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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

24 Sep 2020: 9:30 a.m. at Extension Conference Center AND online through Zoom link: Leader Lesson: Household Water Conservation and will be on Zoom meeting information. **County Business meeting** will be held after the leader lesson. Group officers and Executive Board may watch on Zoom or attend in person. Register in advance for this meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://dasnr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckcuisqiljGN2bUCgdnFtWe-fmkdc80PDF>

3rd Quarter Volunteer Hours Group Forms due to Extension Center

Thought for The Day: By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail. -----Benjamin Franklin

DEADLINE FOR Oct 2020

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As I write this my husband and I are putting the last minute touches on our annual cousin's camp. This will be our sixth year to host the camp. You may say what exactly is a cousin's camp? Well, for me it is a time to have all the grandkids (they must be potty trained) for some time of fun, silliness and togetherness. No parents allowed! We choose a different theme every year and activities to go with that theme. Our themes have included, the Olympics complete with gold medals, Spy theme with The Case of the Missing Rings, and a Cooking theme complete with not only food challenges but a huge food fight at the end. While these camps require some planning, seeing the excitement on the kids' faces when they show up is worth it all. I enjoy having all the kids together and am thankful for the ability to make memories with my grandkids. What are you doing to make memories with your loved ones?

Can you believe it is September? Soon the leaves will be turning and falling. I hope to do some day trips to enjoy the fall foliage. Cool weather and fall colors-you can't get any better than that.

Thank you for being flexible with our schedule this year. We have had many that are ready to meet and others who are still nervous about meeting just yet. The current plan for September is to have our Education Lesson on the 24th at 9:30 followed by our County Business Meeting. Both of these meetings will be available by Zoom as well as in person. If you would like to have a link to join either meeting via Zoom, please email Lisa so she can send you an invite.

It is that time of year when we prepare for the next year. Your groups will be selecting officers and committee members. Would you step up and fill an empty spot? If everyone fills one position, then a few do not have to carry the entire load. I hope next year there will be a lot of time to spend together instead of apart as in 2020.

Happy fall!



2020 Memorial Service

Jan Beattie

Our annual Memorial Service to honor our deceased members will be held during our Spring 2021 Luncheon. To date, I have received notification of the deaths of six:

Laura Robinson from 3Es

Ray Ridlen, Oklahoma County Extension Horticulturist

Judith Irwin from Genealogy Group

Grace Otto from NW Seekers/Council Grove and

Sonja Frazier Wilson from Learn and Serve and Modern Homemakers

Mike Miller from Genealogy Group

If you have any photographs, special memories or anecdotes of any of the deceased, kindly let me know. *I am particularly in need of photos and information for Sonja Wilson.*

If your group has lost a member of which we are not aware, please let me know so they can be remembered during the service. I can be contacted by email at jankb80@sbcglobal.net or by phone (405) 513-4014. Thank you.

THE GENEALOGY GROUP

By Kathy Feters

Our group finally got to hold in-person meetings in July and August at the Extension Center. We wore our masks and maintained social distance and had good attendance. We attempted to do ZOOM in July but had some technical difficulties. However, our August meeting, and future meetings will be using ZOOM for those who are hesitant to attend in-person meetings.

In July, Jan Beattie spoke on the suffrage movement commemorating 100 years since the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. It was eye-opening to hear about the abuse the women suffered at the hands of authorities who tried to stop their marches and attempts to vote, including jail time and physical harm, and how long the actual movement lasted.

This month our speaker was JoAnn Banse who presented information on GEDmatch. GEDmatch allows you to download your raw DNA from other companies (Ancestry, Family Tree, 23 and Me, etc) into their database and see who comes up as a match. The basic plan is free but it can be upgraded at additional cost. The benefit of GEDmatch is that you can compare your DNA with people who had their DNA tested at a different company. It is definitely something worth trying as GEDmatch is growing daily.

Many of us enjoyed going out to lunch following our meetings in July and August as it gave us the opportunity to get better acquainted.

OHCE INFORMATION

Covid-19 Q and A:

Q: Can ticks transmit Covid-19?

A: To date, there has been no evidence that suggests ticks can transmit the Covid-19 virus. Covid-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads through droplets from your mouth and nose. For a virus to be transmitted by a tick, it must replicate inside the tick. Ticks are capable of spreading other types of viruses; however, the CDC says there is no data to suggest ticks are capable of spreading Covid-19.

GROUP PRESIDENTS – PLANS FOR FALL

Please let Lisa know if your group is meeting in person this fall or would like help setting up Zoom online meetings. Genealogy, 3-E's, and Bits and Bytes groups have taken a leap into the world of technology by having Zoom meetings for the last few months. Try it, you might like it!

2020/2021 GROUP ORGANIZING PACKETS TO BE MAILED

New Secretary books, group officer lists, committee chair lists, and non-discrimination forms will be mailed soon to each group president.

OHCE AWARDS

Due to the cost of postage, the Spring awards and membership certificates were mailed to group presidents rather than each individual. Group award checks were mailed to group treasurers. Secretary and award books are in my office for pick up.

24 Sep 2020 the following is due to OHCE Advisor:

- Group member enrollment roster due to the OHCE Advisor
- 2021 Membership dues to County Treasurer
- 2021 Group Officer Forms due to OHCE Advisor
- 2021 Group Committee Chairmen Forms due to OHCE Advisor

OHCE Annual Dues and Enrollment Forms

County treasurer, Paul Cunningham has requested that OHCE group dues be mailed to him no later than Friday, October 23rd. Please mail checks payable to Oklahoma County OHCE. Paul's address is: 4057 NW 61st ST, OKC, OK 73112-1402. If there are any changes to members' enrollment forms such as phone numbers or addresses, please send those corrections, too.



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