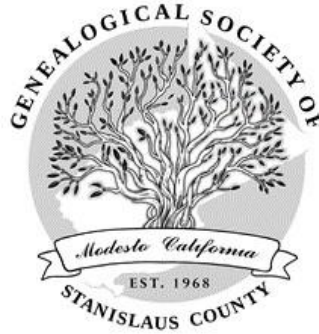


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6:00 P.M. Catered Souper Supper

NOTE 6:00 PM Time! Dress Irish

Presidents Message

By David Wolff

March is coming. This brings us to one of the days directed toward a semi-holiday affecting all of us who have possible ancestors from Ireland. Yes, I’m talking about St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th, also happens to be the date of our Society’s meeting. The Board has a treat for the members at this meeting. As we have done for a number of years, we are going to have a Souper Supper for all of our members. Please be at the church at 6:00 O’CLOCK so we can sit and enjoy our soup and good conversation before the meeting at 7:00.

March Program

By Vicky Wolff

We will have a very different General Meeting. It will be a catered Souper Supper with an Irish St. Patrick’s theme in recognition of the high number of Irish heritage members of our society. A fun relaxed gathering for our members to break out from under the doom and gloom of the pandemic. Break out your Irish green and join us for genealogical fellowship!.

Genealogy Writing Group

By Joann MacDonald

The Writing group has starting up again. We meet on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Joann MacDonald. Hope to get the group started again. Group started in June of 2004 after Millie and I attended NGS conference in Sacramento. Please bring a piece of writing to share and extra copies. Piece of writing can be about an ancestor, an object from your family...what ever you care to write about. I plan to write something about my mother’s cup she received when she was baptized..

Joann can be contacted at JMastergardener@aol.com for more information.



Stanislaus County COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard



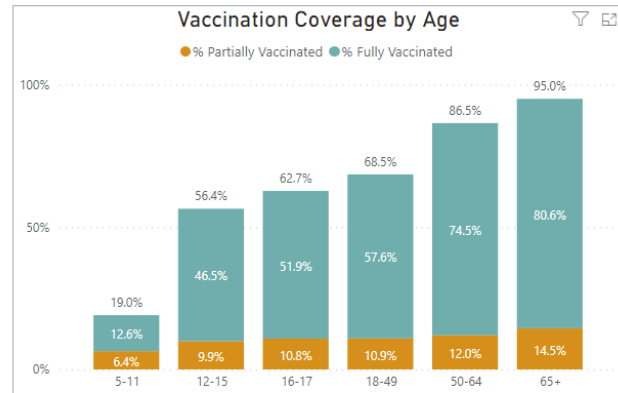
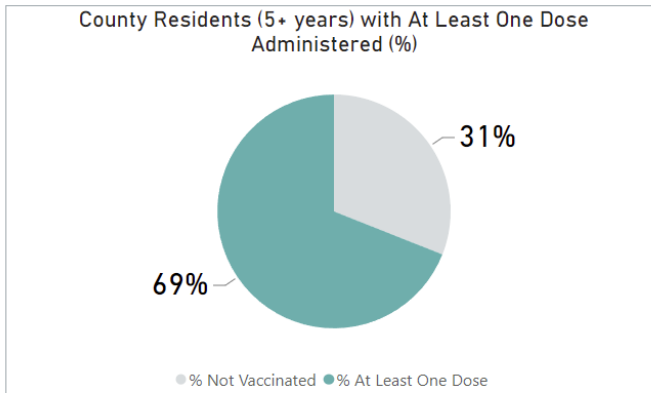
Note: Not included in these counts are vaccines provided directly through a federal program for residents and staff of long term care facilities such as Skilled Nursing Facilities, and some directly provided quantities to hospital systems. The information contained on this website will expand as more information becomes available and validated. Doses allocated to public health may be re-allocated to approved providers or will be used in the public health clinic.

Data Source: California Department of Public Health & Stanislaus County Health Services Agency

Last updated: 2/22/2022

Vaccination Coverage				
Fully Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated (%)	Partially Vaccinated	Partially Vaccinated (%)	Total Doses Administered
306,774	58%	58,164	11%	772,897

Vaccination Status	
Due to operational challenges for data processing, the hospitalizations data will not be updated this week.	Not Fully Vaccinated Deaths (%)
	87%



*Please note that hospitalization data are missing for approximately 55% of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Cases may have been hospitalized for reasons unrelated to COVID-19, but tested positive upon admission.

