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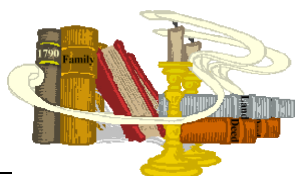
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LCGS MEETINGS

January 19, 2016: The meeting is at 7:00 PM at the **LDS Centralia Stake Family History Center, 2195 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532**

Jarlee McCormick will tell us “**What’s New at Family Search**”, followed by a group round table session “**Getting Help With Your Brick Walls**”. **Note:** The Family History Center is usually open Tuesdays from 10 AM until 6 PM so feel free to come early. Call 360-748-1516 for library information.

January 20, 2016: Ulster Conference Meeting.
10:00 AM, St. John’s Lutheran Church.

February 2, 2016 (Tuesday): Board Meeting
10:00 AM, St. John’s Lutheran Church.

February 16, 2016: Meeting is at 7 pm with doors open at 6:45 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

Steven Waltz Morrison, will present “**Peopling the British Isles**”: Genetic Origins of Ireland, Wales, Scotland and England.

Mr. Morrison has been a professional genealogist since 2006. He’s a past president of the Olympia



Genealogical Society, was their chair of the spring seminar for three years, and has served multiple positions on the board of the Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He is also a member of the National Genealogical Society.

2016 DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1st

Renewal membership dues should include a new registration form as our research takes many turns each year. Please be sure to fill out the form with your current information, research surnames& regions and turn in to our Treasurer.

Please make your check payable to: “**THE LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**”. A current list of paid members and their research interests and surnames will be printed in the **March newsletter**.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR
PRESIDENT, SAM McREYNOLDS:**

On Monday March 14, 2016 The Lewis County Genealogical Society will be presenting a Seminar at the Bethel Assembly of God Church titled Researching Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors. We are very fortunate to have Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation of Belfast, Northern Ireland coming to us to give four talks about researching family histories in Ireland.

This is a significant opportunity to learn more about the Irish and Scots-Irish by true experts without having to travel very far. These are two groups who have contributed greatly to the settling of North America. They have made significant contributions to science, government, literature, medicine, engineering, and art. Whether or not you have Irish or Scots-Irish in your line, you almost certainly know someone who does.

“The great Gaels of Ireland are the men that God made mad,
For all their wars are merry, and all their songs are sad.”

— G.K. Chesterton, The Ballad of the White Horse

“Of all the small nations of this earth, perhaps only the ancient Greeks surpass the Scots in their contribution to mankind.”

— Winston S. Churchill

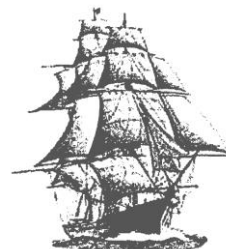
As you might expect there is a lot of planning that needs to go into putting on a significant presentation such as this. Patty Olsen has led the way in this effort by getting the initial contracts in place for the speakers as well as for the facility where we will have the event. She has also made arrangements for lunches and breaks, and coffee/tea.

Other planning is in the works, and is proceeding. The old saying about many hands make light work could never be truer here. We

could use everyone’s help, and will be meeting frequently from now until the actual seminar.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th.

Whether you attend the seminar, help plan and put on the seminar, or both; we hope to see you all there on Monday, March 14th.



Sam McReynolds, Pres.

EVENTS, SEMINARS.

February 13, 2016; Family Discovery Day, Centralia Washington Family History Center, 2195 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, WA 98532. 9AM - 3 PM. Open to the public, come find your family. A special welcome to first time researchers or those having an interesting story to research.

March 14, 2016, Lewis County Genealogical Society presents **Fintan Mullan** and **Gillian Hunt** of Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland at an all day conference at Bethel Church, 132 Kirkland Rd., Chehalis, WA. More info and Brochure at www.walcgs.org

March 26, 2016, Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island. “Emigration and Immigration”. Speaker: Gary Zimmerman, President, Fiske Genealogy Library. Topics include “Background: 300 Years of New Arrivals to American Shores”, “British Isles and Canada”, “German Immigra-tion”, “Scandinavian Arrivals”, “Starting Anew in a Strange Land” <http://www.gsswi.org/index.shtml> for more info.

