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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Karla Bartel

Welcome to 2010! I'd like to thank you for your confidence in electing me as your President. I look forward to working with the newly-elected Board and all of you to keep WVGS thriving and growing.

During 2009, we accomplished many needed upgrades to our WVGS Library but in doing so, we depleted our Building Fund account. For this reason, I want to encourage each of you to consider adding a bit extra when renewing your membership. Make sure you indicate the extra is for the Building Fund.

Also, be sure your membership form is filled in completely in order to give us the information we need for our new computer membership program.

2010 NEW AZWVGS BOARD ELECTED



2010 WVGS Board and Ethel Sanders, Chair of Nominating Committee, seated.

Middle Row: Lois Gemmell Director/Assistant Treasurer; Doris Young, Treasurer; Dee Snook, First Vice President; Karla Bartel, President; Vera Elgin, Secretary;

Back Row: Carol Struck Director; Roger Hanneman, Director; Vern Worrell, Director

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Monthly Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month
First Presbyterian Church 12225 N. 103rd Ave., SC

September through May Doors open at 1:00p

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Bob Herschelman

Please welcome new members Pat Bennett, Linda P. Hannah, Kathy Gibson, John Kohl, Tonie A. Miller, Marjorie Newville, and Kay Young. We now have 552 members.

We are implementing a new membership database for 2010. The new database will have the capabilities for separate e-mail address for each member of the household as well as to have the ability to store your summer address and the dates you will be gone from our area. We will still need to be notified of any change of address and e-mail information.

Be Sure to Renew Your WVGS Membership for 2010

by Jean White

By paying your 2010 WVGS dues you will be entitled to log on to two pay-for-view genealogy websites from your home. The Collection Development Committee and the Equipment Committee have joined forces to provide you with an at home connection to World Vital Records and Footnote.com. Log in directions will come with your 2010 membership card. Because of contractual agreements with the web sites, you will not be allowed to share the log in information with anyone. This is only for 2010 members of West Valley Genealogical Society.

LIBRARY ROOFING PROJECT

by Vera Elgin,

The Roofing Project is done! You'll be pleased to know that we had no leaks on December 7, when it rained all day!

Final cost was \$12,990. Many members contributed money toward the roofs, and funds are still coming in. If you have not yet done so, and would like to help, please mail or drop off your check at the Library. Checks should be made out to WVGS and mark it "Building Fund – roof project," it is tax deductible.



Many, many thanks!



DONATIONS – THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of publications, materials and equipment: Marion Boshart, Linda Carpenter, CDC, Carol Daly, Loren Derby, Mark Dodson, Linda Friedrichson, Chuck Gemmell, Ruby Gordon, Calvin Henry, Robert (Bob) Herschelman, Dorothy Hopkinson (CDC Service), Richard Hudnall, Thelma Jones, Mike King, Erv Leifheit, Mid-Continent Library, Peggy Morphew, Fran Morris, Amy Mouse, Yale Norris, Sally Pavia, Plano (TX) Public Library, Joan Rentner, Lee & Lyle Scarbrough, Lee Shinn, Janet Finley Sinclair (Author), Dorothy Sprague, Maretta Troxel, Flo Weber, Floyd & Richard Wickenkamp, Marcia Wright, Ethel and Jim Sanders, Dee Snook, Lu Williams and Shirley Woodward.



JANUARY 11, 2010 SPEAKER

by Dee Snook

We will be starting the year off at our January 11th meeting with one of our own. Jean White, a life member, past president and one of our teachers will be presenting our January program with a talk about the "Great Lakes Sailors." We hope to see you there as this should be a very interesting program.



GLASS DISPLAY CASE AND CASES IN MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

by Sally Pavia

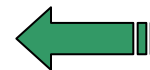
We are lucky enough to have items for the Display Case through February of 2010. December's display is Christmas "goodies" and January's will be Celebrating Mardi Gras. We will still need items to fill the case beginning in March 2010. This gives you plenty of time to start hunting 'goodies' you'd like to share with the other members of the Society.

The change in the cases in the multi-purpose room will arrive soon. We are hoping it will be something you'll enjoy and something others will want to try. The change is a surprise until it is put together and on display. Keep checking, the new multi-purpose room display will be complete soon.

Please contact me if you have anything to share. I can be reached at: info@azwvgs.org please enter **Sally Pavia** in the Subject Line. Thank you.



**WVGS OPEN HOUSE
JAN 24, 2010, 1-4P**



PARKING LOT SALE

by Dorothy Sprague

Thanks to our many wonderful donors and volunteers. We raised **\$2,333.15**.

