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Editors Corner. – Newsletter Editor position will become vacant at the branch AGM in April.

If there is a member willing to take on the position please contact the Committee. You do not need to be an NZSG member to be editor. Contact details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

If you have any articles to submit to the newsletter please send them through to Sue Greene email at sueg-97@xtra.co.nz

Come on where are those stories you have gathered over the years. Tell us about your finds or your brick walls.

Acting Convenor's Comment. –

As you can see from the above notice our editor of this Newsletter, Sue Greene is resigning from the position and we are seeking a new editor to take her place. With over 270 members there must be one of you who is able to take this important Branch position on. If you think you can manage it please contact our Branch Secretary Lyn Lee at Kapiti@genealogy.org.nz

Our last Branch meeting was certainly one with a difference. To begin with Lorna Henderson spoke about the access NZSG members have to the Certificates Collection. This was followed by a most interesting address by Ross Callaghan on preserving for future generations our photographic records. I know that I for one immediately went home and pulled out those cartons packed full of photographs of family activities going back many generations and decided there and then that something had to be done about this before it was too late. I really do have quite a task ahead of me.

Details of forthcoming Branch Meetings are to be found elsewhere. I would urge you to attend the next Branch Meeting when the leaders of the Irish, Scottish and Australian Special Interest Groups will be explaining how they can help with research and showing some of the resources they have available.

Our AGM is not far away. Tuesday 24th April is the day and you are asked to consider allowing your name to go forward for election to the committee. One proviso is that you be a member of NZSG. Although subs are not yet due until 1 April, payment now will help spread the load of dealing with 278 renewal subscriptions.

See you at the next Branch Meeting

Happy hunting

Bill McKeich
Acting Convenor

Meetings Coming Up/ Events. - For full details go to the branch web site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/> Click on programmes.

Monthly Branch Meeting

7pm supper, 7.30pm meetings start. Guest speaker begins 7.45pm. Venue Kapiti Community Centre. (KCC)

Tuesday 28th February

Australian, Irish and Scottish Special Interest Group leaders will share about each group and resources they have.

Tuesday 27th March

Andrew Malcolm, Kapiti Funeral Services: Graveyards and Gravestones.

Wed. Morning Help Sessions at the Alison Proctor History Centre (APFHC) upstairs in the library. 10am-12pm. **March** 7, 14, 21, 28, **April:** 4,11,18, 25

Interest Group meetings held at; Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (KCC) and at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. (APFHC)

FTMUG (Family Tree Maker User Group), **LUG** (Legacy User Group), **IIG** (Irish Interest Group), **CFG** (Computer Friendly Group), **AIG** (Australian Interest Group), **SIG** (Scottish Interest Group).

CFG: Mon. Mar. 12 (How to fix damaged photos) 7.30pm (KCC) **FTM:** (No meeting in Mar.) 9.30am - 12.30pm (KCC) **LUG:** (No meeting in Mar) 12.00pm - 4.30pm (KCC) **SIG:** (No meeting in Mar) 9.30am - 12.30pm (APFHC) **IIG:** Sat. Mar 11th 9.30am - 12.00pm (APFHC). **AIG:** Thurs Mar 8: 10am - 12 noon (APFHC). NB: Deborah is canvassing members to try a different day/date. Members to contact Deborah 04 905 2238 to confirm date.

Members please note the CFG April meeting has been moved to the following Monday due to Easter falling on the second Monday.

Members are welcome to bring along their laptops which we can connect to the Internet using the router. If you wish to connect to the Internet please arrive early enough to setup your laptops.

Recent Events.- January 24th meeting. Every second month we will profile a service that NZSG offers. Lorna Henderson started the year by sharing on NZSG Certificate Collection - how to contribute to and how to use this service.

Ross Callaghan was the speaker and he did a presentation on preserving memories for future generations by digitalising movies, tapes, photos etc. He showed what can be done by putting a slide show to music and how to set up a simple and free Yola website.

Branch Notes.

We welcome the following new members. Betty FERRIS, Ann PEARCE and Alison MILLAR

Tea Makers. F – J.

