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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

by Dorothy Sprague

The time has arrived to say a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers. We do appreciate each and every one of you so much. Please come to our Appreciation Dessert on April 13th at 12:30 to receive the accolades you so richly deserve. All our members are invited to attend and let you know how great you are. Our regular meeting and speaker will follow the Dessert.

For those of you who are planning your summer trips, a word of warning is necessary. Many of the repositories we all visit are being especially hard hit by the poor economy. We are receiving news that many government divisions are curtailing their hours and even complete access. This applies to many private or non-profit organizations as well. Call or correspond well in advance of anticipated visits to be sure you will be able to research when you arrive.

WVGS Library will, as always, remain open during the summer. Our great helpful volunteers are doubly appreciated during these months. If you can help in any way, please let Library Administrator, Peggy Morphew, know she can count on you. Remember, we are air-conditioned for those really warm days. And it is fun to research with our wonderful members!

See you volunteers at the Dessert on the 13th!

WVGS Library:
12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225
Hours: 9a-4p Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
Tuesday nights, 6p-9p; closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings
Telephone 623-933-4945
Website <http://www.azwvgs.org>
Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103rd Ave., SC
September through May Doors open at 1:00 p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS


by Bob Herschelmann

Please welcome new members Roberta Lynn Anderlohr, Richard G Fisher, David F Macintire, Lois Sparrow and Susan M Teller.


For any changes in your address or email, please remember to email me at Genhersch@cox.net. Many of the new members to our Society are from word of mouth and our last open house. Keep up the good work of inviting people to join us in our quest to find our families!

We now have 445 regular members and 32 life members giving us a total of 477. Lets introduce some new people to our society and help them start finding there families.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DESSERT
Monday, April 13, 12:30 to 1:30p
All 2008 and 2009 Volunteers are Invited!
All Members are invited to Applaud!
Dessert and Beverages served at 12:30p,
Recognitions follow.
Come early and enjoy your friends.
Bring a sack lunch if you wish.



THANK YOU
To Marty Colburn who donated
a laptop to the
Equipment Committee!



90 OR GREATER?

by Jean White

We are looking for WVGS members who have reached the age of 90 or above. You are entitled to be honored with a book of your choosing to be placed in our library. Please contact Jean White by sending an e-mail to: jeanwhite@azwvgs.org or call the WVGS Library with your information.

CALENDAR

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| April 6 | Board Meeting |
| April 13 | Membership Meeting |
| April 20 | Free Library Tour, call Library |
| April 23 | Research Evening, Library |



SEMINAR REPORT

by Barbara Stenberg

We had another great seminar this year due to the great team of planners that have so faithfully volunteered: Karla Bartel, Judy Crawford, Mickey Dunlap, Cathy Gallagher, Dianne Herschelman, Betty Hoepner, Sally Pavia, Ada Sullivan, Penny Williams, Mac and Doris Young, Wanita Zarumba, and all those who helped that day.

From the evaluations everyone enjoyed our speaker, Laura Prescott, and the great "box lunch."

We had 115 registrations. The raffle brought in \$426. We cleared \$2,235 when all was said and done. We thank all of you for your support of this fund raising event.

ANNUAL SEMINAR – THANK YOU

by Bette Hoepner

A **Big Thank You** to all the WVGs members that contributed Door and Raffle prizes for the annual Seminar held on Feb 21st.



Also, thank you to the many businesses that donated prizes that made the Raffle such a success and the Door prizes so much fun! Gifts donated by:



- **Litchfield Park** - Wildlife World Zoo
- **Peoria** - Sweet Tomatoes
- **Phoenix** – GenealogyOne-on-One.com - Janna Larson and Daniela Moneta
- **Sun City** - Best Western Inn, Dairy Queen, Dottie's BOSCH Kitchen Store, JiMichael's Restaurant and New York West Bakery
- **Surprise** - Arbonne International-April Taylor and Amy Paterno; Artful Décor-Angee Telesco, The Business Card Authority-Tiffani Van Acker, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Coupon \$ense.com-Amy Paterno, Family History Research by Cathy Gallagher, Family History Storybooks by Cathy Gallagher, Legacy Family Tree, Let's Do Tea-Kim Hetelle, Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.-Bob Gallagher, A Reliable PC-Peter Telesco, Rio Mirage Café, Tupperware-Sharon Brown, Jockey-Sharon Witthuhn
- **Utah** - Ancestry.com and Footnote.com
- **Youngtown** - Brenda's Kitchen and Delta Office Supply

OBITUARY COMMITTEE – THANK YOU!

by Ethel Sanders

Thank you to the people who responded to our request for help. The core group of Del Kunz, Ethel Sanders, Shirley Woodward, and Liz Wright have been joined by new volunteers: Melissa Bird, Lynne Corbett, Suzanne Cormier, Jean Ferries, Juanita Johnson, Donna Nelson, Joan Peters and Roberta Staniec. All are enjoying the fellowship of each other as well as making a dent into the pile of Obits that needed tending.

