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Genetic Genealogy: What It Is and What It Can Tell You About Your Ancestors

By Pat Harper, OGS Program Chair

At the February Olympia Genealogical Society meeting, OGS member **Lee James** will report his experience participating in a program that tests DNA for genealogical purposes. He will tell us how he found out about the program, how it works, what to expect as an outcome, what you won't learn, and most importantly what the privacy rights are concerning the information gathered. There will be information about cellular biology, the way DNA carries from generation to generation, and which markers are important for genealogical researchers.

DNA identification is an exciting, sometimes expensive, new way for genealogists to verify their family history research. This program will give everyone the information they will need about using this new ancestor detecting tool.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Thurston County Courthouse, in Building 1, Room 152 at 7 p.m. on February 9th.

It's been a great month! I am very enthused with the individuals that make up this great organization! Everyone in this organization realizes the benefits of stepping up and helping each other. That's why we are part of Olympia Genealogical Society, to help each other, learn from each other and to give encouragement. Our sharing time at our meetings reflect this. Great tips, fresh direction and congratulations on a job well done abound! This was in prime form the last couple of months! First we needed a volunteer or two to step forward to help with the Quarterly. Several of us on the board put together the last Quarterly with Fran Anderson spearheading the pasting of all of our contributions! Great job Fran! Fran has said that she would continue the "pasting together," but will need help in collecting data for the Quarterly. We are always in need of members' Pedigree charts, stories of family members that you are researching, transcriptions of a variety of historical documents, etc. See Fran or email her with your information, she'll happily include it in an upcoming Quarterly! With Fran stepping up for the Quarterly, that meant that we needed help with the Membership (can't have Fran getting burned out!). Kathleen Newcomer said that she would like to take over the Membership. Thanks Kathleen! With Kathleen leaving Refreshments for Membership, that left another slot to be filled. Lo and behold within seconds a new member, Marilyn Kemp, stepped up to the plate (of goodies!). Thanks Marilyn and welcome! We also had an opening for Sunshine. During the break Gayle Strom stepped up, so send your names to Gayle for those members that could use a card. Thanks Gayle for stepping up! Remember we are a volunteer organization, if no one steps up, the job doesn't get done. There are many opportunities with the upcoming WSGS conference...see Dick Johnson to help!

We still have openings for Historian and Publicity; let me know if you can help. Neither of these is a huge responsibility, but important none the less!

Happy Tree Climbing

Kerry McHugh Upton
OGS President

Message from Fran Anderson, Outgoing Membership Chairman:

Welcome new members:

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For information regarding membership in the Olympia Genealogical Society and the WSGS annual conference on April 7- 8, 2006, please access our website:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/>

February 2006 OGS Calendar			
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2006 Program: Lee James, "Genetic Genealogy"	7:00 p.m	Thurston County Courthouse. Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Tuesday, February 21, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store (Ken Schoenfeld Furniture) 403 Capitol Way S.
March 2006 OGS Calendar			
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, March 9, 2006 Program: Barbara Houtenbrink & Jerri McCoy, "A New England Research Trip Travelogue"	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 21, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store



Happy Valentine's Day