

Next meeting is November 18th

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The next regular GAS meeting will be held on

Wednesday, November 18th at the Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive.

The doors open at 11:30 AM.

Meeting starts at Noon!

Our Speaker this month is

James Baker, PhD

"Finding Ancestors in American Revolutionary War Records"



President's Message

Greetings members and friends,



What a wonderful 50th Anniversary of GAS celebration we had on Oct. 21. Thank all of you for attending. And a super thanks to Patricia McKinnon and the GAS Board who worked together to make the 50th Celebration a wonderful success!

Our guest speaker, Cindy Brennan, gave us great information on how and where we might learn about family members who owned businesses. Learning about their businesses can help us better know the story of our ancestor families.

Special points of interest:

- Meeting
- Classes
- Door Prize
- Upcoming Events
- Library News
- Stories
- Membership News
- Recipe
- This and That

The Holidays are rapidly upon us! Halloween is almost here. Let's not overlook Thanksgiving. A time to reflect and be grateful for the good things in our lives. Christmas is a beautiful season, but I don't appreciate stores all stocked up for Christmas in August. To me it diminishes the season.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November 18th meeting. Please stay for the business meeting after the guest speaker. It is the election of officers.

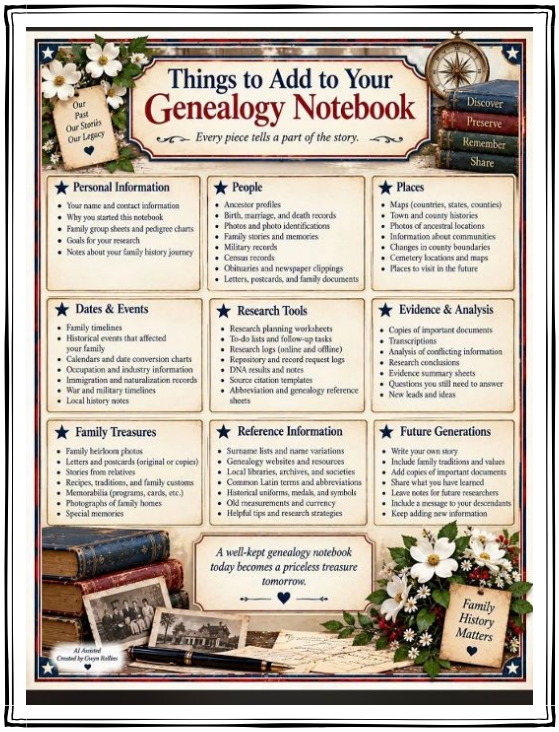
December is another recess month for GAS.

With love and best wishes to all!

Carol Dunkel, President

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Benefits of Membership

The first and foremost benefit of membership in GAS is genealogical education. We were formed as an educational organization to further the knowledge required to identify, locate and utilize resources to further individual research into family history. Among the resources we provide are presentations by professional researchers, genealogists, curators and guardians of local information, museums, cemeteries, archives and other repositories of value to people searching for their family history. In addition we publicize educational opportunities offered by others as in-person and on-line classes.



Please Support GAS:

GAS is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and your donation will help us continue our mission of education in genealogy and local history.

Thank you for your support! : Members can now pay dues & make donations and purchases via Zelle on their smart phones!
We also accept credit card payment using the 'square'



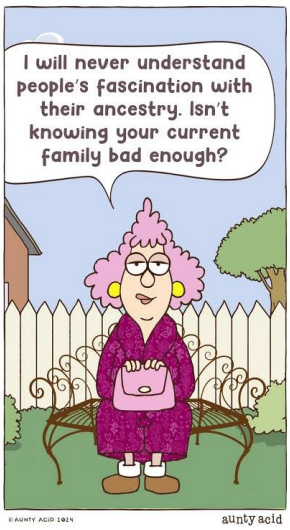
Have you checked out our website lately ?
We've made a few improvements check it out !



Genealogical Association of Sacramento's Website:

www.gensac.org

We have an all NEW Website! Please check it out



FREE… LOTS OF GOOD INFO HERE!

A new webinar service is now available for you, as a member of G.A.S., to use on our website!

The name of this service is GenSocSoup, and it provides us with pre-recorded webinars along with handouts by nationally known genealogy lecturer **Thomas MacEntee.**

There are 15 pre-recorded webinars on a variety of genealogy topics to start, with more to be added throughout the year. These webinars are available for you to view at any time as a benefit of your G.A.S. membership.

