

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

- Meeting Place:** Rehoboth Beach Public Library
Upstairs Meeting Room
226 Rehoboth Ave.
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
- Meeting Date:** October 16, 2004
- Meeting Time:** 10:30AM
- Call to Order:** By President Audrey Sensale
- President's Remarks:** She reported that at the Board of Director's Meeting on October 2, 2004 the Mission Statement of the Sussex County Genealogical Society was adopted
- Secretary:** The minutes of the September 18, 2004 general meeting were accepted as read
- Treasurer:** President Sensale reported a balance of \$511.61 in the checking account as of September 30, 2004
- Committee Reports:** None
- Announcements:** Edward Wright will be the speaker at the November 20, 2004 membership meeting
The membership meeting originally scheduled for December 18, 2004 has been rescheduled to December 11, 2004 at the request of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library
The logo of SCGS was presented by President Sensale. It was taken from the "Circle of Life" design used in quilts. A professional graphic artist did the final design which will be used on the SCGS Website, in the Newsletter, "The Searcher" and on letterhead
A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to member Judy Lally for her work coordinating the bus trips to NARA in Washington DC. Carolyn Miller accepted the award in her behalf. Judy Lally has accepted the position of Awards Chairman
The Federation of Genealogical Societies of which SCGS is a member publishes a magazine, "Forum". It will be available for member's use and can be found in the Rehoboth Beach Public Library's workroom. Ask at the library front desk to see the SCGS file
Heritage Quest On Line is now available at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library. It will soon be available to library patrons on their home computer. President Sensale will advise the membership when it becomes available
Additional copies of the "Bookmarks" list courtesy of Jeanne Davis, speaker at the September meeting, are available at the back table
- New Business:** A questionnaire has been developed by President Sensale and Program Chairman, Lynne Hooker. It covers 3 areas: 1) program interests 2) use of computers 3) doing genealogy on-line. Meeting attendees were asked to complete the questionnaire and turn them in at the completion of the meeting. They will then be analyzed by Sensale and Hooker and used to develop programs for SCGS members

"Genealogy On-Line", 6th. Edition, is a textbook that President Sensale is considering using as a teaching method for interested members. At present, she is considering having those interested read about 30 pages, try them at home, then get together and talk about their experiences with the information given in the book. This is a tentative idea and will be assessed based on the responses to the questionnaire

Member, Jeanne Davis, read a paper, "The Census Taker Cometh", that demonstrated some of the reasons why genealogists find discrepancies in census records

Program:

Program Chairman, Lynne Hooker, announced that the meeting's program was a video, "Introduction to Family Tree Maker", courtesy of Jeanne Davis.

She also announced the program schedule for the remainder of the year:

November- F. Edward Wright, "Pitfalls and Pratfalls in Genealogy"

December-Round table discussion and refreshments

January-To Be Announced

February-To Be Announced

March-Holly Wright-"Understanding the US Census". She will also be the expert for SCGS members on the next bus trip to NARA. The bus trip schedule will

be finalized after the first of the year by Charlotte Holloway of the ~~Lower~~ *Downstate*

Delaware Genealogical Society

April-Audrey Sensale "Document Preservation"

May-Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, a Show and Tell session by SCGS members and refreshments

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:15PM

Submitted By:

Carolyn Miller
Acting Secretary

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