The current Branch Membership Year does not end until the end of next month – 31st March 2012. The following day, 1st April 2012, the renewal Membership Subscription of \$20 per person will then become due and payable, with the usual period of grace to make payment.

With our Branch Membership now being well over 270, if a very large proportion of the renewals were to be received within a very short period of time this would represent a considerable concentrated workload for the Membership Secretary. We would be very grateful therefore if at least some of those members intending to renew into the 2012/2013 Year would be prepared to send in their Subscriptions ahead of time.

EITHER: Cheques for \$20 per person should be made payable to “Kapiti Genealogy”, with sender’s name & address on the back flap of the envelope, and posted to: ***Membership Renewal***, Kapiti Branch NZSG, Box 703, Paraparaumu. 5254.

OR: Those wishing to pay by internet banking to our Westpac Account 03-0732-0263025-00 must:

(a) Include some identifier with the payment, e.g. name, street, Kapiti Genealogy Membership Number (it’s on your current card).

(b) Identify if you are an NZSG Member by including your NZSG Membership Number.

(c) Email Lorna at kapiti@genealogy.org.nz including “Membership Renewal” in the subject line to let her know to check the branch account.

Please allow for a processing time of “a couple of weeks” at least. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.

Used Ink Cartridges: - The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling to raise funds. Please pass your old cartridges to Derek at a Branch Meeting, or put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the Alison Procter Family History Centre upstairs at Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek’s letter-box, 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. We can recycle Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother cartridges.

YURU 2012 - The production team is making good progress with 2012 YURU *Flowers of my Family*, with Dame Kate Harcourt. Sessions will be held during Family History Month in August. As this is the 5th year of production we have the experience of hindsight to know where our strengths and weaknesses are.

We need 2 additions to the YURU Team.

Marketing and Sales - Promotion in the media, community, websites and other avenues; preparation, production and distribution of fliers and brochures; ticket sales. Time period - June to August.

Display - Setting up the display boards of family history and related items at the sessions - Southwards, Paraparaumu and a Wellington venue. Time period last 2 weeks in August.

HELP required please for our major annual event. You will be part of the team and we can assist with the experience gained last year - it is well documented. And it is only for a short period!

Contact: Clive Palmer c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz tel. 04 2937631.

Committee News.

Membership 278 as at 1 Feb 2012

FamNet - Members with an internet connection have had free access to FamNet since July 2010 after negotiations with its developer for a 2 year period and a successful application to Pub Charity for funds to cover the costs. This arrangement expires in July of this year. The Branch does not have the funds to extend this arrangement and believes the market place must now rule. There are some other high priority demands for further funding applications to Community and Gaming Trusts.

We strongly recommend to those of you who have not explored the facilities available in this very useful internet based family history tool, to do so urgently. The choice is yours from July to continue with the services provided. Check out the site at www.famnet.net.nz

Developer Robert Barnes will be guest speaker at our April 24 meeting to update members about the facility, recent and planned developments. We are discussing with him whether a group rate can be negotiated for those members who would like to continue using the service.

We will circulate a questionnaire shortly.

Sales - The position of Sales Officer has been vacant for some time. Your Committee is conscious that sale of goods at meetings is not welcomed by all members and we have therefore decided to dispense with this position. We will continue with the raffle at each of our monthly meetings and the collection of used printer ink cartridges will remain as a useful fund raiser. From time to time book and family history item sales will continue to be held as in July last year. We have a small stock of family tree charts for sale from the Help Desk. ***These will go at rock bottom prices at the February meeting.*** Once these are sold we will not continue with this service as items are readily available from a variety of internet sites.

Member Interest Schedule - For a number of years we have offered a service to members by publishing a list of member interests to enable sharing of surname and regional details. Details have been available on the website, at APFHC, the Help desk at monthly meetings and through the services of our Research Officer. This facility has never been used to any significant degree and there has only been one enquiry over the past 18 months. It has been updated every second year and that time is now due. Updating and maintenance of this facility involves a considerable amount of time and the Committee would rather that time be spent on more productive activities. The schedule has therefore been withdrawn from the website and will no longer be available.