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Stanislaus County Library Downtown Modesto

by Jackie Niemeyer

GENEALOGY HELP AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS FROM NOON to 4 PM IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ROOM AT THE STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY AT 1500 I STREET IN MODESTO

Whether you are a beginner and need help getting started or have hit a brick wall in your research come see us. We have a great selection of genealogy materials along with volunteers to help you. The library also has free wi-fi available. **Come check us out!**

Also Jackie could use some volunteer assistance!

Jackie Niemeyer jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net

Irish Genealogy Resources

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/free-irish-genealogy-records-st-patricks-day-2019/>



Who Was St. Patrick? Why Do We Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

From www.almanac.com January 05, 2022

Saint Patrick's Day is Thursday, March 17! Who was Saint Patrick? Why are shamrocks a symbol of this day? Enjoy St. Patrick's Day history, legends, and lore.

When Is St. Patrick's Day?

St. Patrick's Day is officially observed on March 17 each year, though celebrations may not be limited to this date. The significance of March 17 is that it's said to be the date of St. Patrick's death in the late 5th century (circa A.D. 493).

Who Was St. Patrick? Was He a Real Person?

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with successfully spreading Christianity throughout Ireland—hence the Christian celebration of his life and name.

Was There Really a St. Patrick?

Definitely. However, there are many legends about him that mix with the truth. Did he play a large role in spreading Christianity to Ireland? Yes, absolutely. Did he really drive all the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland to begin with!

In any case, St. Patrick's impact was significant enough to warrant our modern-day celebrations. Here's a bit about St. Patrick himself.

A Young St. Patrick Finds God

The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain (part of the Roman Empire at the time) as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood.

That would change at age 16 (around A.D. 400), when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home.

St. Patrick Spreads the Gospel

Upon returning home, Maewyn received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel—in Ireland, of all places! He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery in Britain, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and he returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings.

Although some Christians already lived in Ireland at the time, the country was largely pagan, so spreading a foreign religion was not an easy task. Patricius traveled from village to village to share the teachings of the Lord, and was successful enough to eventually found many churches there.

Why Is the Shamrock Associated With St. Patrick’s Day?

We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick’s Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].) The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Note: The symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover. However, long before the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick’s Day, the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900s, O. H. Benson, an Iowa school superintendent, came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for children in his area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program, later named 4-H.

<https://www.almanac.com/content/st-patricks-day>



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March 3–5, 2022

Join people from around the world at the largest online celebration of family, culture, and heritage—live online starting March 3, 2022, at rootstech.org.

We're only 2 weeks away from the start of RootsTech, and we can't wait to share with you everything that's going on. From inspirational keynote speakers to hundreds of on-demand classes and a cutting-edge virtual expo hall, RootsTech will be one virtual event you won't want to miss.

Meet all the keynote speakers for RootsTech 2022!



Thais Pacholek

[Meet Thais](#)



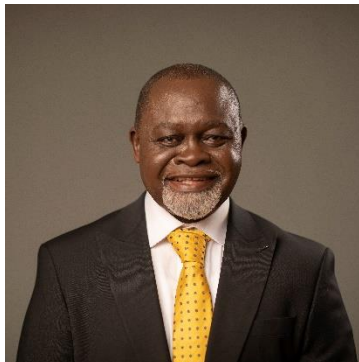
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Molly Yeh

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Azumah Nelson

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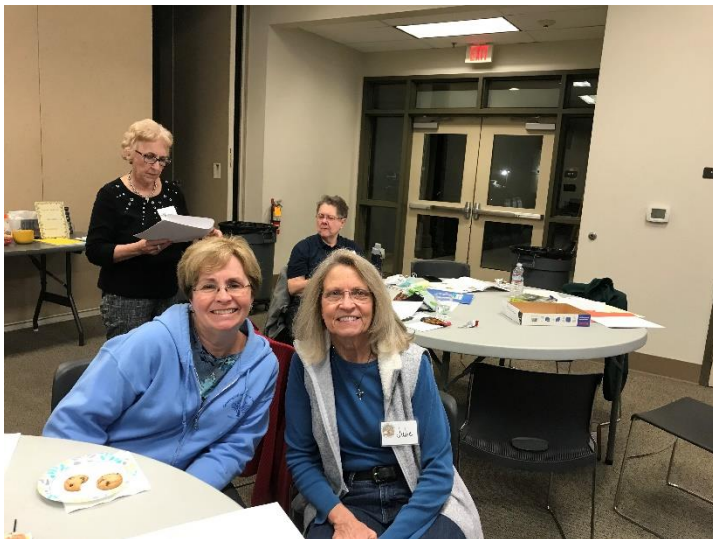
Photo Captures from our February 17th GSSC General Meeting



