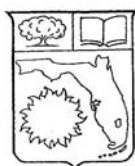


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For those of you who missed our seminar on September 16th featuring Henry Z “Hank” Jones – you missed a great seminar. Hank is an exceptional speaker. Drew Smith also offered a mini-seminar during the lunch hour on “Getting Started with Your Genealogy” so there was something for everyone. And our vendors were terrific!

It could not have happened without the help and efforts on the part of the following people: Diane Siddons, Trev Wunderlin, Brenda Ham, Alicia Cole Truitt, Loraine Rose, Ruth Eleson, Nancy Sjoberg, Noretta Wells, Del Core, Drew Smith, and George G. Morgan. Please thank them one and all.

There was a special event that wasn’t on the printed agenda. We presented our “Volunteer of the Year” award to Trevetta H. Wunderlin. Trev received a plaque with the following inscription:



Presented to

Trevetta H. Wunderlin
Volunteer of the Year
2006

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With Grateful Appreciation For Your  
Outstanding Service and Commitment

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~ 16 September 2006 ~

There is now a plaque in the Ceta Rodgers Armitage room with Trev’s name as the first recipient! Congratulations, Trev!

Happy Hunting!

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UPCOMING FGS EVENTS

16 December 2006 – The Florida Genealogical Society will not hold a meeting in December. Instead, we will be holding our annual **Holiday Party** for our members. Read on for more details!

The **2006 FGS Holiday Party and Installation of our New Officers** will be held on Saturday, 16 December 2006, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, at the home of Drew Smith and George Morgan, at 15611 Jericho Drive, Tampa (Citrus Park area), Florida. Telephone (813) 920-7212. Food will include appetizers, desserts, wine, and soft drinks. **Members can bring a dessert of their choosing. Any type of dessert is welcome!**

Drew's and George's home is located in the Farmington Village subdivision in N.W. Hillsborough County. Farmington Village is located on the west side of Gunn Highway, north of its intersection with South Mobley Road, and past the Keystone Manors and Northton Groves subdivisions. Turn west off of Gunn at Farmington Village (onto Lake Grace Drive). Jericho Drive is the second street in. Turn right off of Lake Grace Dr. onto Jericho and go to the sixth house on right (15611). The mailbox and garage door are dark green, and the house number is on the mailbox post and on a ground level sign near the front of the house.

Detailed directions from every direction are posted at the FGS Web site at <http://fgstampa.org>. If you need further directions *or* if you get lost, please call Drew at (813) 920-7212 or George at (813) 920-0619. They look forward to welcoming you to this annual get-together.

20 January 2007 – We start the New Year with a great presentation by guest speaker, **Donna Moughty**. Donna is a nationally recognized speaker and a professional genealogist who divides her time between her homes in Connecticut and in Bradenton. Her presentation topic is titled, "Who Is the Head of This Household?" and focuses on researching census records.

17 February 2007 – FGS Member George G. Morgan will present a program titled, "25 Places Where Your Family's Facts May Hide." The presentation will focus on breaking down your brick walls by finding obscure, hidden, or forgotten records and where they might be found.

Looking Ahead ... -- We are already contacting potential speakers for our 2007 Fall Conference to be held in September. Keep watching your newsletter and the FGS Web site for more information.

Florida State Genealogical Society Bestows Achievement Awards at Annual Conference

The Florida State Genealogical Society held its 30th annual conference at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront hotel on November 10-11, 2006. In addition to a full two days of informative and interesting workshops, FSGS awarded several achievement awards to honor those who diligently research and assist others in genealogy. The awards were presented at a banquet on Friday evening. A number of Florida Pioneers and their descendants were also honored as the descendants received Florida Pioneer Certificates for either a state level or county level pioneer who resided in either the state or county before or at the time of statehood or county organization. The descendants had to have research to prove the ancestral line to the pioneer in order to qualify for the certificate.

Ten recipients of the "Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Award" were honored at the Florida State Genealogical Society Annual Conference in Melbourne, Florida, November 10th, 2006, including our own George G. Morgan!

George G. Morgan (Odessa, Florida) was nominated for the Outstanding Genealogy Achievement Award by Pia T. Brown, Public Services Librarian II of the Marion County, Florida, Public Library in Ocala. He has "tirelessly traveled from one end of the state to the other in order to share his love for genealogy and to teach others how to best serve this public." Mr. Morgan has been a leader in the field and served as chief officer of national and state societies. His on-line articles are always "interesting and always upbeat and creative." An author of several books, his contributions over the years have been outstanding. The list of accolades and accomplishments goes on and on: Director, Florida Genealogical Society (Tampa), Faculty of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies & University of Toronto; Member of the National Genealogical Society, Association of Professional Genealogists, the Society of Genealogists (U.K.), the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (immediate past president), the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and more than 20 other genealogical and historical societies in the U.S. and abroad. More information may be found on his web site at <http://ahaseminars.com>.

Congratulations, George, on an award that is well deserved!!!

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NEWS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

The **Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay** will be having their annual "Lunch & Learn Pot Luck Luncheon" on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, FL, and beginning at 12:00 noon. A brief business meeting will be held, and the program begins at 1:30 p.m. to elect and install

new officers and for a short presentation on the genealogical travel experiences of Bill and Sally Israel in Latvia and Lithuania in June 2006. There is no charge to attend, and the public is invited. Members will provide the potluck for all who attend.

The **Volusia-Flagler County Council of Genealogy Societies** will be holding its 2007 Genealogy Seminar on Saturday, January 20, 2007, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Country Harvest Buffet, Sunshine Mall, 2400 S. Ridgewood Avenue (U. S. #1), South Daytona, Florida. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

The featured speaker is nationally-recognized genealogist, speaker, and author Dr. George W. Schweitzer. Dr. Schweitzer will present three session topics:

- “German Emigration, Immigration and Migration Patterns”
- “Tracing Your Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic”
- “Finding Your Ancestors’ Parents”

Registration for the conference is \$32.00, which includes lunch (\$35.00 after December 20th), and is payable by check to GSSVC, P.O. Box 895, Edgewater, FL 32132. Call (386) 409-3159 for additional information.

The **Pinellas Genealogy Society** will hold its 2007 Seminar on Saturday, January 27, 2007, at the Largo Public Library, 120 Central Park Drive, in Largo, Florida. The seminar will be held from 9:00 AM to 3:15 PM, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM.

This year’s guest speaker is **Pamela J. Cooper**, nationally known genealogist, lecturer, and head librarian at the Indian River Public Library in Vero Beach, Florida. Ms. Cooper will present four session topics:

- Timing is everything! Have you timed your ancestor?
- Military Records at the National Archives (Online and Offline)
- Border to Border – Statewide sources/indexes
- Galusha A. Grow and the Homestead Law

The conference fee is \$40.00 and includes the seminars, continental breakfast, and lunch. For more details, a conference brochure is available at the society’s Web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs/Seminars/sem2007/PGS-2007-Seminar.htm> or you can call Mercedes Bleattler at (727) 586-7410.