To access the webinars, log in under the "Members" tab on our website, www.gensac.org, and then click on the "GenSocSoup Webinars" link.
Please check out these new webinars and start enjoying the latest learning tool for your genealogy research!

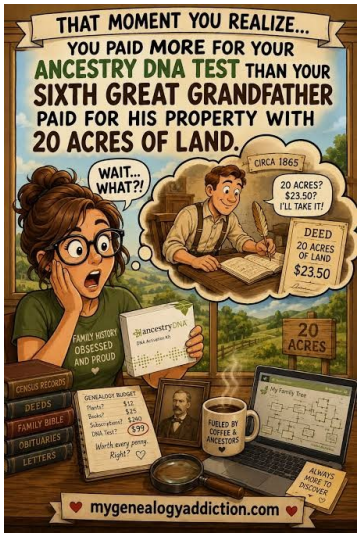
At our G.A.S. board meeting, I mentioned some of the books we received from former G.A.S. members will be sold via eBay; in fact five were sold this month. Pat Trentham and I have been working on the G.A.S. eBay site and there are now about 130 plus books listed. We've made over $400.00 in te last 3 months! Here is a link that can be used to go directly to our list. The site is at

https://www.ebay.com/usr/genealogybooks



Thanks so much. Please let me know if you have any questions.

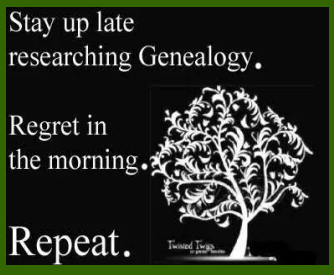
We also have books and paperbacks, bulletins, etc. for sale (donation) at our regular meetings. Check them out!





Have you checked out this





Center for Sacramento History
centerforsacramentohistory.org/about-center

Houses archival, historical government records, photograph, film, audio and artifact collections about history of the Sacramento region

Membership News

If dues are not paid by February 15 you will be dropped from the membership

Dues for 2027 are $25.00

January 1 to December 31

NO Meetings July, August and December

Dues are $25.00 for an individual and .

$30 for a family membership (living at the same address.)

Dues can be sent to:

Genealogical Association of Sacramento

P O Box 292145

Sacramento CA 95829-2145

To pay your dues on-line using Zelle select treasurer@gensac.org

We now have 48 paid members!

At the Anniversary Party/ meeting we had 35 present and got 4 new members



Have you moved?

Changed your phone number?

Have a new email address?

If you have please update your information with our Membership Chair at the next meeting!





Upcoming Events

February 6, 2027 ***The Elk Grove Family History and Genealogy Faire***

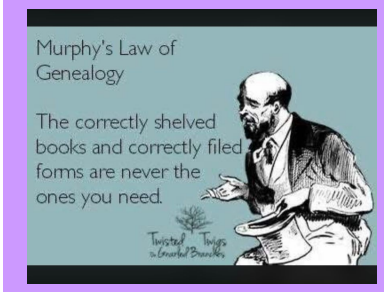
9 AM to 1 PM

A regional event featuring:

- .Keynote speaker: Linda Harms Okazaki
- Educational classes
- Exhibit Hall with activities and displays
- Six free drawings for DNA test kits
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8925 Vintage Park Drive in Sacramento

May 2 - 7, 2027 Annual Trip to the FamilySearch Library *in Salt Lake City*







Our See's Candy Store is OPEN

Here's the link to our See's Candy Fund Raiser. Please share liberally.

https://www.yumraising.com/store/winter-2026-genealogical-association-of-sacramento-7cbc/JimHun8871



Door Prize Drawing

We will have a door prize drawing at each meeting!! Each person in attendance will receive one ticket free! Always good prizes to help with your genealogy research.



Sacramento Family Search Center

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sacramento_FamilySearch_Library/Classes



Hours:	Weekends:	2nd & 3rd as noted	
Mon	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Sat	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tue	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Sun	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM by appointment only
Wed	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM		
Thu	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM		
Fri	10:00 AM to 4:00 PM		

Phone: (916) 487-2090 Email: sacramento_familysearch_library@familysearch.org

We offer classes and research groups on a variety of family history topics. Below is a sample of classes. You are welcome to attend in person in the Center. All classes are free to the public.

