



Presidents Message

Arlene Sampson



A “volunteer” is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as: to offer to do something without being forced to or without getting paid to do it. That sums up the WVGS volunteers that continue to keep the Society and the Library moving along for our members year after year.

This Society and Library run only at the will of all those who volunteer and continue to volunteer, from those who work in the background, from Library cleaning crews and maintenance for example, to those who are visible by the public, our Library aides and others. We would not exist nor accomplish as much as we do without our volunteers. They continually amaze me with their talents and dedication to this Society.

Also, if you aren't a volunteer and would like to volunteer, there are many different types of positions available and we can always use additional help. From programming through the Computer Equipment Committee, Library aides, committee positions on such the Store Committee, Collection Development Committee, Obituary Committee, Speakers Bureau, Library, our annual Seminar and Salt Lake City Trip, Records, Fundraising, Financial Review, Property Management, Membership and Membership Out-Reach, Publications, both Tidbits and Desert Tracker and many more positions not named. See any of the Board Members, Library Administrator or any of the committee chairs listed in the Desert Tracker for more information.

Please join with me and as you have contact with a Society or Library Volunteer, please thank them for their service not just in April which is National Volunteer Month, but throughout the year. Thank You!

Calendar

- April 7 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 14 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 12:30
General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- 17 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm, call
the Library to reserve a spot
- 21 Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestors
- 21 Library Tour, 9:30 to 11:00 am, **call
the Library to reserve a spot**

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
12:30 - 4:00 pm Sunday

Last Saturday of the month open 9:00 am-6:00 pm

Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Telephone: 623-933-4945

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

Monthly Meetings: September through May

Second Monday of each month - Doors open at 1:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

Online Book Store is Open

WVGS members have online access to our store that sells gently used and reasonably priced genealogical books.

Shop when it's convenient for you and have books sent to your home or choose to pick them up at the WVGS Library.

Support the Genealogical Society and shop at azwvgs.org.

April 14th Speaker

Leonard Marcisz

Mr. Marcisz will discuss the creation, use and rediscovery of the Stoneman Military Road. The Road was created in 1870 and ran from Fort McDowell, near the present-day site of the Fort McDowell casino, to Fort Lowell near Prescott.



Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

We would love to have you join us with a story about your ancestors

Monday, April 21st

from 11 am to 1 pm

come share family memories & mementos at the

5 & Diner Deluxe

11341 W. Bell Road, Surprise

All lunches require sign up and a \$5.00 fee; lunch & tip on your own

Contact: Sharon Brown at Dir.Fundraising@azwvgs.org

Fundraising News

Sharon Brown

We really need your help by linking your Fry's VIP Cards with the WVGS account #80153 to help our organization earn money. WVGS will get a percentage from all our shopping purchases by signing up and using your card. Tell your friends and neighbors as well, everyone is eligible. Go online to the Fry's web site and either create an account or sign in; then go to account settings. It's simple and easy.

New Eat at Marley's Restaurant and Bar in Surprise at 15226 W Bell Road, 623-251-4854, and WVGS will get a percentage of your cost just by showing your FREE Marley's Card available at the WVGS Library.

We also get a percentage on your purchases at Albertsons. Need a card? They can be picked up at our Library.

Any out of town guests coming to visit can get a discount at the Comfort Inn in Surprise. Pick up a FREE card at the Library and check out the requirements. We get a percentage from them as well.

Raffle tickets for the picture painted by Irma Hardin's husband are on sale at the Library and at the General Meetings. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be in May at the General Meeting.

Remember, by supporting these business partners you are also helping our WVGS Library.

