



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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December 2016

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December FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: **Concluded for Yr.**

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: **Concluded for Yr.**

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: **Concluded for Yr.**

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: **None**

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

Refreshments at 6:00

Refreshments: Openings in **Feb**

Can you Volunteer? debeejay@aol.com

NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

December is such a busy month with shopping, wrapping, cooking, parties, decorating, travel, & family get-togethers. **OVERWHELMING!!!** The calendar gets so full—that is why FWGS does not have a General Meeting in December. So enjoy the break, your holidays and family and come back in January. FWGS will crank up our full schedule then. The next General Meeting will be **Tuesday, January 31st, 2017. Terri Meeks**, our VP, is due to speak on how *Weather* affects our Genealogy! (What better time than wintery January to talk about weather?!) More on that to come in our January newsletter.

Merry Christmas

A Look Ahead.....

2017 Schedule of General Meetings

January 31	July 25
February 28	August 29
March 28	Sept 26
April 25	Oct. 31
May 30	Nov. 28
June 27	<i>None in Dec</i>

Go Ahead and Mark
That Calendar NOW!



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Season Closures

December/Holiday closings:

~ All Libraries OPEN **Xmas Eve 10a-2 pm**
Saturday Dec 24th (BOLD & COOL opens at
9 a.m.- 2 p.m.)

~ All Book Drops CLOSE Saturday at 2 pm.

~ All Libraries & Book Drops will be
closed for **XMAS DAY** (Sun) and **Monday,
Dec 26th**. NO items will be due during
these 2 days.

~ All Libraries & Book Drops will re-open
Tuesday, Dec 27th at their regular hours.



This same schedule will **REPEAT** again
for the **New Year's Eve & New Year's
Day** schedules.

~ No returns after 2 pm Dec 31st

~ All Libraries closed Sunday, Jan 1st

~ All Libraries closed Monday, Jan 2nd

~ No Materials due Jan 1st-2nd & No
Returns available at any drops.

~ All Libraries/Drops re-open Tues,
Jan 3rd on their regular schedules.

November General Meeting

Sandra Crowley brought us a wonderful program on "Mining Obituaries for Ancestors." The information stated in obituaries can bring a wealth of facts such as, dates of death, marriage, immigration, birth, places of those same events & burial, occupations, spouse, parents, children, previous marriages, other relatives, organizations/memberships, status, religion and so much more.



From the Editor



Brr-rr-rr. Winter is here! It is that time of year: cold weather, lost mittens/gloves, gifts, gaining weight from all that eating & parties, and TIME TO RENEW your membership in all your genealogical societies. If you are like me, you belong to more than one. Many run from January to December and FWGS is one of those. From now until December 31st we will discount your 2017 dues. **Individuals can pay \$20.00** and **Households can pay \$25.00** for a full year of membership. Membership entitles you to 4 issues of the FWGS Quarterly *Footprints* (with free queries), 11 monthly FWGS Newsletters, and occasional discounts on FWGS publications or other products or events. **NOTE: This year you will need to postmark by Saturday, December 30th because the 31st falls on a Sunday.**

FWGS hopes you join us again as members in 2017. And from President Don Crews & the entire Board of Directors: We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year too!



Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Next: **2017 Schedule is not available yet.**

**Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents
Saturday, January 21, 2017 10 am-12 noon**

Presenter:

Richard Gonzalez, author, historian, & freelance journalist

Topic:

**“A History of the Mexican-American Community
in Fort Worth”**

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 814-2040

Lunch Time Lectures @ NARA Noon-1 p.m.

1400 John Burgess Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76140

Training Room

Register at ftworth.education@nara.gov for a FREE space.

Date: **Friday, January 13, 2017**

Topic: **Genealogy at Your Fingertips Online**

by Meg Hacker, Archives Director

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director, reports **142 members**.

Editor: Last Month, I neglected to subtract one for the death of member Tom Cogdell. Now, FWGS subtracts two more for the death of very long-time member Elly Hutcheson and the death of Wes Fuchs, a former treasurer of the society.



Eleanor Hutcheson died Friday, Nov. 25, 2016. Her daughters Dorothy and Holly survive her & one sister,

Dorothy. **FWGS sends condolences to her entire family and is thankful for the genealogical powerhouse that was “Miss Elly.”**

Elly has been a member of FWGS since 1959. She was at the chartering, but did not pay dues until later. She first joined the FWGS Board of Directors in 1961 and then served **22 years** on the Board (off & on), including 5 different terms as president. She prepared newsletters in the days of mimeographs, she spoke, she taught, she kept books, she did *nearly* every job in the society. →



Westal Wayne Fuchs, 89, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. Surviving him is his wife of 64 years, Patsy Rich Fuchs. Wes and his wife were faithful members for many years. Wes first served on the Board of Directors as Treasurer in 1997 and 1998. He again served in the same office in 2005 and 2006. FWGS sends his wife and family our deepest condolences.

