

FACC Newsletter

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America

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Speakers

- April 13 George Autobee
"Los Veteranos"
- May 11 Claudine Riccillo
"Journeys of the Vigil Family
- Stories For My Father"
- June 8 Carolyn Cordova
"My Cordova Line"

FACC Meetings

8:30-10 am — Library/research
10-11 am — Meeting
11-12 pm — Speaker
Location-
Pueblo Heritage Museum
201 West B St, Pueblo, CO

BOD Meetings

First Tues. of the Month 3:30
pm at Heritage Museum

Research

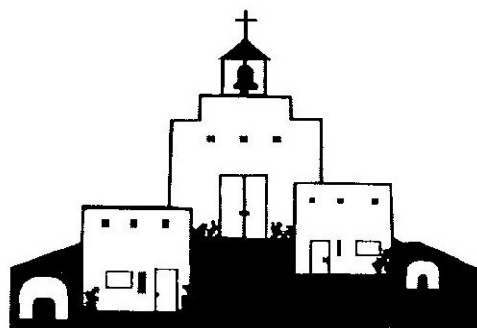
First Tues. of the Month 11-3
pm at Heritage Museum

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President's Message

Dear FACC Members,

First quarter of 2019 was quite eventful. Our speakers presented us with a wealth of knowledge on charting our cousins, using DNA to find our cousins and familiarizing ourselves with computer software used for genealogy. We increased our research time by a full day each month at the Heritage Museum so that we could follow-up on skills taught by our speakers, John Valdez, Tom Martinez and Phyllis Miranda. Some months we've had even more research days depending on the need. The Xmas Eve Tragedy Plaque project developed by Heraldo Acosta in 1998 with help from many FACC members provided another fundraising opportunity. FACC raised \$800. John Valdez and Carolyn Cordova created an index to use with our GSHA Journals and their work is much appreciated. Our membership is



continuing to grow as we begin anew each January. Kathy Pacheco and Ron Sandoval are focusing on membership events in the Pueblo community to help spur enrollment. Work is continuing on updating our bylaws and policies with the help of our technology nerds Tom and Bob. FACC is so lucky to have so many talented and hardworking members. Remember that todos somos primos!

Un Abrazo Fuerte,
Carmen Arteaga, FACC President

Understanding Cousinhood Charts

John Valdez, Ed.D. opened 2019 with the presentation titled "How To Read A Cousinhood Chart" by Deborah J. Ramsay. John explained to the membership that there are a wide array of charts out there many of which are difficult to process. The chart created by Deborah J. Ramsay is in his opinion one of the easier ones to process. John also showed the membership several charts in which he shows his familial connection to several members including Tom J. Martinez, Richard Arellano, Bob Craig. He also showed charts

Cousinhood Charts Continued...

in which Charlene Garcia Simms is related to Kathy Pacheco and Ken Gardner. In addition, John showed charts in which Kathy Pacheco is related to Betty Duran, Marty Gomez Hill and Ed (Edumenio) Aguilar. He would like to show how other members are related to one another, so his hope is to show new charts at monthly meetings. Those of you that know John, know that he is very passionate and knowledgeable about genealogy. He was born in Costilla, NM



and his family moved to Avondale, CO when he was two years old. He comes from a family with seven children. He is married to Nancy and has one son named Chris. During John's career of 36 years in education, he has been a Spanish teacher, a school counselor and a secondary school administrator. He got the genealogy bug from his maternal grandmother from Costilla. She also had moved to Pueblo and John lived with her while attending college. John says that in his genealogical research, he has had many "aha" moments. Most recently, he found that his maternal 2x great grandparents were married in San Juan de los Caballeros, NM in 1855. The interesting piece is that the entry shows that the groom, Manuel Montemayor was from Pueblo Higuera, Nuevo Leon, MX. So, John is still fascinated with what was he doing in NM; Monterrey, Nuevo Leon is almost 900 miles from Santa Fe, NM. He joined FACC in 2007 and we are happy to have him.

