



Oakland County Genealogical Society

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Members and Friends of the Oakland County Genealogical Society,

As we begin a new program year for 2022-2023, we want to share with you that our Society is thriving thanks to your continued support and flexibility in these past years. We have membership that reaches across the United States and Canada, and our regular monthly meetings number over 50 most months, with a number of our meetings exceeding 100! We have been thrilled to offer our out-of-state members our programs via Zoom and find that members are connecting in Zoom around their family names, locations and stories. We are hoping that, as things open up from the pandemic, we can successfully utilize “hybrid” meetings (Zoom and in-person) and we ask you to watch our Facebook page for notification of when we will do that. It is important to the Society’s board that we continue to support our out-of-state members as well as providing options for members who are reluctant to drive in the winter or, for health reasons, want to tune in from home. Watch for updates about this!

Vice President Derek Blount has again created program offerings from speakers that we hope will appeal to your research needs for this year’s program – with speakers sharing about ethnic groups that you’ve told us are of interest to your research, and record groups/resources that are key for telling our ancestors’ stories. Thank you to our speakers for their expertise, great handouts and knowledge!

In our annual joint meeting with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research on November 5 (note – Saturday!), we will need to give you more information later as we are still developing the topic with the DSGR. Again, watch for a member email update and on our Facebook page!

As we move into the transition to a potential hybrid environment, please be sure to watch our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ocgsmi>) and our website (www.ocgsmi.org) for updates and directions on how to sign up for the Zoom link. As Oakland County (as of this writing in July) is still experiencing over 3,000 cases in a 14-day period, so we aren’t past it but improving!

We are seeking volunteers for all of our committees and would welcome any involvement if you are interested. Our committee leaders would like to teach others about the roles they play and have others trained as “back ups” for when we need to take a genealogy vacation or need to tend to family issues. So if you are interested in particular roles, please contact me with your interest and we will connect you! There are always indexing projects!!

Again, thank you for your membership in our society and know that we welcome your comments, suggestions and input at any time. Thank you for responding to our survey for your interest and genealogy research topics so that we might find speakers to address your needs. My email is president@ocgsmi.org and I welcome your involvement!

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