



President's Message

Arlene Sampson

Why is the Board of Directors proposing that the Membership dues increase?

- The Board of Directors is recommending that our membership dues be increased by \$5 per year for a single membership and \$10 per year for a couples membership. We also recommend that the mid-year cost (which begins on July 1 of the year) for membership be increased from \$18 to \$25.
- Since the last membership dues were increased to \$35 beginning in January 2007 (eight years ago) almost everything we as consumers purchase has risen in price from the lowliest package of gum to major purchases. And this includes those items that the Library and Society consume. i.e. paper, ink, technology, utilities, insurance and other things which are too numerous to mention.
- We struggled balancing the 2014 budget since we have so few budgetary items that are considered discretionary spending, but along with fundraising activities and budget cuts in several areas, we will meet our financial obligations for this year.
- There are still areas that need to receive increased funding so that the Library and Society can meet normal and catastrophic events. The "Building Fund" needs to be financed at a level to replace/repair an air conditioner and other "major" expenditures which may occur.
- We will be faced with updating the software over the next couple of years since what we currently utilize in the computer lab is becoming outdated. Not because we want to but because as time passes what we currently use will become obsolete. Both the operating system and MS Office, which not only are for our members use but are critical for maintaining our Library catalog and will have to be replaced.
- Also, the websites we currently enjoy (Ancestry, World Vital Records, New England Genealogical Society and Fold 3) continue to increase in cost each year. Generally, 5% or less but collectively this effects our budget.



The Board of Directors is asking you to support their request to raise the dues for the 2015 membership year and beyond. It is imperative we continue to maintain our

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

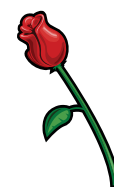
First Presbyterian Church, 12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

Society and Library for the future. You will be asked to vote on this at the Annual Meeting in November.

Please, if you need more information or have any questions, the budget for 2015 is posted in the multipurpose room at the Library. Also, I will welcome any questions you might have by email (prez@azwvgs.org) or phone 623-293-8202. Because it is important that the membership has the opportunity to vote on this Board of Directors recommendation at the November Annual Meeting, the *Desert Tracker* mailing date will be pushed back a couple of weeks in order to have the "correct" membership form included in the mailing.

Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathies to the family of Robert (Bob) Elgin, who along with his wife, Vera, have been members of WVGS since 1996. He died on September 30, 2014, after a long illness.



Raymond P. Peer, long time WVGS member, passed away September 30th at Banner Hospice of Peoria after a lengthy illness. Our sincere sympathy goes to the Raymond Peer family.

November Calendar

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| 3 | WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm |
| 10 | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm |
| 17 | Library Tour, 1:00 to 2:30 pm;
<i>call the Library to reserve a spot</i> |
| 17 | Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestors, 11:00 am |
| 20 | Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm;
<i>call the Library to reserve a spot</i> |
| 23 | Scanning Service 11:00 am to 4:00 pm |

November 10th Speakers

Dr. John W. Kohl and Dr. Joye Kohl

“What Were Your Female Ancestors Doing During the Civil War?”

The Role of Women During the Civil War.



Both speakers have spent many years researching the Civil War service and visiting all the sites and battle fields along the route of the Wisconsin C-3 Voluntary Infantry of John Christian Kohls--great-grandfather and Jacob Cumley--great-great grandfather. They will share their expertise with us through this presentation.

Classes

Connie Sheets, First Vice President

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 - 3:30 pm

Jean White, Instructor

Overview of FamilySearch 1 Class
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm November 19

Ethel Sanders, Instructor

Finding and Using Obituaries 1 Class
Sunday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm November 2

Adrienne Haupt, Instructor

Fold3 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm November 6

Tentatively scheduled for early 2015 are classes on *Researching in Salt Lake City, Research Techniques II, FamilyTreeMaker, Using Tax Records, How Mapping Can Aid in Genealogy, Facebook For Genealogy, and Some Internet Sources: How to Find and Use Them.*

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.

October Volunteer of the Month

Arlene Sampson for Barb Behrman

Marilyn Vollmer

Our Volunteer of the Month became a member of WVGS in December 2011 and is currently the editor of the *Desert Tracker*. She has done a wonderful job



jumping into the shoes of the previous editor. She is certainly qualified and smart when it comes to editing and she is always organized and business like when dealing with the printer and other vendors and with members. She selects a pertinent historical theme for each issue and based on the number of articles she receives may continue the theme from one publication to the next.

Marilyn has been involved in the genealogy community for many years as a member of the Bouse Genealogical Society and a teacher of genealogical subjects. We are working on having her teach at our Library, if she can find the time.

Growing up in California, a little bird mentioned that she was a full-time actress at one time. She worked at Xerox as a technical sales representative for a number of years, and I suspect there are probably other vocations that she worked at and did very well.

