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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Karla Bartel

Here we are going into November! Our November general meeting is very important in that we will elect new officers for the coming term 2012-2013. Our nominating committee does not have a slam-dunk job, but they have come up with a fantastic slate for you to consider. Every person who was asked to run for office is a dynamic person in their own right. Together, they're going to make a great group to lead WVGS into the future. Of course, nominations will be taken from the floor before we vote.



Don't forget to gather up the things you want to donate for our Parking Lot Sale to be held November 19. Watch your E-News for details.

This is your chance to volunteer; we need lots of volunteers that day so call the Library (623 933-4945) and leave your name with the Library Aide. We have lots of fun!

"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children." - Charles R. Swindoll



Plan to come early to the November general meeting. The Collection Development Committee (CDC) will be having a used book sale of genealogy books to help with your research. Doors open at 1:00 pm.



CALENDAR

- November 7 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- November 14 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- November 16 Library Tour, 9:30 am
- November 17 Research Night, 5-9:00 pm, call the Library to verify day and time

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

Hours:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
6:00 - 9:00 pm Tuesday nights
closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Telephone: 623-933-4945

Website: <http://www.azwvgs.org>

Monthly Meetings: September through May
2nd Monday of each month - Doors open at 1:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City

USE: GOODSEARCH.COM

GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but WVGS receives a penny for each of your searches. Read the instructions on the home page and be sure to enter **West Valley Genealogical Society** in the lower box so we receive the credit.

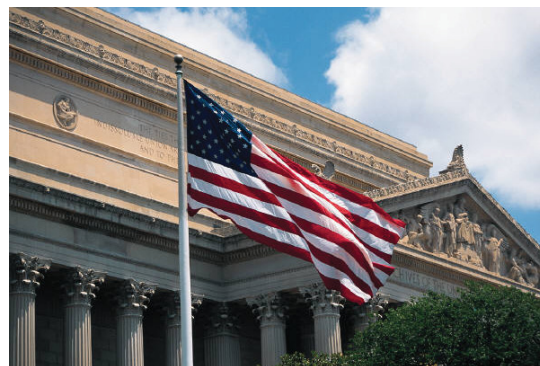


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Office Max Perks #012748337
Staples Rewards #04050-4355-5
Or just use WVGS phone number 623-933-4945



WASHINGTON DC RESEARCH TRIP
November 30 through December 8, 2011
by Linda Swain



Trip information is available on line. Click on <http://www.azwvgs.org/ResearchTour.htm> for more details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Membership Registrar - Fran Morris

Please welcome all new members that have recently joined the Society. They are: Janet Arnold, Patricia Caster, Charlotte Cohen, Katie Huey, Joyce Mead, Lorie Miller, Richard Montgomery, Marlene Nathan, Gwenn and Howard Openlander, Betty Ann Phillips, Robert Sutherland, Nancy Stynen, Sandra Tyer and Beverly Wright.

We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship and research within the Society.

Total membership as of October 11th was **624**.

Membership Notes:

Membership Renewals for 2012 will be accepted at the November 14th Meeting. The membership information sheets will be enclosed in the Tracker mailing for your convenience. These information sheets may also be found on the WVGS members' website. It is important that you include a completed information sheet with your renewal check or cash.

Badges are issued to new members only. The numbered badge issued to you is your permanent identification to the library and general meetings. Your membership number is the last 3 digits of the number on your membership badge. Lost badges are replaced at a charge of \$5.00.

Several members have not picked up their membership badge from the aide at the WVGS Library "welcome desk" or at General Meetings. Please pick them up soon.

As soon as your information is entered into the database system you are verified for "Fold3" and World Vital Records websites. Members can pick up passwords and instructions at the library or general meetings. If you are unable to pick up the 2011 passwords enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your check and information sheet.

Remember: Please notify WVGS of any address and/or e-mail changes during the year, so that your information is current for Society mailings and communications.



RESEARCH NIGHT

Research Dinner is the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5-9 pm; cost is \$3.50. You bring your dinner/bag lunch, and we provide the dessert, soda, and cold water. Plus, there will be someone there who will be able to help you if you are new or if you're having a problem. This is a great way to meet new friends and find out all kinds of interesting/helpful information about your family.

NOVEMBER 14th SPEAKER



Dr. John W. Kohl

Baccalaureate from Northern Iowa University
Master and doctorate from
University of Oregon
Retired from Montana State University
as Professor and Dean Emeritus

"The Civil War Journey of John Christian Kohls"

The story of an 18 year old Prussian immigrant and his subsequent Union Army service in the Civil War. His story is told as developed through genealogical and historical research and touring his regimental trail and activities. Dressed as a Civil War soldier, Dr. Kohl will be Private John C. Kohls as he tells the story of the day to day struggle to make it through the war from the viewpoint of the ordinary soldier.