April 2, 2016, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, Annual Spring Seminar. Speaker: Texan and Forensic Genealogist, Kelvin Meyers. Mt Olive Lutheran Church 7809 Dr, Yakima. Watch the YVGS website <http://yvgs.net/> for additional info

April 9, 2016, Olympia Genealogical Society presents their Spring 2016 Seminar, “The Power of Your DNA” with CeCe Moore, “Your Genetic Genealogist”. Topics include: “The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics”, “I Have My Results, Now What?”, “Autosomal DNA & Chromosome Mapping: Discovering Your Ancestors In You”, and “Who Am I? Exploring Ethnicity Estimates”. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/seminars.htm> for more full details.

June 18, 2016, Washington State Genealogical Society with Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society presents: Paula Stuart-Warren at the La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA. Info available at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

August 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2016, Stilligumish Valley Genealogical Society's Northwest Genealogy Conference. Byrnes Performing Arts Center, Arlington, WA When available, info at <http://www.stillygen.org/>

September 24, 2016, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Poulsbo, WA, Thomas MacEntee. When available, info will be here: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/psgs/programs/>

If you know of a seminar or event of interest to members of our society, please e-mail your newsletter editor.

LCGS LIBRARY DECISION MADE

By President Sam McReynolds

For the past several years our Society has been in the unfortunate situation of not having a large enough space available to hold our entire collection of books. As a result some of the books are stored at Leslie Parnell's house, and the rest of the collection has been available to the public through the Chehalis Timberland Library and the Family History Center in Chehalis. The Family History Center has indicated that they will be increasingly moving towards an all-electronic environment.

After much discussion, the Society decided that it would be in our best interest to dispose of the collection with the understanding that we make every effort to ensure that the books are given to an organization whose purpose reflects ours as much as possible.

We have had two kind offers for the books. One is from the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society who has a large facility centrally located in the state. Any books surplus to their needs would be donated to other society libraries across the state. The other offer is from Jim Johnson at Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, Washington.

The Board met on 6 Jan 2016 and voted that we would donate our books to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society with the following provisos.

The Veterans Museum in Chehalis will be given the opportunity to select military books that they feel are needed for their library first.

The Chehalis Timberland Library has expressed an interest in enlarging their genealogy section and we will work with them to accomplish that before books are donated to Yakima.

After the Veterans Museum and Chehalis Timberland Libraries needs are satisfied, all members in good standing (dues paid up) will be allowed to select up to three books for their own private use.

All remaining books will be boxed and transported to Yakima Valley Genealogical Society later this spring.

If you have boxes that could be used to transport the books, please let Sam know. If you are able to help move the books to Yakima your help will be greatly appreciated. We will let you know of the dates as we get closer to the actual move.

WSGS Communicates: News From the Blog...

Here are some recent highlights from our Washington State Genealogical Society blog...

Yakima Valley Gen Society News Flash

Dec27 by Donna

If you need yet another good reason to visit the stupendous genealogy library housed in the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society headquarters building, here it is!

Better make travel reservations at a local hotel for one day in this library (just like potato chips) is not nearly enough!



Union Gap, WA. – The Yakima Valley

Genealogical Society has recently been donated the Vernie Smith Bennett Collection, a major and significant collection of genealogical research material, by a benefactor in Texas. The collection consists of approximately 670 bound volumes of genealogical books and records. The donated material mainly covers the southern states (Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas) but does include some books with records from the northern states. This is a major addition to the existing collection which already consists of over 18,000 bound volumes on the shelf, 6,000 microfilm and 6,000 microfiche. The Yakima Valley Genealogical Society operates a library in Union Gap, Washington. It is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the Pacific Northwest and is open to the public free of charge 6 days a week. For the catalogue of the society holdings, the library address and it's hours of operation you can go to their website at www.yvgs.net Thank-you, Susan J. Boatright, Publicity Chairperson, YVGS, sjboatright@gmail.com 509-966-1354

You can sign up at <http://wasgs.org/blog/> to receive WSGS blog posts via email.

