



Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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December 2017

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NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our year (2017) is winding down and soon December will be too. If you are doing the shopping and the cooking and the preparing for the holidays, we know *you* are winding down too. Our XMAS gift to you is: **NO meetings in December.** Enjoy some time with family and come back in January. FWGS will be ready to go at the next General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 30, 2017.** Dr. June Koelker is due to speak on the **Archives of Texas Christian University (TCU).** Read more in the January newsletter.



A Look Ahead.....

2018 Schedule of General Meetings

January 30	July 31
February 27	August 28
March 27	Sept 25
April 24	Oct. 30
May 29	Nov. 27
June 26	None in Dec

Go Ahead and Mark
That Calendar NOW!



FW LIBRARY NEWS Holiday Season Closures

Christmas closings:

- ~ All Libraries CLOSED Sun, Xmas Eve & Mon, XMAS Day (24th -25th)
- ~ All Book Drops CLOSE Saturday, Dec 23rd at 6 p.m.
- NO items will be due during the times the drops are closed.
- ~ All Libraries & Book Drops will re-open Tuesday, Dec 26th at their regular hours.



New Year's Eve: Sun, Dec 31

- ~Central Branch will be OPEN
- ~Book Drop will close at 5 p.m.
- ~Other branches CLOSED.
- ~Other Book Drops CLOSE by 6 p.m. Sat, Dec 30th

New Year's Day: Mon, Jan 1st

- ~ All Libraries CLOSED Jan 1st
- ~ No Materials due Jan 1st or while book drops are closed.
- ~ All Libraries/Drops re-open Tues, Jan 2nd on their regular schedules.

New Director of FW Libraries

Director **Manya Shorr** started on September 5, 2017 and replaces former director Gleniece Robinson who had held the position since 1999 & was the 1st African American director of FW Library. Ms. Shorr comes to FW from D.C. Library where she was director of public services. She holds a MS in Library Science from Univ. of Illinois and is ALA certified. FWGS welcomes her to our community!



December FWGS Meetings:

- Board of Directors: **NONE**
- 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: Openings in **Feb**

Can you Volunteer? debeejay@aol.com



From the Editor

(I leave this column as it was written in early December. See the update on p 3.)

Winter is here? We have had so little cold weather! **President Don Crews** did manage to find a pneumonia bug and has been hospitalized. Don missed the November meeting, but **VP Judy Ramos** filled in. In fact, our speaker missed the meeting too! So if you were kicking yourself for missing **Clay Patterson**, you will get another chance. He will reschedule with us in 2018. Keep you posted.

Retiring: FWGS wishes to thank **Judy Ramos** for her great speakers this past year and for her service on the Board. Judy is taking a position in DAR and will cut back time in FWGS. FWGS also salutes **Sheryl Rascher, Carol Reeves** and **Roy Noack** who have served admirably too. We hope they all continue to help with seminars as they have in the past. **Thanks for your service to FWGS!**



FWGS hopes you join us again as members in 2018. And the entire Board of Directors wishes you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year too!

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director, reports **148 members**.

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. We do not prorate memberships. If you join mid year we will furnish you your back issues of *Footprints*. Help us with budgeting and planning for 2018! Renew early! It's a Win-Win: We know how to plan and you get a discount! For several years we have run an EARLY BIRD incentive to renew your membership. The details are here:



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FWGS MEMBERSHIP

Get those Early Bird Prices by renewing NOW!
Individuals **\$20** Household **\$25**
Just Until **December 30th** postmarked.

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.

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, January 6, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 Noon



Topic: **The Religious Frontier of Fort Worth**
by **Dr. Lisa Barnett**, Lecturer, TCU

Next: Feb 3: "The Center for Stop Six Heritage"
Frank Moss, Manager, Center for Stop Six Heritage

Billy W. Sills Center for Archives/FWISD presents

Saturday, January 13, 2018 10 am-12 noon

Snacks at 9:30 a.m.

Presenter:

Carol Roark, librarian & historian

Topic:

"Fort Worth Horror: The Great Conflagration-1909"

2720 Cullen, 2nd Floor

Fort Worth, TX 76107

(817) 814-2040

Next: Feb 24: Fort Worth's Aviation Heritage

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.

As we go to press, there is no information on a January date. Call ahead, email, or visit the website for the latest dates.

