



# CCGS NEWS

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## *Some Basic Ground Rules*

- Write down what you will be looking for before starting: names, possible locations, range of dates and events
- Avoid "BSOs"
- Start BIG
- Add filters to narrow your search - Change filters to change results
- Keep a log as you add or remove filters or operators - What worked/What failed
- Keep track of where you've been—If you didn't find what you needed after your exhaustive search, wait a week or so!
- Or maybe you wake up "inspired"? Use your log so as not to repeat the work you've already done...



*Speaker Dave Robison  
—photographs by Regina Mullen*

## ANNUAL MEETING 2018

OVER 110 MEMBERS OF CCGS attended the annual luncheon meeting at the Riverway Lobster House on June 19<sup>th</sup> where Dave Robison of Old Bones Genealogy of New England ([www.oldbones.info](http://www.oldbones.info)), our featured speaker, provided the audience with suggestions on how to effectively use on-line search engine filters to trace ancestors. As a first principle, Dave emphasized that one should not feel compelled to populate every search field, but rather start with just the last name. Then by judicious use of the search filters, one can narrow down the list of "hits" to a manageable number. He was able to illustrate the approach by using examples of searches on *Ancestry* and *FamilySearch*.



The annual meeting agenda also included the election of a new slate of Officers and Board Members for 2018 – 2019.

Joan Frederici received tribute for her three-year tenure as President of CCGS as she now moves into the role of Immediate Past President.

*At left, Joan presents the gavel to New President Ralph Ryall.*

*—photograph by Regina Mullen*

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### S I Gs

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, see the Society's website.

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. *Summer*: July 24 and August 28, 2018, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. Bebe Brock, chairman.

**Computer Users** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (*note change!*), 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next*: September 12, 2018. Jim Sullivan and Bob Oppenheim, co-chairmen.

**DNA Discussion** – *Next*: August 7, 2018, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Dennis Public Library.

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 a.m. – 12 Noon, Brewster Ladies' Library. No meetings in summer. *Next*: October 2, 2018. Ann Croston, chairman.

**Irish** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. No meetings in summer. *Next*: September 25, 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next*: August 17, 2018. Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman.

### DNA Discussion Group

NEXT meeting Tuesday, August 7, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Dennis Public Library.

Chairman Teri Grey ([terigrey@gmail.com](mailto:terigrey@gmail.com)) reports: "At the meeting on July 10, John Clarendon shared his DNA work with us. I know many of us are very interested to see the results of his searches! As we discussed, it is very helpful to assign your known cousin matches to the appropriate Shared Ancestral Couples." This topic will be continued at the August meeting.

Teri attached a chart to help you sort out your matches, available on request from her or the newsletter editor ([janeffiske@gmail.com](mailto:janeffiske@gmail.com)). The following two links to the Shared CM Project will help to sort out cousin matches:

<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>

[https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal\\_DNA\\_statistics#/media/File:Shared\\_cm\\_version\\_3.jpg](https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics#/media/File:Shared_cm_version_3.jpg)

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### Looking Ahead to Fall

**Tuesday, September 18:** Brewster Ladies' Library. "Unlocking the Cemetery Gate," presented by Brenda Sullivan of Gravestone Girls.

**Tuesday, October 16:** Brewster Ladies' Library. "Electronic Access to Historic Cape Cod Daily Newspapers," presented by David Martin et al.

**Saturday, November 10:** St. Peter's Church, Osterville (joint meeting with Falmouth Genealogical Society). Two presentations by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL.

**Tuesday, December 18:** Brewster Ladies' Library. CCGS Annual Holiday Meeting with informal presentations from members.

## REFLECTIONS FROM RALPH

WE ARE IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY as I write these notes, in the midst of a heat wave, and settling in for another hectic visitor season on Cape Cod. As for myself I see an opportunity to escape the crowds and the oppressive heat by catching up on some genealogy research that I've been setting aside for too many months. Just this morning I was reading a blog published by a first cousin in which she shares vivid memories of two great-aunts, sisters to my paternal grandmother. Her memories of times spent with these women are so detailed that the skeptic in me begins to wonder. But the real treat from the blog posting are the old photographs she shares of these family members, including my great-grandparents. I just need to spend a little time verifying the identities of everyone in the photos, but that's a good thing.

