

A Quarterly Publication of the Florida Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists  
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## Who we are

We are professionals—from newcomers to seasoned pros. Our members must also be members of the [parent organization](#).

For further information, contact [Alvie Davidson, CG](#).

## Want to join?

You must be a member of the international [APG](#) group first.

Florida dues are \$10 a calendar year for renewal members and \$20 for new members. Contact Florida Membership Chair [Debbe Hagner, AG](#).

## SUN Deadline

Deadline for the July issue is June 20.

[Dick Robinson, CG](#), editor.



## Manuscripts: underused treasures

Genealogists often neglect to search manuscript collections, such as diaries. But they can help unravel ancestors lives beyond charts and group sheets.

[Pam Cooper](#), librarian of the Archive Center and Genealogy Department, [Indian River County Main Library](#), will tell all about manuscripts at a general Chapter meeting on Saturday, May 5. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. in the Genealogy

Department, 1600 21st Street, Vero Beach, Florida. The Chapter's Board will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

Around noon the group will have lunch at a nearby restaurant. All events are open to members and guests, says program chair [Yolanda Lifter](#).

Cooper will explain how to find manuscripts. Her unit has a number of special regional collections that may not be available in many

places in Florida. Our next meeting: Aug. 4 Speaker to be announced, Polk County Historical and Genealogical Library.

## Member goals

Invite a prospective member to the meeting or ask a prospect to join the Chapter. More than 25 members of our parent group live in Florida but are not yet members of the chapter. Search for them in the [APG directory](#) by entering "FL" in the state box.

## President's corner

### Being in the right place at the right time

By [Jean Foster Kelley, CG](#)

Nothing beats being in the right place at the right time. That's one of the benefits of being a member of our Florida Chapter. Look at our last meeting on February 3, for example.

Members and guests learned new things about copyright law and genealogy first hand from an expert. They met and networked with new people or visited with old friends. They saw a facility (Largo Public Library and its genealogy department) they may not have known about.

Attendees came from near and far (Jacksonville), and

they were young (at heart) and older (an 85-year-old guest). Member Alvie Davidson surprised everyone by giving away a door prize, *Trace Your Roots with DNA* by Megan Smolenyak and Ann Turner.

So, if you ask me, everyone there benefited because they were in the right place at the right time! For those who could not attend, the speaker, David Ellis, J.D., wrote an article in [Florida Lines, March 2007](#). More meeting details are on our [website](#).

Speaking of being in the right place, we are returning to the Lowenstein Archive Center and Genealogy

Department, Indian River County Main Library, for our general meeting on May 5 (See story above). This is one meeting and genealogy department you shouldn't miss.

They have material from Florida and many other places. It's one of the best in the state and run by two of our members, librarian Pamela J. Cooper and assistant Cindy Hineman Davis. You might want to do some research there after lunch. The library will be open until 4 p.m.

Finally, will someone volunteer to serve as parliamentarian at our board and general meetings? Please contact me or any board member.