Websites to Check Out

Gedmatch: a DNA geek's dream site. Judy Russell explains the popular database where you can find even more DNA matches. <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/08/12/gedmatch-a-dna-geeks-dream-site/>

Autosomal DNA 2015—Which Test is the Best? Roberta Estes reviews the DNA testing companies. <http://dna-explained.com/2015/02/05/autosomal-dna-2015-which-test-is-the-best/>

DNAadoption.com has a wealth of information and outside web resources where you can learn about DNA research along with a lot of other genealogical research information. <http://www.dnaadoption.com/>

Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will & Testament. Here's a form that you might find handy when considering what will become of your genealogy research once you are no longer around either in body or mind. Time to make a plan!

<https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2014/05/genealogical-codicil-to-will.pdf>

United States Online Historical Directories. Wow! What a great list of on-line city directories, phone directories compiled by Miriam J. Robbins on one easy to use website. There are a few bad links, but overall, this is a very useful resource.

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectoriesite/Home/usa> And here is her companion list of United States Online Newspapers.

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/Home/usa>

How To Preserve Old Photos Without Losing Your Mind. Chris Cummins of Glow Imagery tells you step-by-step how to preserve your family photos. <http://www.glowimagery.com/how-to-preserve-old-photos/>

All hyperlinks in this column were tested and current at the time of publication. If you find that it has gone out of date try a Google search.

Your link suggestions are appreciated. Please e-mail them to your newsletter editor at LesleeD@minerallake.com

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Finding a Passion in Retirement

By Sandi Gaffney

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I continue to find a passion at the Historical Museum. We, meaning a few other volunteers and myself, have finished the obituary database. We entered and filed in the drawers all the obits through July 2015. We understand there will always be more but the local ones from 2002 on can be accessed online at www.chronline.com. We will continue to cut them until the end of the year but have not decided where to file them. The monthly death notice is cut and put in a three ring binder that is kept on a Shelf.

Judy Kalich and I have started to work on the biography files. We talk about what is in the files and discuss how to describe the information. It is surprising that we get so much done. She was raised in Toledo and still lives there; she knows more people than I do. It is fun for her when she

sees an article with a picture of a person in their younger days.

A lot of interesting people had their beginning in Lewis County or have come to live here. There is a file on the Mead family. I picked up on this name while doing the obituaries and want to some day write about them. One of the largest employers in my hometown of Escanaba, Michigan was the Mead Paper mill.

Judy and I also participate in the Chehalis Timberland Page Turners group. In the last year, we have read several books about World War II and Hitler. I recently returned from a river cruise to some of that area.

Among other items that get clipped from the Chronicle are the pictures people submitted for the "our Hometown" book. One that caught my eye was a 1936 Pontiac owned by John Hogue of the Boistfort-Adna area. It said, "After the war he was transferred into the 82nd Car Platoon as driver for the lawyers and generals involved in the Nuremberg Trials." I was in that court room during the trip.

Editor's note: Sandi Gaffney was named Lewis County Historical Society's Volunteer of the Year for 2015. Congratulations Sandi, for a job well done!

"Remember and honor family who have come and gone before you, because they had a hand in shaping who you are."

ANCESTRY DISCONTINUES FAMILY TREE MAKER

By Leslee Dunlap

On December 8, 2015, Ancestry.com announced that sales of their popular genealogy program, Family Tree Maker will end on December 31, 2016 and program support and updates will discontinue after January 1, 2017.

