**Weekly E-blast - October 03, 2011**

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**Membership**
- Ind. Membership - $35
- Household - $40
- Life (under 65) - $700
- Life (65+) - $500
- Organizational - $35

**Hold the Date**
- Oct. 20-22 - National Black Genealogy Sum
- Oct. 22 - Beginner Workshop - Do You Know Who You Are?

**DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?**

Just getting started with your family history? Need a refresher course or a kick start to your research? Looking for new ways to use technology to help you tell your family's story?

Come join us at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX on Saturday, October 22 for the Dallas Genealogical Society's one-day workshop "DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?"

Choose between two tracks (Getting Started or Technology) or mix and match sessions from each. Attendees will receive a syllabus with materials from all sessions.

Registration is $20.00 with a reduced parking rate of $2.00 (underground library parking garage only) [Click here to register online or download registration form.]

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT – DALLAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF DGS**

In 2010 the DGS Bylaws Committee drafted certain Bylaws amendments which were approved by the General Membership. In the process of drafting those amendments, the Committee called the Board’s attention to the need for all the Bylaws to be completely reviewed to correct and clarify a number of inconsistencies.

Since DGS was founded, there have been several revisions to the Bylaws but no overall review. The DGS Board met in January 2011.
The goal of the Dallas Genealogical Society shall be to education, by creating, fostering, and maintaining interest in genealogy; to assist and support the genealogy section of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in Dallas, Texas, or to its legal successor; and to collect, preserve, copy, and index information relating to Dallas County and its early history.

at an all day retreat to assess the overall mission of DGS and the Society’s future in the 21st century. They found that over the years the mission for DGS has remained much the same yet the audience and the function for genealogical societies have changed. With these ideas in mind, the DGS Board instructed the Bylaws Committee to undertake a thorough review. The final draft of this revision was approved by the Board at the September Board Meeting. It offers the following proposed Bylaws to better enable DGS to meet its current and future needs.

The Proposed Bylaws Amendment was announced in the August newsletter. Printed copies of proposed bylaws were distributed at the October 1 general meeting of DGS; will be available at the Dallas Public Library, 8th floor; will be published on the DGS website in the Members Only section; and will be mailed to any DGS member requesting a printed copy. These proposed Bylaws will be voted on at the November 5th general meeting at the Dallas Public Library. Please send any questions or comments to bylaws@dallasgenealogy.org.

Cemetery Gate Photos Needed

Help DGS improve the Map of Dallas County Cemeteries, by contributing a jpg photo of a cemetery gate or entrance. The photo must be one that you took and you will be given credit for the photo. For a list of the Dallas County Cemeteries that need photos, see Cemeteries Pictures on the "Get Involved" section of the DGS website.

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2011 DALLAS JOURNAL.

The 2011 Dallas Journal has been published to our website in the members only section. The printed copies will be mailed to those who have requested hard copies shortly.

2011-2012 DGS Board of Directors

The members of the current board of directors are:

President: David Temple
VP Fundraising: Sandra Crowley
VP Education: Jean Larson
VP Membership: Gloria Goodwin
VP Journal: Vacant
VP Newsletter: Vacant
Treasurer: Nathan White
Secretary: Carolyn Davis
VP Publicity: Pat Stone
Director of Sales: Jim Stone
Director of Mailings: Vacant
Director of Publications: Harmon Adair
Director of Volunteers: Patrick McKinney
The following are Appointed members of the board:

FGS Delegate: Sandra Crowley
Library Liaison: Sharon Martin
Mail Admin: Elizabeth Thurmond
Parliamentarian: Vacant
Webmaster: Tony Hanson
IT Manager: Barbara Ware

As you can see, we still have a few vacant slots on the board, so if you would like to volunteer to serve on your board, please contact Patrick McKinney, Director of Volunteers.

Special interest Groups

Upcoming Technology SIG Meetings (all meetings begin at 6:30 pm)

- October 6 – Digital Photography: Repair and Retouch - Join DGS member Sandra Crowley as she shows us how to repair and retouch old photos and how to resize and enhance new photos. Then identify a variety of creative ways to use these edited photos to make your family story come alive. Studio Room, 3rd Floor
- November 3 - Tying it all Together
- December 1 - Show Your Project Night

October 6 (Thursday): 5:00 pm - Brown Bag Special Interest Group - McDermott Room, 8th Floor

October 8 (Saturday): 1:00 pm - MacGen Reunion Group: Barbara Ware will discuss using Reunion to create a family slide show. Bring your Mac and some digitized photos, jpeg format, of your family members, homes, businesses, documents, etc.

All meetings at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

Upcoming Event

Oct. 22, 2011: Beginner Workshop - Do You Know Who You Are?