



# Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society Newsletter

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## *A Salute to our Board Members!*

### Incoming Board Members



Back Row: Harold Vogel, Ken Beets, Ron Floberg, Richard Evans, Bob Jenkins, CJ Backus, Julie Haynie, Marilyn Lyle, Dawn Bunyak

Front Row: Susan Reubert, Cheryl Floberg, Woody Trosper, Livie Grogan, Jean Adams, Joyce Lohse, Anita Burbank-Jenkins, Diane Hall, Sharon Feeley, Karen Bialkowski

### Outgoing Board Member Certificates



L-R – Sally Taylor, Sharon Feeley, Steve Johnson, Carol Johnson, Carol Welch, Alison Gibbens, Jean Adams, Harold Vogel, Anita Burbank-Jenkins

### Lifetime Members

Bob Jenkins



CJ Backus

That notorious genealogist, **James Jeffrey**,  
was our guest speaker in January.



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## *Programs & Workshops*

**Feb 9, 2016 1 p.m.** “New and Old Ways to Search and use FamilySearch.org,” by Carole Jacobs from the Family History Center in Littleton

**Feb. 16, 2016 9:30 a.m. \*\*EARLY BIRD CLASS\*\* DNA for Genealogy** with Deena Coutant, Professional Genealogist

This is the first session of a 3-part series on DNA and genealogy. The series will provide an overview of 3 main types of DNA tests that are useful for genetic genealogy; how each test works; what research questions each test can answer; and how to decide who to test. Discussion will include an overview of the 3 main testing labs, costs, and ideas for motivating family members to test. A foundation in ethical and legal issues will be provided.

**Feb 16, 2016 1p.m** “Yellowstone or Bust!” with Dr. Dora Lodwick, University Professor, Author, and Historian

Dr. Lodwick invites us to experience the covered-wagon trip that her great-grandparents took from Canon City to the newly-opened Yellowstone National Park. Discover the challenges that they faced along the way!

**Mar 8, 2016 1 p.m.** “Using Google for Genealogical Research,” by Sandee Brookes from the Family History Center in Littleton

**Mar 15, 2016 9:30 a.m \*\*EARLY BIRD CLASS\*\* DNA for Genealogy** with Deena Coutant Session 2

**Mar 15, 2016 1 p.m.** “Lineage Societies,” by Bev Nelson

**Apr 12, 2016 1 p.m.** “Women in the Civil War,” by Sandy Ronayne

**Apr 19, 2016 9:30 a.m \*\*EARLY BIRD CLASS\*\* DNA for Genealogy** with Deena Coutant Session 3

**Apr 19, 2016 1 p.m.** “Japanese Internment in Colorado and Camp Amache,” by Hank Tobo



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### CG&HS President's Message

Joyce Lohse

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Happy New Year everyone! Once again, it is time for those pesky New Year's Resolutions. Consider taking a different approach. If you identify obstructions, your goals become more attainable. I hope this list will provide some inspiration.

Figure out what is holding you back. I know, I don't have enough time for genealogy either. Find a good time to work on your research.

Are environmental blocks impeding your success? Maybe the computer needs more storage. Do you back up your hard drive regularly?

Are you dependent on others to set your goals? A friend or partner is not likely to suggest you work on your genealogy instead of spending time on other responsibilities. Find a good balance and hold on to it!

Gain motivation by surrounding yourself with people who have similar goals. Congratulations for belonging to Columbine!

Write down your goals. Keep them handy and plainly visible. Post your list.

Be positive, and cheer yourself on. Yes! I WILL purchase a DNA test.

Figure out the cost of your efforts. Yes! When Ancestry puts DNA tests on sale, I will buy a couple for family gifts. That fills two purposes!

Establish realistic goals. If I want to photocopy photographs and forms, I will plan to do it during spare time in the summer.

Better yet, for a head start, I will copy some photos over Christmas.

Review progress. How is my progress reading my new book, Mastering Genealogy? Uh oh, the bookmark hasn't moved. I'd better get to it.

How are you doing with your resolutions? Your list will no doubt be much different than mine. I have updated mine, and I will print it out and post it visibly this year. By the end of the year, I hope to make great progress!

Happy 2016 New Year to you all – Joyce





## Bios from 40-year members. ....Congratulations!

### Sergia C. Dunlap:

Forty years ago! That isn't yesterday. CGHS has meant so much to me! The Founders were all dear friends, and taught us the "right way" to do genealogy. What an exciting revelation it has been through all of my years of genealogical research...lots of happy surprises!

I left Littleton, CO eight years ago to move to the Houston area, and have the pleasure of being near my daughter, Ann Leoni, and grandson, Jeremy. I moved directly into a retirement home, which I have loved. I am across from the pool, on the ground level, where I can enjoy gardening year round. My son, John, lives in San Francisco, and just returned from our Thanksgiving celebration for our tiny family. He has a delightful interest in genealogy, especially for his father John Dunlap's Pennsylvania genealogy.

With a thank you to dear Barbara Brown, a CGHS founder, I became an NSDAR member. I also have papers either submitted, or prepared, for joining several other lineage societies. This is important to me, and now has become my hobby.

I wonder if anyone has a copy of CGHS's Civil War book? I'd like to get a copy to give to Layton Library, Houston. Ever think of a reprint? Please use my gmail address to correspond. Scd28all@gmail.com

I get your newsletter, a great publication. I so look forward to it ,and laugh when I see the list of members who still bake cookies for refreshments, just like they so willingly did when I was president. What a wonderful organization Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society has grown into! I missed being a Charter Member by waiting until the next year to pay the dues to become a member.