Special thanks to our many willing workers: Karla Bartel; Melissa Bird; Ethel Carmichael; Judy Crawford; Cheryl Davies; Ruth Day; Dottie DeYoung; Larry & Renee Dilts; Vera Elgin; Sandi Faulstich; Billie & Ken Fold; Irma Hardin; Bill Hill; Nan Hoffman; Gale Kristof; Kay Moorhouse; Peggy Morphew; Fran Morris; Nancy Reed; Ethel Sanders; Sandy Sanders; Gladys Smith; Dee Snook; Ada Sullivan; Lu Williams; Liz Wright; Wanita Zarumba.

When a person dies a Library closes.

Our annual Open House is an excellent opportunity to **WOW** your friends with the professionalism connected with doing family history and to put to rest an explanation of that often mysterious "genealogy" activity in which we all engage. No registration is required and the public is encouraged to attend. Let's see if we can't surpass last year's attendance.

Share with your friends and neighbors a tour of our wonderful facility and resource collection, view genealogical software demonstrations, sign up for classes and Research Nights, learn about our Special Interest Groups, Annual Trips to the Washington, D.C. Archives and the Salt Lake City Family History Library. In addition, they can visit with our guest presenters from the DAR or local historical societies. Last, but not least, refreshments and Door Prizes are an added attraction.

LIBRARY REPORT

Peggy Morpew, Library Administrator



NEW BOOKS REPORT

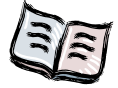
by Peggy Morpew

- *1978 Directory Maricopa County Precinct Map and Election Information Guide*
- *Alamo Heroes and Their Revolutionary Ancestors*
- *Ancestors of Arthur M. Finley, The*
- *Atlas of the North American Indian*
- *Cattaraugus County New York Surrogate Court Abstracts Guardianship Edition**
- *Chickasaw by Blood Enrollment Cards 1898-1914, Volume 1 **
- *Churches of North America*
- *Collier's World Atlas and Book of Facts*
- *Colony of Connecticut Minutes of the Court of Assistants 1669-1711**
- *Eastern Cherokee Census Cherokee, North Carolina 1923-1929 Volume 3 1927-1929**
- *Family Maps of Kalamazoo County, Michigan*
- *Farm & Home Directory & Plat*
- *Fort Wayne Past & Present*
- *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1629-1818 A-J, The*
- *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629-1818 K-Z, The*
- *Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors, A*
- *German Baptist Publication Society in 1913*
- *Germans, The*
- *Great Migration, The Immigrants to New England 1634-1635 Volume 6 R-S**
- *Hancock County Farm Plat Book*
- *Historical Atlas of the United States*
- *Maine Families in 1790 Vol. 10**
- *Memories from my Fifty Years of Service in the Home Missionary Work of the German Baptist*
- *National Geographic Atlas of the World*
- *Official County Plat Book & Farmer's Directory of Franklin-Hardin Counties Iowa*
- *Organizing Your Family History Search*
- *People of Ireland, The 1600-1699 Part Two**
- *People of the Scottish Burghs A Genealogical Source Book**
- *Philadelphia Holy Experiment*
- *Plat Book of Cerro Gordo County Iowa*
- *Rand McNally Victory World Atlas*
- *Richland the Manor, the Township and Quakertown*
- *Small Boat Navigation Charts*
- *South Carolina Deed Abstracts 1773-1778**
- *South Carolina Deed Abstracts 1776-1783**

- *Spanish Censuses of Pensacola, 1784-1820*
- *Spinner People and Culture in Southeastern Massachusetts Volume 4*
- *St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Directory – 2009, A Family Church*
- *Wyoming Frontier State*
- * CDC

NEW PERIODICAL REPORT

by Peggy Morpew



- *America Newsletter (Denmark)*
- *Arthur Family Newsletter*
- *Connecticut Magazine*
- *Geer Family Association Newsletter*
- *Newsletter (Schleswig Holstein)*



NEW CD REPORT

by Marie Beernink

- CD 10199 *Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia Burial Indices*
- CD 10200 *Miscellaneous Tax Lists--Maryland, North Carolina and Virginia*

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- Christmas:** CLOSED December 24, 25, 26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- New Year's:** OPEN January 1, 2010 (Friday)

CALENDAR

- January 1** Library Open for Research
- January 4 WVGS Board Meeting
- January 11 General Membership Meeting
- January 22-23 WVGS Booth at Mesa FHExpo
- January 24 Society Open House Celebration

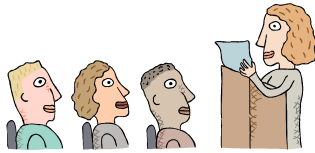


DID YOU KNOW THAT...

by Peggy Morpew

Your donation of genealogy books and periodicals from your personal collection is needed?

If these donations turn out to be duplicates of those already on our shelves, we can trade them with other libraries, thereby increasing our collection. It's a win-win situation!



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)

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

¹African/American SIG, ask Library aide to call Arlene when you arrive.

²The following SIGs will **not** meet in December due to the holidays.

³The following SIGs will **not** meet January due to the holidays.

