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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Come join us in January as we start the NEW YEAR. FWGS holds the first General Meeting on **Tuesday, January 30, 2017** in the **Tandy Auditorium** of the **Central Branch** FW Library located at **300 W. 5th Street**. Refreshments at 6:00 and meeting starts at **6:30 p.m.** **Dr. June Koelker** is due to speak on the **Archives of Texas Christian University (TCU)**.



Dr. Koelker began her career at TCU in 1988 and was appointed Dean of the Mary

Couts Burnett Library in 2006. She holds degrees from the University of North Texas and the University of Arizona. In addition to her involvement in the local community, she is very active in professional organizations, having served as chair of the Texas Council of Academic Libraries and treasurer of the Texas Library Association.

Don't Forget: Parking Meters Free at 6 p.m. Or Park at Garage free 2.5 hrs.

A Look Ahead.....

2018 Schedule of General Meetings

January 30
February 27
March 27
April 24
May 29
June 26

July 31
August 28
Sept 25
Oct. 30
Nov. 27
None in Dec

**Go Ahead and Mark
That Calendar NOW!**

FW LIBRARY NEWS



Library System Growing

FW has 2 NEW libraries coming--one under construction and one in design phase. Golden Triangle Branch is to open in the fall in north FW. Eastside Library In design for 3851 E. Lancaster will be dedicated to children 18 & under. A first—it is due for fall 2019.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

For the first time in a very long time, our speaker did not make the meeting. When reached by phone, **Clay Patterson** apologized profusely; he had the date as a Thursday. Program Director **Judy Ramos**, who was also presiding in the absence of ailing Don Crews, quickly solved our dilemma. She stood in and talked about her writing experiences. While not publishing a book (yet) she has done quite a bit of writing in her career and in genealogy. She told of her participation in a blogging project where all the participants took a challenge to write about one ancestor a week for a year! She has also written a genealogy column and has contributed articles for publication in journals. She has found practice is the best way to polish your writing & having others read it helps too. Judy took notes to give to Clay about the audience's expectations and about their levels of experience. Clay is on the schedule to appear in February. Come back!

He promises to be here!

January FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors:

10:15 Southwest Regional

Beginners: Sat, Jan 27

10:30-12:30 Chappell Rm.—Central

Computer Users: Sat, Jan 27

2:00-4:00 Intel Lab—Central

General Meeting: Tues, Jan 30

6:30-7:45 Auditorium-Central

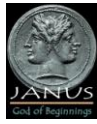
Refreshments: Debbie Pearson

Can you Volunteer? debeejay@aol.com

From the Editor

January is here and starts our New Year. I am using Roman god Janus again. He is the god of beginnings, but he has 2 faces—one for looking forward and one for look backwards. I can't help but look **back** to thank **Judy Ramos** for her great speakers and for actually filling in for a missed speaker in November. She's always gone above and beyond. And to thank **Sheryl Rascher** for her work filling in for **Terri Meeks** with the Beginner's class. She kept our class going and is still helping by finding new speakers. Losing Terri was a great loss to FWGS, but it wasn't the only loss. In December we suffered the death of our President **Don Crews**. He was about to begin a 5th term as President (non-continuous). Don cared so much for FWGS and was always so positive about the society. I think he would be pleased to watch us rebuild. And that forces me to look **forward** now—to a building process, and to new work to be done. I look forward to **Carlene Johnson** who is stepping up & teaching some of the Beginner's Classes in 2018. I look forward to building a new board. We have openings if you will serve. (Programs director, VP and 3 Directors-At-Large) The only requirement is to have been a member a full year. I also look forward to new members and to a year of great programs. Please renew quickly and join us.

Debbie Pearson, Newsletter Editor



From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies - TCU & FW Lib

Saturday, February 3, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Topic: **The Center for Stop Six Heritage**

by **Frank Moss**, Manager, Center for Stop Six Heritage

Next: Mar 3: "*Prostitution and Power: Madams of Hell's Half-Acre, 1876 - 1920*"

by: Jessica Webb, TCU Phd candidate

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.

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

Topic: **Census Records in Historical Context**

Rootsweb is DOWN! Again!

Since Rootsweb was taken over by Ancestry several years ago, there have been assurances they will keep it going and not close it down like they did with several of the products they bought. Well, they have kept Rootsweb going, but this is at least twice they have completely shut it down for maintenance or security checks or other background type work. This time it is proving to be quite a lengthy recess.