If you have any questions, please contact Ethel Sanders at ethel10207@juno.com or call her at 623-974-9652 for more information.

DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: Mari Aguirre, Brumit Estate, CDC, Dick Covault, Sheri Erickson, Arlene Everett, Family History Library, Jean Ferries, Cathy Gallagher, Cathy Hanneman, Stacy Hegerman, Indian River County Main Library, Vero Beach, FL, Janette Kimble, Linda McCleary, Genevieve Meyer, Mona Knight, Sally Pavia, John Post, Fran Smith, Dee Snook, Charley Wilcox, in honor of Bob Willis and Mac Young.



BROWN BAG RESEARCH EVENING

Our Research evenings are held the 3rd Thursday of every month from 5-9p. Call our Library in advance to make a reservation; a donation of \$3.50 is requested. Bring your brown bag dinner and we'll provide the *drinks* and *dessert*. We hope to see you there. Space is limited; don't wait too long to make your reservation.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE

by Sally Pavia



The Glass Display Case will have a "Spring" theme for the month of April. Member, Ora Duke, will provide the items for the display.

Members with items they would like share with us to be displayed, please contact Sally Pavia at 623-974-0195 or sallypavia@yahoo.com.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

by Sue Firth

- o 1850 U.S.Census, Hendricks County, Indiana
- o 1850 U.S.Census, Morgan County, Indiana
- o 1850 U.S.Census, Putnam County, Indiana, Vol.1
- o 1850 U.S.Census, Putnam County, Indiana, Vol.2
- o 1989 Rand McNally Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide*
- o Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts 1714-1719, Volumes 12 & 13
- o Adoptions and Name Changes, Minnesota Territory and State, 1855-1881*
- o All Known Descendants of Johann Thomas Post
- o Bladen County, North Carolina, Abstracts of Deeds, Volume 3
- o Book of Maps, A
- o Carter County Tennessee Records Abstracts, Marriages 1871-1920
- o Century of Service, A: The Story of the DAR
- o Colonial Hopkins and Some of Their Descendants
- o Compendium of The Confederate Armies, Virginia*
- o Cyndi's List, A Comprehensive List of 70,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet, Volume 1
- o Cyndi's List, A Comprehensive List of 70,000 Genealogy Sites on the Internet, Volume 2
- o Delaware Advertiser 1827-1831, Genealogical Extracts*
- o Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky and Their Descendants*
- o Early West Virginia Wills, Volume 1*
- o El Campo Santo Cemetery (CA)
- o Electoral Registers since 1832; and Burgess Rolls (ENG)
- o Forget-Me-Nots, Memories of a Few of My Favorite People (Meyer)
- o From Peasants to Farmers; The migration from Balestrand, Norway, to the Upper Middle West
- o Gourdin (French-African-American)
- o Grayson County, Kentucky Miscellaneous
- o Halifax County, Virginia, Colonial Poll and Tithables List
- o History of Ballyhagan and Richhill Meetings 1654-1793-2004 (IRE), The Religious Society of Friends
- o History of Georgia, A
- o Honky-Tonk Town (MT), Havre's Bootlegging Days
- o Images of America, Streetcars of Chatham County (GA)
- o Indexing Family Histories
- o Indiana's Princess City: The History of Mishawaka 1832-1932
- o Irish Americans (Coming to America)

- o It Happened in Alaska
 - o Lynnfield, Massachusetts; Birth, Marriages & Deaths
 - o Marquardt Family 100 years of History
 - o Men of Mark, Officials of Stafford County Virginia, 1664-1991
 - o Miscellaneous Alabama Newspaper Abstracts, Volumes 1 and 2*
 - o New Hampshire, 1776 Census*
 - o Oklahoma Marriage Records, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, Volume 1, 1890-1892*
 - o Oklahoma Marriage Records, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, Volume 2, 1892-1894*
 - o Porcelain Club 1791-2000
 - o Some of the Descendants of Lewis and Ann Jones of Roxbury, Mass.
 - o Tennessee Divorces 1797-1858*
 - o The People of Minnesota, Swedes in Minnesota
 - o Tomboy Bride
 - o Treasury of American Folklore
 - o Tribute to the Memory of Charles H. Crawford
 - o Virginia Revolutionary War Land Grant Claims 1783-1850 (Rejected)*
 - o Wapello County Iowa Cemeteries Dahlenega Township
 - o Wapello County Iowa Cemeteries, Memorial Lawn
 - o Wapello County Iowa Cemeteries, Ottumwa Cemetery
 - o Wapello County Iowa Marriages
 - o Wapello County, Iowa, 1870 Federal Census, Index only
 - o Yesterday's Countryside, Country Life as it Really Was (IRE)
- *CDC Purchase



NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 10190 Miscellaneous Tax Lists Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia
 - CD 10191 Sir William Johnson Papers Legacy Project*
 - CD 10192 Complete Guide to Heraldry
 - CD 1170 Heritage Books Archives Records of the Virginia Company of London Volumes 1-4
 - CD 451 Family Tree Maker's Family Archives Census. Microfilm Records: California, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas & Utah 1850
 - CD 511 Family Tree Maker's Family Archives Genealogical Tennessee Settlers, 1790s-1900s
- *CDC Purchase

SPRING CLASSES

by Karla Bartel

This is the schedule of classes, dates and times. Please call the Library, 623-933-4945, or check our web site for class descriptions and fees. <http://www.azwvgs.org/>



NOVICE GENEALOGY 3rd Friday, every month

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor 1-3p

Sign up for classes at the Library or membership meetings. All of our instructors are volunteers and the charge for classes is minimal. Be sure to check our web page, www.azwvgs.org, and/or any e-News for updates.

50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Shirley Woodward



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

The following books are being purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program:

Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 13, Part 6

Total Cost: \$63.00 Balance Needed: \$17.00

Ohio County, WV Index, Vol. 14, Part 7

Total Cost: \$65.00 Balance Needed: \$20.00

1671 Census of the Delaware

Total Cost \$25.00 Paid – Being ordered

Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Canada 1761-1853

Total Cost: \$30.00 Paid – Being ordered

The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol 5, 1990

Balance Needed: \$36.00

Free African Americans of N. Car., VA & S. Car.

Total Cost: \$99.95 Balance Needed: \$50.00

The Huguenot Settlements in Ireland

Total cost: \$28.00 Balance Needed: \$13.00

DNA & Genealogy

Total cost: \$15.30 Balance Needed: \$7.65

The Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder

Families, Seekers of Religious Liberty Who Fled from Silesia to Saxony and Thence to Pennsylvania in the Years 1731 to 1737

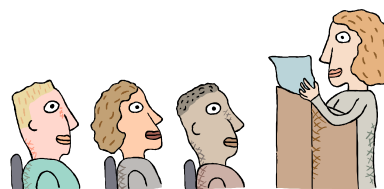
Total Cost: \$149.50 Balance Needed: \$74.75

Acta Germanopolis: Records of the Corporation of Germantown, PA, 1691-1707

Total Cost: \$75.00 Balance Needed: \$31.50

Taxables in the City of Philidelphia – 1756

Total Cost: \$20.00 Balance Needed: \$3.00



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

- **ADOPTION**¹ 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8:30p
[Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr]
- **AFRICAN/
AMERICAN**² 2nd Tuesday, 6:30-8:00p
- **BRITISH ISLES** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
Includes England, Ireland, Scotland, & Wales
- **DNA**
[Oct/Dec/Feb/Apr] 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00p
- **FRENCH CANADIAN/
CANADA** 3rd Thursday, 11:00a-12:30p
- **GERMAN/POLAND** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a
- **INDIANA/OHIO**³ 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **ITALY**⁴ 1st Thursday, 10:30a-12:30p
- **JEWISH** 3rd Saturday, 9:00-11:00a
- **LEGACY** 1st Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **MARYLAND** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00p
- **MISSOURI** 2nd Friday, 10:00-Noon
- **NORWAY** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **NY/NJ/PA**⁵ 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a
- **QUAKERS** 1st Friday, 9:30-11:30a
- **SOUTHERN
STATES** 4th Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- **SWEDEN**⁶ 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00p
- **TMG** 2nd Saturday, 10:00-Noon

¹Adoption SIG can meet monthly if interested, e-mail Lou McLean at lou_mclean@yahoo.com

²African/American SIG, ask Library aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

³Poland SIG has combined with the German SIG and will be meeting as noted above.

⁴Italian SIG has moved back to its original spot.

⁵The NY/NJ SIG group would like to invite all the people interested in researching in PA to join us on the first Tuesday of each month as noted above. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Dee Snook at deesgenes1@yahoo.com

⁶Sweden SIG needs a new Facilitator, interested?

