

**THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Saturday, February 14, 2015**

**Call to Order – President Ron**

Katie, acting president today, welcomed members.

**Minutes– Linda** The January 10, 2015, minutes were distributed by e-mail, reviewed and approved by members present.

**Reports of Officers and Committees:**

**President - Ron**

a. The next General Meeting is Saturday March 14, 10:00am to 11:00am, with a two hour program on how DNA testing helps genealogical research from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

**Don't miss this program event!**

b. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 10:00am -noon at the Philomath Library.

c. Katie is acting president today as Ron is attending a Roots Tech conference in Utah.

d. Lois' husband, Jim Birken, spoke about planning for posthumous donations in a will.

e. Two Spring Seminars are occurring on April 25<sup>th</sup>:

1. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is holding their Spring Seminar at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge.

<http://www.gfo.org/seminar/laura-prescott.pdf>

2. The Bend Genealogical Society is holding their Spring Seminar at the Bend Golf & Country Club.

<http://wasgs.org/blog/2015/02/06/bend-genealogical-society-2015-spring-seminar/>

**Past President - Faye**

\*Faye urged members to save Santiam and Flav-R-Pak UPC symbols on the labels to contribute to our society fund-raiser. Carefully cut out the UPC symbol with a little bit of border around it. Connie had a few labels to show as examples. Place your labels in the white plastic bucket that's hanging in the BCGS library closet in the Annex.

\*Faye also mentioned a book written by Emily Aulicino that is available in our library. Emily will speak at our March program about how DNA testing helps genealogical research.

**Vice Presiden/Programs-- Katie**

\*February's program will be country specific, small group break-out sessions for UK, Ireland, and Sweden. Members may bring their challenges and brick walls to gain insight from others.

\*March **Don't miss this program event!** A two hour program will feature Emily Aulicino speaking about how DNA testing helps genealogical research and will be held in the Benton County Historical Society and Museum's second floor auditorium.

\*April's program is scheduled for German Research.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership:** Connie reported that we now have 37 paid memberships for 2015. Let Connie know about locations where BCGS brochures need to be replenished. Connie urged members to pay their dues promptly.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee**

**Treasurer:** Lois passed around the current income and expenses spreadsheet. Our current balance is \$4,651.62. She is available to take dues today.

**Publication committee**

**Web pages:** <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbenton/> . . .Benton Co., OR, Gen Web Page  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbentgs/> . . .Benton Co. Genealogical Society

1. Linda reviewed the current web pages information and URLs.

3. Dana Sanchez has 64 likes on her BCGS Face Book page as of today! Send her a friend request to post genealogical items on Face Book. Go to **Benton County Genealogical Society** on Facebook. Also see the display case at the Corvallis Public Library that Dana put together for BCGS.

### **Library Committee -**

**Librarian:** Sue summarized the recent meeting of the library volunteers. They have made progress organizing library materials and are figuring out what should be kept and what not to keep. Indexing the newsletters and journals is a huge on-going project. A sign-up sheet will be passed around in May for the June Library inventory.

Lois asked for a volunteer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month which occurs four times a year. Faye volunteered.

**Historian:** Faye

**Photographer:** Faye took photos of the mini-group sessions following the meeting today.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

\*Linda and Lois briefly reviewed the Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) presentation that she, Lois, and Ron gave on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Each of them had different approaches to genealogy research and organization. Lois presented how to research ancestors on Ancestry.com. Linda used photographs to enhance writing a story and also showed examples of how she restored photos. Ron covered a spectrum of family reflections. He emphasized that leaving a story for your descendants that only you can write is so very important. Their presentation was warmly received.

\*If anyone is interested in putting together genealogical materials for the Philomath Library display case, let Ron know. The items would remain on display for a month.

#### **Other**

\*Grace told about the Philomath Samaritan Awards. Organizations can nominate outstanding volunteers for this award.

\*Linda brought copies of organizational charts and a book: **The Family Tree Problem Solver**, proven methods for scaling the inevitable brick wall by Marsha Hoffman Rising. Copies of an outline of one chapter on "Finding Ancestors Who Lived Before 1850" was also available.

\* New sound absorbing tiles that lined the walls and ceiling of the social hall where we have our meetings is a great improvement. **Members mentioned that they could hear voices better with the addition of these new tiles.**

#### **Next Meetings**

Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 10:00am to noon in the Philomath Community Library

General Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 10:00am to 11:00am in the church social hall plus a two hour program on DNA from 11:00am to 1:00pm held in the museum second floor auditorium.

**Don't miss this event!**

#### **Adjournment to Program**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Olsen, Secretary