Western Michigan Genealogical Society

PRESENTS

Got Ancestors?! 2014
60 Years! – Are We *There* Yet?

FEATURING

Dick Eastman

OF

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

AT THE

Prince Conference Center at Calvin College

Friday 10th October

WMGS 60th Anniversary Banquet & Dick Eastman Presentation: Putting The Genes in Genealogy

Saturday 11th October

Cloudy With A Chance of Genealogy

The Organized Genealogist Going Paperless

Genealogy Searches on Google

The Family History World In 10 Years Time

Vendors – Deli Delight Lunch Buffet – Network with other Genealogists – Door Prizes

(See the Schedule page for full details of each session)

Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than 30 years. He has worked in the computer industry for more than 40 years in hardware, software, and managerial positions. By the early 1970s, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards. He built his first home computer in 1980.

In the mid-1980s, Dick actually went knocking on the door of a rising online star called CompuServe to propose a genealogy forum: a move by which he built a community of family historians over the next 14 years. At the same time, he preached the benefits of technology to an even wider audience of genealogists, including national and international genealogical organizations, and of course, GENTECH.

On January 15, 1996, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter was launched as an e-mail publication. The weekly newsletter has since grown into a daily publication that is read by more than 75,000 genealogists all over the world, and has expanded to offer more online services to the genealogy community, including an online genealogy encyclopedia and an online genealogy bookstore.

Nowadays, Dick Eastman splits his time between a home near Boston and a home in Orlando.

WMGS was proud to welcome Dick Eastman in 2004 for our 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Now 10 years later it's time to welcome him back again.

Register and pay online at http://GotAncestors.com/

Questions? – send eMail to Seminar@GotAncestors.com

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Celebrates 60 Years

Registration Form

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Please use one form per person attending the Saturday Seminar. You may register multiple banquet attendees on one form.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

eMail: _____ (even if mailing in this form, please include your eMail address)

Friday 10th October: – WMGS 60th Anniversary Banquet & Dick Eastman Presentation

Use this first part of this form to order as many meals for the Friday evening Banquet as you need for your party.

Choose Your Culinary Destination(s):

# of Travellers		TOLL
☐	**Mediterranean Tarragon Chicken** – Marinated tarragon chicken topped with Greek style gigandes white beans served over Basmati rice pilaf. **$21**	$_____
☐	**New York Strip Steak with Red and Yellow Tomato Relish** – Grilled 8-ounce strip topped with feta tomato and onion relish served with Yukon parsnip mashed potato. **$28**	$_____
☐	**Korean Braised Pork Loin** – Thinly sliced pork loin glazed with caramelized miso, served with a vegetable stir fry and steamed rice**. $23**	$_____
☐	**Crispy Chinese Spiced Swordfish** – Pan fried seasoned swordfish served with porcini mushrooms and flavored in a port wine reduction. **$24**	$_____
☐	**Vindaloo Vegetable Skewers** – Grilled vegetable skewers infused with Indian spices and a peanut dipping sauce served over basmati rice. **$18**	$_____

Saturday 11th October: – Got Ancestors?! 2014 60 Years! – Are We *There* Yet?

Use this second part of this form to register for your attendance at Saturday's seminar with Dick Eastman.

ON RAMP	Enter the appropriate price for early or regular registration. **Fee** before 22 September 2014 = **$49**. After 21 September 2014 = **$59** Note this includes Deli Delight Lunch and Refreshments.	Registration $_____

Optional – Joining WMGS

☐	Check here if you wish to also join WMGS as a new member for 2015 or renew your existing membership (see below). **$20**	$_____
⬇		**TOTAL TOLLS** $_____

WMGS Members who attend the **Saturday** Seminar will receive a $10 voucher in their registration package. This voucher can be used at the WMGS Sales Table, or can be used toward your 2015 Membership. Membership is $20 per year for members living in the USA.

Please make cheque payable to **WMGS** and mail to:
Got Ancestors?! Registration
Roger Moffat
3020 76th St SE
Caledonia, MI 49316-8398

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Schedule

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Friday 10th October 2014	
6:00 – 6:30 PM	**Reception** **Meet and Greet, Punch and Nuts and a look at WMGS' History**
6:30 – 7:30 PM	**WMGS 60th Anniversary Banquet** Your choice of food from a variety of culinary destinations, with Anniversary Cake.
7:30 – 8:30 PM	**Dick Eastman presents "Putting the Genes in Genealogy"** A serious look at the intriguing possibility that by using DNA research, today's genealogists may become the lifesavers of family and loved ones in the near future.
8:30 – 9:15 PM	**Coffee and Mix & Mingle**

Saturday 11th October 2014	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	**Registration**
9:00 – 10:15 AM	**Cloudy, with a Chance of Genealogy** A simple and down-to-earth explanation of what "the cloud" is and how genealogists can use Cloud Computing to simplify their own computer usage.
	Rest Area & Vendors
11:00 – 12:30 PM	**The Organized Genealogist Going Paperless** A look at various methods of organizing record keeping by use of digital techniques. This talk focuses on converting paper-based record keeping to all digital records, making plenty of backups (to be stored in different locations), and preserving the digital records for many more years than is possible with paper. This talk also discusses methods of digitally preserving printed books and magazines for long-term storage and making sure that information in those publications can be easily searched and retrieved.
	Lunch
1:45 – 3:00 PM	**Genealogy Searches on Google** Extracting the most genealogy information possible from everyone's favorite search engine.
	Rest Area & Vendors
3:30 – 4:45 PM	**The Family History World in 10 Years Time** A look into the crystal ball to discuss changing research trends, a changing audience (have you noticed that today's genealogists are younger than they used to be?) and a look at changes being made now by "the cloud" and the growth of handheld devices that are "online all the time" as it affects genealogy.