Donations – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. **Donors:** 50/50 Club and Kathy Stromer; 50/50 Club, Dee Snook and Jean Ferries; Delight Anton; Karla Bartel; Jean Belzer; Melissa Bird; Marion Boshart Estate; Carol Caldwell; CDC in Honor of Betty Thompson's 90th Birthday; CDC in Honor of Gladys Smith's 90th Birthday; CDC in Honor of Mary Eberhart's 90th Birthday; CDC in Honor of Viola Spencer's 90th Birthday; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Gertrude E. Allen; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Jane D. Blinn; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Martha D. Abrams; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Powell H. Abrams; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Thelma P. Allardyce; CDC in Honor of WVGS Charter Member Virginia Ash; CDC in Honor of WVGS Past President Dorothy Sprague; CDC in Honor of WVGS Past President Jean White; CDC in Honor of WVGS Past President Robert O. "Bob" Young; CDC in Memory of WVGS Past President Jeann Woodford; Don Cochrane; Esther Coffman; Lynne Corbett; Delbert Earle; Ron French; Eleanor Haas; David Hardy; Mona Knight; Susan Krueger; Laramie County, Wyoming Library; Janet Lintz; Joyce McDonald; Noble County [IN] Genealogical Society, Inc.; George Paine; Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg Co., NC; Salt Lake City Family History Library; Dee Snook; Dee Snook in Memory of Casey Klem's Mother, Barbara Meek; Dee Snook in Memory of Viola Spencer; Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Arizona; Barbara Stenberg; Mariette Troxel; Shirley Woodward and Karen Zeppenfeld.

Findmypast.com Subscription Offer

Jean White

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and findmypast.com have teamed up to offer a discount on a one year subscription to findmypast.com.

Because WVGS belongs to The Federation of Genealogical Societies we are eligible to get this deal. Findmypast.com is a website of sources from the US, Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands. These include census, vital records, newspapers, court records and other sources. They also offer the most up to date PERSI index.

You may deduct your society dues (\$35) from their annual world subscription rate (\$199.50) for a one yearly rate of \$164.50. This deal is only good on the annual World Subscription to findmypast.com. Use this discount code: *wvgsfmp* to get our Society rate.

March Volunteers of the Month

Barb Behrman

Nan Hoffman

You probably don't know it but we have our very own Energizer Bunny as a member of our Society. You know the commercial - the bunny just keeps on going when all the others wear out. Our Bunny was born and grew up in Minnesota. She married a career Air Force man and with him lived in some interesting places, like Newfoundland. Along the way she became a Registered Nurse but that wasn't enough for her as she soon became Director of Nursing in Rapid City, South Dakota.



Four children, two daughters and two sons, joined the family along the way and they were certainly influenced by their Mom, all choosing medical careers. The girls are both nurses, one son is a Respiratory Therapist and the other a Podiatrist. Even two (so far) granddaughters are following in nursing careers.

When she joined the Society in 2007 she jumped right in with her usual never ending energy by serving as the first Director of Membership Outreach. Her hard work (and her committees) soon were making a significant difference in WVGs, with the new member coffee, following up with members who didn't send their annual dues in on time, welcome letters for all new members, etc. She has also helped on the Seminar Committee and just about anything anyone needs, including selling various forms that every genealogist needs on one of the tables on the side and recently joining the Aides group. As someone told me, "she is the best ever." We are pleased to present one of our March Volunteer of the Month Awards to a real, live Energizer Bunny, Nan Hoffman.

Irma Hardin

Our next awardee could also be called an Energizer Bunny, but I'm not sure the Society could survive two of them. This wonderful lady who "is always up" and ready to jump in to whatever needs done. She and her family moved to Phoenix in 1965 (boy, has she seen some changes) from Decatur, Illinois, another wise Midwesterner who got out of the stifling humidity and heat of their summers. Believe me, 85% humidity and 90 degree temps are much worse than our 110 degree dry heat. She too has 4 children (again 2 boys and 2 girls). Now the family has expanded to include 8 grandkids and one great grand son. She worked for state government for many years and retired from being in charge of finding relatives of lost or departed people who had left behind their safe deposit boxes. It was her job to find them in order to give them the contents of the box. As if that's not enough in her life she also loves music and has sung in a church choir for many years sometimes spreading her talent through singing beautiful solos.



She joined the Society in 2002 and has served as Secretary twice and once as Treasurer. She's been an "opener" for years and has also served as an aide for many years. Her son says, "she was as kind caring and loving as any mom could ever be." She may not be our Mom, but we certainly agree with the kind, caring and loving part. We are pleased to present one of our March Volunteer of the Month awards to Irma Hardin.

New Member Coffee

Barb Behrman

On Monday, March 17, the Membership Outreach Committee hosted 18 new members at their bi-annual New Member Coffee. These members have joined the Society since October 2013. Board members and committee chairpersons explained their functions and lots of wonderful information about what the Society offers, including fund raising opportunities, trips and classes. Attendees enjoyed fresh baked sweet breads, coffee, tea and an opportunity to meet and



chat with Society members and other new members. The next New Member Coffee will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014.

Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner
Karen Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- 1769 Tax List (Proprietary) Montgomery County Pennsylvania
- 1949 Golden Embers, The [yearbook] Volume 3
- 1956 The Purple B Yearbook [Bogota High School, Bergen Co., NJ]
- 1957 Purple B Yearbook [Bogota High School, Bergen Co., NJ]
- 1959 Melange, The. Volume 80 Yearbook [Lafayette College, Northampton Co., PA]
- 1990 & 1995 St. Olaf College Alumni Directory
- '49 Viking - St. Olaf College [Yearbook]
- '53 Maywoodian Yearbook [Maywood Jr. High School, Bergen Co., NJ]
- A. T. Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of IA
- Albion Memories: A History of Albion, Indiana from 1908 to 1976
- American Legion in Iowa, 1919-1929, The
- Annotated Kanawha County WV Cemeteries. Volume 4
- Blount County, Tennessee Entry Taker's Book, 1824-1826: WPA Records
- Bobashela of the Class of '29, The. Yearbook [Trenton Senior High School, Mercer Co, NJ]
- Bobashela, The. Volume 11, 1935 Yearbook [Trenton Central High School, Mercer Co., NJ]
- Caswell County North Carolina Deed Books, 1817-1840
- Caswell County North Carolina Will Books 1777-1814; 1784 Tax List Guardians' Accounts 1794-1819 and Caswell County North Carolina Will Books 1814-1843; Guardians' Accounts 1819-1847, 1850 & 1860 Census Mortality Schedules, Powers of Attorney from Deed Books 1777-1880. Two volumes in one.
- Cemeteries of Noble County, Indiana, The. Volume 1: Noble, Sparta, Washington & York Townships
- Cemeteries of Noble County, Indiana, The. Volume 2: Orange and Wayne Townships Including the City of Kendallville
- Cemeteries of Noble County, Indiana, The. Volume 3: Albion, Elkhart, and Perry Townships
- Cemeteries of Noble County, Indiana, The. Volume 4: Allen, Green, Jefferson, and Swan Townships
- Chaplains with U.S. Naval Units in Vietnam 1954-1975: Selected Experiences at Sea and Ashore
- Class of '61. Reunion - June 4, 1966. Lebanon Valley College [Lebanon Co., PA]
- Courthouse Book [Noble County, Indiana]
- Descendants of Hans Jacob Hildebrand
- Desert Trader: The Life and Quilts of Goldie Tracy Richmond
- Early Kanawha County Marriages, 1855-1867 [West Virginia]
- Early Kanawha County Marriages. Part 2-A [West VA]
- Early Marriages and Tombstone Inscriptions, Bond and Madison Counties, Illinois
- Erik Johan Andersson Strid - Family History 1716-2013
- Family Records (Heretofore Unpublished) Collected in Commemoration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Settlement of Connecticut
- Forgotten Settlers of Kansas, The. Volume 1 & 2
- Golden Embers [Yearbook] 1951-1954
- Groton, Conn. 1705-1905*
- Haack Family History: A Wisconsin Immigrant Family, The
- Hammond Historical World Atlas, Volume Two
- History of Dodge County [Georgia]
- History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin and Williamson Counties, Illinois from the Earliest Time to the Present; Together with Sundry and Interesting Biographical Sketches, Notes, Reminiscences, Etc., Etc.
- History of Gwinnett County Georgia, 1818-1943. Vol 1
- History of Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland From Early Historical Writings
- History of Madison County Indiana: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People and Its Principal Interests. Volume 1
- History of McDonough County, Illinois. History of Illinois
- History of Miami County Illustrated [Indiana]
- History of the Districts of Washington County Maryland From Early Historical Writings. Volume 2
- History of Washington County Indiana
- History of Washington County Maryland From Early Historical Writings. Volume 1
- Illustrated History of Yadkin County 1850-1965 [North Carolina]
- Images of America Litchfield Park [Arizona]
- In Full Force and Virtue: North Carolina Emancipation Records, 1713-1860
- Index of Wills & Estate Settlements, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, 1784-1850
- Index to "The Courthouse Book" by Russell F. Frehse
- Jefferson County, Iowa Names Gleaned from Wills 1838 - 1851 Deceased - Alphabetical
- Kanawha Valley Cemeteries. Volume 1. [West Virginia] Some Kanawha County Cemeteries
- Kanawha Valley Cemeteries. Volume 2. [West Virginia]
- Kanawha Valley WV Annotated Cemeteries. Volume 3.
- Land Grants to French Emigrants in Alabama, 1827
- Land in Her Own Name: Women as Homesteaders in North Dakota
- Manassas (Bull Run) National Battlefield Park, Virginia
- Mannikin, The. 1953, 1954, 1955 Yearbook [Horace Mann School, Bronx Co, NY]
- Marion Boshart Collection. Resources and Surnames. Volume 01 - INDEX
- Marion Boshart Collection. Volume 2 - 29
- Marriage Record Index of Noble County, Indiana 1926-1940
- Marriage Records of Graves Co., KY for the Period 1852-1859
- Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims Who Landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in December 1620. Family of Thomas Rogers. Volume 19 - Second Edition
- Maywoodian 1952 & 1954 Yearbook [Maywood Jr. High School, Bergen Co., NJ]