Some classes are also broadcast as webinars. To access, click on "Register." (on the web page) Make sure your headphones or speakers are connected before you enter the webinar. Please join 15-20 minutes before the start time to ensure your sound is working.

1 Nov, Mon
9:00 - 10:30 amAmerica's 250th Birthday: John and Abigail Adams by Kim Jardine-Dickerson - Idaho Falls, Idaho
9:30 – 10:30am Full Text Search - Gudrun Parr St George FamilySearch Center, 237 E 600 S, St. George, UT 84770, USA
9:30 – 10:30am Start Here - AI for Family History - Mike Madeo - Ogden In Person and on Zoom
11am – 12pm Living Family Group Trees - English - Cowley - Logan (Zoom)
12 – 1pm FamilySearch- Research: Introduction to Family Search And The Research Process- Glen Baker-Ogden In-Person and on Zoom
12:30 – 1:30pm WORKSHOP: Writing short stories in Memories on FamilySearch - Linda Clarke St George FamilySearch Center, 237 E 600 S, St. George, UT 84770, USA
1:30 – 2:30pm Getting Started with Ancestry - Mike Madeo-Ogden In Person and on Zoom

3 Nov, Tue
9 – 10am Temple and Family History Leaders and Consultants - English - Wassoms - Logan
9:30 – 10:30am Basic DNA - David Grawrock St George FamilySearch Center, 237 E 600 S, St. George, UT 84770, USA
12:30 – 1:30pm Attaching sources using RecordSeek - Pam Chamberlain St George FamilySearch Center, 237 E 600 S, St. George, UT 84770, USA
1 – 3pm Write Your Story And Make It Come To Life! In-Person - Ogden FamilySearch Center
6 – 7pm AI Basics for Use in Family History - Rob Platt - Ogden In Person and on Zoom
6 – 7pm Temple and Family History Networking Group - Ogden ZOOM ONLY



News from the Sacramento Central Library



Free genealogy presentations online via Zoom one Saturday each month at 1 pm.
Sign up through the Events Program Calendar at www.saclibrary.org .
If you have any questions, please email contact@saclibrary.org

"Dear Genealogy Friends:

Here is information about the library's upcoming genealogy programs,
planned by Librarian Dave Munger

November 21, 2026
Till the Cows Come Home: Ranchers, Rustlers and Rodeo , by Cindy Brennan
From land records to criminal records to cattle branding records, learn about the unique records that exist if your families were attached to ranching.

December 19, 2026
Tips for Breaking Brick Walls , by Lisa Gorrell
Has your genealogy research run up against a brick wall? Learn techniques to break through those walls!

View past genealogy presentations on our YouTube channel .



Christmas Is A-Comin'



How early is too early to introduce the children in your life to the thrill of the ancestor chase? Family history is often left to the elders in each generation, because those are the people with time. Time to do research; time to travel to ancestral places; time to organize what they find into albums and stories to share with the rest of the family. That made sense in the "old days" of paper records that you had to search in person in a church office or courthouse. Today, with so many records available digitally, and with the appropriate use of AI to generate questions and hints, those limits no longer apply. Wouldn't it be fun to imbue our children and grandchildren with a love of the ancestor hunt? To foster curiosity and questions and relish the gratification of a good "find"? To know that our avocation will be appreciated and continued?
Here are some resources appropriate for introducing kids to genealogy.
Might some of them appear in your house this year?

BOOKS

Florence and Her Fantastic Family Tree , by Judy Gilliam (picture book, ages 5-8).
What happens if your family has more than the usual number of roots, trunks, and branches?

Pete the Cat and the Family Tree , by Kimberly Dean (for beginning readers).
Pete the Cat is making a family tree. He has added mom, dad, and Bob. What's next?

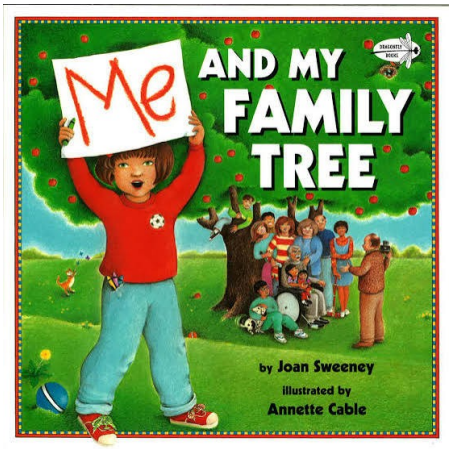
Maizy Chen's Last Chance , by Lisa Yee (children's fiction, ages 8-12).
Eleven-year-old Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota; as her visit lengthens, she makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself.