As an alternative, members who wish to enquire about or share interest in particular surnames or a county, state or country are invited to send details to the Newsletter Editor (who is also our Research Officer) and these will be published. Remember too that there is opportunity at the start of our monthly meetings to request and share information.

APFHC News

Attendance figures - Use of the centre continues to be excellent. Analysing the sign in book at the Information Desk, together with the register held at APFHC, which also records those attending the Wednesday morning help sessions and the special late afternoon sessions in Autumn/winter months, shows 616 sign ins over the period Feb 2011 to Jan 2012. This may well be a conservative figure as if the key has already been signed out, members will head upstairs for their spell of research, or if they are only going to use the PCs and can remember the password they don't sign in.

We would appreciate you signing in please to give us accurate statistics on usage.

Without the help of volunteers we could not operate the centre. During the same period our wonderful volunteers clocked up 229 hours of help. Thank You.

Upgrade - A working group has begun to develop specifications for a major upgrade of the computer suite. At least 2 of the PCs and the printers are getting tired, usage is heavy, so we are looking at 6 work stations run from a master computer, and a good quality printer. As soon as the specs have been approved we will make applications for Community/Gaming Trust funding.

New Books - Two recent books added to the APFHC are held in the 921.1 section in the glass fronted cupboard and available for borrowing. The books are:

John Grenham Tracing *Your Irish Ancestor:*

A Complete Guide (3rd Edition), 2006

Mike Royden: *Tracing Your Liverpool Ancestors*

A Guide For Family Historians, 2010

Newsletters received from other branches are kept in blue folders labeled with the group location and held as *reference* material only.

Balclutha, Bishopdale, Blenheim, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Hamilton, Hutt Valley, Kilbirnie, Motueka, Otaki, Palmerston Nth, Wairarapa, Wanganui and Wellington.

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Full details of other Committee members and their responsibilities can be found on our website.

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First Families Collection. - This is a collection of information about families where the family immigrated to New Zealand before and including 1901 and where partners were married in New Zealand before and including 1901.

It is an index, which has been compiled from family record sheets that have been contributed by members of the NZSG. Each family record sheet includes the names of three generations and their spouses (where these are known). The record is based on the first couple of any family unit living in New Zealand before and including 1901 and it can include their children. It can also include their parents who may not have come to New Zealand, thus bridging the gap between New Zealand and the country of origin.

These families are eligible for inclusion:

1. Families where both partners were Polynesian.
2. Families who emigrated to New Zealand prior to and including 1901, where both partners were born overseas but settled permanently in New Zealand.
3. Families where one partner was born in New Zealand and one born overseas, and were married before and including 1901.
4. Families where both partners were born in New Zealand, and married before and including 1901.

The names from the family record sheets are indexed. This allows members to check for names of interest.

Constitution Review - Following recent meetings of Council, a forum in Auckland and of the Constitution Review Committee, it has been agreed that as members had not had sufficient time to comment on the draft, a postal vote would NOT be taken before further opportunity for comment had been provided.

The CRC met over the weekend 11/12 Feb to consider the comments received and those from the forum. The Committee will not be meeting in person again but over the coming months, prepare a revised draft which would be posted on the web for members to read, debate, and think about.

The 2012-2014 Council (to be elected at this year's AGM in June) will then be responsible for moving this matter forward.

The only matter to be voted upon - at the June 2012 AGM - will be a By-Law change to ensure that NZSG complies with the current requirements of the Charities Commission. Notice of this change should be on the AGM agenda.

Daytime Interest Group. - (Sponsored by the VFO Trust, Corporate member of the Waikanae Chartered Club) Daytime Group of Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae Thurs Feb 23 9.30am morning tea, session commences 10am.3- 3/4 hour sessions. Contact Hanley Hoffmann - hdhoffmann@@paradise.net.nz 04 9043276

(This is not affiliated with the Kapiti branch but we have agreed to advertise this activity in our newsletter)