

# Genealogy Computer Society

## February 9th Meeting



Bob Sapp, who always makes an interesting presentation, will present a genealogy timeline.

### New Additions to Our Library

Charley Cannon, our librarian has asked for more CDs. He specifically asked that we acquire more World Family Tree CDs.

They have been ordered.

Glen thought it would be a great idea to have the 56 disk 1880 census available. These will have to be returned at each meeting.

It will be ordered.

The videos have been

so popular that we are ordering more of them.

Charley, we do appreciate your bringing all of these goodies to each meeting.

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### Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Our new brochure should increase our attendance.*
- ♦ *Will our meeting room hold them?*
- ♦ *We need more members to sign up for program sponsorship.*

Contributed by Charley Cannon

## RULE OF 8870

Using the 8870 Formula to ascertain a birth date can be a tremendous help to the genealogist when checking tombstone dates.

For instance, if a tombstone records that a person died 6 May 1889 and was 71 years, 7 months, and 9 days old but no date of birth is listed, here is a quick way to get the date of birth.

YEAR / MONTH / DAY

|                       |                 |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Died 6 May 1889       | 18890506        |                        |
| Subtract age at death | <u>- 710709</u> | (71 yrs, 7 mo, 9 days) |
|                       | 18179797        |                        |
| Subtract the formula  | <u>- 8870</u>   | ( a constant)          |
|                       | 18170927        | ( Born 1817, Sept. 27) |

**Super Granny Defender of Justice** (True Story) An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at them at the top of her voice, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car, you scum bags!" The four men didn't wait for a second invitation, but got out and ran like mad, whereupon the lady, somewhat shaken, proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and get into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she

could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then it dawned on her why. A few minutes later she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into her car and drove to the police station. The sergeant to whom she told the story nearly tore himself in two with laughter and pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale white males were reporting a car jacking by a mad elderly woman described as white, less than 5' tall, glasses, and curly white hair carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed.

Ah, senior moments!

### Now, Hear this

Don, do me a favor, when you send out the meeting notice, add a note for anyone having anything checked out of the library more than a month, please return.

Thanks, Charlie Cannon

Note: We should not have to beg people to return library material for others to use. Don

## *The Real Seven Wonders of the World*

A group of Geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they think were considered to be the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many, but I think I have them now."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of World are:

1. to touch
2. to taste
3. to see
4. to hear

She hesitated a little, and then

5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love

Then the room was so full of silence it was deafening!

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" - while we overlook all God has done for us regarding them as merely "Ordinary".

*May you be reminded today of those things which are truly wondrous!*

BAMBI, A BLONDE IN HER FOURTH YEAR AS A FRESHMAN AT UCLA, SAT IN HER U.S. GOVERNMENT CLASS. THE PROFESSOR ASKED BAMBI IF SHE KNEW WHAT ROE VS. WADE WAS ABOUT.

BAMBI THOUGHT A MOMENT, THEN ANSWERED, "THAT WAS THE DECISION GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD TO MAKE WHEN HE DECIDED TO CROSS THE DELAWARE" >>

Contributed by Gene Sidwell

## **Good E-mail**

We all receive so much junk mail, we truly enjoy the good messages that are unexpected and appreciated. I received the following from Hugh McKee who spoke at our last meeting.

Don

Gene Mitchell kindly gave me your address, enabling me to write this note to thank you for your hospitality, Saturday, and for the happy time we had with you and the Computer Society.

The camaraderie and geniality of the meeting made it very pleasant

for Cebe and me. We will remember the occasion with delight.

All good wishes to you and the group in the days ahead.

Hugh McKee

## I have recently been diagnosed with AAADD! Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder...

This is how it goes:

I decide to wash the car, I start toward the garage and notice the mail on the table. OK, I'm going to wash the car...

But first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail and I notice the trash can is full.

OK, I'll just put the bills on my desk and take the trash can out, but since I'm going to be near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay these few bills first.

Now where is my checkbook? Oops...there's only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk. Oh, there's the coke I was drinking...I'm going to look for those checks...

But first I need to put my coke further away from the computer, oh maybe I'll pop it into the fridge to keep it cold for a while...

I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye, they need some water...

I set the coke on the counter and uh oh! There's my glasses... I was looking for them all morning! I'd better put

them away first.

I fill a container with water and head for the flowerpots--Aaaaaaagh!

Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We'll never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch television so I'd better put it back in the family room where it belongs.

I splash some water into the pots and onto the floor, I throw the remote onto a soft cushion on the sofa and I head back down the hall trying to figure out what it was I was going to do!!?!?!!

End of Day: The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, flowers are half watered, the checkbook still only has one check in it and I can't seem to find my car keys!

When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because: I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY LONG!!!

I realize this is a serious condition and I'd get help, BUT FIRST I think I'll check my e-mail...

## Annual Dues Reduced

For ten years our dues have not changed. The funds were used to buy and upgrade a computer. The last upgrade was \$700. We have not used the computer for a number of months.

We spent \$500 for a overhead projector. This is still available, but has not been used recently.

One of our major expenses over the years has been for the newsletter. The printing and postage were expensive. As you know, Glen now posts these on our website.

Today, we are buying CDs and Videos for our Library. We have just designed and printed a new brochure. We hope this will tell more genealogist about who we are and they will want to join us.

Our new approach to member sponsored programs is working. We continue to have interesting educational programs.

Beginning Today  
Annual Dues  
are \$20