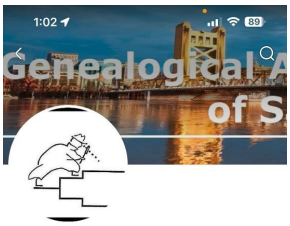
Who Do You Think You Are?: Be a Family Tree Detective (children's non-fiction, ages 7-up).
An introduction to genealogical research, including keepsake book, family-tree poster, index cards, family-crest design assistance, lift-the-flap features, and tip-filled envelopes.

Find additional titles in your library's collection by using the search terms, "genealogy-juvenile fiction" and "genealogy-juvenile literature".

WEBSITES

American Ancestors: Youth Education Resources
https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/youth-education-resources
Family History Guide: Kids Corner
https://thefhguide.com/act-children.html
FamilySearch Family Activities for Kids 3-11
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/
Family_History_Activities_for_Children:_3-11
Family Tree Magazine: Family Tree Projects and Genealogy for Kids
https://familytreemagazine.com/kids-genealogy/
National Archives: Genealogy for Kids
https://www.archives.gov/education/family-history





Genealogical Association of Sacramento

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Genealogy group that shares research tips. Meets monthly featuring speakers on various topics relating to genealogy.

Did You Know?

We have a Facebook page

Listed as Genealogical Association of Sacramento

A post is added most Mondays or Tuesdays

If you are on Facebook,

Please like and or comment each week...as this is a great way to share with others

Also, feel free to add postings relevant to GAS



Genealogy Score Sheet

How well do you know your family history?

Fill in the ancestors you can name, add your points, and see how strong your family tree knowledge is!

1 PARENTS

Max Points: 50 | 20 pts for each parent you can name. Bonus 10 pts if you can name both.

#	Relationship	Name	Points
1	Father		20
2	Mother		20

Parents Subtotal / 50

2 GRANDPARENTS

Max Points: 50 | 10 pts for each grandparent you can name. Bonus 10 pts if you can name all 4.

#	Relationship	Name	Points
1	Paternal Grandfather		10
2	Paternal Grandmother		10
3	Maternal Grandfather		10
4	Maternal Grandmother		10

Grandparents Subtotal / 50

3 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

Max Points: 100 | 10 pts for each great-grandparent you can name. Bonus 20 pts if you can name all 8.

#	Relationship	Name	Points
1	Paternal Grandfather's Father		10
2	Paternal Grandfather's Mother		10
3	Paternal Grandmother's Father		10
4	Paternal Grandmother's Mother		10
5	Maternal Grandfather's Father		10
6	Maternal Grandfather's Mother		10
7	Maternal Grandmother's Father		10
8	Maternal Grandmother's Mother		10

Great-Grandparents Subtotal / 100

4 2ND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

Max Points: 200 | 10 pts for each 2nd great-grandparent you can name. Bonus 40 pts if you can name all 16.

#	Name	Points	#	Name	Points
1		10	9		10
2		10	10		10
3		10	11		10
4		10	12		10
5		10	13		10
6		10	14		10
7		10	15		10
8		10	16		10

2nd Great-Grandparents Subtotal / 200

TOTAL SCORE _____ / 400

Every ancestor discovered adds another branch to your story.

mygenealogyaddiction.com

The Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society presents:

Sharing Family History Beyond Family Tree Software



By Rhonda R. McClure
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

6:30-8:30 p.m. PST

Free on Zoom

Rhonda R. McClure is a nationally recognized professional genealogist and lecturer. She is currently the Senior Genealogist for the Brue Family Learning Center at American Ancestors, A National Center for Family History, Heritage, and Culture. Before joining American Ancestors in 2006, she ran her own genealogical business for 18 years. She has been a contributing editor for Heritage Quest Magazine and Biography, as well as a contributor to The History Channel and American History Magazine. In addition to numerous articles, she is the author of twelve books including the award-winning The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Genealogy, Finding Your Famous and Infamous Ancestors, and Digitizing Your Family History. She is the editor of the currently available 6th edition of the Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research. Her areas of expertise include immigration and naturalization, late 19th and early 20th century urban research, State Department Federal Records, New England, Mid-West, Southern, German, Italian, Scottish, Irish, French Canadian, and New Brunswick research.

