

# AUGUST FORG CHECK-IN Newsletter

Our newsletter and check-in email will be combined this quarter

It is with great sorrow I must inform our membership that Jennifer “Jenny” Kendrick, life member and talented newsletter editor passed away on July 17. Memorial is now planned for Saturday August 10. This was not expected. FORG will honor Jenny by a donation to the Humane Society of Charlotte.

I always hope when a fellow genealogist passes on, that they are now reunited with all the family she researched, especially the “brick wall” ancestors, and she now has completed her family tree!  
May Jenny rest in peace!

## MEETING/PROGRAM

Our next FORG Family Reunion by Zoom is August 10

George English

1:30 pm central time, 19:30 London time zone, 11:30 am pacific time zone.

*link at bottom of this email*

*The zoom link will be on the events calendar of our webpage- [RotarianGenealogists.org](http://RotarianGenealogists.org)*

**Details will be sent in a separate email**

## PRESIDENTS WELCOME

**Read Luanne's entire article on the attached document**

Fellow members, Rotarians, and friends,

July is the start of the new membership year for FORG and in our case it's also this fellowship's beginning of a new presidential term. I am humbled, excited, and energized to be the president of FORG for the 2024-2026 term.

All the best,

Luanne Newman

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## FORG HISTORY

**2015** Lawrence Tristram contacts Sue Beety. (He gets her name from RI. Sue had called RI to ask if there was a genealogy fellowship 3 years prior they kept her name in their files).

**2016** Work begins on a genealogy fellowship. Tris, Sue and Madu committee. Sue uses a list of potential members from Tris's file to gather potential members. (25 needed). Name of fellowship to be Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists (FORG)

side note: Sue spent many hours trying to make the name FROG instead of FORG.

FORG by-laws submitted in July. approved by RI later that year Facebook page created. RI approved logo, name and by-laws. 27 members recruited to join.

**2017 Atlanta** FORG was granted a booth in the Hall of Friendship. 56 members joined. Organization meeting. 32 attend. Board elected. President Tris-one year, Vice President Sue B one year, Madu B appointed secretary. Mike F appointed treasurer, Bill Harvey-director.

Goal- Membership requested a website by the next convention.

**2018. Toronto, Canada.** 2nd convention. Hall of Friendship booth. Website developed by Tris. Sue B becomes President, Tris becomes past president. Madu is listed as secretary, Bill Harvey director  
Goal-Membership asked for a lapel pin.

**2019. Hamburg Germany** Bill H elected to Vice President (one year term) Lapel pins were developed and sold for \$10 to members, free with a lifetime membership. An annual membership was established for \$20, \$100 for a lifetime membership. Anyone that joined prior to Hamburg are Lifetime members with no future dues. Theme was My DNA is 100% Rotarian.

**2020 no in-person convention. (Hawaii)** Bill H takes over as President, Sue B becomes past president. Sue WW elected Vice President. This opens a director position. First zoom meeting/election. Bruce R volunteers for the open Director position — elected for 1 year, Mike F appointed treasurer, Sue Beety appointed secretary. Convention is virtual for the first time.  
Goal- Keep the membership engaged. Monthly Check-in email began. Quarterly Zoom meetings began. Jennifer K recruited to design and edit quarterly newsletter.

**2021.** Second virtual convention. Bill presented a power point - beginning genealogy presentation. 2nd year-President Bill H. Bruce elected for full 2 year term as Director, July 2021-June 30, 2023. Sue B - past president and appointed secretary. Mike F appointed treasurer. FORG featured in the February issue of the RI magazine. President interviewed for a Rotary blog. RI requires changes to all fellowship logos and the requirement of membership to all, including non-Rotarians.

**2022.** Houston, Texas—In person convention. Sue W assumes the presidents office 2022-2024, (due to an injury, Sue W was not be able to attend the Houston convention). Theme was Family of Rotary. Bill Harvey moves to past president, Sue B appointed secretary, Mike F appointed treasurer, Director Tris elected to his second term (2022-June 30, 2024). Director C is added to board after a by-law revision, Luanne Newman nominated and elected to a 1 year term as Director C. By-laws updated. Term limits eliminated. Bookmarks were a big hit. Candy drew Rotarians in. Photos taken of Rotarians and posted on the 2 family tree murals.

**2023.** FORG opted out of the RI convention in Australia. Sue W assumes her second year as president. Mike F. Appointed treasurer. Sue B appointed secretary for a one year term. Luanne Newman of Texas voted in as Vice President and will move to president in July of 2024.

**2024.** No booth at Singapore convention. Bill H has a set of tree murals for future convention. July 1 Luanne N becomes the fourth president beginning a 2 year term. Tris is elected to a two year term Director.

#### **Board-July 2024-June 30, 2025**

Past President Sue Weber W. 2024-2025, Nominating chair USA

President-Luanne Newman 2024-2025. Texas USA

Treasurer Mike Fekete appointed 1 year term. Wisconsin USA

Secretary Sue Beety appointed 1 year term through June 30 2025 Wisconsin USA

Director A. Bruce Richardson. 2023 - 2025. Canada

Director B Lawrence Tristram. 2 year term 2024-2026 UK

Director C. Martha Stuckey. 2 year term. 2023-2025. Louisiana USA

#### **Committees**

Website- webmaster-Lawrence Tristram.

Membership-Sue B

Newsletter-

Programs- Melinde B, Bill H.

#### **Future RI Convention**

Calgary, Canada. 2025

#### **FORG—Activities, meetings**

Check-in emails monthly

4 Zoom meetings/family reunions February, May, August, November. Dates tbd by board.

Newsletter 4X's a year. Feb 1, May 1, Aug. 1 Nov.

Board meetings- the month prior to the membership/family reunions as needed. By Zoom.

## **LINK TO QUARTERLY PROGRAM/FAMILY REUNION**

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

**When** Sat, August 10, 7:30pm – 9:00pm London time.

**Where** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85447497025?pwd=eHduWVlZb1RDU2xGMG5KaDRYY2FmZz09> (map)

**Description** Tris is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85447497025?pwd=eHduWVlZb1RDU2xGMG5KaDRYY2FmZz09> Meeting ID: 854 4749 7025 Passcode: 282388

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