- *Melange of the Class of Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Three, The. Yearbook* [Lafayette College, Northampton Co., PA]
- *Melange, The. 1930 & 1957 Yearbook* [Lafayette College, Northampton Co., PA]
- *Milwaukee Then & Now* [Wisconsin]
- *Minutes of the Orphanmasters of New Amsterdam, 1655 to 1663* [New York]
- *Montgomery County, VA Deed Book A, 1773-1789*
- *My Nebraska: The Good, the Bad, and the Husker*
- *Nebraska 24/7: 24 Hours, 7 Days, Extraordinary Images of One Week in Nebraska*
- *Never Done: A History of American Housework*
- *New Jersey Bible Records. Volume 1: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, and Gloucester Counties*
- *New Jersey Bible Records. Volume 2: Salem and Cumberland Counties*
- *New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch. Volume 1: Register of the Provincial Secretary, 1638-1642*
- *New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch. Volume 2: Register of the Provincial Secretary, 1642-1647*
- *New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch. Volume 3: Register of the Provincial Secretary, 1648-1660*
- *New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch. Volume 4: Council Minutes, 1638-1649*
- *Noble County from History of Northeast Indiana*
- *Norwegian American Genealogical Center's A Research Guide for Norwegian Genealogy for Beginning and Experienced Genealogists*
- *Paine / Payne / Pain Collection. Book 6*
- *Paw Prints 1957 Yearbook* [Lutheran High School, Los Angeles Co., CA]
- *Purple B, The. 1939 & 1954 Yearbook* [Bogota High School, Bergen Co., NJ]
- *Purple B, The. The June 1955 Performance of the Greatest Show on Earth Yearbook* [Bogota High School, Bergen Co., NJ]
- *Quittapahilla '59. Symbols of Tradition. Yearbook* [Lebanon Valley College, Lebanon Co., PA]
- *Quittapahilla. 1957-58. Plans for the Future... Yearbook* [Lebanon Valley College, Lebanon Co., PA]
- *Reconstructed Delaware State Census of 1782, The*
- *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England*
- *Rowan County North Carolina Marriage Records 1754-1866 Volume I Names A-F, Volume II Names G-N*
- *Rowan County, NC Vacant Land Entries 1778-1789*
- *Scots of Virginia, The: America's Greatest Patriots*
- *Seal of State Teachers College and State Normal School, The. 1933 Yearbook* [Trenton, NJ]
- *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess, County, New York. Volume 5 & 6**
- *Shenandoah Valley Folklife* [Virginia & West Virginia]
- *Silver Maple, The* [yearbook] 1950
- *Social Networking for Genealogists*
- *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War - Vermont**
- *St. Olaf College 1956 Viking, Northfield, Minn* [Yearbook]