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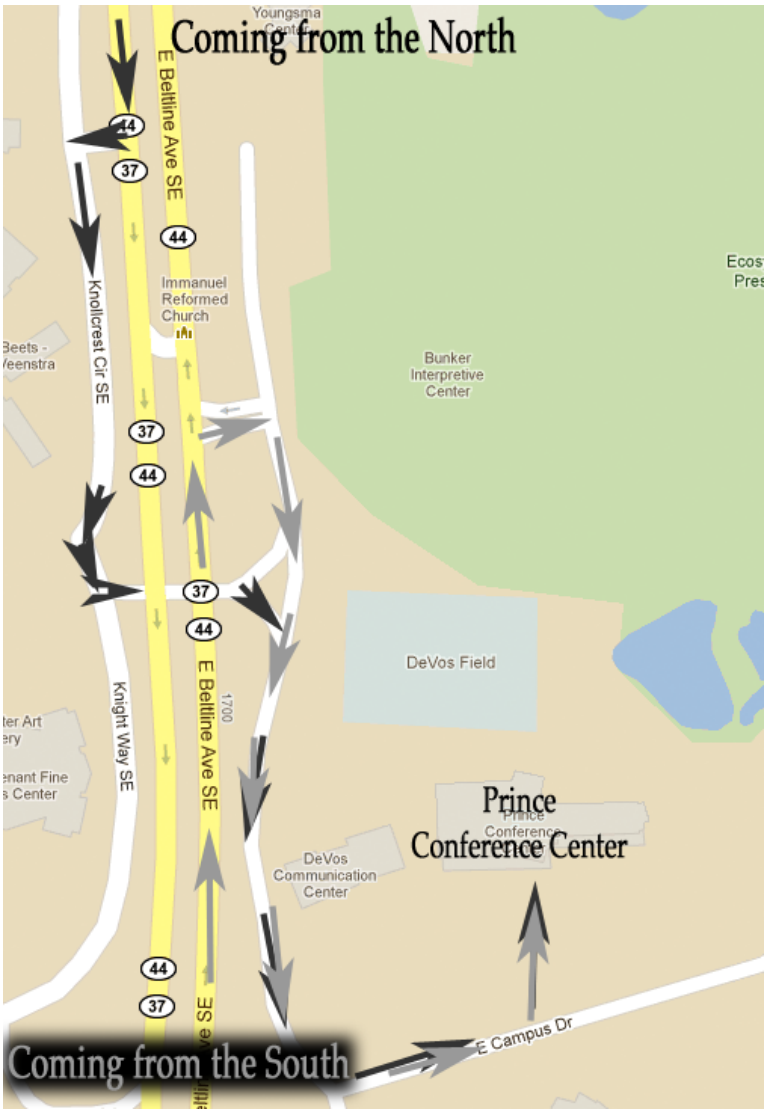


How To Get *There*…

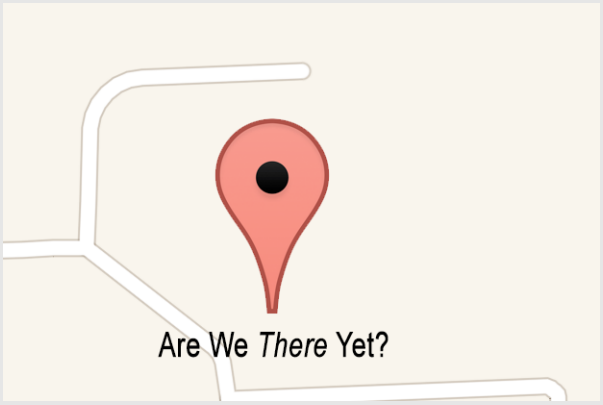
The Prince Conference Center at Calvin College is located at 1800 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Entry to the Prince Conference Center can be gained from both north and south bound East Beltline. From the North, the darker coloured arrows indicate the way on to Knollcrest Circle and then under the Beltline to the Prince Conference Center. From the South, the light arrows indicate the way past the Prince Conference Center on the East Beltline, then turning off and making a u-turn on East Campus Drive to go south to the Prince Conference Center.

You can download a full page map of the campus from

http://www.calvin.edu/map/campusmap.pdf

Parking is FREE



Message from WMGS President – Don Bryant

SANKOFA – This West African symbol of a bird looking backwards while walking forward translates to "return and get it." This signifies the importance of learning from the past. This year we celebrate and recognize our 60-year history in West Michigan We look back to 1954 and appreciate what inspired the founders of WMGS to organize. Some may wonder what family history research was like then. Others in our midst know it well, lived it, and created the genealogy 'road maps' we still use today.

In the 1960s we were promised flying cars like the Jetsons' (I'm still waiting for mine). The information revolution came later and by 1980 we all knew a paperless society was in our future (still waiting for that, too). Since then, personal computers, the Internet, mega database services, mobile apps, and developments in DNA research have all radically changed how we do genealogy.

We also look back to 2004 when WMGS turned 50 years old. Dick Eastman, our featured guest at the banquet, gave a presentation titled *Using the Internet for Genealogical Research (the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly)*. How appropriate that we welcome him back ten years later! It's time for an update; that's why you'll notice an emphasis on technology in our list of presentations. Like never before, technology provides essential tools for family history researchers.

After 60 years, we ask "Are We *There* Yet?!" Although that statement conjures memories of bored kids in the back seat on a long trip, we want to take time to consider what "there" is and enjoy the genealogy journey into the future. We are on this road trip together as we anticipate and plan what we leave for the generations to come – those in the back seat! Looking back helps us to move forward…