It is not bad enough that this takes out the genealogy search databases and free family websites, but it takes out the FWGS website too. We do apologize for the inconvenience this is causing to members and for communication gaps. The last time this happened we moved our email list groups off of Rootsweb to Google groups. We are now in the process of finding a new web host. Our address will stay the same no matter the changes. www.TXFWGS.org

Membership Report:

Rob Yoder, Membership Director, reports we have not heard from everyone sending in their renewals yet.

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 quickly!

ATTN: Membership Director

P.O. Box 471789

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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.



A column about some basics of DNA began in December and will run for several future issues.

Non-genealogists are sometimes reticent to take the DNA tests. Either they don't know which one or they are afraid they have to already have their genealogy done first before they can submit their test. You do not have to submit your genealogy BUT, that is how we all really make progress, by having a tree to explore where our common DNA intersects. It takes BOTH, the serious genealogists with their gedcom files and the casual DNA interested family members, to really further the purpose of DNA genealogy. That stated here are some common questions and we will explore the 3 Basic DNA tests available.

First, for the squeamish, there is no blood involved or invasive procedures. Most tests either involve a swabbing of your inner cheek or a saliva collection (spit in a tube.) Both methods provide the materials and collection vials, envelopes, directions, etc. They are mailed off with results usually taking two months. I have heard, that the better you "swab" your cheek the better your chances. (a little red blood is better) When your results are ready they are sent by email. You will be furnished a link to their site and a password. Results are protected. You will be furnished some general info about your ethnicity and countries of origin and if there are "hits" of other individuals in your company's databases. They can estimate if it is a close match or much more distant. Even at a 5 generation spread, there is often a lot of genealogy to go through to find a match.

Now, which test to start with? It depends on your gender. Males can take the Y DNA test which is valuable in surname searches. Males and Females can take the other two tests.

Y-DNA (or Y chromosome) Test (Males only)

Males carry a Y chromosome from their fathers and an X from their mothers. The Y comes down from each father to each son. (Sometimes there are slight

mutations along the way.) Since most males pass down their father's surname from generation to generation, this is a most beneficial test for men to take. Be sure to see if your surname has a Named Group Project. You can just do a google search, search Ancestry, and try some of the DNA specific groups out there. Some of the testing companies are not offering the Y DNA test any longer. Family Tree DNA (a Houston company) has continued to offer the Y DNA test.

MtDNA or Mitochondrial Test ("Deep Ancestry")

This test follows the X chromosome (female) from mother to mother back into time. Females carry XX chromosomes and males carry one X chromosome, so this is valuable to follow their mother's lines. For women, that means your mother's mother, her mother, and so on; a direct female line. Mitochondrial DNA tends to be stable so a female may carry the same DNA back to her earliest female ancestor. Your results may indicate a match, but it may be difficult to know if the match is near (5 generations or less) or far (15 generations or more.) Again, not many companies offer the MtDNA. Family Tree DNA continues to offer this one.

atDNA or Autosomal Test ("The Middle")

Anyone can take this test and this can include results from the male/surname line or the female mtDNA. Or it can include any other relatives in your tree. This is because we inherit 50% of our DNA from our father and 50% from our mother. Together, this is your entire DNA.

Think of your pedigree chart from you as Number 1. Your father's line moves across the top of you chart. Your mother's line moves to the bottom of your chart. Think about all your other lines that are in the middle. Autosomal tests can help find lines through those ancestors too. The drawback is that autosomal does not tend to be strong past about 6 generations. This test is probably the test taken by most Americans. It is the one you see advertised on TV and usually goes on sale around holidays. It will show ancestry and ethnic origin (usually in nice graphic wheels or charts.) And the good news is that this test is available from the big 3 and the later companies too. This is good for you to make price comparisons. Always look for price breaks at Mother's day, Father's day, Christmas, sometimes, even St. Patrick's Day.

To Review: Males only may take **Y DNA** (females can have a father or brother take it) and follows only the father to father line. Anyone can take **mtDNA** testing for mother to mother lines and can go back very far. Anyone can take **atDNA** which takes in more of your ancestral lines (even up through the middle.)

..... *More next month on these tests.....*



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Sustaining Membership - \$50 or more

Contributing Membership - \$250 or more

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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

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This membership application is for: 2018 2019 New Renewal *newsletter*