

WASHINGTON COUNTY PAF USER GROUP

Morningside Stake Center on 9th South and River Road

Chapter Meeting

21 February 2009

GREETERS: Helen Lenz and Ron Bremer

WELCOME: Connie Stewart- President -10:01 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Gatha Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Connie Stewart

4 Welcome was extended to all members, noting we had several new members in attendance today.

4 Ron Coleman, Treasurer is residing in the far corner to take all membership dues ... please note any new address or email changes and Update Your Membership.

Alaska Cruise will be on June 19th handouts available. Cruising is always fun and even more so with friends.

St. George Family Expo will be held on February 27-28

4 The Presenter/Class for March will be given by Gaylon Findley the developer of the ANCESTRAL QUEST Genealogy program on 21st of March.

PRESENTER - TECHNO TIME - Connie Stewart

Connie showed to the group full copies of the St George City Cemetery and Tonaquint Cemetery. There was discussion and many questions regarding the St George Cemetery and Find A Grave Project.

PRESENTER - TECHNO TIME - June Morton

June presented to the group a listing of the classes which are being held at the Regional Family History Training Center with a link to where all classes may be viewed:

<http://www.familyhistorycenter.org/Adobe%20Reader%20Documents/OtherClasses.pdf>

Including classes being taught by our own Don Snow check them out!

PRESENTER: Becky Carroll

Becky got started in genealogy when she entered in the Young Women's program. She remembers how good it felt when she had a pedigree chart and family group sheets to match.

Becky's Aunt Karen Sorensen took it from there and invited her to spend part of the summer with her in Salt Lake, while she was in high school. Becky now writes her history each week by pulling a slip out of her Life History Jar and writing about what the slip says to write. She then prints it out and puts it in her Life History Binder. She remarked that her children especially like the one she wrote about her first driving ticket.

Becky was the Extraction Director in the St George East Stake for six years before moving to the Dixie Down area, where she continued in that calling. She now is actively involved in FamilySearch Indexing.

Recently Becky got involved into blogging ... it is her way of keep in touch with family members who are moving farther and farther away from each other.

Welcome. Secky Carroll,...

.Becky's_first_question.was .WHAT.IS.ABLOG?

A blog (a contraction of the term weblog) is a website, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Entries are commonly displayed in reverse-chronological order. "Slog" can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain Dr .add .contentto.a:blog.

Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject; others function as more personal online diaries. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, Web pages, and other media related to its topic. The ability for readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs. Most blogs are primarily textual, although some focus on art (artlog), photographs (photoblog), sketches (sketchblog), videos (vlog), music (MP3 blog), audio (podcasting), which are part of a wider network of social media. Micro-blogging is another type of blogging, one which consists of blogs with very short posts. As of December 2007, blog

search engine Technorati was tracking more than 112 million blogs. With the advent of video blogging, the word blog has taken on an even looser meaning - that of any bit of media wherein the subject expresses his opinion or simply talks about something.

TO START YOUR OWN BLOG:

The most popular blog is: www.blogger.com

Enter this into your browser's URL address space, and follow the instructions on how to set up a site.

Remember, though, that other websites also offer the benefit of blogs within their sites. If you have a favorite website that you visit often, check to see if they offer blogs within their programs

ADDING EXTRAS TO YOUR BLOGSPOT

To Post A Sideshow On Your Blog:

Go to www.slide.com

click on 'make a slide show', and then it will tell how to upload pictures, and instructions on how to actually have it appear on your blog. Its pretty self-explanatory.

To Put A Playlist On Your Blog

Go to www.playlist.com

click on "Sign Up" at the very top of the screen. It will then have you enter some info to get an account with them. After that, you can begin adding songs to your playlist (click on 'search for music.') To put your playlist on your blog, **CLICK** on 'post my playlist' at the top of the screen, it will then direct you to where you will copy and paste the 'code' for bloggers.

Once you have copied (highlight code, right click - copy) the code, you will need to open up blogger and go to your dashboard. Click on 'layout'. Then click on 'add page element' in the right hand column, go to HTML/JavaScript. There is where you will paste the code. Also, give it a title - Playlist, music, or whatever. Click 'save' and it will appear on your blog!

If you want to add more songs or delete songs after it is posted to your blog just go back to www.playlist.com, sign in, and make the changes. The changes will automatically be made to your playlist on your blog.

To Change The Background On Your Blog:

Go to www.moobackgrounds.com

Here you can search through a lot of different backgrounds. When you find one you like, highlight and copy the given code. Now, open up Blogger and go to your dashboard. Click on 'layout' and then click on 'add page element' at the bottom. Go to 'HTML/JavaScript' and paste the code here.

Another popular site for backgrounds is: www.TheCutestBlogOnTheBlock.com Click on Free Backgrounds.

Becky ran through all the above sites as she and Helen Lenz demonstrated how to set up Helen's Blog.

LIST OF GENEALOGICAL BLOGS:

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/cirde>

<http://kendallandcarolina.blogstoo.com>

<http://www.dapper.net/senices/AncestryRecent>

<http://www.arleneeakle.com/wordpress>

<http://cyndislist.blogspot.com>

<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com>

<http://dnaancestrytoeoad.com/blog>

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy

<http://labs.familysearch.org/blog>

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<http://www.geneamusings.com>

<http://genrootsblog.blogspot.com>

<http://www.rootstelevision.com/blogs/megans-rootsworld>

<http://nateskousen.blogspot.com>

<http://www.paulallen.net>

<http://rzam.orl.blogspot.com>

<http://biog.uvpa.ug.org>

<http://www.rootdig.com>

<http://shoeboxgenealogy.blogspot.com>

<http://eatslikeahuman.blogspot.com>

<http://www.genealogue.com>

<http://www.thinkgenealogy.com> <http://ny->

genes.blogspot.com

All of the above blogspots were rated by Ancestry Insider on their September 19, 2008 entry. To check out these websites go to:

<http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com>

The Meeting was a great success with much information proceeding forth to help us each create our own blogs.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lin Floyd

By: June Morton - Recording Secretary

Several Links for Life History in a Jar:

http://www.pioneerthinking.com/mo_journaljar.html

<http://www.momscape.com/articles/journaljar.htm>

<http://www.dennydavis.net/poemfiles/jrn1jar.hbn>