

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS
General Meeting
February 9, 2019
Carriage House

Minutes

The Clayton Library Friends (CLF) General Meeting was called to order by President Sue Yerby at 10:30 am.

President Yerby welcomed CLF members and guests.

President Yerby made the following announcements:

- Reminded all to renew membership with CLF if not already done so.
- A list of all new books purchased through CLF donations is on the CLF website. Resources, Acquisitions. The list is updated monthly.

Liz Hicks made the following announcements:

- Looking for Angels to underwrite periodicals. Donations may be made in memory of or in honor of a specific person. A list of periodicals was provided to all.
- The Galveston County Genealogical Society will host Kimber Fountain, author of *Galveston's Red Light District* on March 7 at 6:30 pm.
- The 2019 International German Genealogy conference will be held in Sacramento, California June 15-17, 2019. This is an international conference to get researchers living in Germany together with researchers in the United States who are researching German ancestors, so they can work together and help each other.

Nick Cimino, Director of Programs, announced that the focus of the 2019 CLF programs will feature using resources that are available at Clayton Library.

Nick Cimino introduced Irene Walters, one of the "Yankee Librarians" at Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. The topic was "Using newspapers to flesh out your genealogy".

Irene showed multiple examples of newspaper articles that she had found about her relatives. These examples helped to further explain events that occurred in her relatives past and further explored beyond the dates of birth, marriage, death. An excellent handout was provided to all attendees. Included in the handout was information about:

- The United States Newspaper Project/Program webpages;
- The OCLC WorldCAT database;
- Finding newspapers online;
- Search tips for using any online newspaper database

- Houston Public Library pays for many newspaper databases. Links to all HPL newspaper databases can be found on the HPL Newspapers Research webpage. A great tip she gave the audience was that databases not marked “in library use only” can be accessed from home using our HPL MYLink Card.

Irene’s presentation was excellent, and she was very willing to share her vast knowledge and answer questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am.

Signed:

Barbara Richards, Secretary

Sue Yerby, President