Please call the Library at 623-933-4945 or go to <http://www.azwvgs.org/Sigs.htm> to verify schedules or to obtain answers about our SIGS.

FALL 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>



Nancy Nielsen, Instructor, 2 sets of Classes:
FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 4 Sessions
Part 1: Jan 18, Feb 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2010 9:30-11:30a

FAMILY TREE MAKER – VER 16 5 Sessions
Part 2: Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2010 9:30-11:30a

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORIES 8 Sessions
Nancy Tsuchiya, Instructor Rescheduled to
Wednesday Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17, 24,
Mar 3, 2010 10a-noon

Jean White, Instructor, 3 sets of Classes
PROBLEM SOLVING 3 Sessions
Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 - 1:00-3:00p
RESEARCH TECHNIQUES 1 4 Sessions
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3 - 1:00-3:00p
RESEARCH TECHNIQUES 2 4 Sessions
Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31 - 1:00-3:00p

Geoff Rasmussen, Instructor, 2 sets of Classes
GENEAOLOGY TECHNOLOGY 4 Sessions
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 9:30-11:30a
LEGACY FOR BEGINNERS 4 Sessions
Mar. 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13 9:30-11:30a

Novice Genealogy 1 session
Barbara Stenberg, Instructor
Call Library (623 933 4945) for next date

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE!

Authors Unknown

- In our family tree I found: Deep roots - strong branches - a few nuts - some saps and among it all were a few sour apples.
- Some families can trace their ancestry back 300 years but can't tell you where their children were last night.
- One thing most family trees have in common is a shady branch.

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The price being paid for cans increased recently by 20% to 60 cents a pound. So, for every pound turned in, we now get a bit more for WVGS. WVGS received \$83.25 in about a month and a half. This is better than we've been doing earlier this year.

Did you renew for eScript at Safeway and Basha's? Please remember to sign up again.

USE: GoodSearch.com
GoodShop.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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

by Peggy Morpew

Here are the opportunities to volunteer:

- **Shelf Readers** - Check a designated area of the book shelves to make sure they are in numerical order. Work at your own pace once a month.
- **Typists/Keyboarders** - Enter data to various databases. Work at your own pace.
- **Library Aides** - Welcome patrons to our Library & assist them in registering for classes, seminars, trips, etc. Choice of shifts: Mornings 9:00a - 12:30p or Afternoons 12:30p - 4:00p Tuesday Evenings 6:00-9:00

There are other duties - some requiring a commitment of just a few hours per year! INTERESTED??? Contact Peggy Morpew e-mail: libadmin@azwvgs.org

DON'T MISS WVGS'S ANNUAL ALL DAY SEMINAR! FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck's topics are:

- ◆ Bridging the Atlantic-Finding Your Ancestral Home
- ◆ Migrations from Europe from 1763 to 1812.
- ◆ Finding Female Maiden Names
- ◆ Onomatology—Surnames and Forenames and the Genealogist.

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEA FOR FAMILY, FRIEND OR YOU!!!

by Roger Hanneman

WVGS has purchased some unique 1 GIG thumb drives with a neck strap. The neck strap can help you keep track of the thumb drive and make it easier to find anywhere. The thumb drive can readily be detached from the neck strap and inserted into a PC. Also, an address label can be affixed to the swivel guard.

They can be purchased at the Library! Buy them for gift giving or an excellent way to aid in your genealogy research. We have a limited supply do not miss out on this unique item! They are only \$10 each!



50/50 BOOKS REPORT

by Jean White

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.



Look for us at the December meeting to take orders for the Arphax Map books. To view a list of the map books available, please go to www.arphax.com. Select the book you wish to donate and pay half of the cost. The CDC will pay the other half. Your name will appear inside the book as the donor.

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

- *Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1858, Vol. III*
Total Cost: \$30.00 Balance Needed: \$20.00
- *Land Claims in the Eastern District of the Orleans Territory*
Total Cost: \$30.00 Balance Needed: \$30.00

WVGS duplicate books and periodicals will be for sale at our seminar in February. Come early for a good selection.

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UPDATE ON ELECTRONIC *TIDBITS*

by Dorothy Sprague

Have you signed up with Dorothy Sprague, info@azwvgs.org for the Electronic version of Tidbits? If not, do it soon as this will be a big money saver for the Society. We send notification each month when the newest issue is on the website.

Were you able to get the electronics Tidbits on our website? We had members who couldn't get the www.azwvgs.org/Publications.htm link to work. Just why, is a mystery! We appreciate that you let us know you were having trouble so we could help you.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Adobe's free Acrobat Reader is needed to view the Tidbits files on our website.* To install or update Adobe, click on the Adobe link on our website or go to www.adobe.com. Before you download the latest version of Adobe Reader, *make sure you uncheck the box* next to "Also install -- free McAfee Security Scan" by clicking on it. You *do not* want this. Then, scroll down and click on the large gold "Download" button and follow the screen directions.