The story will begin from the time he enlisted a week after Lincoln's call until suffering serious injuries with Sherman on his March to the Sea.

In the same Wisconsin company, John survived such famous battles as Antietam where 12,400 Union soldiers were killed, Chancellorsville where 18,000 Union soldiers died and Gettysburg where 23,000 Union Soldiers met their deaths.



SEPTEMBER 27TH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Col. Dwight and Ada Sullivan



Col. Sullivan spoke about his 5-1/2 years spent as a POW in Viet Nam. The Sullivans offered us the use of their home to host 34 Members and Guests, and aside from some Members bringing desserts, the Sullivans donated all of the food and all of

the beverages for the evening. Due to the generosity of the Sullivans and our Members and Guests, we raised \$510.



Want to help the Society?

Do you know a little, or a lot, about computers or programs?

Your knowledge and experience would benefit us all.

Please Contact:

Roger Hanneman 623-214-3233

cec@azwvgs.org

or

Rich Sporski 480-209-9129

sysadm@azwvgs.org

50/50 BOOKS REPORT

Lu Williams

The Society pays one-half of the cost of the books listed; interested members donate the remainder. Members may suggest titles to be considered for the list.

The following books can be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program:

- *German Immigrants in American Church Records, Vol. 1* - Cost \$89.95 Remainder due \$21.50
- *Some Georgia Records, Vol. 9*
Cost 37.00 Remainder Due \$16.50
- *Some Georgia Records, Vol. 10*
Cost \$33.00 Remainder Due 8.50
- *New Hampshire 1732 census*
Cost \$25.00 Remainder Due \$12.50
- *Genealogy Abstracts From Early New Hampshire Newspapers Vol. 1* - \$36.50 Remainder Due \$17.25
- *Biographical Data from Baltimore Newspapers, 1817-1819* By: Robert Barnes
Cost \$24.00 Remainder due \$12.00
- *Married Well and Often Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800*
Cost \$52.50 Remainder due \$26.25



DONATIONS – THANK YOU!



any, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. DONORS; 50/50 Club, Lynne Corbett, Annie Cikler, Ruth Day, Ruth Goldstein,

Elsie Johnston, Charlie Mannino, Linda McCleary, Dorothy McGovern, William Orr, Sally Pavia and Geoff Rasmussen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the October general meeting, the report was presented by Chairman Nan Hoffman, who also introduced the nominees who were present. Nominees for a two-year term for the 2012-13 Board of Directors are:

PresidentCatherine Gallagher
1st Vice President Sheri Erickson
2nd Vice President Arlene Sampson
Treasurer Carolyn Filer
Director/Asst. Treasurer Paula Hoover
Recording Secretary Irma Hardin
Director Sally Pavia
Director Nan Hoffman

The 2012 Board will also include Richard Sporski, who has one year remaining in his two-year term as a Director, and Library Administrator Peggy Morphew. Arlene Sampson, who had been serving as a Director, has one year remaining but is resigning as a Director to accept the nomination of 2nd Vice President. The Nominating Committee has recommended Ethel Sanders be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board, to fill this one-year vacancy for 2012.

The election will take place at the WVGS Annual Meeting on November 14, in accordance with the Bylaws. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election.



SCANNING SERVICES

Cathy Gallagher

Bob and Cathy Gallagher will continue to offer **Scanning Services of your precious photos and documents using their Kodak High Speed Scanner**. Although no longer scanning at the Library once a month, they will make special arrangements to pick up and deliver your photos - OR - members can come to their Surprise home to scan photos.

This process will offer you:

1. The peace of mind of knowing your photos are safe from fire, water and other dangers
2. The ability to easily share photos with family and friends
3. A simple way to get your photos onto your computer and ready for Family Tree Maker, Legacy, RootsMagic, etc.
4. And do this at a fraction of the time it takes with the flatbed scanner you may have at home

The charge is 20 cents per photo (WVGS gets 6 cents per photo) that are scanned to a CD. Additional CD copies are \$1.

Note: the retail average cost is 59 cents per scan plus a \$5 CD charge.

