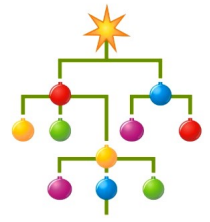




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Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society



December 2020



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Dear MDGS Members,

I really enjoyed November's general meeting speaker, Thomas MacEntee!

I was glad to see so many of you tuned in. He spoke on "After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogical Research"... A timely and important subject for those of us 55 and older. He discussed ways For ensuring that our children don't throw out our genealogical hard work and memorabilia with the Safeway coupons after we're gone. We are looking forward to having Thomas back next year for another meeting.

I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.... Even if it has to be over zoom or the telephone with loved ones. Stay safe.

Margaret Ready, President

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

December 18, 2020 ZOOM Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Madeline Yanov—Part 2 of "Finding Missing Ancestors in Institutional Records: Poor Houses, Orphanages, Prisons"

Our December speaker will be Madeline Yanov, the President of Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, with Part 2 of her popular series about institutional records. Do you have ancestors who seemed to disappear off the face of the earth? Were any of them found in a "poorhouse" or prison? What about an orphanage? Did you know a child could be in an orphanage even though the parents were still alive? ... and what is an Orphan Train? Madeline will share tips on where to look for these special records and the information they contain. Your ancestors don't have to be missing anymore!

Watch for your email with the link to join the Zoom meeting.



Spotlighting Other Societies

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society Zoom Meeting & Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Thursday

DEC No meeting

14 JAN 2021 Thomas MacEntee “Did I Get Everything. Creating a Check List for Genealogy Research”

11 FEB 2021 Nancy Lee “Think Like an Archivist & Archive Genealogy”

11 MAR 2021 Dr. Jan Joyce “Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems”

8 APR 2021 Mark McLaren “Review of DNA Testing Company Differences & Tools”

13 MAY 2021 Business Meeting & Show & Tell

10 JUN 2021 Madeline Yanov “Coming to America: The Ellis Island Experience”

To Register go to CCCGS Events Page

If you are interested go to CCCGS Events page <https://cccg.net/eventListings.php?nm=47>

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Zoom Meeting Tues. 10-12

DEC No Meeting

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia Zoom Meetings held Thurs. 1:30 p.m.

DEC No Meeting

Please contact us at 707-334-0675 or President@gsvb.org if you are interested in attending our ZOOM meeting.

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society Zoom Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.

14 DEC Linda Harms Okazaki “West Coast Immigration in the 20th Century”

11 JAN 2021 Pam Vestal “How to Write Ancestral”

8 FEB 2021 TBA

8 MAR 2021 Susan G Johnston “The Records Behind the WWI Draft Registration”

12 APR 2021 Gena Philibert-Ortega “10 Databases You Didn’t Know Were on Ancestry.com

10 MAY 2021 TBA

14 JUN 2021 Ralph Severson “Family Search Sources”

Guests contact Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org

Solano County Genealogical Society Zoom Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

5 DEC Dvorah Lewis “Sutro Library”

Non-Members – can join us by contacting the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 pm the day prior to the event.

East Bay Genealogical Society-Currently closed

Meetings 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Other News & Online Resources:

Bay Area Genealogy Calendar <https://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar/>

California Genealogical Society <https://www.californiaancestors.org/>

Reminder that the Family History Libraries are closed

Up Coming Event

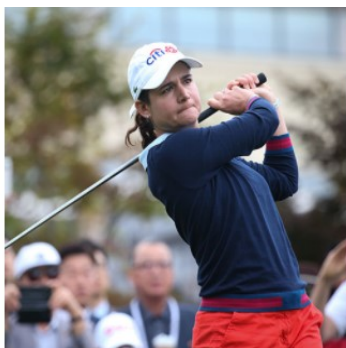
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Former Mexican professional golfer,
mother & entrepreneur



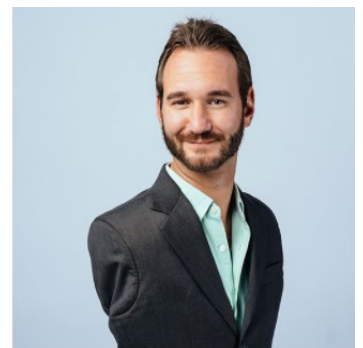
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Italian musicologist



Sharon Morgan

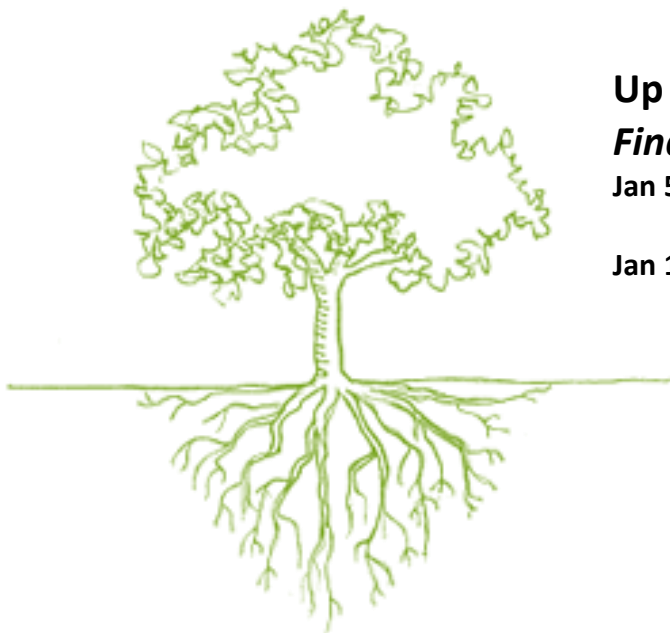
Founder of OurBlackAncestry.com;
writer and genealogist



Nirk Vuuric

International motivational speaker and
New York best-selling author.

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Up Coming Episodes of **Finding Your Roots**

Jan 5th

Breaking Silences

Episode 15

Guests: Gayle King, Jordan Peele & Issa Rae

Jan 12th

Coming To America

Episode 16

Guests: Nancy Pelosi, Norah O'Donnell &
Zac Posen



This year's board members have agreed to continue their service into 2021. The board also agreed to extend all 2020 memberships through 2021.

Current (2020) Members do not have to pay dues for the coming year!



On our Website



Go to mdgs.webs.com, under the **More** tab, click **Members Only**, and **Sign In**. Click on **Webinars** to see Thomas McEntee's presentation and Gena Philibert-Ortega's two presentations & get the handouts.

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FORUMS: You can post questions for other members or discuss the last meeting under General Discussion or you can post something interesting you have discovered under My Interesting Discoveries. You never know if something you have learned might just be a clue for someone else!