I plan to do a little Fries family history book to give my nieces and nephews next summer. We will be at my sister's, and her husband's ( Barbara Bishop and Warren Bishop), memorial service. It will be held at Mt. Rainier, and, hopefully, so will I.

What a pleasure it has been to get to know the members and have friendships that have been associated with Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society during the past forty years. All dear friends.

Do I have any advice to all of you? Yes! Be really involved with being a member of CGHS, and document, **ALWAYS DOCUMENT!!!**

God Bless,

Sergia C. Dunlap

### Sharon Lee:

I was born in Gilmore City, Humboldt County, Iowa, to Frank and Muriel Tellier, who were both school teachers until my father became a game warden. We moved numerous times in Iowa, as my father had to fill in for officers who went into service during WWII. Epworth was where I considered home. When my parents moved for the last time to Burt, I stayed in Epworth for my junior year in high school, as all of my friends were seniors. I then moved to Burt , where I graduated. What an unhappy year!

I worked for five years as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell, and as a spokesperson instructing the public on how

to use the new-fangled dial telephone system.

Two friends and I decided to move to Denver in 1958. My first job was with Irving P. Krick Water Resources Development. The company predicted weather with a large Univac computer, and created rainmaking in a number of places all over the world. My next job was working for USF &G Insurance.

I met my husband, Mark, when I had a burglary and he was the officer who took down my report. We married in 1961. He retired after twenty-eight years as a Denver Police Detective, and died in 2011. I raised two step-children as well as our own son, who was born in 1965. We moved to Castle Rock in 1976.

My interest in genealogy began when I inherited many genealogical papers on the French family Tellier, which were created by a great-great uncle in the 1920s. I did things by the seat of my pants, as I didn't know of anyone else who was doing genealogy. Then I met Gerry White at Denver Public Library. She was a founder of CGHS and invited me to attend a meeting. I also took a class from Gladys Harris, who was another founder.

I served as CGHS Program Chairman, President, Representative, lecturer, and class teacher. I have not been active for the last few years, but as a Life Member, I have been keeping my eye on you.

Sharon Lee



## **In Remembrance**

### **Gordon Johnson**

**May 20, 1929 - December 31, 2015**

Gordon Johnson, Columbine member from 2002-2010 and Treasurer in 2007-2008, passed away December 31, 2015 in Overland Park, Kansas. A native Kansan, Gordon had moved from the Centennial area to Overland Park following the passing of his wife, Gretta, in 2009. Professionally, he had a career in Architectural Engineering and militarily was awarded the Bronze Star for his service with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Genealogy was but one of many hobbies he seriously pursued. Of Swedish heritage, he made trips to Sweden, searching detail on his ancestors.



**PARTY TIME !!!**  
**A FUN TIME WAS HAD at the DECEMBER**  
**POTLUCK....**



**Yum Yum Yum Yum...**



**Everybody had a good, good time!!!**



**Oh! I just thought of what you can  
give me for Christmas!!**



**Aren't we Gorgeous!!!!**



## Editor's Message – My *First* Issue



Hi! My name is Karen Bialkowski, and I am your new editor. All I can say is *WOW!!!!* Steve and Carol Johnson wore some *REALLY BIG* shoes, and filling them will be quite the challenge. However, after an *extremely* slow start (now just where is that January newsletter?) I shall attempt to pick up some speed and see if I can catch up. So. Steve and Carol, I thank you again for helping me to get jump-started.

While growing up in a northwest suburb of Chicago, my parents brought my sister and I out here for vacation at a dude ranch. Big mistake! My Dad's plans for an Ivy League education went splat, as I spent the "psychedelic 60s" in Boulder while earning an English degree from CU. My husband and I married here, but we got stuck back east way too long. We moved back here in 1982, and "I ain't never gonna move again"! Besides, my cats would object.

My daughter and her fiancé live in old Englewood, my son, his wife, and my two-year-old grandson live north of San Diego near Carlsbad, and another grand-something is set to arrive in the next couple of weeks. Life is good!

Girl Scouting formatted me into a useful human being, my MLS degree allowed me to fulfill my dream (since elementary school) of being a Librarian, and my grandmother (it's all her fault) made me love genealogy! From CAR to DAR (I am one of those ever-present Mount Rosa members) to here in CGHS, my passion continues. Oh, and I love to quilt, which is my friend Abbie's fault.

I am honored to be a member of your organization, and I look forward to creating the newsletters for you! If you need to know any more boring information about me, please ask. Or email. Or call.

Cheers!

Karen

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### A little snow wasn't going to stop them!

**The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment's Old Guard continued guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier despite historic blizzard conditions on the East Coast this past week.**

The Old Guard has watched over the tomb at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year since 1948, according to The New York Times. The cemetery will be closed to visitors as Winter Storm Jonas pummels the area. "These guys will be out in the snow, no matter what," Major Russell Fox, a spokesperson for the Old Guard, told ABC News. "They love what they're doing and they're dedicated."

During historic storms like Winter Storm Jonas and Hurricane Sandy, the guards can stand inside a nearby "box" made of green cloth for 2-hour intervals with their rifles by their side.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a monument dedicated to an unidentified service member who died in World War I. Congress approved the burial of the American soldier on March 4, 1921.



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and

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**BAD WEATHER PROCEDURE**

If the President postpones a meeting due to an emergency or bad weather, the VP of Publicity will send emails to members, and a sign will be put on the door of the church. Please **do not** call the Church office.