

REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

Reasons why be a volunteer by volunteers

- 1) You feel that you are a contributor
- 2) You have the time and want to keep busy
- 3) GGS has help me so I should give back
- 4) You meet new people in Genealogy and it helps you in your quest
- 5) You feel guilty only taking and not giving
- 6) You have the need skills to help GGS
- 7) You spouse said you should
- 8) You learn more about our GGS book collection
- 9) You learn more about Germanic Genealogy
- 10) You get to meet first hand knowledgeable individuals in Germanic genealogy
- 11) You share your knowledge with others
- 12) You enjoy the challenge of working with others
- 13) You have leadership skills that can be applied to GGS
- 14) You want to understand more about GGS and MGS
- 15) You want to help but have limited time
- 16) You get to know fellow members who can often exchange information to further your research
- 17) We need volunteer workers to keep our non-profit organization going.
\$15.00 dues just won't cover it!
- 18) GGS is an educational group and though we get paid speakers once or twice a year, we depend on the membership to share their expertise in the areas in which they are knowledgeable.
- 19) The old adage: "You get out what you put into it" (the organization) If you are looking to learn about what is the next step in your research, most the time you can just make contact with a group member.

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- 20) Without volunteers, dues would have to be an enormous amount. Think of the costs of meeting places, the housing of library books, writing and printing our publications, mailing costs, and on & on. You would have to pay someone to cater refreshments at meetings, sell our books, and write and update them, answer the mail and queries, retain our website, and do the financial work.
- 21) The above tasks are just some of what our volunteers do within GGS
- 22) To move forward in genealogy
- 23) To meet other members
- 24) To pad your resume
- 25) To pursue an interest
- 26) To use a talent
- 27) Get help from others who have researched in the area where your family lived
- 28) Find out from other members what is new in the genealogical world
- 29) If it were not for volunteers, there would not be as much cemetery data available, articles written about how to do research, indexes to microfilmed records, genealogical societies collecting & preserving "stuff" on our ancestors which would have been thrown out or lost, books collected and made available through genealogical libraries which are staffed by volunteers
- 30) Many hands make short work of any task. More people helping, more programs, and ultimately more *fun*.
- 31) Meet people who's eyes don't glaze over at the mention of genealogy and eventually these people become *friends*! My life has been made richer by these genealogy friends. Volunteering has given back more to me than I give to the four genealogy groups that I volunteer for. Try it! You'll like it!
- 32) Volunteering for GGS gives you the opportunity to make new contacts with other active members
- 33) You will be able to build a network of genealogical contacts.
- 34) You will be able to find people who are researching the same areas as you are and will have opportunities to exchange information with them
- 35) You will be able to develop new skills as others share their research techniques

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- 26) You will be able to share your own skills with others
- 27) You will strengthen the GGS organization by helping present more and better opportunities for its members.
- 28) You will feel involved in an important organization
- 29) You will make a difference.