

# YVGS FAMILY FINDERS

YUCAIPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## A Message from the Secretary

Greetings!

A Happy April to all. Springtime is here!

I am sure you all have been busy; it seems this time of year just rushes in. We have been spraying weeds and preparing flower and vegetable areas for spring planting.

I think the same goes for Genealogy. It's time to dig in and clean the To-do table off!

I finally got the envelope in the mail to Social Security Administration. (It's been on my desk for 4 months!)

I am anticipating receiving a copy of an original Social Security application for one of the long lost relatives. I am in hopes they will be able to provide me with a middle name. I hope her 1930's application contains her full name.

Once again our Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Webpage <http://www.yvgs.org/> has brought an interesting request.

We had a gentleman who lives in Italy asked if we could help him find his Uncle and Aunts gravesite. Earl Giddings sent along a lovely photo of the gravestone. We were also able to find a relative for the Italian man to email and the two cousins are now in touch. It's so heartwarming to be of assistance.

Remember our May 9th meeting will be our 27th anniversary for Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Group. Please plan on attending as we will have special presentations and delicious food. We hope to see you all there and this would be a perfect time to bring a friend or relative to our meetings! 12-1 o'clock visiting and 1:00 meeting.

Sincerely,

Karen Morlan—submitting for Earl Giddings

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President Earl Giddings
Vice President Ruth Jarmusz
Secretary Karen Morlan
Treasurer Marg Polich

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Parliamentarian Jamie Daniel
Corresponding Secretary Karen Morlan
Librarian Ruth Bishop
Editor Jamie Daniel
Hospitality Sue Wolfe
Welcome Terry Brown
Membership VACANT
Publicity VACANT
Sunshine Barbara Thomas
Historian VACANT
Ways and Means VACANT

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The Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. meets at 1:00 P.M. on the SECOND Saturday of each month at the Yucaipa Branch Library, 12040 Fifth Street, Yucaipa, California. YVGS annual membership fees are \$20.00 for individuals or \$25.00.00 for families. This amount includes the monthly newsletter and free query privileges. \$10.00 will have our newsletter mailed to another society or individual out of the area. The Editor and Society assume no responsibility for statements made by contributors. Misstatements of fact will be corrected upon receipt of proof of error.

WHAT YOU MISSED!

Minutes of the Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society
General Meeting of March 14, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 1:05

WELCOME & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Earl Giddings

Introduction of new Guests and Members- Terry Brown was absent due to illness in her family. Brenda Follett is our guest today; she was introduced by Treasurer Marg.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Karen Morlan and approved as read.

Treasurer Marg Polich read the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account is currently \$1319.25. The report was approved as read and filed with the Secretary.

Announcements: Earl had a special thank you for Sue Wolfe for seeing that we have refreshments at each and every meeting.

Our program in August will be show and Tell; so far Sue Wolfe and Karen Morlan have signed up for presentations.

Ruth Jarmusz reported that the new microfilm reader expected in the library will be available in about a month. The library has already received part of the equipment for its installation.

Karen Morlan read a thank you from a researcher who had requested information from our web page. He was extremely thankful as he found his father whom he hadn't seen in over 25 years. Earl Giddings and Karen Morlan were instrumental in helping him.

Standing Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Barbara Thomas reported that Darlene Jones is doing well. Barbara asked that she be notified of anyone who needs a little sunshine or a card.

Library: Ruth Bishop, Jamie Daniel, and Ruth Jarmusz will meet to organize books and CDs belonging to the society.

New Business: Jamie Daniel made a motion to adopt a new modified logo for our society designed by Karen Morlan, and Barbara Thomas asked that it include the words "Established in 1982. The motion was modified to include this, and was approved by the general membership.

Sue Wolfe made a motion to include procedures regarding mail and research material to be added to the standing rules. These changes were read to the general membership, and the motion was approved.

After the break, the 50/50 drawing was won by Noni Axe, who graciously donated the winnings back to the Society.

Karen Morlan introduced our speaker, Jean Wilcox Hibben, who spoke about County websites. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Morlan, Secretary

# COMING EVENTS

1. Saturday, April 11, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.  
 Yucaipa Valley Genealogical Society meeting at  
 the Yucaipa Branch Library.  
 Speaker: Claire Marie Teeters  
 Topic: Yucaipa Valley History  
 Come join us!

2. Wednesday April 15, 2009, 10:30 A.M. and  
 Wednesday April 22, 2009, 10:30 A.M. in the  
 Hemet Public Library Topic: Maps and  
 Gazetteers- What they are and How to use them

3. Sunday April 26, 2009. Genealogy Research  
 Class at Family History Center 5<sup>th</sup> and Wabash in  
 Redlands.  
 Topic: English Probate  
 Speaker: Jennifer Mortenson



Good News! Buy your Stater Bros. gift  
 cards and take them home with you!

We're selling Stater Bros.

Gift cards at the meeting.

The Society receives a percentage back  
 from Stater's...and everyone needs  
 groceries!



"Southerners are so devoted  
 to genealogy that we see a  
 family tree under every  
 bush."

