

Speakers at the Montgomery County Genealogical Society

- January 2015: Dr. Kayla Eulitt, of Conroe Family Chiropractic, himself a family history enthusiast, presented a viewpoint of how utilizing chiropractic services can help maintain a genealogist's health and wellness, and improve agility and range of motion while searching cemeteries.
- February 2015: Mr. Greg DeFatti, a local area humorist and storyteller, discussed a mystery book involving ancestors of Charles Goodnight of Goodnight/Loving Cattle Ranch and Trail fame.
- March 2015: Ms. Jeannette Piecznski, a professional court researcher discussed how useful the FamilyHistory.com website can be in trying to resolve family estate issues and how to use the site effectively.
- April 2015: Ms. Sue Kaufman, Executive Director of Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, presented an update of happenings at the Clayton Library in Houston and their goal of becoming even more user friendly to the genealogist community.
- May 2015: Mr. Jim Brewster of FamilyTreeDNA Testing presented information on the value of DNA testing to the genealogical world and discussed the three current types of tests most commonly available to the genealogy community: mt~DNA (male), Y~DNA (female), Autosomal~DNA (family)
- June 2015: Ms. Faye Stallings (bio) spoke about the many types of genealogical sources of information, understanding what a source can and should provide to the genealogist and explained the importance of citing sources in any genealogical work, to especially include family histories.
- July 2015 Vacation, no meeting this month
- August 2015 Vacation, no meeting this month
- September 2015 Cecily Kelly (Bio), a professional genealogist and lecturer, presented a program about how to save and share your family history. Numerous "how to do it" tips and suggestions were offered. As one member put it, "what an awesome program".
- October 2015 David Tate and Marilyn Evans of The Humble Area Genealogical Society (THAGS) spoke to us about the history of THAGS, its 2,000 volume library of genealogical and historical books, maps and news articles, focused on the Humble Texas area. The THAGS library is housed at Lone Star College, Kingwood campus. They also gave a presentation about their Obituaries project of indexing obituaries and affixing the information onto index cards. The Obituary Index is currently 163 pages and available at their website. The Index collection and Obituary Cards are housed at the THAGS Library.
- November 2015 Ms. Caroline Pointer; the District 6 representative for the Texas State Genealogical Society, spoke about the valuable genealogical material available within the applications on file at the NARA for a soldier or sailor who sought a

pension for his or her service during the War of 1812. Applications can include marriage records, old bible pages, obituaries, newspaper articles, sworn statements, family trees, deeds, probate records, service discharges, etc.

She also the benefits of a our Society belonging to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Caroline is the FGS Director of Membership and Communications.

December 2015 Christmas Party, presentations, awards, merriements, snacks and refreshements..

The speakers this year have just been terrific. We thank each for their wonderful presentations.

A huge Thank You, goes out to Ms. Fran Elsworth, our Program Chairman. Our Speakers Bureau is one of the most successful endeavors of the Society. Fran has a variety of subject matter experts to draw from and she consistently get compliments from members and guests. If you would like to be considered for a speaking engagement, feel free to make contact with her at rnbwend@gmail.com

We encourage everyone to attend the monthly meetings.