

TGS E-NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Genealogical Society

April 2015



Change is in the Air

For the past several years, Tulsa Genealogical Society has struggled to maintain the space at Briar Village for our meetings and the TGS Library. The rent has increased substantially; we have had to use quite a bit of our savings (about \$1,000 a month) to continue our lease and after the recent episode with the roof leaks, the TGS Board of Directors has been taking a close and uncomfortable look at our options. In September, 2014, we set up a Short Range Task Force to evaluate the use of the library and premises by the membership and others for actual family history research. In February, 2015, The report was extremely eye opening! The use for our library holdings for family history research by our membership is practically non-existent! **EVEN THOUGH THE LIBRARY IS SUPPOSEDLY THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE TULSA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.** With the revelation of the non-use of the Library by the membership, **a recommendation was made to the TGS Board of Directors to relinquish our library holdings to another organization or to completely break it down by redistribution.** Therefore, the space we need for our meetings will be considerably smaller and hopefully less stressful on our budget.

In February, a Long Range Task Force was formed and has been hard at work exploring avenues of handling the distribution of the books and other resources and acquiring meeting space for the Society.

At our **April 20th, meeting, 7:00 P.M.** we will discuss what our options are and how they will be implemented. I suggest that each of you try to attend that meeting. Input will be allowed from you and answer any questions you may have. This is not a business meeting but rather a **“State of the TGS Society”** informational meeting. If TGS is important to you, I'll see you there.

Dorothy Becknell, **TGS President**



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Tulsa Genealogy Society Library
9136 E 31st
(back side of Briar Village
Shopping Center)

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Tulsa, OK 74101-0585

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918-627-4224

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday
10 am - 4 pm

Volunteer Assistants available

We're on the Web!
Check us out at
www.tulsagenealogy.org

From the President . . .

It came to my attention a long time ago that there is a great difference between talking about doing something and actually doing something. Now I could be referring to politicians, but that would be totally redundant. I could be talking about a sports team who have been talking for decades about establishing a running game and developing fearsome linemen. Recent results have shown them the difference between talking and doing.

Really, though, I am discussing genealogists-isn't that a shocker? Way too many family historians that I know talk a good game: "Tomorrow I'm getting organized"; "I'm going to document my sources"; "I'm going to interview my grandmother"; "I'm going to publish my genealogy". I often think of many of these as little *You Tube* videos; where you click on the arrow and they recite their loop...endlessly!

In light of the above, I take great pleasure in featuring several folks in our society who are doers and not just talkers:

- * Linda Brown, our Librarian who has spent countless hours working to keep our library holdings accessible and up to date.
- * Everett Neal, who has been helping me immensely with building structure issues.
- * Steve King, a Library Volunteer who often is taking extra shifts to help cover the needs for a volunteer on site; He is often front and center at our meetings helping where ever and whenever he is needed.
- * Faye Rene Hanks, who unfailingly has set up the meeting area (most of the time, single-handedly) each month and prepared the hospitality items for our guests. She also does the clean up, almost single-handedly.)
- * Bill & Johanna Graham, who respond to calls for help without a grumble (at least I haven't heard the grumble. lol)
- * Many of the Library Volunteers who have handled emergencies for us. (Sandi and Aloha with the roof leaks.)
- * The "class leaders" who step up to help further our knowledge and share their experiences.

There are many more out there I could name. Our society has been blessed over the years with many committed doers; there are a number of others *doing* right now in fact.

You know who your are, so thanks. What about **you** "reciting loopers" out there? Isn't it time you become a doer?

Attend our meetings; get involved; help out when you see there is a need; serve in areas or on committees which need your input and presence (yes, a warm body really helps), step-up and take ownership of Tulsa Genealogical Society. To be a member in good standing for TGS, you need common sense, involvement, grit, and elbow grease, and a genuine desire to see the Society flourish. Is that you?

Carolyn Steele (Renown author and TGS member) continues her blog, **Preserving Legends**, concerning all things even remotely touching on genealogy, whether stories, research, or just interesting tidbits of life.

You are invited to visit at:

[http://
www.preservinglegends.blogspot.com/](http://www.preservinglegends.blogspot.com/)



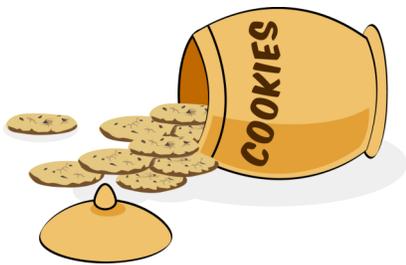
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First of the Month - It's Time to **BACK UP YOUR FILES!**



You are invited to help provide cookies for our meetings. They can be purchased or home-baked, just a dozen or two. If possible bring them just a **wee** bit early (before 6:30pm) so we can prepare them to be shared.

Genealogy Quip of the Day

It's not the Size of the Tree that Matters
It's the Quality Of the Nuts You Find On
There!

Un: tgen
PW: filia



Sunday, April 5th

Mailing Info Changed?

Please inform **Donna Harmon** (dh307@yahoo.com), 2014-15 Membership Chair. Members receive "**blast**" email reminders of our meetings and other events in your e-mailbox. We also use e-mail to deliver your E-News newsletter...that is if we have your correct information!



*Meet a Genealogy friend
at Tulsa Genealogical Society*

State of The Tulsa Genealogy Society

Informational Meeting
Monday, April 20th
7:00 P.M.

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P O Box 585
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Library Location
Briar Village Shopping Center, 9136 E 31st
(behind the stores)



Meetings:
September - May
3rd Monday
Hospitality, 6:30 pm
General Meeting: 7 pm
Open to public at no charge

Newsletter Editor: [Dorothy Becknell](#)

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TGS Chair Appointments & Special Assignments:

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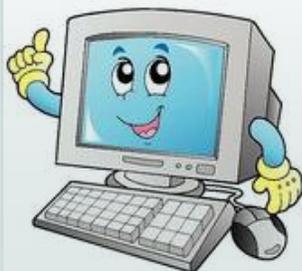
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Haha, Gotcha!

April Fools



April 1st!

