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LETTER TO RUG MEMBERS

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On behalf of the Executive Committee

Important! Please read this entire "Letter." It covers three major topics: (1) the current state of our organization and need for your increased participation; (2) compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); and (3) Internet connectivity at the church building at May's meeting.

Increase Your Participation

The major goal of RUG is to "provide a social organization wherein individuals with common interests may study, evaluate, test, exchange ideas and genealogical data, and may disseminate information to interested parties concerning personal computers and computer genealogical software."

Over the last couple of years, you probably have noticed that the EC had to eliminate some monthly meetings. In 2018, there was no February meeting and we are not having meetings in July or August. It is probable that we will need to eliminate another meeting or two during the rest of the year. We have only a couple scheduled programs beyond August and none planned yet in 2019 except for our 30th anniversary party in February.

We have now reached a point of important decision making that will impact the future of RUG. You – our members – will need to increase your participation in the RUG's activities--in particular, making presentations--in order to be able to approximate our current monthly schedule.

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No Meetings in July or August

Otherwise the EC may be forced to alter the meeting schedule, such as holding only one meeting each quarter. In the past, holding monthly meetings has enabled RUG to support the known interests of our members.

As those of you who have made presentations know, we also request that presenters prepare a newsletter article so that our members who cannot attend (either in person or via join.me) can "catch up." Speakers have written very detailed articles, often lengthy, that require our newsletter editor to prepare an extensive newsletter. Should