APRIL 2009 SPEAKER

by Karla Bartel



Joseph Butner didn't know much about his family so he decided to delve into genealogy. When it came to his great-grandfather, his research turned into a 15 year project and resulted in publication of his book, *The Chihuahua Rangers: The Disposables*. He discovered his great-grandfather was a private in a 95-member military unit, officially named the Lt. D.D. Mitchell's Escort, which were part of the Missouri volunteers and the Mormon Battalion of the Army of the West. Leaving from Santa Fe, they were to join another American unit in Chihuahua City, Mexico for the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848.

Want to know more? Joseph Butner will be our April General Meeting speaker to tell us more about a little-known unit of the Army of the West.

LOST – CAN YOU HELP FIND?

by Peggy Morphew

We are still hunting for the following items that were found missing during our recent inventory in January 2009. Items missing from prior years (2005,'06,'07, and '08) are not included in the list below.



- 944.11/C698 *Finding Italian Roots* (paper cover 130 pages)
- 975.68/M487 *History of Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte from 1740 to 1903, Volume 1 & Volume 2* (2 books)
- 976.9/C371pe *Pioneers of Eastern Kentucky, Their Feuds and Settlements*. (98 pages)
- 976.92/A635mr *Kentucky Marriage Records*
- 976.97/F645af *Annals of Floyd County, Kentucky 1800-1826* (hard cover, 365 pages)
- 976.97/G164sm *Some Kentucky Marriages, 1775-1799* (orange folder)
- ✓ Q975.5/A221vs *ADC's State Road Atlas of Virginia* (40 pages oversized with paper cover)
- CD 1881 *1881 Canadian Census*

✓ Indicates Found!

Please, please check your research materials to see if somehow these became mixed-up with your papers. Please return them to the Library. **No questions will be asked!**



SWEDISH INFORMATION

www.genline.com is available at the local Family History Center at LDs Peoria Stake, 13014 N 108 Ave., Sun City, AZ, 623-974-2749.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Maybe many think, someone else will volunteer. Unfortunately that does not always happen! We are an all volunteer organization and really need help. Can you help us? The fun outweighs the work! Needed:

LIBRARY AIDE SCHEDULER: Work with Library Aide volunteers, set schedules to ensure the Library always has an Aide on duty. Contact Deanna Hill, deannahill@cox.net, if interested or have questions. or leave a message at the Library.

MAP COLLECTION: The Library really, really, really needs someone who would like to work on our map collection. This does require entering the data into the Card Catalog on Computer. This job can be done at your own pace. Interested, please contact Peggy Morphew at 623-815-0387 or email, gmorphew@juno.com.

BOOK SALE/FUND RAISER

by Ethel Sanders

WVGS **non-genealogical** book, VCR, and CD sale netted our society \$221.10. This money will offset some of WVGS expenses. We extend many thanks to: Ethel Carmichael, Suzanne Cormier, Ruth Day, Jean Ferries, Sue Firth, Leona Goodhart, Bill Hill, Janette Kimball, Del Kunz, Peggy Morphew, Sally Pavia, Jack Peterson, Joan Peters, Dee Snook, Ethel and Sandy Sanders, Roberta Staniec, Kathi Thanos, Penny Williams, and Shirley Woodward who made this sale possible.



BUDGET CUTS

AFFECTS NEWLY OPENED ARIZONA STATE ARCHIVES. CAPTIAL MUSEUM AND GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY

by Wanita Zarumba and Dorothy Sprague

Less than two weeks after its dedication, the new State Archives Building has temporarily closed. The Archives' staff will continue to receive materials for the collections and will assist with research by prior appointment. Email and telephone messages will be answered as time permits and in the order received. The archives staff has been reduced from 13 to 3.

The Arizona State Genealogy Research Library has also had its hours curtailed. For up-to-date Archives, Museum and Lunchtime Lesson schedule, please contact the Arizona Library at www.azlibrary.gov or by calling 602-926-4035.

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RECYCLING NEWS

by Gale Kristof

Save your aluminum cans, crush them to save space, and see if you can fill up the fenced collection area in the alley behind our Library.

Recycle: Aluminum cans
Cell Phones
Ink Cartridges

Drop these off at the Library

PUT THESE NUMBERS IN YOUR WALLET:

Office Max Perks #001274-8337
Staples Rewards #04050-4355-5
Safeway eScript ID #151055488
Basha's Thanks Program #23642
When **renewing each year** for Safeway and Basha's, remember to use the above WVGS account numbers.

Have you renewed Basha's and Safeway cards for 2009?

Please also use Office Max and Staples #!!

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED MARCH'S MEETING

Elizabeth Brown, our March Speaker is shown here with one of her quilts. Who knew that a quilt could be something to get Genealogy information from also! Interested in knowing more? You can find Elizabeth at Creative Quilters Group in the Lakeview Rec Center, Sun City, AZ



Photo by Dorothy Seaward