many enjoy. With our limited classroom space, classes are often full. This year, there's been a trend of registered members not showing up and not cancelling their reservation. The rate of no-shows has been running close to one-third of registered attendees. Examples below.



Why does this matter? First of all, it means those on the waiting list have no chance to get notification and fill in those spots. Also our speakers can't help but be aware of the empty chairs and fewer folks to benefit from all the work they put into sharing their expertise.

In 2019, consistent with recommendations in the strategic plan and approval by the Board, some classes for members will have a small fee. This will be phased in over the year. Many classes, including

our Introduction to Genealogy and a new series on the third Saturday of each month at the Oakland FamilyHistory Library, will be free. We also provide links with your class reservation and reminder to make it easier to notify us of a cancellation. We hope this will address the problem above and provide some much-needed funding for even more and better offerings.

Question? Please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#)


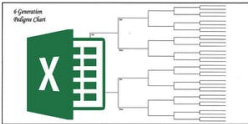


Classes and SIGs

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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](#).

	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec 1, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>Excel for Genealogists ** one seat left **</p> <p>Stewart loves spreadsheets! He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using spreadsheets in genealogy quite frequently. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Breakthroughs can easily happen by visualizing data in spreadsheets. Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets to track newspaper clippings, a vital records catalog, tracking ancestor addresses over time, and tracking whole families over many censuses. Stewart will teach how to use Excel filter, sorting, color coding, calculations and many other functions.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. <i>This class will be repeated in early 2019. Watch for a new link.</i></p>
	<p>Computer Basic Skills For Everyone (Dummies Included)</p> <p>You may be embarrassed by not knowing some basic computer skills. Most of us are. And, that's okay. Let's jump over these knowledge hurdles together. A comfortable understanding of these computing skills will aid your genealogy. Breezing thru the computing mine field will make ancestral research so much more fun and productive. No matter how long you have been involved in investigating your family history, confidence in your computer skills will greatly assist your exploration.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 1 hour break for lunch</p>
	<p>Using German Documents to Build a Family Tree</p> <p>Once you've solved the mystery of where your immigrant ancestors came from in Germany, a whole world opens to you. It's not just the immense family trees that can be constructed and documented from official records that are increasingly available on line. It's also the rich details of your ancestors' lives that can be derived from those records and from the contacts that you can make with local historians -- often your distant cousins -- in Germany.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb 9, from 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>

Also [visit our Eventbrite profile page](#) to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Volunteers

Are you a CGS member who might be thinking about volunteering for our 120-year-old organization? If so, we have some sweet committee opportunities for you:

- Assist with Events (organizing onsite or offsite events such as lectures, field trips, etc.)
- Library (shelving, cataloging, etc.)
- Communication (marketing, blog, newsletter, press releases, etc.)
- Technology (computer maintenance, website, databases)
- Membership (outreach)
- Development (fundraising, grants research, etc.)
- Remote (work from home on online survey tabulations, etc.)
- Other



CGS needs your tech skills!

Volunteers are needed to help keep our in-library computers and network functioning smoothly. Maintenance is performed weekly on Mondays, and usually takes a couple of hours. Duty rotates among volunteers, which generally results in a once-a-month commitment. Requires familiarity with Windows 10 setup and troubleshooting; you'll get training on the specific procedures.

Feel free to submit the CGS [Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information!

Meetings and More

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	<p>Board Meeting -- December 8, starting at 10 a.m.</p> <p><u>Officer Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Appointments to the Nomination Committee, Annual Appeal Update, Annual Meeting Planning • VP • Treasurer - Preliminary 2019 budget • Recording Sec • Corresponding Sec • CFO <p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <p><u>Old Business:</u> Update of Job Descriptions, Policies and Procedures</p>
	<p>Annual Membership Meeting - January 12, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reports for the Society • Election of new Board members • Celebration with lunch and cake

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group 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 [Vicky Kolakowski](#).

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. If you have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#) to discuss.



A State by State Series by Chris Pattillo

- [CGS Library Collections: Idaho](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Hawaii](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Georgia](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Florida](#)

[A sanctuary from the fires](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[In Memoriam: Gaye Lenahan, 1931-2018](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Seeking CGS Board Nominations](#) -- Jennifer Dix



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Holiday Gift Guide - DNA, Genealogy and Family History](#) -- by Thomas MacEntee

[There were a Number of Thanksgiving Celebrations in North America Prior to 1621](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Massive Italian Records Collection Announced](#) -- by Lacey Cooke

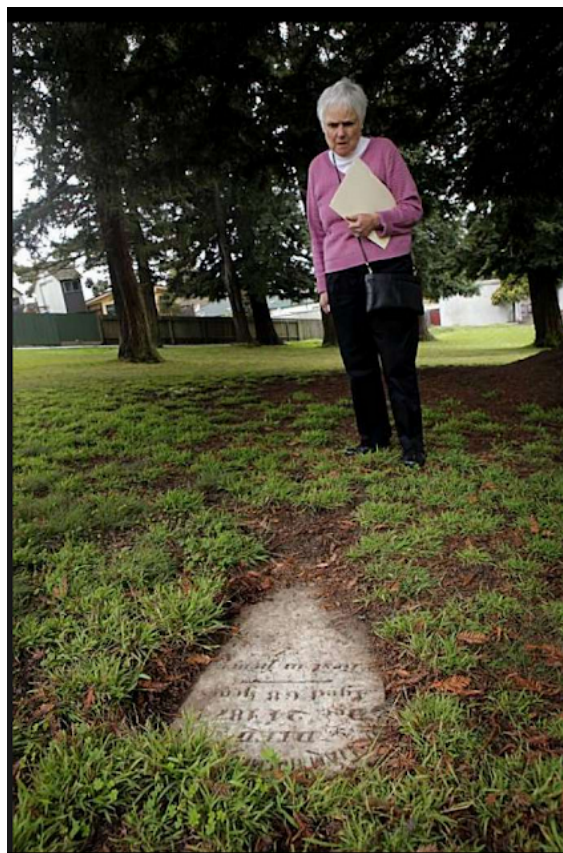
[Civil War Facial Recognition](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[New online: Find a photo of any NYC building from 1940](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B

[Now You Can Sequence Your Genome For Just \\$200](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Testing Artifacts to Obtain DNA Evidence for Genealogical Research](#) -- Genetic Genealogist

In Memoriam



Gaye Lenahan
1931-2018

[CGS Blog](#)

[Legacy.com](#)

Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation. For the latest events, check [Conference Keeper.org](#).

Local Events

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#) maintained by the Sutro Library

Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2019		
Jan 13 - 18	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	RootsTech 2019	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	National Genealogical Society	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	50th Annual Jamboree 2018	Burbank, California

July 21 - 26	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 28 - Aug 2	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug 21 - 24	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Washington, DC
Sep 19 - 21	APG Professional Management Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah

Connect with Us

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

Become a member of CGS



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



Email [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), eNews Editor with any questions.