After Marilyn received the honor she added, *“Obviously I didn’t expect to be given the ‘Volunteer of the Month.’ For someone who rehearsed her acceptance speech with fellow thespians all the time, I found it remarkable that I was at a loss for words! When I was presented with the Certificate I forgot to thank my wonderful support team: Dee Snook, Shirley Conley, Laura Johnson, Don & Shirley Lawrenson, Valerie Sullivan and the ‘Lick ‘em ‘n Stick ‘em Volunteers.’ Without them, the Tracker wouldn’t get off the ground. Thanks to everyone for all your support.”*

Special Book Presentation

At the October 13th General Membership meeting, Jean White, Chairperson of the Collection Development Committee, made a special presentation to acknowledge 99 year old Virginia Cullinane’s membership. When a member reaches their 90th birthday, a book is donated to the WVGS Library to honor them.



Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Cathy Gallagher



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

- **New Writing Family History** details in next column
 - **NY/NJ/PA** *Sept-May 1st 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** *June, Oct-April 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **Norway** *Oct-April 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
 - **Kansas/Missouri** 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **TMG** *Sept-April 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** *Oct-April 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **New England States** *Sept-April ... 3rd Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **British Isles** 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **Family Tree Maker** *Sept-May ... 4th Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
 - **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio** 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - **Adoption** **Oct 4th, Nov 1, Dec 6, 10 am
- **Contact Lou McLean for details: m1m16ddm@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

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.

Exciting News! **New** SIG

Cathy Gallagher

We are happy to announce that we have established a NEW '**Writing Your Family History SIG**' which began on Thursday, October 23rd from 9:30-11:30 am.

Remembering a few years ago when I attended the writing class at our WVGS Library, I was inspired by the instructor, but also by the stories written by my fellow WVGS members like Shirley C, Ada S, Tom R, Sally P and Dorothy B. Each had their own style yet each gave me great ideas on what family tales to remember and write about from my own family tree.

Based on these same principles, suggestions taken from our other speakers, plus our own WVGS members, we will meet once a month and share stories about our ancestors, compare outlines, ideas for stories, tips on writing and much more. WVGS members and guests (donation requested) are welcome to attend!

If you have writing experience or would like to volunteer to lead this exciting new WYFH SIG, please email or call SIGs Coordinator Cathy Gallagher at: SIGs@azwvgs.org or 623-266-1330.

We look forward to seeing you from 9:30-11:30 am on Thursday, November 13th and Wednesday, December 17th.

Donations – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are: 50/50 Club, CDC Purchase, Estate of Joyce Z. Cornelius, Sandy Enkey, Carolyn Filer, Sue Firth, Charles Lindquist, Judy Linnebach, Lou McLean, Joyce A. Miller, Peggy Morphew, NSDAR Estrella Chapter, Rosalie Ogden, Silvia Serrata, Dee Snook, Jean White and Lu Williams.

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.

Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner
Karen Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- 1870 Douglas County, Missouri + Wood-Richland Townships in Texas County
- All Paris in 130 Photos in Colour (History)
- American Guide Series. Massachusetts: A Guide to Its Places and People
- Atlas Map of Knox County, Illinois
- Belgium and Germany
- Book of Maps of Cape May 1610-1878, A. [Cape May, Cape May County, New Jersey]
- Bruges and Its Beauties [Belgium]
- Bucks County Historical Society Papers Read Before the Society and Other Historical Papers, The [Bucks County, Pennsylvania]
- Burlington Town Book, 1694-1785, The [Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey]
- Burlington: A Provincial Capital. Historical Sketches of Burlington, New Jersey, and Neighborhood
- Cape May County Story. Book 1. Old Cape May County. [Cape May County, New Jersey]
- Cardinal 1951, The [Glendale Union High School, Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona Yearbook]
- Cardinal '49, The [Glendale Union High School, Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona Yearbook]
- Cemeteries of Green County, Kentucky. Volume 2 & 3
- Chesapeake Bay Notes & Sketches
- Collection of Green County History, A [Green County, KY]
- Collectors' Guide to Nineteenth-Century Photographs
- Colonial Williamsburg Official Guidebook [Colonial Williamsburg, James City County, Virginia]
- Complete Family Tree Handbook, The
- Constitution of the State of Illinois. Adopted May 13, 1870
- Conway County, Arkansas Index to 1860 Census
- Corrected Index for 2nd Printing, Green County, Kentucky Marriage Records 1793-1836 (Including records omitted from 1st Printing)
- DeWitt Area History #1-13 [DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan]
- Drake Family of New Hampshire, The. Robert, of Hampton, and Some of His Descendants: a Genealogy
- Dumfries' Story [Dumfries, Scotland]
- Early Texas News 1831-1848: Abstracts from Early Texas Newspapers*
- Encyclopedia of Military History from 3500 B. C. to the Present, The
- Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes
- Family History: Adcock, John, of Buckingham County, Virginia, Some of His Descendants, with Collateral Lines: Christian, McMurtry, Robertson, Ingersoll, Etc.
- Family Tree Historical Maps Book: A State-by-State Atlas of U.S. History, 1790-1900, The
- First Families and Early Settlers of Montana, Volume 3**
- Firth Family: The Study of John and Mary Firth and Associated Families
- Genealogical Dictionary with Alphabetical Nationwide County Index Included
- Green County Marriage Records 1793-1836 [Kentucky]
- Green County, Kentucky Will Records. Book 3. 1840-1875
- Hammond's New Supreme World Atlas [1955]
- Historic Woodbury [Woodbury, Gloucester County, NJ]
- History of Cemeteries in Burlington County, New Jersey 1687-1975
- History of Knox County, Illinois
- History of New London Connecticut: From the First Survey of the Coast in 1612 to 1860
- History of the Town of Addison 1609-1976 [Addison, Addison County, Vermont]
- Illinois Women: Born to Serve
- Illinois: Know Your State
- In the Shadow of the Superstitions... The History of Apache Junction, Arizona
- Industrial Voyage: My Life As An Industrial Lieutenant [P. W. Litchfield autobiography]
- Jewish Presence in Early British Records 1650-1850
- Marriage Bonds 1842-1853 Book D [Green County, KY]
- Marriage Records Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1805-1867
- Marriages Green County, Kentucky 1854-1868
- Massachusetts Locator for Genealogists, The
- Minister's Certificates of Marriages Commencing the Sixth Day of Sept. Anno 1836 [Title on front of book: Old Marriage Certificates Book C 1836-1861]
- Monongalia County (West) Virginia Records of the District, Superior, and County Courts. Volume 12: 1822-1823**
- Philemon "Phillip" Larimore Sr, c1736 MD - 1800 NC and His Descendants. Volume 12: Son, 232F Rev. James Larimore & his First Wife & Second Wife Martha "Patsy" Benningfield
- Phoenix 1870-1970 in Photographs
- Pre-1858 English Probate Jurisdictions - Cumberland. A Genealogical Research Guide to Probate Courts Having Jurisdiction in Cumberland [England]
- Puritan Roots
- Reminiscences of Old Gloucester or Incidents in the History of the Counties of Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden New Jersey
- Rhode Island in the American Revolution: a Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians
- Richard Maxwell 1844-1926: Lamplighter on the Mississippi. A Genealogy of Richard Maxwell, Mary Elvira Young, and Their Descendants
- Salem A Century Ago [Salem, Salem County, New Jersey]
- Salem More Than a Century Ago. Extracts from the "Salem Messenger" from September, 1819, to December, 1822. [Salem, Salem County, New Jersey]

- *Series of Population Maps of the Colonies and the United States 1625-1790, A.*
- *Shark River District, Monmouth County New Jersey and Genealogies of Chambers, Corlies, Drummond, Morris, Potter, Shafto, Webley and White, The*
- *Simplified Guide to Bishops' Transcripts and Marriage Licenses: Their Location and Indexes in England, Wales, and Ireland, A*
- *Sketches of Salem, N. J., and Vicinity in the Years 1823-26*
- *Special Bi-Centennial Edition. Port Byron is 148 Years Old... and Herein Lies the Tale! [Port Byron, Rock Island County, Illinois]*
- *Stewart's Genealogical and Historical Miscellany. No. 1 & 2[Gloucester County, New Jersey]*
- *Streets of Liverpool: A Photographic Record, The. [Liverpool, England]*
- *Thomas Butler and His Descendants: A Genealogy of the Descendants of Thomas and Elizabeth Butler of Butlers Hill, South Berwick, ME. 1674 to 1886*
- *Tracing Family Trees in Eleven States*
- *Trailblazer 1954 & 1955, The [Atchison, Atchison County, Kansas High School yearbook]*
- *Vital Records of Woodbridge, New Jersey*
- *West Virginia Yesterday and Today*
- *Westward Expansion: A History of the American Frontier*
- *What to See at Plymouth: The Tourist's Guide, with Maps and Illustrations [Plymouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts]*
- *Yalta Conference, The*

New CD, Marie Beernink

- *Pennsylvania 1790 Census*

*CDC - Collection Development Committee

**50/50 club

Raffle Prizes

Charlie Mannino, Tidbits Editor

Ghostlight Theater, 13541 West Camino Del Sol, Sun City West, donated a pair of tickets at the October 13th meeting for a production of "The Red Death" - musical stories from the works of Edgar Allen Poe. They also donated a pair of tickets to be raffled off at the November 10th meeting for a production of "Dial M For Murder" running from November 6th to the 22nd.

