Computer Genealogy Society
OF LONG ISLAND

March 2010 Newsletter

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview. Our guest speaker will be Toni Raptis, the genealogy librarian at the Patchogue-Medford Library. Toni will speak about the resources available at her library.

The February meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

As usual, if you are having any computer related problems, please send them to Don Eckerle at deckerle@optonline.net so he can prepare a response for the meeting. Please bring a friend to the meeting to help increase our membership.

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Free online census records

Footnote.com is making its U.S. census records free for the month of March.

Currently Footnote.com has completed the 1860 census and 98% of the 1930 census. It is currently working on the census for 1900, 1910 and 1920 but only 5 percent or less has been completed on these years.

For more information, go to: www.footnote.com

Family Tree Magazine webinar scheduled

Family Tree Magazine will offer a webinar, "Photo Sharing 101, on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7 p.m.

The cost is $39.99. The webinar will be led by Grace Dobush, Online Community Editor of Family Tree Magazine.

The webinar will cover the pros and cons of four photo sharing sites and things to watch out for when sharing photos online.

For more information or to register, go to: www.familytreemagazine.com and click on webinars.

Club dues now being collected

Just a reminder –
it's time to pay your dues for 2010.
Annual dues are $15.
Dues can be given to club treasurer
Bill Chamberlain or mailed to him at:
22 Bowden Drive, Huntington, NY 11746-4218.

Ancestry.com news

Ancestry.com is a partner with NBC on the new television series, "Who Do You Think You Are." The show airs on Fridays at 7 p.m.

The shows will focus on the family trees of each of the following celebrities: Sarah Jessica Parker, Emmitt Smith, Spike Lee, Susan Sarandon, Brook Shields, Matthew Broderick and Lisa Kudrow.

On the show's web site there are articles about genealogy research provided by Ancestry.com

Past episodes can be seen on the show's web site: www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/

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A database recently added to Ancestry.com is the Ohio Obituary Index.

The index covers from the 1830s to 2009 and contains over 1.5 million obituaries from Ohio newspapers.