I hope these summer months provide all of you with an opportunity to be productive in your genealogy efforts. Some of this may simply grow out of shared gatherings with extended family or through time spent visiting new websites or even corresponding with some of your DNA matches. Keep in mind that some of our own Special Interest Groups, like *Cape Cod Families*, *Writing Family History*, and *DNA Discussion Group* continue to meet over the summer months. And, the CCGS Library Room continues its normal operating hours (Tues 1-4 p.m., Thurs 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat 10 a.m.-noon) at the Dennis Public Library in Dennisport. The CCGS Library recently acquired access to *FindMyPast* which should prove a valuable research tool for many of our members. Many thanks to the volunteers who staff our library throughout the year and to those who lead our SIGs.

Speaking of volunteers, we are still in need of a chairperson to oversee the activities of our Publicity Committee. The newsletter that you are currently reading is one of the products of our Publicity Committee. The Committee has been operating with the help of committed

volunteers, but we really need someone who can oversee and coordinate the various responsibilities and to represent the Publicity Committee to the CCGS Board. Our Communications Technology Committee is in need of a Chairperson as well. As with Publicity we are fortunate to have dedicated volunteers to handle the various responsibilities of the Communications Technology Committee, but again, we need someone who is willing to oversee and coordinate as well as represent the Committee to the Board. If you think you might be interested in either one of these chairperson roles, please contact me ([ryalfrile@aol.com](mailto:ryalfrile@aol.com)) or any one of our Board members.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, whether on the Cape or elsewhere, and rest assured that efforts are already underway to ensure fulfilling months ahead with invited speakers for our monthly meetings, active SIGs, revamped Education curricula, and much more. In the meantime, don't hesitate to let yourself be heard if there is some aspect of genealogy that you would like to see implemented in CCGS.

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*At the Annual Meeting: left to right, Joan Frederici with Nominating Committee members Ellen Geanacopoulos, Carol Wister, and Steve Seymour*

—photograph by Regina Mullen





## Volunteer Highlights

### JUDY JONES

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS don't just happen at our monthly meetings. Behind the scenes, Judy Jones is making sure that someone on the Hospitality Committee is placing the order, picking it up and getting it to the meeting place in time to greet you. As chair of this committee, Judy works with four to five others to make sure you're not disappointed when you arrive looking forward to a hot cup of coffee or tea and a munchkin.



*Here's Judy enjoying a cup of Dunkin herself*

In whatever available spare time she had from her thirty-three year career teaching and training new teachers, Judy worked on her genealogy. Perhaps being a reading specialist helped her with this endeavor. She discovered among her ancestors a Salem witch and a

Scottish prisoner, and of course, there was the missing grandmother. This was enough intrigue, especially the witch, to allow her to get her two children and at least one of her four grandchildren to take up the hobby too. At seventeen, her granddaughter is already doing her own research including cemetery explorations.

To move her research forward, she became a member of CCGS eight years ago, and after about a year wanted to become more involved in the activities of the Society. At that time, David Martin was a one-man coffee committee (among his many other duties) and he approached Judy and Nancy Larned about taking it over. They saw this as an opportunity to meet others and felt it was something that our members appreciate. They were regularly attending the meetings already, so it soon became the two-women coffee committee!

Along the way, the coffee committee became the Hospitality Committee and Judy found others who were willing to help out. This means that no one person is responsible for pick-up, set-up and clean-up more than a couple of times a year. That gives the committee members time to socialize with our members and greet guests, which is something Judy enjoys doing and hopes the committee can do more of in the future. She has a "more the merrier" attitude about others joining in, so don't hesitate to talk with her about signing up.

Now, once in a blue moon something goes amiss. Uncontrollable events like flat tires do happen. But Judy is right, we do appreciate the efforts of the Hospitality Committee each and every month. It's just too bad that her grandma is still missing!

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*Welcome to New Members:*

**Thomas & Gale Cottrell**

**Thomas Greve**

**Judi Stella**