Tickets will also be donated for "Steel Magnolias" scheduled for January 15th through February 1st and "Over The River and Through The Woods" from March 5th through the 22nd. The season will end with Neil Simons "Lost In Yonkers" from April 23rd through May 10th.

A complete schedule of dates and times can be found at www.ghostlightaz.com.

50/50 Books Report

Jean M. White

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:

- *The Past and Present of Warren County, Illinois. H F Kent & Co., 1877*
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *The History of Williamson County from the Earliest Times to the Present 1876*
Cost \$45.00Balance Due \$22.50
- *Portrait & Biographical Album of Warren County, ILL. Chapman Bros, 1886*
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *History of Will County, Illinois. Wm LeBaron Jr & Co., 1878*
Cost \$65.00**Paid In Full**

Thank You For Donated Books

West Valley Genealogical Society would like to thank members for their continued support and development of the Library's extensive book collection by the donation of their gently used genealogical books. These books are either added to the collection or duplicate books are placed for sale in the WVGS Store. Funds from book sales are used to buy additional books for the Library collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Questions may be addressed to dupbooks@azwvgs.org.

Periodical Find

Sally Pavia, Director, Special Projects

WVGS President Arlene Sampson is dead on when it comes to using periodicals. I was waiting for the Swedish SIG to start and picked up a duplicate periodical, "Swedish American Genealogist," that was in the stand by the front door. Turns out to be the best \$.50 I ever spent. Without this periodical, I probably would not have found all this information.

In looking through it, I found the following:

- Anders Anderson, my 10th ggrandfather, better known as Anders the Finn, was sent to New Sweden from the Fortress of Älfsborg in 1642-43 as punishment.
- It also talks about his wife meeting in 'secret' with Evert the Finn.
- In 1670, Anders sent a note warning of the approach of 25 Indians who threatened to attack the English at New Castle, Delaware.

West Valley Genealogical Society Parking Lot Sale

All proceeds benefit the WVGS

**Saturday, November 15, 2014
8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Corner of North 111th Avenue & California Street
Youngtown, AZ



Donate Your Great Stuff

on

Friday, November 14th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Clothing, Purses, Shoes, Jewelry, Non-Genealogical Books

Please Pre-Price these items:

Furniture, Household Items, Sports Equipment, Games & Toys, Linens,
Electronics, Tools, Lamps, Decorations, Etc.

Check details at www.azwvgs.org or
contact Sally Pavia - 623-974-0195

Do You Know

WVGS has a Facebook page? To access, just click the Facebook symbol on our web site, or from home, type in "West Valley Genealogical Society." Once there, view the page and give us a *Like*.



Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

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

Monday, November 17th

from 11 am to 1 pm

Come share family memories & mementos now at

Marley's Restaurant

15226 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ

**New Location and
WVGS gets a
percentage of the bill.**

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

Contact: Sharon Brown at dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising

dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

Fry's cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153
- WVGS will get a percentage of the purchase
- Need help, contact Sharon Brown

Albertson's Community Rewards

- Pick up a rewards card at the Fundraising table at the general meeting or at the Library
- WVGS will get a percentage of the purchase

Office Max & Staples

- When checking out give the cashier the Library phone number 623-933-4945
- WVGS will get a percentage of the purchase

Marley's Restaurant

- Located at 15226 W. Bell Road, Surprise
- Put the Library phone number 623-933-4945 or WVGS on top of your receipt
- WVGS will get a percentage of the purchase

Goodsearch.com

- Use this search engine on your computer. WVGS will get one cent for every search entered

Aluminum Cans

- Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag at the monthly meetings (preferred) or inside the Library

Cookbooks on sale

- \$10 for either cookbook or CD

And remember to continue stuffing your piggy banks for the April Homecoming!

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*

The membership did a super job this month. We had 110 pounds of cans, the second highest monthly total of the year. We now have nearly \$1100 for the year, but still trail last year, primarily from the lower purchase price in 2014. If we can boost the monthly amount to 125 pounds (not that much more) for both November and December, we can once again set a new annual record for can recycling. So, have some parties, save the cans and bring them in for recycling.



We also need to repeat the note about cat food cans mixed with the drink cans. We had several bags this month and it really does slow down the recycling process.

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

Insulated Lunch Bags

Now taking **NEW** orders - \$15.00 each

Contact Marilyn Vollmer, tracker@azwvgs.org

Lunch bag description:

The bag is tan and is made of recycled material, sturdy canvas with a thermal insulated lining, zippered closure and an outside pocket with our logo embroidered on it. It measures 7 1/2 inches high x 12 1/2 inches with a 5 inch base; the pocket is 6 inches x 9 inches.

