

SUSSEX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
General Membership Meeting, October 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. at the Rehoboth Beach Library by President Jeanne Davis. She welcomed all, especially students of the class that the society is teaching at Wilmington University.

Secretary Diann Sherwin read the minutes of the September general meeting, and they were approved as corrected. Diann also announced the donation of two National Archives books about records of armed forces personnel. in World War II and Korea. Treasurer Jim Blakeslee reported that the society's bank account has a current balance of \$2,027.00.

Vice President Ralph Nelson said that the fundraiser at the Roadhouse Steak House went well, and that the restaurant staff was very impressed by supporters they met. The society's share of receipts for the day is pending. Ralph also announced that the society will have a table at Return Day in Georgetown on November 6th. Volunteers are needed. In addition, he called attention to an article in the Wave newspaper, about a recent Civil War enactment, in which the society is mentioned.

Carolyn Miller, Membership Chair, welcomed guests by name. She announced that Barbara Flexer will be speaking to an investment club in Millsboro in November.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Sherwin, Secretary

Program Notes:

Ralph introduced treasure hunter and author Andy Nunez who has written books about the Eastern Shore, including Treasures of the Eastern Shore and Ghosts of the Eastern Shore. He described the way genealogy figured in the research he did for the books, including working in a number of local libraries. He stressed that "non-fiction is only as good as the research that goes into it," and said that he sees writing history as preserving "something that would be lost" that may assist someone's genealogical research. He told a number of stories about Eastern shore homes and families, including relatives of Napoleon Bonaparte. And he related the legends of the Lime Road Monster and Big Liz, as well as stories of the haunting of several homes and churches.