For more information on scanning of fragile or larger photos, tin types, etc., please contact Cathy Gallagher at 623-266-1330.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morphew, Library Administrator

NEW BOOK REPORT

Linda McCleary

- *1987 University of Illinois Alumni Association Membership Directory*
 - *1995 Indiana University Alumni Association Membership Directory*
 - *Album of American History: Colonial Period*
 - *Alumni Directory, 1988, Illinois Wesleyan University*
 - *At Home with Illinois Governors: A Social History of the Illinois Executive Mansion, 1855-2003*
 - *Clifford Township, Two Hundred Years [Susquehanna Co., PA]*
 - *Collins Portuguese Gem Dictionary: Portuguese-English, English-Portuguese*
 - *Dickinson Cemetery Tour [Dickinson Family]*
 - *Dictionary of Early Shasta County History, The [Shasta Co., CA]*
 - *Dictionnaire Francais-Anglais, English-French*
 - *Early Church Records of Lebanon County Pennsylvania.*
 - *Early Families of York County, Pennsylvania. Vol 2*
 - *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from German-Speaking Lands to North America. Volume 2: The Western Palatinate*
 - *Father Farmer's Marriage Registers 1758-1786: St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia, PA.*
 - *Fifth Year After the Fourth-Ten Year Reunion, The. September 18, 1993 [Clay Co., MO]*
 - *Genealogical Data from the Pennsylvania Chronicle 1767-1774*
 - *Here is New York*
 - *History of Cornwall, Connecticut: A Typical New England Town*
 - *Hugo's Pocket Dictionary, Italian-English and English-Italian*
 - *Illio, The. 1953. [University of Illinois, Champaign Co, IL]*
 - *Jack Rabbit, The. 1938. Yearbook [Brookings Co., SD]*
 - *John Manton Upton & Charlotte Eliza (Freer) Thompson, 1836-1917*
 - *Journey Through Time: Ono and the Bald Hills, A [Shasta Co., CA]*
 - *Kirby Family History*
 - *Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th Century. Volume 2*
 - *Langenscheidt's German-English, English-German Dictionary: Two Volumes in One*
 - *Macon County, Tennessee Bible and Tombstone Records*
 - *Macon County, Tennessee Trial Docket 1854-1874*
 - *Monadnock Region in Southern New Hampshire*
 - *No Stones: The Promise for Petersons Coming to America*
 - *One hundred twenty-five years of history: ExxonMobil*
 - *Owl, The. 1944, 1945, 1947 Yearbooks [Clay Co., MO]*
 - *Palatine Origins of Some Pennsylvania Pioneers*
 - *Pennsylvania Beautiful*
 - *Pipe Spring National Monument: An Administrative History. Chapter 1-16*
 - *Raider, The. 1951 Yearbook [Henry Co, IA]*
 - *Re-Discovering the Big Horns: A Pictorial Study of 75 Years of Ecological Change [WY]*
 - *Say It In Portuguese*
 - *Short History of Australia, Illustrated Edition, A*
 - *Sou'Wester, 1949. Yearbook [Drury College, Greene Co., MO]*
 - *Spoken Norwegian, Revised*
 - *St. Clement of Rome Catholic Community Directory 2011*
 - *Story of Deland and Lake Helen Florida*
 - *Times of Our Lives, The: 50th Cluster Reunion, 2003. Drury University*
 - *Tombstone Records of Boone County, Missouri*
 - *Viewfinder: Misawa, Japan, 1958 Yearbook [Air Force - 45th TAC RECON SQ(PJ)]*
 - *Washington [DC] Historic Landmarks: Pillars of Patriotism*
 - *Wilson Years, The: Itasca Junior College, Itasca State Junior College, Itasca Community College, 1941-1975. A Dialogue with President Emeritus Harold E. Wilson with additional commentary*
 - *York County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 18th Century. Volume 1 to 3*
 - *York: First Capital of the United States 1777-1778*
- CD**
- *Family Reunion Planning Kit for Dummies*
- Microfilm**
- *Greene County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1809-1817, 1828-1847, 1848-1862*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1778-1846*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1814-1850*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1851-1861*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1861-1885*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1886-1891*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1892-1896*
 - *Washington County, Tennessee Trustee Tax Books 1897-1900*

FALL CLASSES

Dee Snook

For schedule of classes, dates and times, please check our web site www.azwvgs.org for class descriptions and fees, or call the Library, 623-933-4945.

All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register.

