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MESSAGE from the RUG

John Frank, Past President and Volunteer

On behalf of the Executive Committee

Terry Reigel and his wife Nancy were in the Arlington, Virginia area for the RUG monthly meeting. Nancy surprised us with a scrumptious cake, which the attendees consumed to the last crumb during our mid-morning break between sessions. Thank you Nancy! Here is another reason to attend the RUG meetings in person.

Terry's two sessions provided strategies to make TMG narrative reports natural, interesting and readable. Terry stressed that he is more of a social historian than someone who focuses on a family tree with names, dates and places associated with a person. This is in contrast with our March speaker, Gary Patranek, who talked about Roots Magic and said that he doesn't use narrative reports at all and could offer no help in discussing narrative reports in Roots Magic. I suppose it all depends on how you want to use your genealogy. The different approaches fit different purposes. You can read Terry's article in this newsletter and his PowerPoint presentations are posted on the member section of the RUG website. Technical issues prevented a complete recording of Terry's presentation, but you can hear what was recorded at the member section of the RUG website. Although don't stop there -- Terry's website is tmg.reigelridge.com.

Gary Patranek in our March meeting mentioned an issue that all genealogy software users, especially TMG users, should keep in mind. In

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the case of TMG Version 9, it works fine now in Windows 10 and probably will work for the next decade or longer if Microsoft's past support of operating systems continues. At some point in the future, TMG may not have a supported operating system available. At that time TMG sqz file would not be useful; however, a Gedcom file of your database would save essential data for some unspecified, not-yet-developed genealogy program used perhaps by a descendant. So, you should add a Gedcom file as part of your backup schedule on a periodic basis, and make it available to a knowledgeable, interested