There are many ways to share family history without simply sending a new file from a genealogy software program. In fact, many of your family are more interested in seeing the compiled output rather than individuals in a program. This presentation offers options for sharing family trees along with stories, photos, and historical context.

This presentation will be recorded and available in the Members Area at scchgs.org

Our meetings are always free and open to the public.

Registration is Required
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4YECU7VK

For more information, visit www.scchgs.org

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Cookies and Desserts
All baked at 350 degress



Coconut Blossoms Kiss Cookies
Serves 24 | Bake time 12 minutes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 24 chocolate kisses

Chocolate Kiss Cookies
Serves 24 | Bake time 10 minutes
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 24 chocolate kisses

Candy Cane Kiss Cookies
Serves 24 | Bake time 10 minutes
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup crushed candy canes (peppermint)
- 24 peppermint kisses

Gingerbread Kiss Cookies
Serves 24 | Bake time 10 minutes
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 24 chocolate kisses

EASY STEPS RECIPES

Snowball Kisses
Serves 24 | Bake time 12 minutes
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup finely chopped nuts (pecans or walnuts)
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 24 chocolate kisses
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar (for coating)

Peanut Butter Blossoms
Serves 24 | Bake time 10 minutes
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar (for rolling)
- 24 chocolate kisses



Apple Dump Cake
Serves 12 | Bake Time 50 minutes
- 1 (21 oz) can apple pie filling
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Blueberry Dump Cake
Serves 12 | Bake Time 45 minutes
- 1 (21 oz) can blueberry pie filling
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

EASY STEPS RECIPES

Peach Dump Cake
Serves 12 | Bake Time 45 minutes
- 1 (29 oz) can sliced peaches in syrup, drained
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Strawberry Dump Cake
Serves 12 | Bake Time 45 minutes
- 1 (21 oz) can strawberry pie filling
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Pecan Pie Dump Cake
Serves 12 | Bake Time 50 minutes
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Here are a couple of recipes from The Casa Garden Restaurant, thank you Beth for lending the recipe book!

PUMPKIN ALMOND SQUARES

1-29 oz can	*solid pack pumpkin*
1-13 oz can	*evaporated milk*
4	*eggs, beaten slightly*
1 tsp	*ground nutmeg*
2 tsp	*cinnamon*
½ tsp	*ground ginger*
½ tsp	*ground cloves*
½ tsp	*salt*
¾ Cup	*sugar*
½ Cup	*brown sugar*

Blend all ingredients and mix well. Pour into a well-greased 9" x 13" pan.

Topping:

1 box	*yellow cake mix (no pudding in the mix)*
1 Cup	*coarsely chopped almonds*
¾ Cup	*melted butter*

Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Sprinkle chopped almonds over cake mix. Drizzle melted butter over cake mix and almonds.

Bake at 350° for 50 minutes, or until tests done in the center. Cool and cut into 18 squares.

Will hold well covered in refrigerator for 2-3 days. Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream just before serving.

Serves: 18



STRAWBERRY MARGARITA TORTE

Crust:

3	*large egg whites*
3/4 Cup	*sugar*
1 Tbs	*fresh lemon juice*
1 tsp	*vanilla*
1/2 tsp	*almond extract*
3 Tbs	*flour*
1/2 tsp	*baking powder*
1 Cup	*finely ground almonds*

Grease and flour 9 or 10" spring form pan.

Beat egg whites until foamy. Beat in sugar slowly, until soft peaks form. Add lemon juice, almond extract and vanilla. Beat until stiff peaks form.

Combine flour, baking powder and almonds and fold into egg whites. Pour into prepared pan and bake @325° for 35 minutes or until crust pulls from side of pan.

Fillina:

1 can	*sweetened condensed milk*
1/2 Cup	*fresh lime juice*
3 Tbs	*Tequila*
3 Tbs	*Triple Sec*
1/2 Cup	*frozen strawberries with syrup, thawed*
2 Cups	*whipping cream, whipped*
	fresh strawberries and lime slices, for garnish

Beat milk, lime juice, Tequila and Triple Sec for 3 minutes, until smooth.

Beat in strawberries for 1 minute. Fold in all but 1/2 Cup whipped cream, until no streaks show. Pour into cooled crust. Freeze overnight. Garnish with reserved whipped cream, fresh strawberries and lime slices.

Serves: 16