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DGS September General Meeting Election of Officers for 2015-2016 Quorum Needed for Vote

Saturday September 5



WHEN: Saturday, Sept 5

Hospitality, 10:30-11:00 am.
Meeting, 11:00-11:30 am.
Program, 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

WHERE: Auditorium. J.Erik
Jonsson Central Library.
Dallas, TX. [Directions](#).

WHY: Election of officers for
the Society's 2015-2016 term
(our 60th anniversary year)

Dear DGS Member:

I'm sending this additional notice about our September meeting this coming Saturday because a quorum of members is needed in order to vote on our slate of officers and to ratify the appointed Directors. The Board recognizes that this week-end is the Labor Day Holiday, but hopes that you will be able to attend the meeting, as we celebrate the beginning of our 60th anniversary year.

Bonus: all members in attendance at the meeting will be **entered in a drawing** to receive a free registration to our Fall Seminar on October 24 – [Thinking, Assessing, & Storytelling: Genealogy Beyond Birth, Marriage, & Death](#), presented by Dr. Michael Lacopo.

The following Slate of Officers will be presented for a vote.

President – Tony Hanson

Tony Hanson's educational background and career have been focused on technology. By training an engineer, he is fascinated by the capabilities that the evolution of the personal computer,

wireless technology and the internet have provided to us as individuals and as a society.

His hobbies include photography, travel and, of course, genealogy, particularly Norway (his father's family) and Germany (mom's side). Tony has been actively involved in researching both branches for the past 15 years. Tony wrote a history of his father's side of the family ('The Family of Hans Emahus Isakson') in 2008.

Active in the Dallas Genealogical Society since 2009, Tony has held various positions (Webmaster, Technology SIG Leader and Director of Education). He is excited about working with such a knowledgeable and capable group of people on the DGS Board of Directors and looks forward to being a part of the team that will help launch the next 60-year period of the Dallas Genealogical Society.

Vice President – Kathleen Murray

Kathleen Murray began researching her family history in 2003 and joined the Dallas Genealogical Society in 2009. She holds a PhD in Information Science and a Certificate in Genealogical Studies. In 2013 she retired after 15 years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. In that capacity she conducted user studies for state and national digital library and Web archiving projects. Prior to that, she held various management positions in sales, strategic planning, and new product development at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in St. Louis, MO. She has presented research findings and educational programs at several local, regional, national, and international genealogy and library conferences.

Secretary – Brenda Cannon

Brenda Cannon brings a wealth of knowledge to the DGS secretary position with more than eight years of nonprofit management and working with nonprofit boards. Notable is her membership in the African American Special Interest Group. She also volunteers as part of the DFW Airports Ambassador program.

Brenda is a Navy veteran and graduated from UT Arlington with a degree in Information Systems. She was born and raised in Northern Louisiana and now lives in Irving; she has two sons and a grandson.

Treasurer – Susan Rainwater

Susan Chance Rainwater has a BSC from Ohio University in Radio-Television Communications. She spent the first twenty-five years of her working life at a variety of television and video companies, including 5 1/2 years at Turner Broadcasting (WTBS). In 1999, she left video for the Internet and works as a combination office manager-website technician for NCC Internet Services, based in Deep Ellum.

Born in Delaware, Susan became interested in genealogy after seeing the television mini-series, "Roots." She began active pursuit of this hobby/obsession in 1991, and has published a book on the genealogy of her husband's family, "The Family Tree of Clois R. Rainwater & Nancy Jane McIlhane: One Texas Family's Origins, 1706-2012." She has also authored four articles for Chesapeake Cousins (the Pegasus of the Upper Shore

Genealogical Society), including one that was a write-up of a seminar sponsored by the DGS. Susan is active on Ancestry.com and Findagrave.com. She has been married, since 1991, to Steve Rainwater, a native Texan.

In addition to the slate of officers who will be voted on, the membership will be asked to ratify the appointment of these Directors:

Education – Cheryl Freeman
Membership – Gloria Goodwin
Printing – Harmon Adair
Publicity – Carolyn Davis
Volunteers – Mic Barnette
Publication Content – (vacant)

PROGRAM:

Following the business meeting, Debra Polsky, Executive Director of the [Dallas Jewish Historical Society](#), will discuss the history of the Jewish community in Dallas, share information about a program her organization has initiated to discuss history and genealogy with Sunday schools, and will tell us about a new initiative being planned to engage with the community using extant family trees to show relationships within the community.



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