

**Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Board of Directors Meeting – July 2020
Technology & Data Management Report**

Website

I am still working on getting the rest of our indexes uploaded. Like most of this project, there was a lot more work involved than I anticipated. Again, dealing with old systems that don't necessarily work with a database. I'm currently waiting on Project A to complete some programming for me. There will be delay on the Table Rock Sentinel as the indexes need to be cleaned up by Barbara Grimes.

Subscription Websites Update

- **American Ancestors** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Ancestry** – Still available through member login on our website, extended to August 31.
- **FindMyPast** - Has placed a "pause" on our subscription from the date of closure. Need to email when we re-open. GFO does have access on their site, I have not had a chance to email about the possibility of us doing it as well, and if we re-open in August...
- **Fold3** – Still available through member login on our website. Will be available indefinitely.
- **HistoryGeo** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **MyHeritage** – Still available through member login on our website.
- **Internet Genealogy Magazine** – Still available in PDF form on the website. July issue is posted.

Zoom Update

- Zoom meetings should be scheduled through me for now. I then give the "host" the login to our account to be able to launch the meeting.
- The German Interest Group and Genetic Genealogy Interest Group are meeting regularly on Zoom. Barbara MacMillen has taken over the Family Tree Interest Group and will be starting on Zoom in August. The last facilitator did not have an email list of the group members, so she is having to create one. We do not have a way, yet, for non-members to pay and attend.
- Katie, Kim, and I met on Zoom and played with settings for classes. It is going to be very workable. I will be scheduling a Find A Grave class on Zoom later this month or early August. I need to figure out the online registration and payment, have submitted a question regarding this to Project A.
- I will be offering a class for instructors to learn Zoom. Ideally, I will do it at the library in person. Waiting to hear from Ed Committee. There are different configuration options instructors can use, so may need to develop a checklist for Zoom setup for each class.
- Our library webcam has arrived. I'll get it set up on the teaching station this week and test it out.

Annual Fund Drive

Pronto Print did a quick turn around for us on the fund drive letter. They were even more responsive and helpful than in the past! I was contacted by one member who received an empty envelope. I checked with Pronto Print, they thought it was rare that it would happen, but if you hear of someone else, let me know. I sent the member a PDF version of the letter and the link to the article on the website, <https://rvgslibrary.org/Page.asp?NavID=140>

Facebook Connection

There was a posting in a Facebook Ancestry group that I am in from someone looking for an obituary from our area. There were several mentions of our website! I reached out and introduced myself. I did some checking for the person but was not able to find anything. I checked with Anne, and she did some historical research for the person. It ended up in a donation and a great deal of gratitude from him.

Lookup Services Launched

I have launched the lookup services page on our site. You can find it in the Library menu, <https://rvgslibrary.org/Page.asp?NavID=143>. This is a members-only service, so you must be logged in to use it. It has been advertised in the eNews, on our website, and on Facebook.