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We will be taking our Summer Break after our June General Meeting! See you in August!

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7:00 P.M. Arlene Richards speaking on the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Presidents Message

David C. Wolff, President

Here we are, almost to the midpoint of the year. What has the Society accomplished so far? We have had some minor problems as any organization is bound to do, but most of the problems have been completely resolved, or are on the way to resolution.

Probably the biggest difficulty we have faced is the loss of Maybelle to active participation in our Society. She fell and injured her shoulder and her hip. We wish her a swift and complete recovery. In the meantime, the Board has stepped up and found replacements for the work she usually accomplishes. A big thank you goes out to Karen Souza for taking over the Four Generation Charts, an extremely valuable source for possible information on your lines. Years ago, I checked my charts with already included ones and found a member whose husband and I share a line.

Roxie has been fighting with the U.S. Government over our income tax return. We are winning!

The Society has continued to find different ways to add to our Treasury by selling Poinsettias at Christmas, candy at Easter, and now we are in the process of assembling a Society Cookbook. There has also been an increase in the number of people attending our meetings. If you haven't been able to attend for a while, please try to do so. You will enjoy, and hopefully learn something from our programs.

Let's continue to keep moving forward on the positive side.

SASM Programs for 2022

By Vicky Wolff

We have had some interesting programs this year, and they are about to get even better!

In January our program was on Quakers; February we celebrated Black History Month; March was all about St. Patrick's Day; Last month was a preview on the 1950 Census given by Jackie Niemeyer.

This months program will be Portugesse Fraternal Society and our speaker will be Jerry Escobar. You won't want to miss this great opportunity to learn more about Portugesse Ancestry, traditions and heritage.

June our speaker and power point presentation, will be given by Arlene Richards and will be speaking to us about the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you want to register your revolutionary ancestor with the DAR, this is the program for you!

We are dark in the month of July and in August our speaker will be Katherine Borges who will be speaking to us on Genetic Genealogy. You won't want to miss this informative program.

September we will have a seminar and the keynote professional genealogist presenter will be Bill Cole all about English research. This will be an extra special time. Please see the enclosed flyer and registration paperwork to sign up for this tremendous seminar.

October program is still being finalized and of course in November will be our famous Ancestors Night. Please find something to share with the membership, about your important ancestors or family members. It is always a fun and special evening! Please see Vicky Wolff if you wish to participate in this event.

This will end our year of programming and hope you have found it entertaining and helpful in your family research opportunities.

Genealogy Writing Group

By Joann McDonald

The Writing group is alive and well. We meet on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Joann MacDonald. Group started in June of 2004 after Millie Starr 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. We now have a group of 5 members.

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

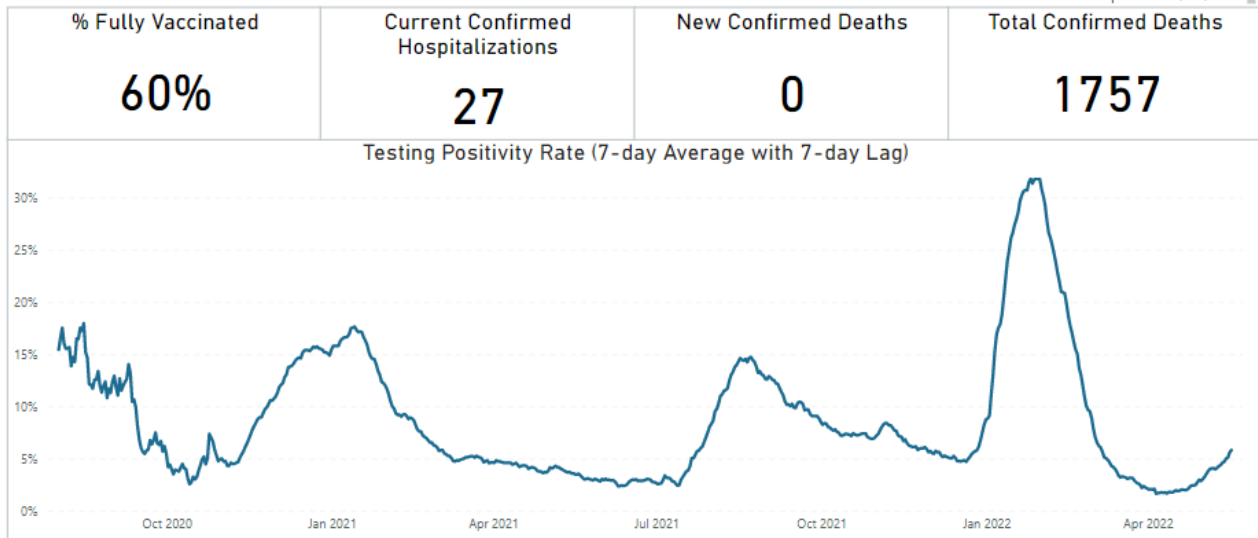


THIS WILL BE THE LAST STANISLAUS COUNTY COVID-19 REPORT



Stanislaus County COVID-19 Data

Last updated: 5/17/2022



Data updated weekly. To protect privacy, hospitalization counts less than ten are not displayed.

<http://schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/data/pdf/weekly-surveillance/2022/currentreport.pdf?v=050222>

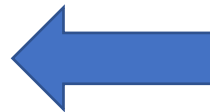
Stanislaus County Library Downtown Modesto

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 still use some volunteer assistance!



Jackie Niemeyer jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net

The Library will be closed Memorial Day!

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They are back!

Reopening of the Family History Center

From Joann McDonald

Beginning Tuesday June 7th Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 AM – 2 PM Tuesday Evenings 6 – 8 PM by appointment only.

