

**SWING
Membership Meeting
Emory & Henry
31 March 2006**

The SWING membership met Friday, 31 March 2006 at Emory & Henry College at 10 am.

Program: Genetic Genealogy

Wayne Modlin, Public Library Consultant in the Library Development and Networking Division of the Library of Virginia, gave a very interesting program on Genetic Genealogy: Issues and Concerns.

Attending were Dot Ogburn, Nelson Worley, Pat Hatfield, Chrissie Peters, Lorraine Abraham, Jane Caldwell, Peggy Bias, Donna Pletcher, Lucy Glenn, Kelly McBride, Bob --, Nadine Shenk, Anna Ray Roberts, Jennifer Bundy, Steve Vest, Brenda Collins, David Hayes, Jody Hanshew, Ann Fisher, Diana Rosapepe, Laura Bryant, Janis Augustine, Amy Bond, LaVerne Campbell, Laura Wickstead, Marcia DeBose, Maggie Shanley, Sherry Bright, Amy Arnold, Goldora Carico, Barbara Stepp, Jim Berdini, Cathy Hanshew, Laurie Roberts.

Wayne noted that genealogy is the second most popular hobby in the United States, behind gardening. Libraries serve many genealogy patrons, more and more of whom are interested in genetic testing. Recent cover stories in *Newsweek* and *Time*, the current issue of *National Geographic* about population geneticist Spencer Wells' major effort to gather 100,000 genetic samples, and the 21 March Dear Abby column all attest to the interest in this process.

Background and History

Two developments impacted genealogical research in a major way: computers and the Internet, and genetic testing. The double helix symbolizes DNA, which turns each of us into a living fossil. DNA tells one exactly where on the human tree one belongs. Testing is improving, providing more detailed data.

In 1953, two English researchers cracked the genetic code. That information was used in academic peer science, medicine, anthropology and population genetics to track the movement of mankind around the world. Most geneticists believe there was a single origin of mankind in Africa 150,000 – 200,000 years ago, a mitochondrial Eve.

Use of genetics for family historians began in the 1990s, when the Cohanim study found that many Jewish men with Cohen/Cohn traditions were linked to the brother of Moses. Dr. Michael Hammer of the University of Arizona tested hundreds of men named Cohen around the world, including some in Africa of the Limba tribe, and found that a majority had the same genetic signature, which was very unusual since the signature was quite specific.

Y chromosome testing is predominant in studies. Wayne cited the 1998 study to determine whether Thomas Jefferson could have fathered children by Sally Hemmings. It found that Field Jefferson's DNA signature, which was Phoenician rather than European, was possessed by ten Hemmings male descendants but not by the Carrs (whose DNA was European, most common in British Isles, Ireland) or by the Woodsons (whose DNA was African).

Dr. Brian Sykes (who had confirmed the Romanov bones) built on the Cohen and Jefferson studies in 1999, when he found that 60% of all Sykes across England had the same DNA signature.

Bennett Greenspan used DNA to resolve a genealogical brick wall and began a business to provide genetic testing.

Current Activity

Males can be tested on both the Y chromosome and mitochondrial DNA, but women only have the mitochondrial test. The mitochondrial DNA passes through women and survives so can be extracted long after death. The Y chromosome DNA does not last long after death.

Sykes, in *The Seven Daughters of Eve*, postulates that nearly all European ancestry traces back to seven (eight) women. All Native Americans trace to four. Worldwide, there are 36 women ancestors.

Wayne became interested in genealogy during his college years. Later, he read Sykes on deep ancestry and discovered that this process was available commercially. He tested his own deep ancestry and found that he descends from Helen.

The DNA Print tests the entire genome for Indo-European, southeast Asian, Native American, and African American backgrounds with a margin of error of 10%. 3000 surname studies have been done through Family Tree DNA (www.familytreedna.com). Wayne has established a study of the Looney surname; case studies have traced this line to the Isle of Mann.

Business Meeting

Following a break for lunch, Dot Ogburn called the business meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Additional attending: Charlotte Parsons, John Cotham

Upon motion by Lorraine Abraham, seconded by Sherry Bright, the minutes of the Fall 2005 membership meeting, distributed via email and print, were unanimously approved as prepared.

Pat Hatfield presented the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$28,766. Upon motion by Kelly McBride, seconded by Chrissie Peters, the report was accepted as prepared.

Upon a motion by Brenda Collins, seconded by Peggy Bias, the budget for 2005-06 was adopted as presented.

