

# GENEALOGY CLUB B-E-T-W-E-E-N T-H-E L-I-N-E-S

## *From the President*

Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey we sent out earlier this year. We received some good ideas for future programs and class offerings, and are now working on contacting potential speakers and developing classes. Look in the September newsletter for specifics. We are looking at adding more information to our web site and making it more dynamic. As a result of input from the survey, we have implemented an e-mail reminder for club meetings. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send an e-mail to me at flminor@patriot.net. As you see from the notice in this newsletter, we are also changing our meeting space. Recognizing that the social time with refreshments was important to our members, we have been able to find space at the Rockville Senior Center which will accommodate that. We are grateful to the City of Rockville for making the space available to us.

Lorraine Minor

## *Fall Programs:*

The Genealogy Club's Executive Committee is working hard on creating an exciting line-up of programs for the 2008-09 meetings. Thanks to the many suggestions culled from our member survey, the job may be just a little easier than in past years. Meanwhile, mark the September meeting on your calendar:

### **September 24 *German Research***

Guest speaker Vernon Skinner, well-known to many of our First Friday guests, will speak on doing research on families with German ancestry.

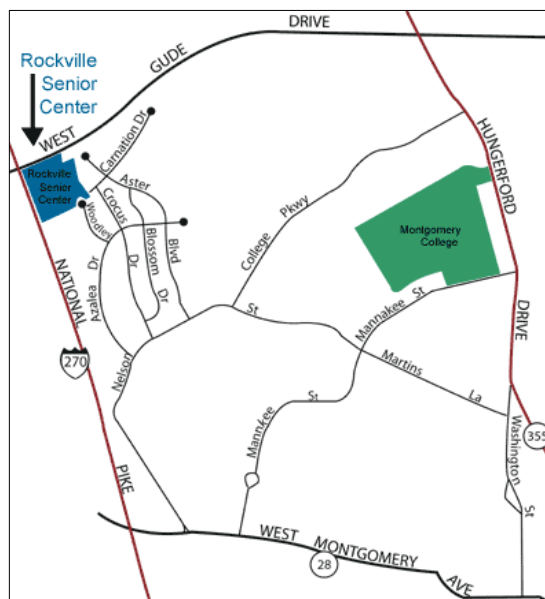
We are planning to make ethnic research a focus for this year's program schedule. More details will be in the September/October newsletter.

## *Fall meetings will be at New Location:*

### **Rockville Senior Center - 1150 Carnation Dr., Rockville MD**

After only a few months of meeting in the Beall-Dawson House, the Genealogy Club has outgrown the parlor. The Club's Executive Committee decided that a new meeting site was needed for the fall. We have been

fortunate to be able to use Rockville Senior Center on Carnation Drive as our new meeting place. The Senior Center has ample free parking, and the proposed meeting room, is completely accessible, has tables and



comfortable chairs. Also, we can still have refreshments, and hopefully accommodate a larger turnout better than in the Beall Dawson House. For directions to the Senior Center, call their Directions line: 240-314-5019.

## *Meeting Minutes:*

**April 23** – April's meeting of the Genealogy Club was a mixture of historic preservation, community service and genealogy. Emily Robinson (of the Goshen Chapter of the DAR) and Frank Ierardi gave an interesting presentation on the work they were involved with preserving and documenting the Seneca Greenway Trail and the mills along Great Seneca Creek. Ms. Robinson provided an historic timetable for the land around Goshen Mills and Davis Mill. She related how one of the volunteers found a long lost family burial plot behind one of the historic houses they were working near. Frank Ierardi continued the presentation by sharing the story of his involvement with the Seneca Creek Greenway Trail. He explained about the different types of mills and mill stones. He is very involved with the restoration of the John Davis Mill site and has helped to create a database of mills that operated in Montgomery County. For more information

about the Seneca Greenway Trail and the mill sites visit the <http://senectrail.s457.sureserver.com/history.htm>.

**May 21**– A motivating presentation by Lee Mathis, a volunteer docent at the National Archives and Records Administration. Mr. Mathis offered an introduction to NARA, how to prepare for a visit, what is offered, which facility to expect to find the information, and how to access it. He even stimulated some interest in volunteer possibilities. He brought plenty of handouts and photocopies of original papers, including Richard Nixon's resignation letter and letters from teenagers regarding Elvis being drafted into the Army! You can always access the NARA website for information, [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov). Mr. Mathis has inspired a real desire to visit Archives I and Archives II!

**June 21 – Cousins by DNA** – The Genealogy Club picnic always brings out a nice group of people ready to share food and stories, and this year's was no exception. Among the members gathered was James Wilson, who club members know has been searching for his Wilson line for a long time. He just recently had a break through. He had a "32 marker" match with a former stranger. Now they are comparing genealogy lines, to try to identify who their common ancestor is. He thinks this will be the long sought after break through on his quest. He did his testing through Family Tree DNA, which is probably the largest seller of this service. In response to this news, Diane Jenson mentioned that the MAGS meeting this fall (see announcement) is focusing on DNA.

Phil Ordway came with his camera and took mug shots of everyone in attendance. Several members particularly enjoyed the Bible exhibit and the history of publishing of American Bibles up at the Waters House through July 5th.

Other news from members is that are former program chair, Mary Matson, and her husband, Charles Matson, are preparing their house for sale, and are building a new one level home, on a lot in upstate New York near their daughter. They hope to move this fall. We had three newer members in attendance, who were interested to learn about opportunities for genealogy classes. Lorraine reports that she is working out a joint schedule for classes

with the Kensington Branch LDS. The big news is the new meeting place for the club, and those at the picnic seemed pleased to give the Senior Center a try.

A special "thank you" to everyone who provided snacks at the meetings this year. The gathering after the presentation is always full of enthusiastic discussion and sharing. We are planning an exciting year of meetings so we hope to see everyone in September full of their summer adventure stories and plenty of genealogical enthusiasm.

Submitted by Linda Kennedy, Secretary

### ***Genealogy Happenings***

◆ **26 July 2008**, 1-5pm, Special Events Room at McKeldin Library, UMD, College Park. ***Census Records*** presentation by NARA. Cost is \$15 MGS members/\$20 non-members. Send name address & phone number with check for registration to Maryland Genealogical Society, 201 W. Monument St., Baltimore, MD. 21201.

◆ **3-6 September 2008**, ***Footprints of Family History***, FGS 2008 Conference in Philadelphia. See [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) for information or pick up brochure at library.

◆ **11 October 2008**: Mid Atlantic German Society is sponsoring a one day meeting: ***Genealogical Research in the Twenty-first Century*** with speakers Thomas H. Shawker, MD from NIH speaking on Genealogy & DNA testing. Other topics include *Maryland OnLine*, by Patricia O'Brian Shawker, and the 'www' of *German Genealogy* by John T. Humphrey. Early registration until October 1 is \$40 members/\$45 non-members and includes lunch. The location will be the Comfort Inn conference Center in Bowie, MD. For more go to their web site <http://magsgen.com/fallmeeting.html>, where you can download a PDF flyer, or come by the library and make a copy from our bulletin board.