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NEWSLETTER OF

**THE SOUTHERN GENEALOGIST'S
EXCHANGE SOCIETY, INC.**

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From the President

Awards given

We are happy to announce that two of our members received "Florida Genealogy Outstanding Achievement Awards" on November 12, 2010 during the closing banquet of the Florida State Genealogical Society Conference in Sarasota: Michael E. Lawson and Elizabeth "Betty" Poag Reed. We congratulate these fine examples of dedicated workers.

Holiday dinner and Installation of Officers, December 11, 2010

The clubhouse of the Edgewater at Sunbeam Condominiums was beautifully decorated and everyone seemed "abuzz" with the set up. The food was plentiful and delectable. The entertainment by Reggie Clay and his "little folks" was delightful and enjoyable. Dick Cardell did his usual good job of installing the officers for 2011. This was the last activity of SGES for 2010. It is anticipated that this year will bring in a few new faces and much enthusiasm. Please let any

Board Member know what we can do to make our organization better.

New Editor: Elizabeth DuClose

The last editions of our Newsletter and Quarterly were prepared by our new Editor: Elizabeth DuClose. Please help her (and your fellow genealogists) by submitting articles for publication. If you need assistance, please ask for it. The publications are our interested in the same folks you are researching. Let them know what you are looking for!

Cemetery Liaison Committee Report

A total of 73 Duval County Cemeteries were inspected and reports were prepared for the City Council during 2010. This action is the result of our volunteering to fill the requirement set forth in the "Blue Ribbon Cemetery Commission" Report. We also volunteered to help organize and train volunteer groups who want to adopt a cemetery and clean it and maintain it.

2011 Officers

Your Executive Board elected on November 13 to serve during the year of 2011 is as follows:

President:	Jon Ferguson
1st VP:	Skip Brown
2nd VP:	Betty Reed
Cor. Sec.:	Lydia Goss
Rec. Sec.:	Becky Frisbee
Treasurer:	Marcus Leach
Historian:	Dick Cardell

Other Board Members (Standing Committee Chairs) are as follows:

Librarian:	Carla Mellott
Publicity:	Betty Reed (2nd VP)
Library Manager:	Jon Ferguson (Pres.)
Education:	Karen Rhodes
Editor:	Liz DuClose

Have you renewed your membership?

Folks that have not paid their dues for 2011 will not receive the March issue of the quarterly. In fact, this will be your last publication. Renew now. Give a membership to a friend.

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From the president continued

Evergreen Cemetery Transcription Report

No member of SGES is presently working with the other volunteers to transcribe the burial records at Evergreen. There are approximately 77,000 folks buried there. The cemetery staff provides an office with computer, telephone, etc., plus training for anyone interested in entering the data or proofing it. There are at least 20,000 more to enter. Contact Charlene Schmidt at 904 353-3649 during business hours, for more information and/or about volunteering.

Rearranging materials in library

During the holidays, some cleanup was done, and some rearranging of materials was necessary to allow growth of various sections. If you need help in finding something, please ask one of the volunteer hosts/hostesses. By the way, we always have openings for additional staffing. If you have an interest in genealogy and have time to spare, we can sure find a place for you. Some of our work can actually be done off site and at your leisure.

March Conference

The Family History Center in Arlington is sponsoring the first annual North Florida Genealogy Conference on March 12, 2011 at the Main Public Library in downtown Jacksonville. The cost of this affair is being kept to a minimum to attract

the largest number of genealogists, both beginners and advanced. Co-sponsors include the Main Library, Jacksonville Genealogical Society and the Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society. Watch for more details. Mark your calendars and pre-register now so that they will be able to make better plans to accommodate the number of attendees.

Fall Program on Family History Writing.

SGES is fortunate enough to have Patricia Charpentier return to give us a full day workshop on writing our family history. She is a super person and is so enthusiastic that everyone will leave at the end of the day full of new ideas about writing your family history. Remember, if you don't put that history into writing, it will be gone when you are gone! This workshop is scheduled for September 10, 2011 and will be at the Riverside Presbyterian Church building at Five Points. Even if you were lucky enough to be able to attend when we sponsored the previous workshop with her, you need to come to see what new ideas she has developed. If you have problems with writing, she will be able to help you. Details will be forthcoming.

Possible move put on hold

Jacksonville Historical Society's purchase of the Old St. Luke's Hospital and the adjoining casket factory is now in the works. A down payment has been made and papers have been signed giving them another two years to pay the balance of the

purchase price. A fundraiser has been hired and their hopes are that the economy will change and that sufficient funds can be received to complete the purchase and remodel the casket factory building. It was hoped that this location could become a one-stop research center. It has much potential including parking, on-site meeting space, etc. The Board of SGES does not consider it wise to make any commitment to move to that location until all details can be worked out, including the preparation of space suitable to house our library and headquarters facilities. Many of you have read about or heard rumors about this. Now you know the facts.

