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Hello Everyone,

I want to remind you of our annual meeting this Saturday. We have a terrific program on *immigration* lined up. Marine historian Norman Brouwer will give two talks, one on immigration in the age of sailing ships, and the other in the age of steam ships. He will be followed by Leslie Huber, genealogist and writer, who will talk about researching immigration records using her own ancestors as case studies.

These talks will be sure to add to your knowledge of immigration and reinvigorate your research into your immigrant ancestors.

The meeting will be held 10-3 at the Pequot Library in Southport and we plan to provide a light lunch to keep everyone alert. I hope to see many of you there.

The program committee is busy setting up meetings for the autumn. We will meet at our western hub, the Stamford Historical Society, on September 10. We will have a 1-hour beginning genealogy lecture for people new to the hobby. That will be followed by a lecture on setting up a family Web site online. Both of these will be presented by Rob Locke, our treasurer/membership chair/webmaster.

October 1 will find us at our northern hub at the Danbury Public Library. This will be a discussion meeting without a formal lecture. Attendees will have the opportunity to explain their research focus or a particular problem they are having. Everyone will have a chance to weigh in with suggestions. If there are enough people with the same focus or interest, we will break up the group into discussion groups. Come and meet other members and share your family's stories.

For November we have invited a well-known lecturer, Maureen Taylor, whose expertise lies in the area of old photographs. We have not settled on a specific topic yet, but she is an expert in identifying the time period in which a photo was taken based on the clothing the subjects are wearing. She also knows a lot about preserving photos. Stay tuned for more information about this program, to be held November 12 at our eastern hub, the Trumbull Public Library.

Finally, it is renewal time. Please check the envelope on your journal (in the mail!) to see your expiration date. If it is 31 May 2011, you need to renew. If it is 2012 or later, you are up to date with dues.

I value your membership and participation in our society. Please pass along your ideas and suggestions to me so we can keep our society vibrant and relevant. And remember, the best way to preserve your genealogy scholarship is to publish it—in our journal.

Best wishes for success in your research.

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President