-- Florence King



Thank you Dee Anderson Rey and  
 Earl Giddings for the wonderful  
 refreshments that you brought  
 for our March meeting. The  
 refreshments for the April  
 meeting will be provided for by  
 Karen Morlan and Bette Marcum.

Sue Wolfe, Hospitality



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Here is our new logo. We adopted  
 it at our March meeting. We made  
 it easier to use on the computer  
 (the old one was round). We hope  
 you like it. We will be using it  
 on all our correspondence, and on  
 our website



Yucaipa Valley  
 Genealogical Society

Established 1982

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Public Library

[www.hemetpubliclibrary.org](http://www.hemetpubliclibrary.org)

Classes in Computer usage for Beginners

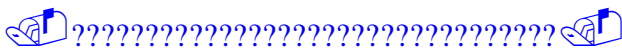
Microsoft Excel

Microsoft Power Point

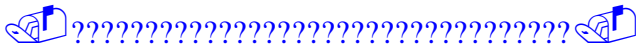
These are offered on a Sign up Basis, 7 people to  
 a class. You sign up at the Reference Desk and  
 leave your telephone number. When a class is  
 filled, you will be called and told which days to  
 come. They will be hands-on with laptop  
 computers available. Larry Bowles, Leticia  
 Bowles and Dan Atherstone offer instruction; all  
 are quite knowledgeable.

Free Classes

Mr. Bowles is a certified genealogist



What's in the Mail box?



The YVGS corresponds with other genealogy societies in different parts of the United States. We receive the following newsletters:

- Los Angeles WESTSIDE Genealogical Society
Patrick County (Virginia) Tracks
Northwest Iowa Rootdiggers
The Family Gathering (Morongo Basin)
Desert Diggings (Hi-Desert GS)
The Searcher (Southern California)
Past Finder (Hemet-San Jacinto GS)
Somervell (County, Texas) Settlers
CSGA Newsletter—California State Genealogical Alliance
The News and Notes (Southern California Genealogical Society)

We finally received a check for the Recycled Ink cartridges! \$37.70

The Searcher Magazine/Newsletter from The Southern California Genealogical Society's Jamboree 2009; information/registration. Immigration and Migration ----- topic of the Jamboree!

The California State Genealogical Alliance Newsletter

Be sure to see these items on the round table to view. Stop and take home any old mail on the long table, it's for your enjoyment.

Sincerely, Karen

The mail will always be placed on the side of the meeting room. Please take the time to browse through what's there. Remember, this Society gets mail addressed to all members. It's your mail!



Family History Center

Located at 5th and Wabash in Redlands

Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday
6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

New Thursday Hours:

Groups by appointment only.

FHC Telephone Number: 909.794.3844

AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO BYLAWS

These changes will be voted upon at our general meeting in April. Be sure to be there.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership after proper notice has been given.

2. Notice of proposed bylaw amendments must be given by the secretary or the bylaw committee chairperson, to the voting members at least thirty (30) days before the vote is taken."

(The changes below are only amendments to the Bylaws, not a revision)

In accordance with our bylaws(see above article), here are the changes and amendments that have been proposed. We will be voting on these changes at the April meeting.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Current wording:

4. TREASURER.

The treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable; moneys in said; prepare a treasurer's statement for each meeting of the membership, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the membership.

Change to read:

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Reason for change: To clarify the obvious and make sure there is no question about the treasurer's authority.

*Current wording:*

5. PAST-PRESIDENT.

The immediate past-president shall be the parliamentarian.

*Change to read:*

5. PARLIAMENTAIAN.

The President will appoint the parliamentarian.

***Reason for change: To insure there is a parliamentarian when the past president is not available.***

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ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

*Current wording:*

5. LIBRARIAN: The librarian shall be in charge and maintain the genealogical collection of resource materials such as books, CD's, periodicals and historical source material. The librarian is responsible for cataloging for placement of materials in the Genealogy Section of the Library.

*Change to read:*

5. LIBRARIAN: The librarian shall be in charge and maintain the genealogical collection of resource materials such as books, CD's, periodicals and historical source material. The librarian is responsible for maintaining a permanent record of YVGS materials in the Genealogy Section of the Yucaipa Branch Library.

***Reason for change: The term "cataloging" when related to library use is a system of numbering items for ease of locating the item that is best left to qualified librarians.***

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ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

ADD:

10. WEBSITE:

The Website will act as the central clearing point for all information submitted to the Webmaster. In coordination with the Webmaster establish the format(s) for all types of information intended for the website. Establish guidelines for individuals/groups to use when

submitting information to the committee for inclusion in the website. Review all information submitted for the website for timeliness, accuracy, and format before forwarding to the Webmaster. Gather information for the website. When new categories/subjects are deemed necessary prepare the information for approval of the general membership.

ADD:

11. WELCOME:

Welcome members as they arrive with special attention given to guests and new members. Introduce guests and new members to other members. Introduce guests and new members during the General Meeting. Within two weeks make a follow up contact with new members and again at three months. The purpose of the follow up is to let the new member know we are interested in them and find out if they have any problems or complaints.

