From the President:

Greetings fellow AzCPG members! Aren’t you all happy you live in Arizona this time of year? Even though I live in Northern Arizona, I think I’d rather be here than experiencing all the trials and tribulations of the weather across much of the country this winter.

Speaking of weather, have any of you found a good resource for researching weather history? Being faced with that task recently, I ran across this article from 2011 written by Maureen A. Taylor. http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/historical-weather-resources. And, from that found myself at the NOAA Climate Data Online http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cdo-web/. Have you used this resource when putting together a family research report? Might provide some interesting clues to unexplained aspects of an ancestors life.

A big thank you to Connie Johnson who spent time with me last week working on learning Google+ Hangouts On Air! I think we just might be ready for “prime time” now. If you’re interested in being a “beta” tester with a small group of other AzCPG member, please send me an email and I will issue you an invitation to a “test” run. I continue to believe that this method of communication will serve our membership well and enable us to “meet online” to collaborate with and learn from each other.

We already have one special interest group using this platform for meetings (See article about the NGSQ article study group in this newsletter.). If you have a suggestion(s) for other special interest groups you would like to see AzCPG start; please send me an email at ssatkins@its-all-relatives.com.

Importantly, your board would also like to encourage you to consider becoming an officer of AzCPG for the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 term. Please send either myself or our secretary, Janna, an email indicating your willingness / desire to keep the “doors open” for this society. If we each take a turn of just one office, for one year, it would be fantastic! Your ideas, talents and time are needed and will be greatly appreciated. Elections will take place at our annual meeting on May 2nd.

Please make your reservations with Janna for our annual meeting. Details are on our website: http://azcpg.weebly.com/meetings.html . Deadline for reservations is April 20th. Until next month…Sharon Atkins
**NGSQ Article Study Group:**

The next meeting of the "National Genealogical Society Quarterly" article discussion group takes place at 9:AM on March 23, 2015 via Google Hang Out. Participants prepare to participate actively in the discussion by following William Litchman’s recommendation of reading the article 4 times prior to coming to the discussion. If you need a copy of Litchman’s article about the discussions or are interested in attending please contact LeRoy Atkins at lmatkins@cox.net.


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