

TO: All Members of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society (EDHGS)

SUBJECT: DRAFT Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society  
Regular Meeting of June 15, 2016.

President Phil Gray convened the meeting at 6:17 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library.

Phil introduced tonight's speaker, Victoria Fisch whose topic is "What's in a Name?" Ms. Fisch gave a very comprehensive presentation, followed by a question and answer portion at the end.

She also had prepared a very good handout covering, among other things, Surnames in the UK, Derivation of Surnames, Surnames and Genealogical Research, Primary Source Records and Overcoming Obstacles to Finding Our Relatives.

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 20 members in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, John C. Bronaugh, Barbara Cannaday, Michele Forrest, Richard Forrest, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Phillip Gray, Walt Huff, Marcia Kestner, Astarra Laughlin, Monique Laughlin, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Karen Rain, Marie Reale, Diane Rosales, Ruth Self, Leona M. Sunseri and Trevor Thomas.

There were no guests.

Phil called for approval of the April 2016 and May 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was made by Phil Governor and seconded by Michele Forrest to approve both sets of minutes.

In place of Treasurer Colleen who is on vacation, Phil Gray gave the Treasurer's Report which showed a beginning balance on May 1, 2016 of \$6,930.43, Receipts of \$659.17, Disbursements of \$40.00 and an ending balance on May 31, 2016, of \$7,549.60.

Phil passed the Book Bucket around to those members present.

Dr Gwynn Akin and Phil mentioned Amazon Smile Fundraising. Amazon will donate .05% of customer purchases to the charity of their choice. It's just a matter of signing up and getting an account. This could be very good for our Society!

Ruth Self mentioned that in the July/August 2016 issue of Family Tree Magazine, there is an interesting article entitled, "Genealogical vs. Genetic Family Tree".

Diane Rosales told of a class which she recently took entitled, "Intro to DNA for Genealogy" which was put on by Sacramento Family Research. The classes

were put on once a week for five weeks and were free of charge and very good. She said the classes were very crowded.

Monique mentioned an interesting webinar coming up on June 29th called "Circles or Triangles? What shape is your DNA?" by Diahn Southard. It's free to register and the webinars are usually free for a week after they are live. This one is Wednesday so it should be free until the following Tuesday. Find it at [www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com).

Next month for our July 20th Regular Meeting, our speaker is once again Gena Philibert-Ortega and her topic is "Grandma Ate What? Researching Your Ancestor's Food History".

Previous Book Bucket winner Phil Governor's books were given to him for 30 days before they become part of our section at the El Dorado Hills Branch Public Library. The two books were "in Pursuit of Their Dreams" about the Azore Islands and "Portuguese Immigrants".

Tonight's Book Bucket winner was Richard Forrest.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Karen Parsons  
EDHGS Secretary