

The Kinseekers Genealogy Society of Lake County Minutes of the February 20, 2006, Regular Meeting



President Lama called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 26 members and 3 guests in attendance. Guests from Michigan and Wisconsin reported that they are avid genealogists in their own localities; one has authored several articles in Genealogy Journals.

There were no reports presented since the last meeting was the January 16, 2006, annual meeting and installation dinner for the new officers.

Computer Genealogy Special Interest Group Leader Keenan reported that the SIG, which operates under the auspices of both the Kinseekers and the Lake Sumter Computer Societies, will meet next at 2:15 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Lake Sumter Community College. Bob Hedgcock will be presenting "Using Your Computer to Publish a Genealogy Book."

Genealogic Forms & Publication Sales Chair Bishop reported the loss of a personal family history book at the last meeting and asked for its return.

Newsletter Editor Fahs indicated that she needs articles from members for the Kinseekers Quarterly and specifically asked for information on future programs.

Buddie Brokaw gave an overview of our next program on March 20, 2006, and said that it will honor Irish Heritage. She requested that we wear items of green and that we bring Irish items such as flags, etc, to the meeting.

Next Ron Toops gave a riveting presentation on the use of DNA technologies in Genealogical Research. Through the use of well-designed and very nicely illustrated flip-charts Ron was able to quite nicely convey the essence of human genetics and DNA testing and correlation. He offered two web sites for our further research and possible utilization: www.familytreedna.com and www.relativegenetics.com. In his own case, he has employed DNA testing to disprove the hypothesis that he had found a cousin in Switzerland. Ron delivered an extremely well prepared presentation.

President Lama adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Submitted by Tom J. Thiel, Secretary