

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

SUBJECT: APPROVED Minutes of the El Dorado Hills Genealogical Society Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016.

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

The EDHGS sign-in sheet showed 30 members in attendance: Dr. Gwynn Akin, Colleen Allen, John C. Bronaugh, Janet J. Brown, Barbara Cannaday, Calvin Cannon, Debbie Cannon, Barbara Fary, Michele Forrest, Richard Forrest, Connie Frost, Gary Frost, Phil Governor, Catherine Graham, Phillip Gray, Philip Hendricks, Walt Huff, Pat Keegan, Astarra Laughlin, Monique Laughlin, Carol McGraw, Vince Militello, Karen Parsons, Melinda Peak, Karen Rain, Mike Roberts, Diane Rosales, Ruth Self, Cameron Stumpf and Leona Sunseri.

There was one visitor: Mr. Chuck Sanfilippo.

Phil invited everyone to help themselves to the wonderful array of delicious foods catered for us by The Old Spaghetti Factory. We enjoyed our dinners while the members shared their stories about a particular ancestor who was a Veteran.

COLLEEN ALLEN told of a relative from the Scottish Highlands in the 1700s who had 8 years of service and was involved in several battles.

RUTH SELF told of her relative, John Peter Tripp (1755) who traveled across the Delaware with George Washington and had to go back as the ice was too thin. He later had 13 children and died at 89!

MICHELE FORREST spoke of her Dad who, though under age, went into the Navy. First was Boot Camp in San Diego and then to Korea.

JANET J. BROWN passed around a nice handout about her 7th Great-Grandfather, Brigadier General Jacobus Swartwout in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War and who served under General George Washington and served as a New York State Senator for 12 years from 1784 to 1795. Janet said many family members, in every generation of her family, including her son, were in the military.

MONIQUE LAUGHLIN had a relative who was an Army Reserve Nurse in World War II and Korea, promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to Major. She died in 1993 and her tomb says, "Major USAF" when, in fact, she was in the Army!

MELINDA PEAK also spoke of one of her relatives who was in one of the branches of the military.

MIKE ROBERTS told of his Dad who enlisted in the U. S. Navy and was 18 at the end of the war in 1945. Later he was honorably discharged.

JOHN C. BRONAUGH spoke of the "Greatest Generation" when 15,000,000 Americans were in uniform.

His first cousin, Amelia Bronaugh Garber joined in 1942 as a WAVE officer. Another first cousin, Perry Cassell Bronaugh loved airplanes, joining up late in 1941 and flew missions as a pilot into Europe.

WALT HUFF remembers his relative, Herman Crosby had a job in Chicago before going to Pearl Harbor in World War II. Walt's Dad worked in an ammunition depot and recalls V.J. Day. . . .people everywhere. . . .hugging and kissing!

PHIL GRAY told of his Great Grandfather, Harvey Gray, born in 1841, who was in the Civil War.

Following the presentations, Colleen gave the Treasurer's Report for October 2016: Beginning balance was \$7,122.68, Receipts were \$124.17, Disbursements were \$257.00 and an ending balance of \$\$6,989.85.

Phil talked about the board position elections which will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2017. There are two positions available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Karen Parsons
EDHGS Secretry