



ARIZONA COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

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Monthly Update

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I know and appreciate that each and every one of you is busy with your own life, businesses and activities. With that in mind, your AzCPG Board has been attempting to be creative in proposing and/or providing services that enhance and/or augment your genealogy-related business activities. The development of this newsletter is just one of those services.

Another value added service we have proposed is the offering of genealogy business related presentations. In this vein, two of our Board members, Janna Larson and Daniela Moneta, have graciously agreed to prepare a presentation and lead us in a discussion about "How to Start a Genealogy-Related Business."

I must confess that the lack of response to this has been overwhelming. Not a single member has attempted to sign into and join the Google+ community, which is a condition for participation. Thus, I feel compelled to ask you to do us a favor...please register by email your intent to participate in this discussion and presentation by December 1st. If we don't have a minimum of 10 people registered within the Google+ community, by December 2nd, we will cancel the program. It is unfair to ask these lovely ladies to put forth the effort required to prepare if there is no interest.

If interested in participating in the discussion/presentation on January 17, 2015 at 10:30 am titled, "How to Start a Genealogy-Related Business" please join the Google+ AzCPG Community AND register for the event on or before 1 December 2014 by forwarding an email to our secretary, Janna Larson at jana.larson@cox.net. In the subject line: Register for AzCPG 17 January. I trust you will all have a grand Thanksgiving holiday!

Sharon Atkins, President

FROM THE EMAIL DISCUSSION LIST FOR NOVEMBER

From the Federation of Genealogical Societies / National Genealogical Society Records Preservation and Access Committee chair, Jan Alpert:

I wanted to advise you about a recent post to the RPAC Blog, "Combating IRS Refund Fraud: The Next Profile in Courage?" which discusses a recent "60 Minutes" segment and a Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) report dated 22 September 2014 which highlights the \$5.2 billion tax fraud from identity theft. Please check out the RPAC blog at <http://www.fgs.org/RPAC/>.

The good news is the GAO report recommends additional steps the IRS should take to stop the fraudulent income tax returns before the returns are funded. The report confirms what RPAC has

been recommending for several years. In addition, Senators Wyden and Hatch have recently introduced Senate Bill 2736 which if passed will begin to address some of the problems with tax fraud. We are encouraged with this bi-partisan effort from the majority and minority chairs of the Senate Finance Committee. We will be asking you to write letters to your Senators and Representatives as hearings are held about this legislation.

I will be discussing this topic and more with Jane Wilcox on blog talk radio Wednesday evening, 15 October 2014, at 9:00 p.m. EDT. You can access the show live or listen to the broadcast later at your convenience at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/janeewilcox/2014/10/16/rpac-are-we-losing-access-to-records-with-jan-alpert>

Donny Osmond Joins RGS and RootsTech 2014—Saturday, February 14, 2015—General Session

One of the biggest names from one of the most famous families will be part of one of the largest family history conference in the world. Donny Osmond will be joining FGS and RootsTech 2015 to inspire and entertain the thousands of conference attendees.

Donny has been singing and entertaining audiences for 50 years. He has starred on Broadway and in Las Vegas. He has sold millions of records. He has hosted a variety of TV shows. Now, he says, he's anxious to share stories (and maybe a song) in a completely different venue. "I'm already looking forward to this exciting event," Donny said. "Family and family stories are obviously very important to me. This is a chance to connect to something that is part of who I am."

Donny will be releasing his 60th album just days before the conference. The album, "The Soundtrack of My Life" tells the story of his remarkable life.

Most people associate Donny with a large family, but they might not realize the Osmonds are avid family historians. They have tracked down and visited cousins and relatives overseas. They support family research on ancestors in multiple countries. The Osmond Family Organization even maintains and updates its own genealogical database and website.

Donny will kick off the final day of FGS and RootsTech 2015. FGS 2015 is scheduled for February 11–14 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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