Our Newest Members Robert & Karen Bennett



A wee bit of Vicky Wolff's Black History presentation



Roxanne Ferrari & Julie Condrin



Pam Atherstone

Photos by Hlhennig

2022 Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

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- January**
- 1 Happy New Year's Day
 - 3 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 10 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways Valentine's Fundraiser - See's Jan. 10 - 30
 - 11 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Fundraiser: Pizza Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 20 General Meeting 7:00 pm
 - 31 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened

- February**
- 7 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 8 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 14 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 17 General Meeting - 7:00 pm

- March**
- 1 Fundraiser/Burger Night GSSC Cookbook collect Recipes Mar - June
 - 7 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 8 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 10 Easter See's Fundraiser / March 10 - 30
 - 14 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 15 Fundraiser/Burger Night Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 17 General Meeting 7:00 pm

- April**
- 4 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 11 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 12 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 21 General Meeting 7:00 pm

- May**
- 2 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 9 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 10 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 19 General Meeting 7:00 pm

- June**
- 6 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 13 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 14 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 16 6:00 PM Ice Cream Social General Meeting 7:00 pm

- July**
- 4 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 11 No Board Meeting
 - 12 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 21 No General Meeting

- August**
- 1 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 8 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 9 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 18 General Meeting 7:00 pm

- September**
- 1 GSSC Cookbook sales Sept - Nov
 - 5 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 12 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 13 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 General Meeting 7:00 pm Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter

- October**
- 3 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 10 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 11 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Fundraiser: Panda Express Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 20 Fundraiser: Christmas See's Oct 20 - Nov 17 General Meeting 7:00 pm

- November**
- 1 Fundraiser: Poinsettias starts
 - 7 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened
 - 8 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 14 Brd Meeting 7:00 pm/ Ridgways
 - 17 Ancestor's night/ officer voting/ installation General Meeting 7:00 pm

- December**
- 5 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM McHenry Library: Volunteers Mondays when opened Pointsettia pickup
 - 12 6:00 PM New & outgoing board Potluck
 - 13 10:00 AM Writing Group
 - 15 Submit to Lewis: Contributions for Researcher Newsletter
 - 24 Christmas Eve
 - 25 Christmas
 - 31 New Year's Eve

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Library Collection Rm @ Mon 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (when opened) 1500 I St., Modesto - / Writing Group 2nd Tues. of each month - Call Joann (209) 521-2140 / 10:00 am. Contributions for Researcher Due on 15th of @ month (except June & Nov.)

2022 GSSC Fundraising Calendar

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Happy New Year!	Happy Valentines Day!	Happy St. Patrick's Day!	Happy Easter!
<u>Jan. 10-29</u> Valentines candy sales - See's.		<u>Mar. 10-30</u> Easter See's candy. <u>Mid Mar.</u> Burger Day. Begin cookbook ⇨ recipe collection.	Continue - ⇨ recipe collection.
May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
Happy Mother's Day!	Happy Father's Day!	Vacation - month off	Summer Activities!
<u>Mid May</u> Pizza Day. Continue - ⇨ recipe collection.	Assemble cookbook		<u>Aug. 1-31</u> Intro to Roda cutlery & kitchen items. Assemble cookbk.
Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Fall Fun!	Happy Halloween!	Happy Thanksgiving!	Merry Christmas!
<u>Sep. 1-30</u> Roda cutlery & kitchen sales. Cookbook sales ⇨	<u>Oct. 1-31</u> Wreath sales. Roda cutlery - sales cont.' <u>Mid Oct.</u> - Panda Express Day. <u>Mid Oct.</u> - See's ⇨ Christmas sales. Cookbook sales ⇨ continue.	<u>Nov. 1</u> ⇨ Duarte poinsettia sales. <u>End Nov.</u> - See's Christmas ends. <u>Mid. Nov.</u> - End of cookbook sales.	- <u>Dec.4</u> <u>Dec. 5</u> - Delivery poinsettias.
Note:	Company:	To our org.:	
All year activities. All year store.	Amazon Smile 😊 See's	% of purchase % of purchase	

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General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd **Thursday** of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

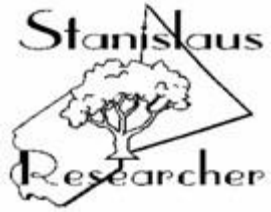
Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month Ridgeway's Restaurant, 2401 E Orangeburg Ave, Modesto, CA

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