- *St. Olaf College Class of 1952, 50th Reunion. Celebration 2002, May 24-26, 2002*
- *Stanley, Our Town 1881-1981* [Chippewa Co, Wisconsin]*
- *Tax Lists of Wilson County, Tennessee, 1803-1807 with Names in Court Records, 1802-1822*
- *To Massachusetts With Love* [Pictorial History of Massachusetts]
- *To Serve Well and Faithfully: Labor and Indentured Servants in Pennsylvania, 1682-1800*
- *To the End of the Earth: A History of the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico*
- *Tombstone Inscriptions, Henry County, Missouri. Vol 1 & 2*
- *United States Navy Chaplains 1957-1972*
- *Wabash County History Bicentennial Edition 1976: Wabash, Indiana*
- *Who's Who in the Midwest, 1952*
- *Willowbrook* [United] Methodist Church Wedding Anniversaries, 1990
- *Women in Long Island's Past* [Nassau Co., Suffolk Co., NY]

New Periodicals - Karen Zeppenfeld

- *Annual Excursion of the Sandwich Historical Society* (NH)
- *Sandwich Fair Program Book* (NH)
- *SGGEE Journal* (GER)
- *Wandering Volhynians* (GER)

CDs - Marie Beernink

- *1910 Miracode Index: Pennsylvania, Allegheny County*
- *A Cold Mountain: A Case Study of a Tarheel Soldier in the Civil War* (Confederate)
- *Colonial Estate Laws VA & Carolinas*
- *Indiana Vital Records: Selected Counties & Years*
- *Kentucky: Records of the Bluegrass State*
- *New York Supreme Court Naturalization Petition Index 1907-1924*
- *South Carolina Records and Reference*
- *Tennessee: Records of Volunteer State*
- *The Times of Long Ago Barren County, Kentucky Moses Sweeney 1734-1813 Descendants*
- *Using Online Newspapers to Find Early Settlers*
- *Using Pre-1850 Census Records Effectively*
- *Vital Records Index North America; Marriage Surnames A-Z* (7 discs)
- *Whiskey, Brandy, & Southern Migration*

Maps - Linda McCleary

- *Rand McNally Premier World Atlas*
- *Rand McNally World Atlas. Imperial Edition*
- *Rand McNally Road Atlas. United States, Canada, Mexico. 1999*
- *Rand McNally Road Atlas: United States, Canada, Mexico. 1974*

* CDC - Collection Development Committee

**50/50 club

Book Inventory 2014

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

It's Official!!!

The inventory is completed and we have 14,580 books.

A wonderful collection, it has grown over the many years by the generosity of its many members, past and present, and through the efforts of the Collection Development Committee, with the Shelf Readers keeping everything in good working order.

This year's inventory was taken in January and February by Chair Nancy R. Reed's Shelf Readers and others who gave of their time. Many thanks to Marie Beernick and Liz Wright, Sue Black and Lynne Corbett, Larry and Renee Dilts, Bob and Cathy Gallagher, Sally Pavia and Peggy Morphew, Kathi Thanos and Shirley Klovstad, Bill Hill, Joyce Kirkham Jean Sinchak and Karla Bartel. Linda McCleary and Peter Albrecht helped eliminate books that might have been counted as missing. Peggy Morphew also helped out in the "missing" department.

Our periodical collection has reached 1,644 titles. The members have made a tremendous contribution, helped out by exchanges with other societies. These contain a wealth of information on all the states and many nations. Please visit the Hall of Periodicals – you might run into a relative and learn about where they lived and what their lives were like.

This inventory revealed that 4 books appear to be missing. These books are as follows:

- 974.49 S946sd VOL 1 Suffolk Deeds. Liber 1
(Suffolk County, Massachusetts)
- 974.94 S446iw VOL 1 Index of Wills, Inventories, Etc.,
in the office o
- 975.5 G353 #13 Germanna Record, The Number
13, October 1971 Memorial Foundation of the
Germanna Colonies, The
- 977.1 S458 OH Ohio Story, The
Siedel, Frank

Please check your research materials for these titles. If you do find you have any of these titles, please put them on my desk, no questions asked.

Display Cases

Sally Pavia

Please pick up your toys as we will be starting a new display as soon as that is completed.

Our new display will be "Around the World in Postcards." We already have the cards, so just need to have the toys retrieved. Contact Sally Pavia, dir.specprojects@azwvgs.org or 623 974-0195.

Multi-purpose Room - Still have room for more military men/women to go into the case. There is no date to change them out. Nice to see the men/women in uniform. If you have pictures to add please contact Sally Pavia, dir.specprojects@azwvgs.org or 623 974-0195.