Please schedule a Tuesday Evening appointment with Sister Sanderson 209-968-4696

731 El Vista Ave, Modesto, CA 95354

June is a great month to honor your military ancestors! We all have them and they should all be honored. If they have fallen that sacrifice is even more deserving of recognition!



Photo Captures from our May 19th GSSC General Meeting and Portuguese Presentation by Jerry Escobar
Photos by Hlhennig

Jeff Escobar showing slides



Some of our attendees



Additional Slides



More Attendees



We are once again meeting together. Invite a friend and come join us!

An exceptionally good cake!



4 Generations Charts Displayed



20 June 2022



These 14 States Had Significant Miscounts in the 2020 U.S. Census

20 May 2022 8:29 AM Anonymous

To U.S. residents: were you counted in the 2020 Census?

According to an article written by Hansi Lo Wang and published in the NPR web site:

For the 2020 census, all states were not counted equally well for population numbers used to allocate political representation and federal funding over the next decade, according to a [U.S. Census Bureau report released Thursday](#).

[A follow-up survey the bureau conducted](#) to measure the national tally's accuracy found significant net undercount rates in six states: Arkansas (5.04%), Florida (3.48%), Illinois (1.97%), Mississippi (4.11%), Tennessee (4.78%) and Texas (1.92%).

It also uncovered significant net overcount rates in eight states — Delaware (5.45%), Hawaii (6.79%), Massachusetts (2.24%), Minnesota (3.84%), New York (3.44%), Ohio (1.49%), Rhode Island (5.05%) and Utah (2.59%).

[The 2020 census had big undercounts of Black people, Latinos and Native Americans](#)

For the other 36 states, as well as Washington, D.C., the bureau did not find statistically significant net over- or undercount rates.

These revelations come after the population totals from a census beset by the coronavirus pandemic and [years of interference from former President Donald Trump's administration](#) have already been used to divvy up seats in the House of Representatives, as well as votes in the Electoral College, for the next decade.

"No census is perfect," Census Bureau Director Robert Santos warned during a [public webinar](#) about the latest results from Post-Enumeration Survey. "And the PES allows us to become more informed about the 2020 census by estimating what portion of the population was correctly counted, where we missed people and where some people were counted that shouldn't have been."

You can read the entire article at: <https://n.pr/3Mx1DkT>.

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United States Census 2020

Archaic Medical Terms

20 May 2022 1:27 PMAnonymous

Did you ever find a record of someone's cause of death and then asked, "What the heck is that?" You can find the definitions of Atheroma, Barrel Fever, Cynanche Trachealis, Jail Fever, and lots of other disgusting things in the Bakers' World web site at: <http://bakers-world.com/page38/index.php>.

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Civil War surgical kit



What Is Flag Day?

Discover the history of the annual holiday and check out 13 surprising facts about the American flag and how to properly display it.

By Jennie Cohen Updated: Jun 10, 2021 Original: Jun 14, 2018

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”



Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day. As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about “Old Glory.”

1. Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.

2. It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory's creation. It was not until her grandson William Canby held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role. It has since been confirmed that Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey who signed the Declaration of Independence, designed the American flag.

3. The lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” America's national anthem since 1931, are taken from a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. His words were set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” a popular British drinking song.

4. In the 1950s, when it seemed certain that Alaska would be admitted to the Union, designers began retooling the American flag to add a 49th star to the existing 48. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Ohio student named Bob Heft borrowed his mother's sewing machine, disassembled his family's 48-star flag and stitched on 50 stars in a proportional pattern. He handed in his creation to his history teacher for a class project, explaining that he expected Hawaii would soon achieve statehood as well. Heft also sent the flag to his congressman, Walter Moeller, who presented it to President Eisenhower after both new states joined the Union. Eisenhower selected Heft's design, and on July 4, 1960, the president and the high school student stood together as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time. Heft's teacher promptly changed his grade from a B- to an A.

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6. The Flag Code stipulates that the Stars and Stripes should not be used as apparel, bedding or drapery.
7. The practice of draping coffins in the American flag is not reserved for military veterans and government officials. On the contrary, any burial may incorporate this tradition.
8. Etiquette calls for American flags to be illuminated by sunlight or another light source while on display.
9. During the Vietnam War era, some demonstrators burned American flags as an act of protest. The Flag Protection Act of 1968 was enacted in response, making it illegal to burn or otherwise deface the Stars and Stripes. In two landmark decisions 20 years later, the Supreme Court ruled that the government couldn't curb individuals' First Amendment rights by prohibiting desecration of the U.S. flag. Respectful burning of damaged flags according to established protocol has always been acceptable.
10. When flags are taken down from their poles, care must be taken to keep them from touching the ground. In fact, the American flag should always be kept aloft, meaning that rugs and carpets featuring the Stars and Stripes are barred by the Flag Code.
11. When the flags of cities, states, localities or groups are flown on the same staff as the American flag, Old Glory should always be at the peak. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be of equivalent size and flown from separate staffs of the same height.
12. The Flag Code strictly prohibits adding an insignia, drawing or other markings to the Stars and Stripes. Some American politicians have been known to defy this regulation by signing copies of the U.S. flag for their supporters.
13. Ever wondered how to correctly fold an American flag? First, enlist a partner and stand facing each other, each holding both corners of one of the rectangle's shorter sides. Working together, lift the half of the flag that usually hangs on the bottom over the half that contains the blue field of stars. Next, fold the flag lengthwise a second time so that the stars are visible on the outside. Make a triangular fold at the striped end, bringing one corner up to meet the top edge. Continue to fold the flag in this manner until only a triangle of star-studded blue can be seen.

<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-flag-day>



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 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.

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.

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