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From the P t g u k f Desk

Our December General Membership Meeting ended with many important activities.

- **Ken Day**, Director and Chairperson for the 50th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN broke the exciting good news that MGS had achieved the goal of \$5,000 in donations. In fact, we exceeded our goal! Thank you **Ken** for a superior job! Many thanks to all of you who made the sacrifice with your donations. These monies will be deposited in the Endowment Account. If you have not received your DONATION FORM/RECEIPT for Income Tax reporting, you may pick them up at the January meeting. Out of town members will receive theirs by mail.
- Those who completed their pledges for the 50th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN were recognized: **Margaret Odom, Gwen Cottrell, Doug Ammons, Shirley Witherspoon, Judy and Elmer Anderson, Lucy Smith, Mardy Baugh, Martha Collier, Robert and Rosemary Ostrander**. Those who live out of town or were unable to come were: **Barbara**

Mastrone, Jim Mattei Foundation, Addice Thomas, Frances Goodman, Calvin Norton and Don Davis.

- The President presented the out-going MGS Governing Board and the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs with Certificates of Appreciation.
- Election and installation of the 2012 Officers followed. Honorary member, local historian and genealogist, **E q n n ø g , p e r f o r m e d M i k e p i** Installation Service.
- **Robert Ostrander** won the 50/50 drawing and donated his share back to the Society.
- The three visitors were **Larry Hunt, Corey Williams and Richard Chastang**. Richard joined MGS.
- Group pictures were taken of each group.
- After adjournment, all enjoyed the delicious Christmas foods brought by volunteers and organized by our new Hospitality Chairperson, **Betty Suiter**, and her committee - **Doris Bush, Judy and Andy Anderson**. Thank you Betty.

On a note of sorrow - **Melinda Bounds** lost her father to sickness, and **Margaret Hannon** lost her husband also to sickness. Sympathy cards were sent to them.

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 forward in celebrating our 50 years in existence as a
 great genealogical society.

Happy New Year!

Mary Ann Ingram

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 President



Left - Mary Ann Ingram is sworn in as President. Center - 2012 Officers: Director Iras Smith, Director Ken Day, 1st Vice President Gordon Cook, Director and Librarian Elizabeth Smyth, Director Lucy Smith, 2nd Vice President Shirley Witherspoon, Recording Officer Kathy Richardson, Publications Officer Doug Ammons and Treasurer Don Culberson. Right - President Mary Ann Ingram with Committee Chairs: Lucy Smith - Publication Sales, Marta Pierce - Newsletter Editor /Corresponding Officer, Louise Parker - Historian, Betty Suiter - Hospitality, Yvonne Vrouwenvelder - Webmaster, Kathy Richardson - DSGQ Editor, Charles Thomas - Bulk Mail, Meriem Barlow - Abstract Co-chair and Dot Thompson - Abstract Chair/DSGQ Co-Editor.



MGS LIBRARY NOTES

THE MGS LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED January 2, 2012.

At our November MGS Monthly Membership Meeting, Dr. Don Culberson presented an excellent program on DNA. He shared a basic 101 Course, and application as it might relate to our family health history. His presentation encouraged me to find assistance in collecting and organizing this very important information.

I offer the following websites to assist with guidance and tools to help with your family health history:

cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory/resources/tools.htm

This site from the CDC provides links to several family history tools.

hhs.gov/familyhistory

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - family medical history.

nsgc.org

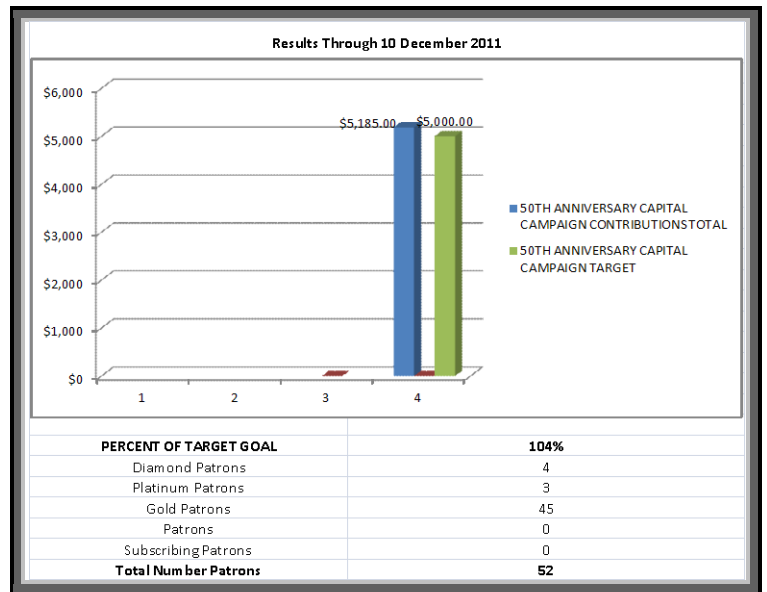
The National Society of Genetic Counselors offers its own family history tool here.

ghr.nlm.nih.gov/handbook/inheritance/familyhistory

From the National Institutes of Health, this page offers a guide to genetic conditions and links to several tools.

Constructing the best generational health history requires collecting substantial information. Death certificates beginning in 1908 and newspaper articles prior to the early 1900s often recorded the reason for death along with the date. Additionally, Bible Records frequently state reasons for death along with the recorded date. A death or disease that strikes before age 50 may have a genetic component.