Did you know...

- That SGES has a copy of the Archeological surveys of all the Duval County Cemeteries done by Environmental Services Inc. for Jacksonville Planning and Development Dept. in 2001?
- That SGES has a copy of the cemetery transcriptions done by the state on the cemeteries maintained by the City: Memorial, Sunset Memorial, Pinehurst, and Mt. Olive in 1997?
- That SGES has openings for volunteers. Even "one time" volunteers are appreciated. The vacuum cleaner is on stand-by, the rake is in the corner in the back yard, dust is accumulating, etc. We have boxes of materials that can be taken home to be sorted for filing.

From the president continued

- Friends and relatives are waiting to be discovered on the shelves of our library. A visit to our library could be enlightening!
- SGES has recently exchanged sets of quarterlies with the Coweta, GA Genealogy Society. If you have any connections in that county, you will surely want to look through this fine collection.

Reprint of Volume #2 of "Pioneers of Florida's First Coast."

We are considering having a few more reprints of Volume #2 of "Pioneers of Florida's First Coast" made. Many corrections have been made. We need an approximate number for those interested in purchasing this volume prior to placing our order. If you are interested in acquiring a copy for the price of \$50.00 plus sales tax, please let us know. Your name and contact data will be placed in our records at the library. Please call 778-1000 and give us that information. Thank you.

Writers needed

In order to have a good mix of interesting articles for our quarterly, we need more people writing. Please consider joining us in supplying at least one article on your family or any interested genealogical or historical subject. Our staff can help you if you need it.

We would like to have articles for publication one month in advance if possible. That will give us time to

An Open Letter

from Anne Johnson

Dear Family and Friends,

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, legs permitting, I plan to walk to raise funds and awareness for ALS. I would love to have you join my team: "Women (and a few good men) Fighting ALS" by walking alongside of me and/or donating to my team.

You can sign up and/or donate by clicking on the link below, or e-mail me directly at aofjax@bellsouth.net. My goal is to raise \$5,000. Please ask your friends to support you as a walker as well.

I hope we can help find a cure before it is too late for me; but if not, perhaps it will come in your lifetime, in time to save someone else you know or love.

Please help; this is a fatal disease with no known cause or cure -- for now.

Love to all,
Anne

[Click here to visit my personal page](#)

If the text above does not appear as a clickable link, you can visit the web address:

http://web.alsa.org/site/TR?px=2921019&pg=personal&frid=7144&et=ml7O_OZFYtk1cwoSwo1wCg.&s_tafid=136286

[Click here to view the team page for Women Fighting ALS](#)

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complete the process timely.

Our quarterlies are due out on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Our newsletters are in between quarterlies. Please e-mail your article(s) to Elizabeth DuClose at lizduclose@gmail.com. If you do not have access to a computer, let us know and we will handle the finishing for you.

Programs for the year

Skip Brown is our Program Chairman. Please see him if you have suggestions for programs, either

topics or speakers. Our February 12 program will be a Power Point presentation on the Turner Family by Jim Bass. Jim is from Alpharetta, GA now, but grew up in Jacksonville. Those of you who were present at his last presentation will surely want to be present again, and those who missed the last one can see the type of program you missed, even though it will be a different family. Jim opened our eyes to the genealogy data in the History of Ezra Lodge. SGES has a copy of that book in the library.

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Exchange Society
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News and Events

Karen Rhodes

The Huxford Genealogical Library in Homerville, GA, and Elmer's Genealogical Library of Madison, FL, have combined, and are now headquartered in Homerville, GA.

That facility has just undergone a renovation, and the grand re-opening is scheduled for

13 February 2011 (Sunday)

at 2:00 pm.

Reservations are requested.

Send an email to

huxford@windstream.net

for more information.

January 22 - 30, 2011

• **Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities**

Eatonville, Florida

For additional information visit

<http://www.zorafestival.com>

Saturday, January 29, 2011

• **Jacksonville Genealogical Society Meeting**

Guest Speaker: Alvie Davidson,
Certified Genealogist

"Introduction to Forensic
Genealogy"

Webb-Wesconnett Branch Library

6887 103rd Street

1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 19, 2011

• **Jacksonville Genealogical Society Spring Seminar**

Guest Speaker: Sharon Tate Moody,
Certified Genealogist

St. Paul's Catholic Church

2609 Park Street

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 2011

• **North Florida Regional Genealogy Conference**

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Jacksonville Public Library, Main

303 N. Laura St.

9-12 June 2011

• **Cumberland Gap Genealogy Jamboree**

Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

Information:

<http://www.wil-syl.com/jamboree3>