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Member Meetings
Jan-Jun, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2-4pm
if no coronavirus quarantine
Family History Center
908 Sierra Madre
Santa Maria

NEXT MEETING
No August meeting
Next meeting Pending

Presentation:

Next Board Meeting
2:00pm, August 20, 2020
Sandy's house
Contact Sandy for details

Library Docent
By appointment

President's Message August 2020



Hello Everyone!

I have a few things to write about this month. First off, we had a very nice lunch meeting in July at Miramonte Park in Santa Maria. There were about ten people in attendance. We sat under the shade covering at the picnic tables that Deanna sanitized for us (Thanks, Deanna!) The weather was pretty nice, except for a bit of wind that started up in the middle of the meeting. We either ate pizza, which was provided by the Society, or brought our own lunch. Stephanie set up tables and picked up the pizza and water bottles. Shirley brought dessert and took photos. One guest

attended with Eileen and another was invited by me. They both seemed to enjoy our interest in family history. After eating, we heard from each person who wanted to share a family history story or mystery. It was wonderful to sit together and visit (at a safe distance) after so many months of quarantining.

For next month, we hope to meet at Miramonte Park again, but there are the negatives that I mentioned above (hard to hear, wind blowing). Mark your calendars for Thursday, 17 September at 2:00pm. I'll keep you posted on the location. Sadly, the Family History Center has not yet opened up. I do look forward to seeing YOU in September, though we're not sure what our program will entail as of yet. Please plan to support our Society by attending. Wear a mask, if you feel the need.



While helping a friend with his Jewish ancestry, I came upon these two websites. They might help you in your research, as well! The second website offers classes, etc.

<https://www.jewishgen.org>

<https://yivo.org>

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Here are a couple of more pictures from the picnic.

Take care, and hope to see you in September!

Sandy Peterson
SMVGS President



If you think its hot,
you should live inside
a brass lamp.



ed note: This is from an email I got on Sunday. I put 'Farris' for the search term and got 31,000 hits. Obviously, some hits will be better than others, but this tells you that it is probably worth your time to look at.



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