

As the holiday season approaches we would like to thank all of you who have renewed their membership or newly joined the PHGS family.

Without all of you we couldn't continue to bring you the information we so greatly enjoy sharing. For this we are grateful.

I am sure a lot of you will be spending the holidays with family and/or friends you have connected with through being a member of PHGS. This is another thing we are grateful for, that we are a part of the reason family and friends have come together. We wish each and every one of you the safest and best days throughout this holiday season.

We currently have a total of 521 members, ranging in ages from the 20's to the 80's, from all over the United States. Proof that the "genealogy bug" can bite any one at any given time and any given place. Sharing as much information in the easiest possible ways is our goal here at PHGS. We receive updates and additions on an almost daily basis from our members.

After receiving dozens of emails asking us about different alternatives for submitting your membership dues we decided to add the ability to use PayPal to our site. We now currently offer a choice of payment for membership dues. You can now choose between sending us a check or money order, as before, or via a credit card through our PayPal account. If you are not familiar with Paypal, it is a way for you as our members to be able to use your credit card as a means of sending us your membership dues. We hope you enjoy this new feature.

If you would like to renew your membership through Paypal there is a link to the forms on the Application page at :

<https://www24.secure-website.net/~wh60306/ap/emailform.html>. Look toward the bottom of the page on the left side for the link that will take you to the forms. If you are not sure when your membership expires you may contact Wendy Philips at phillipswr@hotmail.com. Wendy will be more than happy to send you the information.

Once again, we are looking for volunteers to help transcribe submissions and enter the data into spreadsheets. If you would like to help email Mary E. Bryant, PHGS President at paint@paintedhills.org for more information.

Again we wish to thank all of you for your help in making us what we are today. Happy Holidays.

Thank you,

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