The company states on their blog "Ancestry will continue to support current owners of Family Tree Maker at least through January 1, 2017. During this time, all features of the software, including TreeSync™, will continue to work, and

Member Services will be available to assist with user questions. We will also address major software bugs that may occur, as well as compatibility updates."

We've been hearing a lot of talk about storing our research on "the cloud" and that does appear to be what the future holds. But to me, that only means that there is just one more way to store the information I've gathered. Changes are inevitable. When they quit selling and supporting printers I will start to worry.

Ancestry has made the decision for those of us who use their products and they will be our "cloud" in the not too distant future as their support for Family Tree Maker dwindles. After that, the sync feature will continue to work as long as the program continues to work on your computer. A GEDCOM file can be downloaded from the Ancestry tree into any other genealogy program. There are several good programs out there.

Ancestry is a business and this was a business decision. The cost of an Ancestry subscription is considerable and I'm sure they are looking forward to storing our research and also looking forward to our descendants subscribing in the future to find it.

I've read many of the popular genealogy bloggers report on the announcement; Dick Eastman, Lisa Louise Cook, Judy Russell and others. I've also read many of the over 10,000 opinions posted to date by Ancestry and Family Tree Maker users on the original blog post and on the December 9th follow-up post by Ancestry's Senior Vice President of Product Management, Kendall Hulet.

Maybe this New Year is the time to evaluate our methods of preserving our genealogy and while we are at it, take a look at the genealogy industry, the corporate purchases of the free web based genealogy resources that are slipping behind "pay walls" and reexamine how we gather, preserve, store and share our research?

There are many ways to look at this subject, but DO LOOK!

You will find several informative web links on this topic on the following page:

Ancestry.com:
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/08/ancestry-to-retire-family-tree-maker-software/>
<http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/08/ancestry-to-retire-family-tree-maker-software/>
<http://corporate.ancestry.com/about-ancestry/>

Michael John Neill's Genealogy Website
<http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=1565>
<http://rootdig.genealogytipoftheday.com/?p=1568>
 Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter:
<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/12/14/legacy-family-tree-offer-upgrade-from-family-tree->

maker-for-10-off-through-123115/
 Dear Myrtle:
<https://plus.google.com/+DearmyrtlePage/posts/fHK2H3MFV6z>

Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist:
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/12/09/check-out-the-alternatives/>

Lisa Louise Cook's Genealogy Gems:
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/?s=Family+Tree+Maker>

Ray Hanania, Illinois News Network:
<http://www.illinoisnewsnetwork.com/2015/01/06/ancestry-com-historic-faults/>



Genealogy Immigration/Migration: Swedish immigration

By Barry J. Ewell, *Genealogy by Barry*, reprinted with permission.

Immigration/Migration patterns for the Genealogists: Think like a historian

One of the most important considerations in finding our ancestor is immigration research. Immigration/migration patterns reveal clues to finding the origin of your immigrant ancestors.

Look at immigration from a historian's point of view and not from the genealogical point of view. Your trying to understand what your ancestors did and why. As a genealogist, you wonder why your ancestors migrated. You look for clues that might direct you to the birthplace in country of origin. As genealogists the first thing we do is start searching through deeds, wills, bible records, and other such documents. Documents can tell you that your ancestor sold his property from one person to another, but it does not tell why he then picked up and moved from Virginia to Tennessee. When you seek to understand immigration patterns of the time and people your chances for success expand dramatically because you being to understand what your family was thinking, you see what other individuals where doing, where they were going, and where they came from.

By learning about the immigration patterns for a specific ethnic group to which your ancestor belonged in the time period they lived, we begin to see trends that correlate to our family such as the ports they arrived, the counties and cities from which they came and where they settled, the reasons for decisions that were made, the types of records they left behind and where.

You start by answering the question:

- What was their ethnic background or group to which you think they belonged?
- Were they Puritans, Welsh, or Germans?

Now you begin to answer the questions:

- Why did they come?
- When did they come?
- Where did they settle?
- What were their social and work conditions?
- What was their religious background?