“Elly” (Cont’d) She even learned computers later in life. When a speaker failed to show, Miss Elly was called on to fill in on a topic of her choice. And she would then proceed to talk at length on just about any topic of genealogical interest. **RIP Miss Elly.** We know you are happily meeting your ancestors in heaven.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FWGS MEMBERSHIP

Get those Early Bird Prices by renewing NOW!

Individuals **\$20** Household **\$25**
Just Until **December 31st**

Fill out a new membership blank, write your check and

Mail to: **FWGS**
ATTN: Membership Director
P.O. Box 471789
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.



CHANGES of ADDRESSES

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

REMEMBER to NOTIFY FWGS immediately upon a move. The post office does not forward *Footprints* without a cost to the society. Last year, they held our mail for quite a lengthy amount of time before notifying us that a member no longer was receiving mail. FWGS has to pay to mail your issue, then pay to have the post office return it to us, then pay to mail it to you again, (if we have your new address.) And if that goes on for more than one issue--- that gets quite costly to the society. Please help us keep printing and mailing *Footprints*! Many societies are switching over to digital issues that can only be emailed to their members. We DO NOT want to do that.

If you know you are moving and know the date, let us know immediately. Let relatives know to tell us, if you are going into a rehab or care center too. We can hold your issues and mail when you return.



NEW YEAR OF BEGINNERS CLASSES

Saturday, January 28, 2017
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Circle that date above for the 1st class of the New Year. FWGS will again offer 8 classes (one each month- January through August) instructing Beginners (or anyone) on "**How To Get Started in Genealogy & Organizational Hints**". This first session includes use of pedigree charts & family group sheets, collecting & documentation, difference in primary resources & secondary resources, importance of collateral lines, available resources, interviews, letter writing courtesy, suggestions of organization, suggested supplies and setting up of files. **Vice President Terri Meeks** will lead

all the classes at the Central Branch Library, in the Chappell Room at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Parking on the street meters and 3rd St Garage are free all day on Saturdays. Bring a notebook and pen! Here is a link to Terri's flyer on the FWGS web site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txfwgs/documents/Beginners Class Flyer 2017-01.pdf> Be sure and check out the picture of the messy desk on the flyer. Looks like mine!



COMPUTER USERS GROUP (CUG)

Begins Anew on Same Day
Saturday, January 28, 2017
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FWGS also offers 8 meetings for our Computers Users Group. This class includes hands-on computer time in the **Intel Lab** at the Central Branch Library. Some of the time will be spent in instruction and part of the time will be your time to explore the web using what you have learned. **Debbie Pearson** will chair CUG this year. Participants are encouraged to attend both classes, but it is not necessary or mandatory. The classes are independent of each other, although sometimes will overlap or follow some of the same topics. CUG will always follow the techniques and issues of computers and web use with emphasis on Ancestry and Family Search. Space is limited to FWL computers available.

Both classes are FREE and available to non-members too.

STILL NEED A GIFT?

FAMILY TREE DNA-GREAT PRICES

Ancestry ran a sale in Nov and Dec but this is an incredible price for the larger Family Tree DNA.

* The **Family Finder** test is **\$59.00** (reg \$99)
This Autosomal test gives your ethnic percentages.

* The **Y DNA** test is **\$188.00** (reg \$268)
Male only bundle includes Family Finder plus Y-chromosome test that analyzes 37-markers. There are tests with larger markers (67) and more.

*The **mt DNA Full Sequence** test is **\$228.00** (reg \$298)
This mtDNA test traces your maternal line-But is for both males & females. It includes Family Finder plus a Full Mitochondrial Sequence.

Family Tree DNA boasts the largest database & test results for all 3 types of DNA tests.

There are many other tests on sale & Bundles of tests. Find full descriptions & read more about them all here: <https://www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx>

Seems sale will last until December 31st.





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FWGS Facebook: www.facebook.com/FortWorthGenealogicalSociety

Membership Application & Renewal Form - ☆ - Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Individual Membership - \$23
⇒ \$20 if paid before the new year begins

Family Membership - \$27
⇒ \$25 if paid before the new year begins

Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____

(Your email address will be added to our mailing list in order for you to receive local announcements.)

This membership application is for: 2017 2018 New Renewal



Early Bird Membership Renewal Prices

Prices only apply until the end of 2016

Must Postmark by **December 31st

**Note: Dec 31st is on Sunday. Better postmark Saturday, Dec 30th.

Please Print

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2017 Memberships: check one

() Individual Early Bird until 31st \$20 _____ January 1st \$23 _____

() Household Early Bird until 31st \$25 _____ January 1st \$27 _____

() Sustaining \$50 or more _____

() Contributing \$250 or more _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: FWGS

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