We would really like the display to be extra special.

Subject: How to cleanup your family tree

submitted by Dee Snook

This was sent via the SAR group thanks to them for giving us a way out of a bad dilemma.

Rewrite of family history:

Let's say that your great-great uncle Remus Starr, a fellow lacking in character, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. A cousin has supplied you with the only known photograph of Remus, showing him standing on the gallows. On the back of the picture are the words: Remus Starr: Horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison, 1885. Escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton Detectives, convicted and hanged, 1889.

Pretty grim situation, right? But let's revise things a bit. We simply crop the picture, scan in an enlargement and edit it with image processing software so that all that is seen is a head shot. Next, we rewrite the text:

Remus Starr was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and imitate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1885, he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renown Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Uncle Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honor when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed.

Now we give Uncle Remus a distinguished place inside the family tree, not hanging from it.

Welcome New Members

Membership Registrar - Bob Gallagher

Please welcome all the new Members who joined the Society during February 2014. The New Members are: Dennis Arend, Mark Borish. Donald Cochrane, Milton Diedrick, Claire Fizz, Leila Gaines, Deena Gibson, Dudley Gibson, Gary Jennings, Harry Jensen, Marilyn Lancelot, Emily Malone, William Malone, Judy Moulton, Jeanie Payton, Gayle Reynolds, Patricia Thompson, Margaret Tolsdorf, Chris VanDeVoorde, Lydia Whitey and Linda Youngs.

When you see these new members, be sure to introduce yourself and encourage them to participate in the Society's many activities. We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship, and research within the Society.

The total active membership of the Society is 570 as of March 13, 2014.

Enews Problems

Carol Daly

1. GoDaddy, the company we use to create and send out our WVGS Announcements (Enews) has experienced some major problems due to a virus which has affected major servers throughout the country. This in turn, has caused problems for our Enews. It came to our attention in February that some of our members were receiving their Enews several days late or not at all. Some of our members were deleted from our contact list with GoDaddy permanently and they are being reinstated only as I become aware of them. If you are not receiving our Enews, as I have been sending out at least one or maybe more a week plus our first WVGS Survey, I do need to have you contact me so I can reinstate you on our mailing list. Please, Email me at news@azwvgs.org. GoDaddy is still working to rectify this problem and hopefully, will have it taken care of soon.

2. Another GoDaddy problem is that those members who use Cox as their provider may receive their Enews in "hypertext language", computer language which is unreadable. This is a Cox problem not GoDaddy. You must have your email set to receive HTML format (your email is formatted with color, bold, italic, etc.) as that is how GoDaddy sends it out. If you are unable to receive your mail in HTML format, there is a solution, I can send you the Enews in Plain Text but you must notify me at news@azwvgs.org so, I can go in and make the change manually. Upon your notification to me, I will let you know that the change has been made.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Cathy Gallagher



Be Sure To Check With The Library Or WVGS Website To Verify SIG Schedules

- NY/NJ/PA1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Italy** 1st Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Maryland & Southern States**..... 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Legacy**..... 1st Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **DNA**..... 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
in April & May
- **Norway**2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Kansas/Missouri**..... 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG**..... 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Germany/Poland**3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Canada**3rd Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Sweden** 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **New England States** 3rd Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **British Isles**.....4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Family Tree Maker**.....4th Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
from September through May
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio**..... 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Adoption**..... *please watch for days/times or contact Lou McLean for details: mlm16ddm@yahoo.com*

If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact our SIGs Coordinator Cathy Gallagher at 623-266-1330 or sigs@azwvgs.org

Put These Numbers In Your Wallet

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

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:

- *Marriage & Death Notices From Raleigh Region and NC Gazette, 1826-1845, 2 volumes in 1*
Cost \$36.50 **Paid In Full**
- *Marriage & Death Notices From Raleigh Region and NC Gazette, 1847-1867, 2 volumes in 1*
Cost \$22.50 Balance Due \$5.25
- *History of Will County, ILL., Wm. LeBaron & Co. 1878*
Cost \$13.00 **Paid In Full**
- *History of Shelby & Montclair Counties, ILL, Brink, McDough, 1881*
Cost \$65.00 Balance Due \$33.50
- *(The) History of Williamson County from the Earliest Times to the Present 1876*
Cost \$45.00 Balance Due \$22.50
- *(The) Land Between: A History of Slovenia*
Cost \$35.10 Balance Due \$7.55
- *(The) Past & Present of Warren County, ILL. H.F. Kent & Co. 1877*
Cost \$65.00 Balance Due \$32.50
- *Portrait & Biographical Album of Warren County, ILL., Chapman Bros, 1886*
Cost \$65.00 Balance Due \$32.55

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.