Date: **Friday, February 23, 2018**

Topic: **Census Records in Historical Context**



BUSTER LEE FULTON

Buster Fulton, former FWGS member passed away on Sept 5, 2017. Buster and his wife Francis

had been members jointly from 2006-2014. Buster had first joined individually in 1994 and maintained his membership through 2015 when he could no longer participate in meetings.

Buster was born Oct 6, 1937 in Alvarado. He loved collecting family lore and loved recounting their stories. He was a Navy veteran, a former Capt in the Fire service at Naval Air Station Dallas, former volunteer firefighter, and retired last as a Tarrant County Sheriff's Deputy.

FWGS extends sincere sympathies to his wife of 55 years, Francis and their 2 daughters and their families.



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. One 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 3 Times! Once to mail your issue, secondly, pay to have the post office return it to us, then thirdly, pay to mail it to you again, (*if and only if*, we get your new address.) And if that goes on for more than one issue---you can see that gets quite costly to the society. Please help us keep on 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 the change will be in effect, let us know immediately. Let relatives know to tell us, if you are going into a rehab or care center. We can hold your issues and mail when you return.

STILL NEED A GIFT? DNA TESTS AT GREAT PRICES



ANCESTRY: \$79.00 + tax/ship thru Dec 31st
www.ancestry.com look for purchase dna

FAMILY TREE DNA: 30% off only thru Christmas (25th)
<https://www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx>

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

* The **Y DNA** test is **\$129.00** *Male only.*

*The **mt DNA Full Sequence** test is **\$169.00**
This mtDNA test traces your maternal line-But is for both males & females.

MY HERITAGE DNA (newest kid on the block) **\$59.00**
but if you purchase 2 tests, they are **\$49.00** ea. Dec 18th
<https://www.myheritage.com/> click dna

23 & ME **\$79.00** thru Dec 26th
www.23andme.com \$149.00 for dna + health test

Most of the sites above will add tax & shipping charges.
Many offer bundle deals to add different tests.

Hurry before Christmas!



Death of FWGS President Don Crews

It is with the utmost sorrow that the FWGS Board of Directors reports that President **Don Crews** died on Saturday, December 9th at the age of 77. Don was noticeably ill at the last FWGS Board meeting on November 18th and he was hospitalized shortly thereafter with pneumonia. It turns out that the pneumonia was a sign that he was having a recurrence of a prior bout with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He began treatments while hospitalized and sadly never was able to leave the hospital. His family was able to surround him with love before he died.

A visitation was held on Sunday, December 18th at Greenwood. Don's wish was to one day rest with family and an infant daughter in Chicago.

FWGS extends our deepest care and love to Don's family: June, their children Mark, Jane and Roy, and other family. FWGS will truly miss Don's wit, love of genealogy & history, and especially his care for FWGS.

Star Telegram Obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx?n=donald-crews&pid=187526045&fhid=4250>

Greenwood Funeral Home Obituary:

<http://www.greenwoodfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Donald-Crews-3/>



For several years, genealogists have been hearing about the 3 main large testing groups whose main aim is to cater to the genealogical community. Now the field is growing. Two new additions are *My Heritage DNA* and *Living DNA*. Here is some history on "the Big 5."

Family Tree DNA (began in 2000)

23 & Me DNA (began in 2007)

Ancestry DNA (began in 2012)

My Heritage DNA (began in the Fall of 2016)

Living DNA (began in the Fall of 2016)

While Ancestry is not the oldest, it does have the largest database due to aggressive advertising and their built-in audience of Ancestry.com users. Family Tree DNA offers all types of tests and is the only one to offer Full MtDNA and YDNA tests. While Ancestry began with 3 types, it stopped offering all but the most basic. 23 & Me has a "health" component that costs extra. Ancestry and My Heritage are the only two who have built in databases of users whose results are tied to their trees.

More on the *Basics of DNA* next month.....



Early Bird 2018 Membership Renewal Prices

Prices only apply until the end of 2017

Must Postmark by **December 30th

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

Please Print

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2018 Memberships: check one

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

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

() Sustaining \$50 or more _____

() Contributing \$250 or more _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: **FWGS**

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Membership entitles:

4 issues of FWGS Quarterly *Footprints* (free queries)

Periodic discounts on FWGS publications

11 monthly FWGS Newsletters



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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: 2018 2019 New Renewal *newsletter*