E. Elizabeth M. Smyth
Librarian, MGS



50TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUCCESS ACHIEVED!



You did it MGS! I am thrilled to report that you have exceeded the goal set for our 50th Anniversary Capital Fundraising Campaign. The membership of the Mobile Genealogical Society accepted the challenge, responded to my appeals, begging, and arm twisting and gave generously over the course of this 6-month effort.

This achievement was made possible by the faith and confidence that our President and the Board of Directors demonstrated. The Mobile Genealogical Society amply demonstrated, their trust was not misplaced as you have met and exceeded our campaign fund goal.

I would like to personally thank President **Mary Ann Ingram** for her continuing support, on many levels, throughout the campaign; Board Member **Iras Smith** for making one of the initial donations during the silent phase to jump start the effort; **Elizabeth Smyth** for her participation during the silent phase, working monitoring the donations to keep me straight; and Treasurer **Don Culberson** for paying the obligations and helping me to monitor contributions. This was truly a team effort, one that I have been proud to be associated with.

The focus has now turned to preparing for the main event, the 50th Anniversary Celebration on February 11, 2012. The plaque recognizing Diamond and Platinum Patrons has been ordered, and we are working on the 50th Anniversary Commemorative booklets to ensure that donor names are presented correctly.

BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE!

Kenneth Day / CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN



PUBLICATIONS

December Newsletters printed 6236

Doug Ammons / Publications Officer



BULK MAIL

November Newsletters mailed 6226

Don Wehner / Bulk Mail Chairperson



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Can you believe Christmas has come and gone? I hope 2012 will be a prosperous New Year for you and your family.

Our January meeting will be your chance to try out any new recipes Santa brought you. Please come and join us for a potluck-style buffet luncheon.

Thank you for the delicious food that made the Christmas meeting a success. Thanks to all of you for helping set up, clean up and teach me where things are kept. With so many thoughtful and helpful members, the society will have a great 2012.

Betty Suiter / Hospitality Chairperson

Many thanks to each of you who supports your Society by paying your dues in a timely manner.

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REMINDER: If you plan to be away from your home on vacation, etc. temporarily, please notify MGS to hold your newsletter and/or quarterly. When these publications are returned to MGS, the return postage is costly for our society.

MGS welcomes these members who have joined us since the previous newsletter:

Delaine Ray - AL
Joyce G. & Jemmie Tucker . AL
Betty J. Prine & Jerry Suiter . AL
Richard Chastang - AL

MGS Membership Renewals November/December 2011

Individual and Joint Memberships

Addice and Peter C. Thomas
Arthur E. & Karen Green
Martha R. & Robert W. Collier
Don & Marjorie Wehner
Mary Ann Ingram
Frank B. Couch, Jr.
Sandra Dowling
Bobby B. Killcreas
Carolyn E. Buerger
Julia Emanuel
Anne M. Ruisi
John W. Barton

Libraries

Tennessee State Library & Archives
Cherokee County Public Library, AL
Family Search - Library, UT
West Florida Genealogy Library, Pensacola
John C. Pace Library, Univ. of W FL, Pensacola
State Library of Florida, Tallahassee
Pascagoula City Library, MS
Central Arkansas Library
Virgo County Public Library, IN
San Antonio Public Library, TX
Samford University Library/Davis, AL
Birmingham Public Library, AL
Clayton Library, Houston, TX
Huntsville Public Library, AL
University of Ala Library, Tuscaloosa
Allen County Public Library, IN
Cincinnati Public Library, OH
Los Angeles Public Library, CA
Mobile Public Library, Local History & Genealogy

COMING SOON To A Computer Near You!

1940 Census ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ FREE!!!

According to their website, parent company Inflection has partnered with the National Archives to provide the public with free digital access to the 1940 Federal Population Census. Visit their website to find out more. They have sections such as the information to be found in the census, how to access it on 4 April 2012 and how to search the census. You can even download a census template for 1940. The website is: www.archives.com/1940Census.

Southeastern Research

If you have ancestors in Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina or Georgia, you might want to check out this website: www.dmkeritage.com/store. This is a company that sells genealogical books, but they also offer some of their smaller books for downloading FREE. When you pull up their website, scroll down and look in the center column for SMALL BOOKS FREE in red. Click on it and you will see the list of items currently available.

STATES REPRESENTED BY MGS MEMBERS

AL - 132	NC - 2
AR - 1	NJ - 1
CA - 4	NM - 1
DC - 2	OH - 3
FL - 9	PA - 1
GA - 6	SD - 1
IN - 2	TN - 4
LA - 3	TX - 9
MA - 1	UT - 1
MD - 3	VA - 2
MI - 1	WI - 1
MS - 3	Australia - 1



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JANUARY MEETING
 Saturday, January 14, 2012

The speaker for the January 14th General Membership Meeting will be Amy Raley Beach, who is the Historian for the Mobile Public Library Local History and Genealogy Department. From a Bayou la Batre Degree from Huntingdon College. The topic of her presentation will be

and the branches that run throughout Alabama. Perhaps she can

and you will not want to miss her delightful and informative program.

Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Vitale Room, which is located on the square immediately behind Holy Family Catholic Church in Mobile, Alabama, at 1400 Joyce Road (off Overlook Road, just east of University Boulevard).