America: People on the Move

When you step back and began looking at my ancestors as part of an ethnic group at a given time and place, you quickly see that America is a land of people on the move. Our ancestors were part of groups that for specific reasons felt a “push” to move to escape political or religious oppression, wars and violence, major natural disasters. The reasons include:

- War or other armed conflict
- Famine or drought
- Disease
- Poverty
- Political corruption
- Disagreement with politics
- Religious intolerance
- Natural disasters
- Discontent with the natives, such as frequent harassment, bullying, and abuse
- Lack of employment opportunities
- These factors generally do not affect people in developed countries; even a natural disaster is unlikely to cause out-migration.

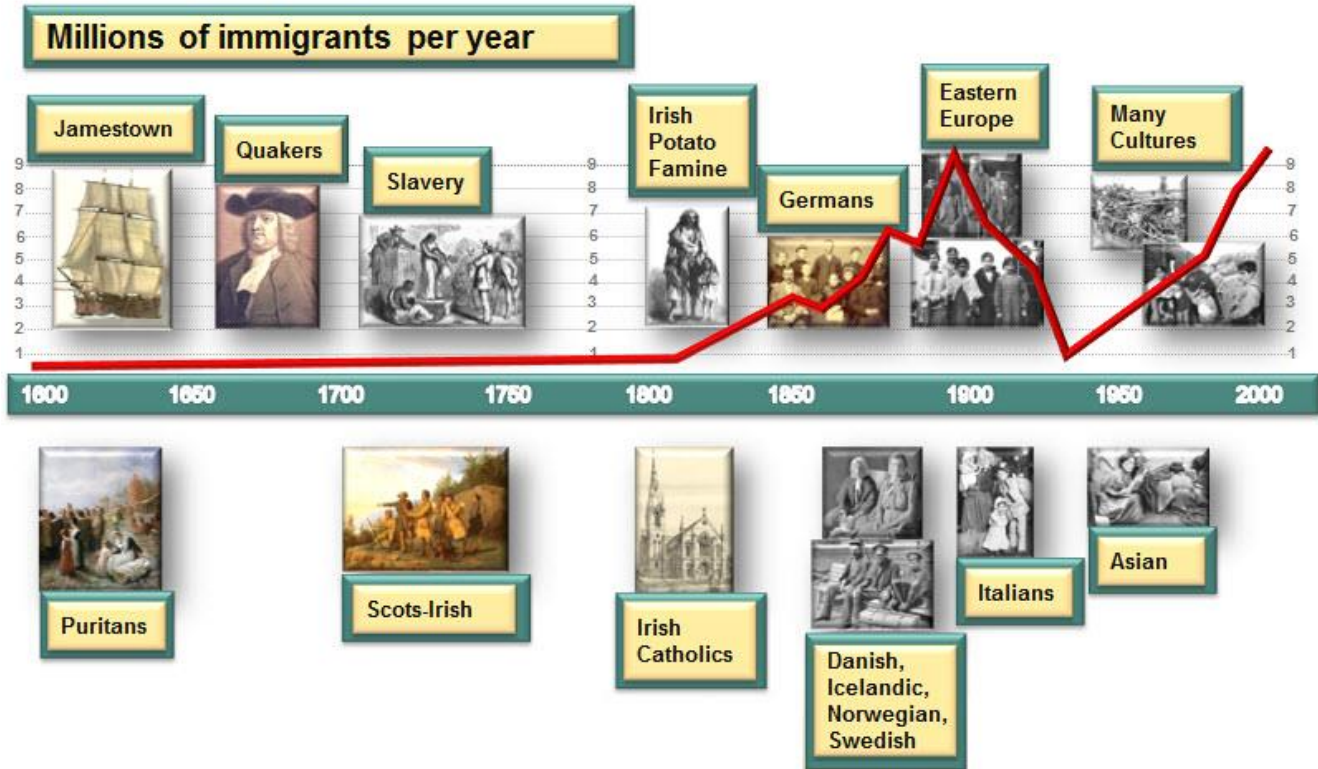
When you are pushed, where do you go? One senses the “pull” America had upon our ancestors. Economic and professional opportunities were by far the foundation for our ancestors coming to America. It was the availability of lands for farming, an abundance of jobs, higher salaries. The reasons include:

- Higher incomes
- Lower taxes
- Better weather
- Better availability of employment
- Better medical facilities
- Better education facilities
- Better behaviour among people
- Family reasons
- Political stability
- Religious tolerance
- Relative freedom
- National prestige

Perhaps the only major group of immigrants who did not respond to push or pull factors was the Africans, who were captured and traded into slavery against their will.

United States Immigration

The following immigration/migration profile is provided as an example of the type of information that is valuable of finding the origin of your ancestors as well as helping to better understand your ethnic heritage. This information is in no way all inclusive, but it will be a good starting point for you to expand upon.



Swedish immigration
Why did they come?

1. Like Norway, Sweden had experienced a population explosion, mainly in its rural areas. It is estimated that the population of Sweden had more than doubled in the century before the emigration. Industrialization had not yet taken hold, so there were few jobs to be found off the farm, even in the capital city of Stockholm.
2. A series of droughts and floods created a famine during the 1860s, and soaring prices made what little cash people had worth less and less.
3. Political upheavals, a cruel government, religious oppression, a rigid class system, and mandatory military service made life uneasy for some in Sweden.
4. It was illegal to belong to any but the official Lutheran church. Because the Lutheran church in Sweden was very strict and conservative (staying with traditional values), there were often conflicts between the church and political reformers or intellectual groups (people given to creative speculation and different thoughts about life rather than acceptance of traditional values).
5. Many immigrated seeking more freedom, but most were seeking economic opportunity.

When did they come and where did they settle?

1. Between 1851 and 1929, 1.2 million Swedish immigrants entered the United States. Only Ireland and Norway (and perhaps Iceland) lost a higher percentage of their populations to North America.
2. The first big wave of Swedish immigration to the United States began in the 1850s.
3. It was largely middle class and consisted of entire farming families.
4. They settled in the Midwest, where the terrain (land) was much like what they had known in Sweden.
5. At that time, the United States was expanding westward and promoted settlement by offering acreage at low prices.
6. The Homestead Act of 1862, which offered free land to those willing to farm it for a certain number of years, drew huge numbers of Swedes to the United States.
7. A second major wave of Swedish immigrants from the late 1870s to early 1890s included many more urban Swedes who settled in cities and industrial areas of New York and New England. Others joined earlier immigrants in Chicago.
8. Swedish farmers continued to immigrate as well and began spreading westward, all the way to California. A number of Swedish Mormons, who had been converted in Sweden by Mormon missionaries, settled in Utah, the center of the Mormon community.
9. The last major wave of Swedish immigration to the United States began in the early 1900s and lasted until 1929.
 1. With the onset of the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression (1929–41; a period of economic hard times worldwide) that followed, economic opportunities were no better in the United States than in Sweden.
 2. Many of Sweden's repressive government measures had been lifted by this time.
10. There was no longer any compelling reason to leave Sweden, and emigration virtually ceased. Since 1930, only a very small number of Swedes have immigrated to the United States.
11. The states with the largest Swedish American populations were Minnesota, California, Illinois, Washington, and Michigan.

What were the naming patterns?

Patronymics

Given names become even more significant in the patronymic system, as in Scandinavia, where the given name of the father becomes the surname of the son. If Eric Larson has a son, he will be John Ericson and his son will be Sven Johnson.

The source material for this resource is a compilation from the following references:

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Permission to print member information in the newsletter? ___yes ___no

If you are joining us mid-year, would you like the past newsletters for this year? ___yes ___no

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Items for the March-April newsletter are due by February 29

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