



Happy New Year 2019 BGS Members,

When we think of a New Year we think of many things, like cleaning, organizing, weight loss, starting something new. To me, it all takes planning. What do you plan to do in 2019?

The best thing to do is come to our monthly meetings.

The BGS meeting schedule for Jan. thru April is as follows:

January 14, 2019 - speaker Diane Victor-Zalenski will present "*How much do you really know about Genealogy?*". She will be using a Jeopardy type genealogy game to test our knowledge. The game will include several topics, and should be fun and informative. Come and test your knowledge. **This meeting will be held in Room #2.

Feb. 11, 2019 - Speaker Miles Meyer. We got him to reschedule, Yea! His topic is, *Using Newspapers for Family Genealogy Research*. Miles is a Family History Consultant and is the current Director of the Vero Beach Family History Center. He will lead a panel discussion on using newspapers in your research. You may bring your laptop or tablet to try out some of the websites that will be mentioned.

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Miles has provided this link to be able to download his handout document with active urls.

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!Am0w7RkB299GoSo0FSIAp-T-LmWd>

March 11, 2019 TBA- waiting on confirmation of speaker.

April 15th, 2019 -Peter Bradish - “One-Name Studies” - Learn what an ONS is and why you might want to do one. What kind of effort is it, what steps to take and what resources there are to help you. Just because your surname is Johnson, Jones or some other frequently occurring name doesn't mean doing an ONS would be overwhelming. Find out why. in Room #1

Special days and events:

Did you know that **January is International Creativity Month?**

Here's a couple of ideas that I got from educationworld.com that is meant to help teachers inspire creativity in their students. But, I put a genealogy twist to some of their tips, such as:

1. Daily Writing Prompts- we should try to write something -almost daily that will add to the narrative of our Family History, even if it's just notes of the research we are currently working on.
2. More than Meets the Eye - What's missing in our research. Go back and look at it a different way, or ask someone else to take a look at it.
3. Video Projects - Have you videoed your relatives yet? It might be the time to get their memories recorded.
4. In the News - look into the old hometown newspapers. It might help to put together a timeline. February's meeting will be about this topic!
5. What If? - There again, what if I missed something. Look at new records. What if it didn't really happen like you thought it did. And, new records are being digitized every day.

Also, January is **Tamil Heritage Month in Canada**.

Tamils is an ethnic group native to India and some other parts of Asia, such as Sri Lanka. (source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil>) Tamils began migrating to Canada as early as the 1950's. The Canadian House of Commons has officially declared January as Tamil Heritage Month to recognize contributions that Tamil-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the Tamil language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon Tamil heritage for future generations. (source: tamilculture.com)

Finding Your Roots, the genealogy series with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will begin on January 8th at 8pm on PBS

The Family History Center's January training class will be on Wed. January 16th, at 10 am in the Relief Society Room at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1801 S. Fiske Blvd, Rockledge. The subject will be "*Finding Our Ancestors' Homelands and Hometowns*", to be presented by Sheila Winckelspeckt.

The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games will be on January 19th and 20th in Central Winds Park, Winter Springs, Fl.

Go to: <http://flascot.com/index.php>

to check out all the info of events, entertainment, schedule, and purchasing of tickets.

Martin Luther King Day is Monday, January 21st.

is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr, an influential American civil rights leader.

And, FYI, for February:

Valentine Seminar in Vero Beach is on February 16, 2019. It will be at the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, McAfee Hall, 520 Royal Palm Blvd, Vero Beach. The price is \$35 for members of our societies, and \$40 for non-members. Lunch can be ordered for \$10, but you may bring your own, if you like. Registration must be postmarked by January 31, 2019. I will attach a copy of the registration form.

Also in February, the **Family History Writing Challenge** begins again. Its only a month long, but it is a great way to get you started writing your family history stories. You can join for free, and get tips and tricks to hone your writing skills.

To find out about it,

go to:<https://www.familyhistorywritingchallenge.com>

Quotes for the New Year:

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals. - Melody Beattie

Here's some funny quotes we all can relate to:

➤ you refuse to live in a house with brick walls!

➤ the first item in your will has to do with how your genealogy will be preserved!

➤ you celebrate dead people's birthdays!

➤ you can't fall asleep until you've found one more genealogy fact!

➤ you routinely take sneak peeks of genealogy while the family is watching sports!

Funny quotes from:<https://blog.genealogybank.com/funny-genealogy-quotes-end-of-the-year-fun-for-genealogists.html>

Check us out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/flbgs/>

I hope you all have a happy, healthy, and productive New Year 2019!

See you at the meetings,

Louann Kiddy Creasy - BGS Publicity Chair

