

# WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9<sup>th</sup> South and River Road

## Chapter Meeting

18 April 2009

**GREETERS:** ..... Helen Lenz and Connie Stewart

**WELCOME:** ..... Bob Kroff - Vice-President – 10:10 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** ..... Julie Hammons

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ..... Bob Kroff

New Board Member was presented to the membership and those in attendance .... Russ Bateman, our new Webmaster was welcomed by one and all.

**WELCOMING THE PRESENTER** ..... Bob Kroff

Bruce Buzbee is the founder and president of RootsMagic, Inc., and the author of RootsMagic Genealogy software. Bruce has been writing genealogy software for over 20 years, having originally written the popular Family Origins program.

He is also the webmaster of Family-Reunion.com, the world's most popular family reunion planning site, as well as the author of Family Reunion Organizer software. We welcome Bruce and his lovely wife, Laurie.

On March 10, 2009 — RootsMagic, Inc. received two 2009 FamilySearch Software Awards at a banquet held in conjunction with the 2009 FamilySearch Developers Conference at Brigham Young University. The purpose of the awards is to publicly and formally celebrate the software achievements of those developers and companies that are making important contributions to the Family History and Genealogy Industry.

Both awards were for features in RootsMagic 4, the latest version of the award-winning genealogy software which makes researching, organizing, and sharing your family history easy and enjoyable. On hand to accept the awards were Bruce Buzbee, president and Michael Booth, vice-president. The awards were for - Easiest to Sync and Best Dashboard ..... to read the full article go to: <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=409>

**PRESENTER:** ..... Bruce Buzbee

Bruce opened his presentation with the Introduction to the RootsMagic 4 Tutorial which can be found at:

<http://www.rootsmagic.com/fs/>

The Introduction states: We are in the process of adding video tutorials showing RootsMagic 4's integration with New FamilySearch. There are some screenshots of RootsMagic 4's New FamilySearch features.

With Links to the following items:

1. Importing your information from PAF
2. Matching your data with New FamilySearch
3. Exchanging information (syncing) with New FamilySearch
4. FamilySearch Central
5. One-click Temple Status
6. Ordinance Reservation
7. Creating a Temple Trip

Some of the screenshots for RootsMagic 4 New Family Search can be seen at:

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=97>

**Some notable features of RootsMagic 4 are:**

**Easy to Learn and Use:**

**Clean and friendly screens** guide you through your work

Explorer-like **help system**

**Video training** included on the CD

**Take your program and data with you** on your USB flash drive

#### **Preserve Your Family History**

Open **multiple files** at once and **drag-and-drop** people between them

Define your own groups to quickly **focus on specific people**

**Track adoptions** and other relationships

**Built-in backup** and restore help safeguard your data

**Share a single event** (like Census) among multiple people in your files

**Photo editor** lets you scan, adjust, and refine images

**Source Wizard** automatically write proper documentation for you

#### **Research Tools**

**Source List** tracks all your certificates, census, books, etc.

Integrates with GenSmarts to provide **research suggestions**

**Print notes and sources** in your report, summaries, and forms

Record and track **DNA tests** from multiple laboratories

**Search online** automatically with the WebSearch view

**Date, Relationship, and Soundex** calculators

**Interactive problems lists** find and correct errors

**Map and find places** where your ancestors lived

**Live spell check** and **thesaurus** ensure your data is word perfect

#### **Compatible**

**Full GEDCOM support** lets you exchange data with other programs

Import directly from **PAF, Family Tree Maker, Legacy, or Family Origins.**

Full **LDS, TempleReady** and **New FamilySearch** support

Preview of RootsMagic 4 screens can be found at: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/preview/>

RootsMagic 4 Blog can be found at: <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/>

Check the blog for the latest information and updates

**CLOSING PRAYER:** ..... **Carol Kroff**

**By: June Morton – Recording Secretary**

#### **Prize Winners:**

Don Beus

Sharon Jewkes

George Kiser

and Michael Allen, a visitor, won a copy of RootsMagic 4, compliments of Bruce Buzbee.

Total Attendance: 60

Membership – 39

Visitors - 21

RootMagic 4 Handout has been attached to the archival copy of the minutes.