BARBARA STENBERG, INSTRUCTOR

Novice Genealogy 1 class
3rd Friday of every month 1-3:00 pm

GEOFF RASMUSSEN, INSTRUCTOR

Legacy Family Tree - For Beginners 4 classes
Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15

Digital Photography For Genealogy 2 classes
Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 am Dec 6 & 13

MYRA BERTILSON, INSTRUCTOR

New German Research 4 classes
Tuesdays 1-3 pm Oct 18, 25, Nov 1, 8

New Navigating Through Ancestry.Com 1 class
Saturday 1-3 pm Dec 10

NANCY NIELSEN, INSTRUCTOR

Family Tree Maker - Part 2 4 classes
(*Must have taken Part 1*)
Monday 9:30-11:30 am Oct 31, Nov 7, 14 & 21

CHUCK FILTEAU, INSTRUCTOR

New Rootsmagic Part 2 - Intermediate Level* 2 classes
Wednesday 1-3 pm Nov 2 & 9

**This class will be held in the computer lab and is limited to 9 students.*

ETHEL SANDERS, INSTRUCTOR

New Finding Obituaries 1 class
Wednesday 9-11 am Nov 2

JEAN WHITE, INSTRUCTOR

Family Search, Footnote, World Vital Records 1 class
Wednesday 1-3 pm Oct 26

NANCY TSUCHIYA, INSTRUCTOR

Weekly Writing Your Life Stories
Every Thursday 10-Noon
No need to sign up; pay for the classes you take.

KARL JOHNSON, INSTRUCTOR

Gensmarts 1 class
Saturday 1-3 pm Nov 12

***COMING SOON - INSTRUCTOR JUDY CRAWFORD**

Salt Lake City Research Class 1 class
Friday 10-Noon Jan 13

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

Sally Pavia



BE SURE TO CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY OR WVGS WEBSITE TO VERIFY SIG SCHEDULES

- **Adoption** Contact Lou Mclean
- **British Isles** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Canada/Fr-Can** 3rd Thursday, 11:00-12:30 pm
- **DNA [Feb/Apr/Oct/Dec]** 1st Sat, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Germany/Poland** 3rd Tues, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio** 4th Fri, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Italy** 1st Thursday, 10:30-12:30 pm
- **Jewish/Eastern Europe** 3rd Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Kansas/Missouri** 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Legacy** 1st Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Maryland** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **New England** 4th Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **NY/NJ/PA** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Quakers** 4th Tuesday, 10:00-Noon
- **Roots Magic** Check Website For More Info
- **Southern States** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **Sweden** 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon



ALUMINUM CANS

Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*



PLEASE NOTE: Do not leave the cans in the caged area due to thefts. Bring them into the Library or to the General Membership meeting.

There were a few more cans in mid-August that brought our total for the year up to \$622, which is 34% more than all of last year. The other good news is that the price we now get for aluminum cans has increased to \$1.15 per pound. With a good turnout at the October meeting and over the next few months, there is good chance we can double the 2010 total of \$465. If everyone keeps turning in the cans, I will cash them in for WVGS. Thanks to all for your great efforts this year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

WVGS Member Judy Crawford will be teaching a class about “Researching in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library” on Friday, January 13, 2012. The registration form will be added to our website shortly. This is a must for those of you who want to go to SLC.

The February 18, 2012 WVGS Annual Seminar at Smoot Hall, Lakeview United Methodist Church, Sun City will feature Kory L. Meyerink, BS, MLS, AG, FUGA who will discuss assorted topics including *How to Research Your German Ancestors*. Did you know that the largest population of immigrants to the USA is German? You asked for a speaker who will discuss German research and we have answered you! Watch for more information and the registration form on our WVGS website soon.

The March 2012 WVGS Research Tour to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Family History Library will again be for 8 nights at the hotel adjacent to the Family History Library. The reasonable prices are still being finalized but most likely to remain the same as this year. Start preparing for your trip now and bring your friends! Deposits will be required by December 15th.

FRY’S GIFT CARDS - OVER \$900 EARNED!

Maureen Pierce

In the first five months of use we’ve earned over \$900 from Fry’s, based on almost \$23,000 in purchases. We can earn from 4% to 6% on purchases.

The cards cost \$5 with \$5 pre-loaded on them and can be purchased at the Library. You add more money either at customer service or the register so that you have money on the card BEFORE you begin ringing up your groceries.

So for those of you who have found this to be such an easy fundraiser, THANK YOU. And here are ideas for increasing your usage:

- Use your Fry’s card when you get gas at Fry’s gas stations (you can earn money off your gas through your Fry’s grocery purchases, just check your grocery receipt)
- Refill your prescriptions at Fry’s, the pharmacy will also accept your Fry’s card
- Purchase other gift cards at Fry’s. They carry Amazon, eBay, Barnes & Noble, Olive Garden, Michaels . . . for a complete list you can go to <http://giftcards.frysfood.com/>
- Get cards for friends and family, either Fry’s reloadable cards or purchase gift cards with your Fry’s card

If you have questions, just call or e-mail Maureen Pierce (602) 793 9274 or mep516@aol.com.