

President's Message

Arlene Sampson

As you remember, the Long Range Planning Committee has been reinstated and has been working since August 2014 to determine what is the best way



to accomplish the goal that they were given. They were asked to explore and make recommendations which will allow the Library to remain in our current building for the next 10-15 years.

The individuals who are on the committee represent a wide swath of experience researching, life experiences and former occupations. I have every confidence they are looking at all aspects of our current situation in the Library to determine what can be done and what should be our priorities.

Recently, they requested that the membership complete a survey which asked questions about what types of research materials you use and how often. Those results are in and will become part of the decision making process for the committee's recommendations.

In the next couple of months they are going to make recommendations to the Board of Directors and the general membership, as to what direction they feel the Society should move to allow us to remain in our current building.

December 8th Speaker

Cindy Patricki

The McClelland Irish Library

Ms. Patricki will be telling us a little bit about her job as Professional Genealogist at the Library. She will concentrate on what resources are available and how to use the Library.

Cindy Patricki is currently a genealogist at the McClelland Irish Library in Phoenix's Irish Cultural Center. She has been doing family history research for the past 20 years and has had her own genealogy research business since 2010.



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

Introducing The 2015 WVGS Board



President: Arlene Sampson

First Vice President: Connie Sheets

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Director of Fundraising: Sharon Brown

*Director of Technology: John Davis

Library Administrator: Karen Zeppenfeld

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December Calendar

- 1 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
8 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
15 Library Tour, 1:00 to 2:30 pm;
call the Library to reserve a spot
15 Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestors, 11:00 am
18 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm;
call the Library to reserve a spot



Classes

Connie Sheets, First Vice President

Please make checks payable to WVGS.

All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register unless otherwise noted.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy Monthly
Every third Friday unless noted 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Jean White, Instructor

Research Techniques I 4 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Jan 14, 21, 28, and Feb 4

Research Techniques II 4 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Feb 11, 18, 25, and Mar 4

Problem Solving (limited to 10 people) 3 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Mar 11, 18, 25

Judy Crawford, Instructor

Research in Salt Lake City 1 Class
Friday, 10:00 - 12 noon January 16

Cathy Gallagher, Instructor

Facebook for Genealogy 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm January 29

Suzanne Brayer, Instructor

The Taxman Cometh 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm February 5

Location, Location, Location: Using Maps in Research 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 5

Using Internet Sources 1 Class
Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm April 2

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.



“Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.”

Mark Twain

November Volunteer of the Month

Arlene Sampson for Barb Behrman

Cathy Gallagher

The Volunteer of the month is someone you all know, and because she served on the Board of Directors and other positions in the Society, was ineligible to receive the award until now.

Cathy grew up in Holden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with her brother and sister. She attended and graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts, with a degree in History-Education. (I can't tell you when since polite society doesn't mention age.) Most of her working life was spent in the toy industry where she was successful and which included travel across the country and to Hong Kong. Her later years were spent in the travel and education industries including college admissions and as education manager of a small college in Phoenix.

Somewhere along the line she became interested in family history research and joined WVGS in 2007. Since that time she has been very involved and active in the Society, facilitating the Canada SIG and serving as President for two years 2012/1013. She took on projects to increase membership, “neaten” up the Library, encouraged our participation in the Arizona Community Foundation and dealt with many events or issues that “popped” up.

Since her presidency, she has accepted the responsibility as SIGs Coordinator and the participation in those groups has increased. She has also learned to be a Library Aide.

One last thing, she and her husband Bob like to travel especially to areas that offer them the opportunity to do research.



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 to honor 99-year-old Virginia Cullinane, Richard Firth, John Irwin, Jim Kirkpatrick, Terry Madsen –Fairview, Utah Museum of History & Art, Mary Jo Rodriguez, Gladys Smith, Dee Snook in Memory of Bob Elgin, Lynne Corbett and Sue Black in Memory of Virlin Caldwell and Peggy Morphey in Memory of Virlin Caldwell.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Cathy Gallagher



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

- **New Writing Family History** Wed, 12/17, 9:30 am
 - **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 *Special - Tues 12/2, 1-3 pm*
The regular schedule for Thur 12/18 has been cancelled
 - **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** **Dec 6, 10 am
- **Contact Lou McLean for details: mlm16ddm@yahoo.com

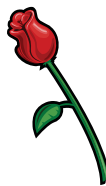
If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact our SIGs Coordinator Cathy Gallagher at 623-266-1330 or sigs@azwvgs.org

Condolences

Bonnie Bileski, one of our new members, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, passed away October 23, 2014.

