

**Sussex County Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Place: Rehoboth Beach Public Library, Upstairs Meeting Room,
226 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting Date: November 15, 2008 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order: Carolyn Miller, Membership Chair and acting President, welcomed our members and visitors. Jeanne Davis, president, sent her regrets.

Carolyn announced that she would not need members to bring cookies for our December Christmas party. Refreshments will be provided.

Secretary's Minutes: Nancy Purchase read the minutes of the last General Meeting, 18 October, 2008 on behalf of Diann Sherwin. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Blakeslee gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account as of October 31, 2008 was \$1,935. The Roadhouse Steakhouse fundraiser netted \$336 and \$240 was collected for the teaching of a genealogy course at Wilmington College in Rehoboth Beach, for a total of \$576 taken in. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Newsletter: Sally Nelson announced that the deadline for the Searcher is today and asked for any news items to be given to her.

Service Committee: Sally Nelson reported for Marilyn McMann. The Fall Discussion Group and Genealogy Bytes interest group had a combined meeting at Grotto Pizza in Seaford. The discussion was on using DNA in genealogy and on how to create your family health portrait.

The final Fall Discussion will be held November 18th at 2 p.m. at the Rehoboth Public Library. The topic will be Family Associations and Lineage Societies. We will also have our wrap-up discussion.

The next Computer Bytes will be December 4th at 2 p.m. at the Milton Public Library. They will discuss the software called JetSmarts.

Vice President's Remarks: Sally Nelson gave the VP remarks for Ralph Nelson. Ralph wished to thank all who helped make the Roadhouse Steakhouse fundraiser a success.

Return Day in Georgetown was washed out. SCGS set up a table but within a half of an hour were cold and wet and decided to disband. They bought sweatshirts with the SCGS logo for the workers to wear of which they have several left. These can be bought for \$10 here today.

The NABB Center has been receiving for archiving, old WAVE newspaper issues from the 1930's. The first transfer has been made and they hope to finish the job soon.

Our next General Meeting will be December 20th and will be our Christmas Party. We will have informal roundtable discussions from those attending about their research successes or 'brick walls'. Refreshments will be served.

Publicity: Carolyn recognized Tom Roche as our communications guy and thanked him for his efforts. Norm Montigne has been submitting our meetings and activities to the local newspapers and bulletins. It has been hard to get them published. Carolyn asks if any members have a contact in the news business, to help in this regard.

Adjournment: Sally moved and Ruth Ann White seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Program: Richard Cleaveland presented a Power Point program about and demonstrated our SCGS website, www.scgsdelaware.org. Dick also discussed how to set up your own website to display your genealogy and history. The slides he used in his discussion can be found at www.rgcle.com/20081115. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Dick by Sally Nelson.

Submitted by: Nancy R. Purchase, Acting Secretary.