Upon a motion by Kelly McBride, seconded by Barbara Stepp, the membership voted unanimously to invest \$15,000 in an 8-month CD, to earn \$468.88 in interest to benefit the SWING scholarship program.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee

Steve Vest announced that \$500 scholarships have been awarded to Julie Short, Lonesome Pine Regional Library, student at Florida State University (her second award), and Amy Bunn, Williamsburg Regional Library, student at University of North Texas. He encouraged interested students to apply by the 1 July deadline; the application form is posted to the SWING website.

Legislative Report

Janis Augustine reported that the General Assembly has not adopted a budget yet so state aid and LVA budgets are unknown. Certification of public library directors remains unchanged, and the fate of tying education requirements to certification renewal is uncertain. The filtering bill died in conference committee. She reported that a side issue brought by Loudoun County about disposition of discarded library materials resulted in the decision that libraries may donate materials to a charitable supporting organization and they retain profits.

Contracts

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Complete survey for both.

Children's Group

Maggie Shanley reported that 24 librarians and 7 performers had attended the Performers' Showcase held 27 January at Russell County Public Library. Carleen Poole was elected secretary and will serve a two-year term. The Jefferson Cup Committee is looking for a member from southwest Virginia. The next meeting is scheduled for 28 April at Roanoke City, and will feature Kelly Vickstra, a YA librarian at Enoch Pratt and member of the YALSA board.

Continuing Education

Kelly McBride reported that the book repair workshop had been wildly popular, with a waiting list, and that she is planning a repeat offering to encourage school librarians to attend. She has scheduled Reference 101 for late May and will send notices in the next two weeks. She plans to contract with SOLINET for PC Troubleshooting.

Membership

Cathy Hanshew reported that SWING has 100 members. She is reviewing the contact information on the website for accuracy and will send renewal notices soon.

Newsletter

Chrissie Peters had completed the first issue of a newsletter for SWING and had had technical difficulties getting it on the website. She requested news submissions for subsequent issues. Dot introduced Jody Hanshew, who will serve as webmaster, and asked members to send him information for the website.

Academic Representative

Lorraine noted that Emory & Henry's president, Tom Morris, had accepted appointment as the Secretary of Education.

Public Library Representative

Diana Rosapepe noted that staff are planning for the upcoming summer reading program, awaiting legislative decisions, and preparing to meet at the annual VPLDA retreat at Graves Mountain.

School Representative

Barbara Stepp said VEMA meetings have been held recently.

Library of Virginia Update

Wayne Modlin had left word that Libby Lewis had been selected as director of the Library Development and Networking Division, to replace Nelson Worley, and would be interviewing for her old position as well as a new position for continuing education consultant.

Old Business

By-laws Review

Diana Rosapepe and Barbara Stepp reported on their review of the bylaws, which were adopted in 1993. The revisions address changes in boundary limitations, changes in the ways members can vote, and meeting schedules to bring them up to date, and added two committees (scholarship and Children's SWING). They will send these to Jody for posting on the website for members to review and voting in the fall. They welcome suggestions and comments.

Fall Meeting Venue

Dot reviewed the fall meeting, which was held in conjunction with VLA to allow members from distant areas to attend. The meeting was scheduled for the first day of the conference at 9 am. She felt that a Friday breakfast might gain more attendance. Kelly will communicate with the conference planning committee further.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Lorraine Abraham reported the proposed slate of officers for 2006-07:

Vice President—President Elect	Kelly McBride
Public Library Representative	Amy Bond
Community College Representative	Sandy Smith
School Library Representatives	Brenda Collins, Barbara Stepp
Program Coordinator	David Hayes

and reminded members that these will continue to serve in addition:

President	Michael Gilley
Secretary	Laurie Roberts
Treasurer	Pat Hatfield
At Large Representative	Janis Augustine
Academic Representative	Lorraine Abraham

The slate of officers was elected unanimously.

Announcements

Laura Bryant announced that Galax Carroll Regional Library would host a traveling exhibit from the Library of Virginia on outstanding women in Virginia history, in connection with the Galax Centennial.

Averitt College announced an upcoming book sale.

Appreciation to Dot

On behalf of the membership, Laurie Roberts presented a gift of appreciation to Dot for her leadership and excellent organization throughout the year.

Dot thanked everyone for coming. There being no further business before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 1:40.

Laurie S. Roberts, Secretary