

EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Only four seats remaining for the bus trip to Fort Wayne
- Michigan Genealogical Council Fall Family History Event, November 12, 2016, 9 AM to 4 PM at the Michigan Library and History Center. Registration fee is \$45 before November 6, 2016; \$55 after that. Registrations can be done online at their website.
- Sherry updated us on the status of the newspaper digitizing project.
- Courthouse Square Association will be doing a digitized photography display beginning in November 2016. They will be using a number of the photos from ECGS.

The November 9, 2016, meeting will include:

Approval of the 2017 proposed budget (copies provided for review)

Election of the 2017 slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee:

Returning Officers:

President	Charles Chamberlain
Vice President	Kent MacDonald
Corresponding Secretary	Marcy Cousino
Treasurer	Sher Brown
Membership Secretary	Dianna Emerson

New nominees:

Recording Secretary	Judy Chamberlain
Trustee	Becky Kendall
Historian	Marijo Wakley

Thank you to Liz and Vernon Jones for the delicious refreshments.

A big "Thank You" to Kent MacDonald who presented a very interesting program from John P. Colletta's Discovering Your Roots video series. This was the first in a series of 15 videos in which Mr. Colletta explained how to conduct interviews with "kin folks". Mr. Colletta is a very energetic speaker who captures your attention. He whetted our appetite to view more of the videos, especially when he was using an example from his own interview with a family member, but didn't tell the whole story. He said he would include that in another session. It was one of those end-of-the-season cliff hangers—you have to wait a while before knowing what happened. Kent has purchased the entire set and will donate them to the Society—once he has watched them all.

Shirley told us about some of Mr. Colletta's books that are available in bookstores or from your local library. These included They Came in Ships, Finding Italian Roots and Only A Few Bones.