

MORRIS AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
General Meeting
October 10, 2000

Carol McCloud, Vice President and Program Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Welcome was extended to members and guests.

The Corresponding Secretary Kenneth Brinck stated that there was no correspondence to report since the last meeting.

There was not a Treasurer's report.

Carol reported that the date for the November meeting had returned to the 14th but that the availability of the planned speaker on that date was still to be confirmed.

She also discussed the plans for the December meeting which is traditionally a Christmas party. A signup sheet for providing refreshments was circulated. For entertainment there will be a variety of short talks by members. Again a signup sheet circulated.

The speaker for the evening was David Saari. He is a former Director of the Princeton Genealogical Society and has spoken previously to MAGS on Finnish Genealogy. This time his talk was about the use of the Internet for Genealogy.

He led us through a number of the most important and useful web sites such as Cyndi's List which provides a highly effective subject focused portal to thousands of genealogy related sites. Some of his data showed the magnitude of genealogy activity on the web with over a million users per month.

He emphasized the multiple roles of the Internet in communication and sharing of information as well as searching. He described the range of available information from "How To" helps, through indexes to data, to actual data. Several cautions were noted since not everything on the Internet is accurate. While it is useful to find leads one really must confirm facts by checking original source documents.

He concluded by encouraging MAGS members to share their information through web publishing as he has done with his Finnish Genealogy. He assured us that it is not too difficult.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Leroy M. May
Recording Secretary