



Oakland County Genealogical Society

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Members and Friends of the Oakland County Genealogical Society:

With the beginning of the 2023-24 membership year, we want you to know how grateful we are for your membership and we hope that you have benefited from our resources and previous programming in your genealogical quest. We are amazed as to how many of you joined us throughout the year via Zoom from all over North America – we had many Canadians.

Beginning with our October meeting, we plan on having “hybrid” meetings, using the Zoom platform and in-person meetings, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Troy. We are excited to see our members and guests in person again!

Good news! The cost of dues has not gone up this year. Please, be sure to check your OCGS account to make sure that your dues renewal date is up-to-date. We don't want you to miss our quarterly journal, *Acorns to Oaks*! Your dues help us pay the fees for our wonderful lineup of speakers. We appreciate your additional donations to special funds that support records' preservation.

Vice President Derek Blount has created a terrific lineup of speaker programs for this coming year. The speakers are sure to help you advance your research and give you new insights into your ancestors' lives and times. Thank you to our speakers for their expertise, great handouts and knowledge!

Our annual joint meeting with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research is scheduled for November 11 (note – Saturday!). We are grateful to have Logan Knight, senior librarian, at the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Department present “Fox Wars: Conflict in the Middle Ground.” It's about the conflicts between the French at Fort Detroit and the tribal people.

For more information about our upcoming programs, resources and Zoom instructions, check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ocgsmi> and our website at www.ocgsmi.org

We are again 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!!

Thank you for your membership in our society and know that we welcome your comments, suggestions and input at any time. My email is president@ocgsmi.org and we welcome your involvement!

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President