



**Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society**  
*Finding ancestors since 1971*

**President's Letter**  
**February 2022**

Welcome to February at WAGS! What a winter we've had! —a record-breaking storm that dropped two feet—four feet in the upper valley! That, plus a single-digit cold spell, and we're definitely ready for spring . . .



**February membership meeting:**  
***“My DNA brought me to the forest,  
but where are all the trees?”***  
**with Sara Cochran**

Hey—we had Sara visit us last February too! Must be something about California sunshine and warmth that's drawing us to her. Finding new people with DNA testing and getting a look at the family trees they've assembled is so important and so much fun. But what happens when they don't have trees yet, or the trees aren't attached to their test? Sara will teach some new techniques for figuring out how these individuals connect with you (she will focus on the Ancestry.com results system). We hope you'll join us for an informative afternoon.

**WAGS Membership Meeting via Zoom**  
**Monday afternoon, February 14, 2022 2:00 p.m.**

Topic: WAGS General Meeting - Feb  
Time: Feb 14, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86546823310?  
pwd=REc0UG1tYXlzMU5SOEd1MWpuZ2ViUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86546823310?pwd=REc0UG1tYXlzMU5SOEd1MWpuZ2ViUT09)

Meeting ID: 865 4682 3310

Passcode: Wags

### **An exciting evening at the WAGS Library!**

The usually-staid and quiet WAGS Library was teeming with youthful exuberance on the evening of January 18, when East Wenatchee Boy Scout Troop 89 came to visit. About a dozen well-chaperoned scouts were here on a mission —to earn their genealogy badges and to learn about family research.

They listened politely as Diane and Susan

told them about the different places to look, and how you could go back to the Civil

War or farther. But when we told them we had local high school yearbooks, they lit up and just about stampeded into the research

room and began searching for grandpa and grandma to find out how they looked in the 60s! A close second in interest was the obituaries. One

of the adults was looking at her uncle's obituary (he died ten years before she was born), and discovered that he too had been a leader of Troop 89! She wouldn't have known that if she hadn't visited the WAGS Library.



### **Notes from the treasurer . . .**

Thanks to **John Peters, Hazel Thornton and Kris McGregor** for auditing our treasurer's 2021 books.

Last year, WAGS made \$163.18 from your purchases at Amazon Smile, and \$124.20 from Fred Meyer. Thank you, shoppers!

The total grant from the 2021 GiveNCW campaign came to \$2,991.79. The Community Foundation also sent WAGS two “pass through” grants totaling \$1,235.04. So a whopping \$4,226.83 has been added to our grants fund. Many, many thanks to our community!

### ***Vignette from WAGS' past . . .***

In 1993, the list of WAGS committees was truly impressive:

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| Library committee | Bulletin committee   | Telephone       | Scrapbooks  |
| Librarian         | Bulletin coordinator | Museum liaison  | Obituaries  |
| Library staffing  | Grants               | Budget/computer | Nason Creek |
|                   | Welcome              | Research        |             |

### **That makes a nice transition!**

Speaking of committees and jobs to do . . . We'd like to thank **Hazel Thornton** for coming forward to help out as Membership Chair.

Next, we need to find a **Volunteer Coordinator**. When Covid hit, a lot of our volunteer projects ground to a halt. Now, we'd like to get going again. We need someone whose job is to know who's doing what, and whether they need any assistance. Are you the person we need for this job?

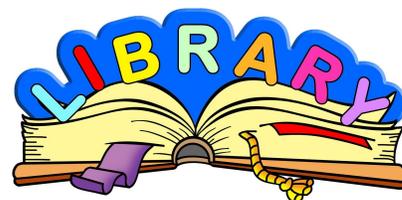
Not done yet! Can we find a **Computer Maintenance Ace**? This person would check the computers monthly to make sure our subscription links work, that the passwords are correct, and to make any updates. Any concerns just need to be reported to our librarians or our technology chair (unless you know how to fix them yourself!). Let us know if this is a good fit for you!

Let's top the 1993 lineup with fresh faces and lots of energy to get WAGS back on track after our year of waiting.

### ***Library news . . .***

The library is open again for members and the public to come in on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

If you would like to work as a librarian, we'd love to have you join us! We always work in teams of two so that we can teach each other and better help our patrons. Send a note to [library@wags-web.org](mailto:library@wags-web.org) if you'd like to volunteer. If you have research to do, come and use the library—we always need member input to ensure we're making the changes you want to see and adding the subscriptions you want to use!



Want to learn more about what's going on in the library and how you can be involved? Send an email to [library@wags-web.org](mailto:library@wags-web.org) and ask to be notified of our Librarians and Volunteers Meeting. It's the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. on Zoom. It would be great to have you listen in and/or add your input to keep our library vibrant.

## Resources for you . . .

*Here are some learning opportunities you'll be interested in. We're considering making a blog page on our website with many more events to tap into. Watch for it!*

**RootsTech Video Archive:** You can view sessions from 2015 to 2020 online. Visit <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive?lang-eng>

Anne's classes at WVC:

**CED865 New Historical Newspaper Resources:** Feb. 10 & 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$49  
WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

**CED806 Following Ancestors on the Move:** March 10 & 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$49  
WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

Olympia Genealogical Society Virtual Spring Seminar:

**DNA: Today's Matchmaker** with Diahn Southard Saturday, April 9, 8:30 to 3:30  
Non-members \$50.00 Registration and more information at [www.olygensoc.org](http://www.olygensoc.org).

# Welcome

to our newest members—we have new people from north, south, east and west this time! Welcome to **MaryAnn Keyser** of Phoenix, Arizona; **Judith Finney** of Kirkland, Washington/

**Hannah McDaniel** of Tonasket, Washington; and **Mary Ann Cleary** of Cambridge, Minnesota. We're happy that you've joined us!

Awaiting spring,  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President