Using DNA to Find Your Cousins

In February the presentation was covered by Tom, Martinez who showed us "How To Use DNA Results To Find Other Cousins". **This presentation as well as John's have given rise to additional meetings** in which members have been taught how to use GedMatch and other internet resources to find more cousins. By finding more cousins, it is the belief of Tom and John that one may find relatives who may have done extensive genealogical research. That through this relationship and communication, members might find a way to breakdown "brickwalls." Tom would like us to remember that before you actually take a DNA test research should be done on different tests to make an educated choice. Also, if you really want to know about cousins you should

upload your DNA results to GEDMATCH. This allows you to use more tools in your search for cousins. He adds that most companies give you ethnicities estimate but it changes from company to company and as the sample population gets larger. Tom was born in San Francisco, CO in the San Luis Valley. His family moved to Pueblo when he was about nine years old. He enrolled at Bradford Elem. and graduated from East HS. He has fond memories of playing in a band which played lots of Mexican music. Tom married Gloria, another strong member of FACC, and they had two children. They started out with the idea of making it



Using DNA to Find Your Cousins Continued...

big with the band and moving to New York City. With life's twists and turns they ended up in Kansas. The band broke up and he got hired at Hallmark Cards in Kansas. Tom actually started genealogy in Kansas taking the lead from his wife, Gloria. He stated that they had very little research material from which to explore. When they moved back to Pueblo they visited his birth place in search of ancestors and they were fortunate to have met Maria Clara Martinez. Maria told him that San Francisco used to be named "El Rito de Gregorio" and that it was named after his grandfather, Gregorio, who was one of the first settlers in the area. Isn't that an amazing story? Tom read about an event FACC was sponsoring at PCC which included presentation by Angel Cervantes. He and Gloria attended and he then joined FACC. We are blessed that he found us.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Bob Craig

Jan. 1, 2019– Mar. 31, 2019

Account Balances

Operating	\$2,888.45
Raffle	93.19
Savings	<u>5,268.44</u>
Total	\$8,250.08

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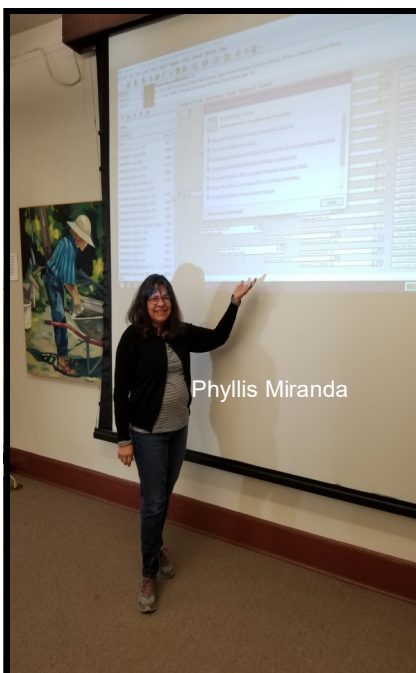


Genealogy Software For Your Computer

Phyllis Miranda, one of our FACC members, gave a presentation on three software programs: Legacy Family Tree 9, Roots Magic 7, and Family Tree Maker 2017. BUT FIRST, let me tell you a little about Phyllis. She was born in Colorado Springs to a military man so her family moved around quite a bit. At three months, her family moved to Germany and they lived there for three years. From Germany they moved to Louisiana, then to San Antonio, and back to

Colorado Springs when she was in fourth grade. After graduating from Harrison High School she joined the Air Force. While she was stationed in Okinawa, Japan she took a genealogy class at the USO and got hooked. She called her dad and asked if he could write down any family info. She remembers receiving a butcher paper sheet with her father's family tree on one side and her mother's family tree on the other side. Phyllis found this fascinating and it was the

beginning of a great adventure. Phyllis left the Air Force after five years. At the age of 36 she began working on a BA in Education. She began her teaching career at Ivywild Elem. in Co Spgs. Phyllis received her MA in Information and Learning Technology, Teacher/Librarian at UC Denver. She raised two very successful children and raised them as a single parent. She says they "are the light of her life."



Phyllis Miranda

Legacy Family Tree 9: Has free version/ deluxe version \$35/ nice user interface/ user friendly/ software is easy but source template is not easy to use/ does color coding/extensive set of charts not just pedigree with lists and tables

Roots Magic 7: free basic version/ deluxe version \$30/ source templates are very user friendly/ can use more than one database/ interface-program is not as user friendly as Legacy/ not that good for beginners/ free phone app

Family Tree Maker 2017: Provides color coding/ so many charts, tables/ no

All three versions sync with Ancestry and Family Search. All do photos, images, and documents. **Phyllis stresses that everyone should use a computer software program instead of an online tree building services.** Reasons are you can limit access to your data. It cheaper than paying fees. You own it.

FACC - Getting Our “RESEARCH” On!



Join Us For “Research”
Every First Tuesday
of the Month at Heritage Museum
11 am - 3 pm



“Sweat Equity” Thank you to all our hard working FACC members that contribute their labor to the Heritage Museum to help offset our rental fees. The following members helped with putting up and taking down Christmas decorations: Eleanor Valdez, Angela Valdez, Ben/ Carolyn Cordova, Claudine Riccillo, and Mary Ellen Burciago. Claudine also helped with grant writing exper-

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