



Keys To The Present

Special Summer Edition of the GSKC Newsletter

Two New Officers Appointed

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Gwen Adrian

The Executive Committee, in accordance with the GSKC Bylaws, appointed two replacement officers, after the recent resignations of Vice President Christy Kestler and Librarian Lucy Croft. Gwen Adrian, immediate past Recording Secretary was se-

lected as the new Vice President. Bruce Mergele was appointed as Librarian. Both terms expire December 31, 2009.

Gwen was Recording Secretary for 2007 and 2008. She served as registrar for the 2008 Genealogy Course, is an active members of the Cemetery Photographing project, and has served on numerous other GSKC committees.

Bruce has a Masters of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in Denton, as well as a BA in Anthropology from UTSA. He has served as a Corporate Librarian and Administrative Archivist, and as a



Bruce Mergele

Librarian for the Denton Public Library. Bruce is the son of members Ed and Mary Lou Mergele. Bruce's first task will be working with Cathy Schwarz as they do a complete inventory of the books in the History/ Genealogy Research Room.

Upcoming Events

Junior Genie Workshop 1
Thursday July 9
1:30 p.m.
Boerne Community Center

Junior Genie Workshop 2
Thursday, June 16
1:30 p.m.
Boerne Community Center

Next GSKC Meeting
Saturday Sept 19
10 a.m. BPL

GSKC To Give Workshop for Kids

GSKC is sponsoring a two session workshop for children from 4th thru 12th grades, July 9 and 16 starting at 1:30 p. m. at the Boerne Community Center. The kids will be introduced to the genealogist's road-map, the ancestor chart, and family group sheets. They will be given tips on how to interview grandparents to collect information. The second week they will visit

the Internet to find more information on their families. Members with laptops are needed to assist at the second workshop. Call Mary Alice if you can help.

The Texas State Genealogical Society has an annual Student Writing Competition with prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$25 each in three categories: 4th through 6th grades, Middle School, and High School. These workshops

will give the attendees the tools to be a winner. The prizes will be awarded in San Antonio in November at the TSGS Conference Awards Banquet.

Teachers, as well as parents and grandparents of the children, may attend as observers in the back of the room. Space is limited. Call 830-537-5325 or email texgenie@gmail.com to pre-Register.

Tax Free Purchases

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Evans Appoints Alternate Location Exploratory Committee

President Don Evans appointed Treasurer Harry Dell as a Chairman of a committee to explore the feasibility of GSKC moving their books to a location other than the new public library. This action came at the Special Called Meeting on May 19 at which the Library Advisory Board confirmed that there would not be a research room in the New Library; and that GSKC would have to donate their books to the Library in order to have them in the new Library, Many members expressed opposition to the floor plans that would place the GSKC Collection in the

open stacks and printers and copiers and the public computers at the other end of the second floor away from the books and work tables. Researchers and volunteers will find this arrangement difficult. A majority of the members voiced opposed to giving the books to Library. The floor plans and a memorandum from the Library Advisory Board were presented at a meeting of the City Council May 26th and approved.

Since that time, the Library has started removing the books they own, now housed in the Research

room, to the office of a staff member. This will make research more difficult for researchers who will now have to use the online catalog and call for the books at the Main desk.

The Exploratory Committee has met several times and is actively investigating other housing possibilities, grants, and experiences of other societies. Members of the Exploratory Committee are Sharon Wolf, Teal Anderson, Nancy McLarry, John Oldham, Ed and Mary Lou Mergele, Jack Charles, and Mary Alice Dell.

Dells to Speak at Rotary

Brian Cartwright, Publisher of the Boerne Star and Program Chairman of the Sunrise Rotary Club has invited Harry and Mary Alice Dell to speak at the group's breakfast meeting June 23. Their topic will be "Why Family History", They will also introduce Rotarians to what GSKC does in the community.

Summer Library Volunteers Needed

With many of the regular Library Volunteers going on vacation this summer, GSKC has a need for short term substitute help, announced Mary Alice Dell, Training Chairman. "It really is not a difficult job as you do not have to know everything about family history

research. You just have to be in the room to make visitors feel welcome and to guide them to our resources." A shortened version of the usual Library Volunteer training will be given and a seasoned volunteer will work with you the first time you substitute. Contact Mary Alice if you are interested at 830.537.5325.