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## President's Corner

# We'll focus on growing professionally

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Welcome to our third year as a chapter of APG. The first two years were ones of formation and growth. I want to thank Dick Robinson, our first chapter president, for getting the group started off on the right foot, with a solid foundation.

This year we continue to focus on how the Chapter can help us grow as

professional genealogists.

Yolanda Lifter is planning an excellent series of programs around the state. If you know someone who is interested in professional genealogy, please invite them to attend a meeting. Our meetings are posted on our Web site at [apgen.org/localchapters/florida/meetings.html](http://apgen.org/localchapters/florida/meetings.html).

Lastly, we all know how life's unexpected events

occasionally prevent us from doing our jobs. At times we need to attend to personal or family matters or take time to heal. If these events ever keep you from doing chapter work, please let me know immediately because other members will help you.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on Feb. 4 (see story below).

## Dues Due

**Dues for 2006 are now due: \$10 for a renewal or \$20 for a new member who is already a member of the parent organization ([apgen.org](http://apgen.org)). Mail checks to Debbe Hagner, P.O. Box 1142, Port Richey, FL 34673.**

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## Members gather Feb. 4; other meetings set

Our first chapter meeting this year is at one of the best genealogical libraries in the state in Vero Beach on Saturday, Feb. 4.

It will be a busy day for members and guests at the Indian River County Main Library's Julian W. Lowenstein Archive Center & Genealogy Department, 1600 21st St., Vero Beach, Florida ([www.rootsweb.com/%7Ef/indian/ircl](http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Ef/indian/ircl)).

**Here's the schedule:**  
**8:30 a.m.** Chapter board meeting, open to

members and guests.  
**10 a.m.** Chapter meeting. Librarian Pam Cooper, an APG Florida member, will give a tour of the facility and then conduct a hands-on session with the National Archives Series, M233, *Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914*.

**Noon.** Pre-ordered box lunches (Cindy Davis [ourtime2@bellsouth.net](mailto:ourtime2@bellsouth.net)) or bring own.

**1- 3 p.m.** Two talks by Dick Robinson, CG: "The Joy of Writing Research Reports for Clients" and

"The Law and Genealogists: How to prevent conflicts."

### Other 2006 meetings

**May 6,** 10 a.m. – "My Favorite Things" roundtable discussion, Orlando Public Library (tentative).

**Aug. 5,** 10 a.m. – Case study discussion, West Palm Beach Public Library and Palm Beach County Genealogical Society (tentative).

**Oct. 15,** week of – Group trip to Southeast Region of National Archives, Morrow, Georgia.





Jean Foster Kelley

## New administration takes office

Jean Foster Kelley of Tampa now heads the two-year-old chapter. Of the 12 board members and committee chairs that took office Jan. 1, only four are new, retaining leadership stability.

Kelley was elected president, replacing Dick Robinson who did not seek re-election. Ken Macomber of The Villages, a relatively new Florida resident, was

elected vice president, succeeding Kelley. He has been a faculty member at Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research.

Three new committee chairs were named: Yolanda Campbell Lifter, programs; Cindy Davis, nominations; and Holly Timm, chapter vendor chair at the Florida State Genealogical Society conference.

## 2006 officers

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|-------------------|---|
| President         | Jean Foster Kelley                                      |
| Vice President    | Ken Macomber, CG <sup>SM</sup>                          |
| Secretary         | Ann Mohr Osisek   |
| Treasurer         | Amy Larner Giroux, CG <sup>SM</sup> , CGL <sup>SM</sup> |
| Chapter Rep       | Alvie L. Davidson, CG <sup>SM</sup>                     |
| Membership        | Debbe A. Hagner, AG                                     |
| Newsletter        | Richard F. Robinson, CG <sup>SM</sup>                   |
| Nominations       | Cindy Davis   |
| Programs          | Yolanda Campbell Lifter                                 |
| Publicity         | Debbe A. Hagner, AG                                     |
| Webmaster         | Amy Larner Giroux, CG <sup>SM</sup> , CGL <sup>SM</sup> |
| FSGS Vendor Booth | Holly Timm  |

## OUR LAST MEETING

### Nice turnout in Panama City Beach

All chapter board members and chairs attended our second annual meeting on Nov. 11, 2005, in Panama City Beach in the Panhandle. "This shows the dedication of our leaders to our group," Dick Robinson, immediate past president, said.

In addressing the meeting held at the FSGS

conference, he told how APG has helped him in genealogy. "My APG stands for Achieve, Prosper, and Grow," he said. Other highlights:

Amy Giroux is preparing the 2006 membership directory brochure. It will be distributed to groups around the state.

Membership grew by seven members in 2005

with a total of 26 members. More than \$543 was in the chapter treasury. About 84% of members voted in the September 2005 election.

Donna Moughty urged members to attend the APG Professional Management Conference in Boston on Aug. 30, 2006, at the FGS conference.

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– Dick Robinson

## Newsletter goals, content and deadlines



Our goal is to educate and inform readers. We will have chapter news, columns, articles about what is happening in genealogy in Florida and elsewhere, member profiles, calendars of events, and more.

We want you to contribute information and ideas. This is an abbreviated edition; *The Sun* will get larger. No issue has been published since January 2005. The chapter mailing list will let you know when a new issue is posted on our Web site.

### 2006 Copy Deadlines

| ISSUE   | DEADLINE |
|---------|----------|
| April   | March 11 |
| July    | June 10  |
| October | Sept. 9  |

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