WVGS Needs You!



Adrienne Haupt, Library Aides Chair, is asking for volunteers to help assist in the library. Just a few hours of your time can make a difference. You'll get to know some great people – your fellow members!

Her email address is libraryaides@azwvgs.org. You may also find her in the library or at the monthly membership meeting.

Please join the group, you'll be glad you did.

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Volunteers are needed for periodical accesssioner and to enter surnames from newly accessioned books into the catalog database. Free training!

Please email Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Adminstrator, at libadmin@azwvgs.org. She'll be glad to explain what these jobs entail.

Good News for Members

There are four Subscriber Genealogy Databases available as part of your WVGS membership. Be sure to take advantage of this generous benefit.

	<u>Database Cost</u>	<u>Member Cost</u>
New England Historic Genealogical Society	\$80	\$0
Ancestry.com	\$299	\$0
World Vital Records	\$90	\$0
Fold3	<u>\$80</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	\$549	totally free

WVR and Fold3 are also available to members from home. Visit the web site for instructions on how to access them.

Research Night

Sally Pavia

Be sure to come on Thursday, March 20th, 5-9 pm. Bring your dinner and \$3.50. We provide dessert and drinks. If anyone needs help with researching, someone will there to assist. Come for lots of fun company and you'll have a great time.

Classes

Connie Sheets

Important change: As of January 2014, all checks should be made out to WVGS instead of the instructor.

For schedule of classes, dates, times, class descriptions and costs, please check our website www.azwvgs.org or call the Library at 623-933-4945.

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

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy Monthly
Every third Friday unless noted 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Jean M. White, Instructor

Research Techniques II 4 classes
Research Techniques I suggested
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm ~~March 19 & 26~~, April 2 & 9

Suzanne Brayer, Instructor

Tips For Successful Research 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm April 3

Charlie Mannino, Instructor

Introduction to Basic PowerPoint 2010 1 Class
Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 am May 16

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*

More good news this month. Price for cans is back up to \$1.20 per pound. Last year it did not get that high until May. Members did a super job in March bringing in over 100 pounds of cans. Year to date total is now \$315. Another good (or great) month in April should put us ahead of last year. Keep those cans coming. Thanks to all who donated their aluminum cans to WVGS.



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

Notice - Notice - Notice

We **do not** recycle plastic bottles. Please put them with your regular recyclable items at home.

May Raffle

This painting, donated by Irma Harding, will be our May Raffle. Tickets may be purchased at the Library or our general meetings for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 from now until then.

The Way I Heard It

A young man was researching his family tree. He remembered a story he'd heard as a child about his great-great grandparents. He had been told that they had traveled West looking for new land. On the way they became ill and died. They were buried in the desert. The couple had two children. One of the other couples took the children to raise.

The young man spent his vacation time driving from town to town in the western states looking for the two graves. On about the third trip, he stopped at a garage in a little town in New Mexico to have his car serviced. He told the owner the story of his quest. One of the other men working there said as a youth on an outing with a church group, he saw two graves with wooden crosses. He gave the young man directions to the ranch where he thought the graves were.

The man went to talk to the owner of the ranch. He was quite elderly. The rancher admitted there were two graves on his property. He loaned him a horse and told him where to look for the graves. After finding the graves, he returned to the ranch and talked some more with the elderly rancher.

The rancher told him that his great grandfather had decided to stop here and build a ranch. The member of the party who took the children decided to go back East. The rancher's grandfather was a brother to the man in the grave and the woman who took the children to raise was a sister to the woman in the grave.

The elderly rancher took him to the barn and showed him a piece of wood from the broken cross and by matching stories handed down from family members, confirmed that the two graves were those of the young man's great-great grandparents and the elderly rancher was his great-great uncle.