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ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, APPOINTED CHAIRS AND DUTIES

*Current wording:*

**10.** The President may appoint such committee chairmanships as may be necessary for the benefit of the Society.

**Change to number 12.**

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NEW ENGLAND BOOKS

*The books we received from Fredericksburg, Texas, are not being used. For a complete listing of the books, email Earl Giddings at [clemgds@gmail.com](mailto:clemgds@gmail.com) and ask for FGS book listing.*

*If you would like to spend some time reviewing the books, call Earl at 909-486-0378 for an appointment*

"We've uncovered some embarrassing ancestors in the not-too-distant past. Some horse thieves, and some people killed on Saturday nights. One of my relatives, unfortunately, was even in the newspaper business."

-- Jimmy Carter

### **Computer/Genealogy Group**

Meets in the Conference Room of  
Hemet Public Library

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

*Free Sessions*

Computer Display with  
Projector on Screen

~Covers many genealogy procedures~

~Many Computer Usage Problems~

Group Representative:

Donna L. Senff-Mata

Call for information:

951-654-1796

[donna.matal@verizon.com](mailto:donna.matal@verizon.com)

**Deadline for articles for the newsletter:  
Thursday**

**Before the first Saturday of the month.**

*If you have articles, pictures or essays you  
would like to contribute to the newsletter,  
please contact the editor, Jamie Daniel, at:*

[jamedaniel33@gmail.com](mailto:jamedaniel33@gmail.com)

or

909 792-2962

or

P.O. Box 32

Yucaipa, CA 92399-0032

***Have you clicked  
On it yet?***

**Don't forget to see the new  
content on our website.**

**Check it out!**

**Our new domain name is**

[www.yvgs.org](http://www.yvgs.org).

“GENEALOGY, n. An  
account of one's  
descent from an  
ancestor who did not  
particularly care to  
trace his own.”

--Ambrose Bierce

### **Classes for 2009**

Redlands Yucaipa Multi-Stake Family History Center

All Classes Sunday evening 7:00p.m.

Redlands Stake Center High Council Room

April 26 Topic: *English Probate*  
Speaker: Jennifer Mortensen

May 24 Topic: *FHC Portal & FS Labs*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

June 28 Topic: *Interfacing with NFS*  
Speaker: Leslie Johnson

July 26 Topic: *French-Canadian Research*  
Speaker: Terri Carlson

August 23 Topic: *Internet Research*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

September 27 Topic: *New FamilySearch*  
Speaker: Dianna Rounds

October 25 Topic: *British Research*  
Speaker: Dawna Lund

November 22 Topic: *Using Notes & Sources*  
Speaker: Annette Spaulding

Also at the Hemet Public Library:

**Ancestry.com Lessons  
Wednesday & Friday @ 3:30pm  
in the Heritage Room**

*Notice: Due to budget constraints, the Hemet Public Library is no longer open on Tuesdays. This means the Hemet San Jacinto Genealogical Society classes are now held on Wednesdays. I will know next month what other classes are still being held.*



**Family faces are magic mirrors.  
Looking at people who belong to us,  
we see the past, present, and future.  
~Gail Lumet Buckley**



**HELP!**



If you will notice, our board has some vacancies. We would welcome your help. These are not jobs that take a great deal of time, but they are ones that other board members now do in addition to their own. It would be nice to spread the responsibilities out a little. Contact any of the listed board members. We would be glad to explain these jobs. Remember, many hands make light work!

**Check out the new genealogy television program on NBC**



**this month!**

“Lisa Kudrow is hooking up with NBC to look into the ancestry of some of her fellow celebrities in a new series “Who Do You Think You Are?” based on a BBC series of the same name. This documentary style show will trace the genealogy of a well-known person in each episode, revealing the struggles and triumphs the subject’s family faced in the past. It premieres Monday, April 20.”



If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine, or someone who would benefit from a card, please contact Barbara Thomas, our Sunshine Chair. She cannot do her job without our help!



The family

We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life sharing diseases and toothpaste, coveting one another's desserts, hiding shampoo, borrowing money, locking each other out of our rooms, inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant, loving, laughing, defending, and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together.

--Erma Bombeck

## ***Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist***

Blessed are the great-grandfathers, who saved embarkation and citizenship papers, for they tell WHEN they came.

Blessed are the great-grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters, for they tell the STORY of their time.

Blessed are the grandfathers, who filed every legal document, for these provide the PROOF.

Blessed are the grandmothers, who preserved family Bibles and diaries, for these are our HERITAGE.

Blessed are fathers, who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry, for--to some--the ONLY LINK to the past.

Blessed are mothers, who relate family TRADITIONS and LEGENDS to the family, for one of her children will surely remember.

Blessed are relatives, who fill in family sheets with extra data, for to them we owe our FAMILY HISTORY.

Blessed is any family, whose members strive for the PRESERVATION of RECORDS, for this is a labor of love.

Blessed are the children who will never say, "Grandma, you told that old story twice today."

-- *Wilma Mauk*

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*Earl Giddings, President*  
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**FIRST CLASS**