Vince Pedro died on October 24, 2014, after a short illness. He was preceded in death by his wife Lynn.

We have also received information that a former member, Ruth Goldstein, passed away.



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.

Special Appreciation

to the dozens of WVGS members who:

- Sent condolence/sympathy cards
 - Attended Bob Elgin's funeral on October 10th
 - Contributed more than \$500 for books for the WVGS Library in his memory!
- Vera and Bob's family truly appreciate your caring and generosity!

Raffle Prizes

Charlie Mannino, Tidbits Editor

Ghostlight Theater, 13541 West Camino Del Sol, Sun City West, donated a pair of tickets for a production of *Dial M For Murder* at the November meeting.

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.

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.

Put These Numbers In Your Wallet

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

Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner
Karen Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- *History of Braintree, Massachusetts, 1639 - 1709, The North Precinct of Braintree, 1708-1792, The Town of Quincy, 1792-1889**
- *History of Will County, Illinois***
- *Historic Phillipsburg Cemetery 1844 Salutes the Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, The [Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey]*
- *Beyond the Black Pig's Dyke: A Short History of Ulster [Ireland]*
- *They Came to the Mountain: The Story of Flagstaff's Beginnings [Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona]*
- *Oral History of the Yavapai*
- *Family Maps of Scott County, Indiana. Deluxe Edition*
- *Family Maps of Marion County, Indiana. Deluxe Edition*

*CDC - Collection Development Committee

**50/50 club



Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

We came close to raising \$80 for the month, bringing our YTD total to \$1,175. With the holiday parties coming soon, hopefully we can have a GREAT month to close out the year and hit \$1,300. We are lagging last year a bit as the price per pound in 2014 never did reach the \$1.31 that we received a good part of last year.



The members also did a great job of separating out the cat food and other non-drink cans in November.

We also need to repeat the note about cat food cans and drink cans not being mixed. We had several mixed 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.

50/50 Books Report

Janet Buchanan

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 "Balance Due" is after current contributions.

- *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 \$45.00 **Paid In Full**
- *Portrait & Biographical Album of Warren County, ILL.* Chapman Bros, 1886
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *The History of Allen County, Ohio,* Warner & Beers, 1885
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$30.50
- *The History of Ashland County, Ohio,* George W. Hill, 1880.
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$32.50
- *The Early History of Auglaize County, Ohio,* J.D. Simkins, 1901
Cost \$65.00Balance Due \$24.50

Benefits for Members

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

	Database Cost	Member Cost
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.

Find Us On Facebook

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, December 15th

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!

Thank you to the following WVGS members for their silent auction bids and donations to the Library:

Indian Grass Baskets, small #1	Charlie Lindquist
Indian Grass Baskets, small #2	Rosalie Ogden
Indian Grass Baskets, large #3	Charlie Lindquist
Litchfield Poster 2005	Connie Sheets
Litchfield Poster 2006	Karen Zeppenfeld
Litchfield Poster 2008	Sally Pavia
Christmas Centerpiece	Sharon Brown

Buckeye

The First 100 Years, 1888 – 1988

Edith Mae Sandell Christian, Author and Visionary

Buckeye Valley Centennial Commission, May 2, 1987

"The history and heritage of the Buckeye Valley through the past and present lives of its citizens has been recorded in these pages. I am deeply appreciative of Edith Mae Christian for envisioning this book. Words cannot express my gratitude for the hundreds of hours that she and many others gave in its preparation. It has been a privilege to be a part of Buckeye's Centennial."

Verlyne Meck, Centennial Chairman

The Book contains an overview of the land, early history, and history of the valley, water, agriculture, churches, education, entertainment, Fire department, medical services, newspaper postal service, railroad, weather AND the Buckeye Valley Family Histories, including the family of C. Rufus Turner (with photos)... ancestors of our very own **Sharon Brown!**

This Book is no longer available. Permission was given to Marilyn Vollmer to copy the photo copies that Verlyne Meck had, in order to provide copies for the WVGS Library and **Sharon Brown.**





At this years parking lot sale on November 15th we collected over \$2,050 in donations for WVGS. Thanks to all who contributed their time, talents, help and purchased items.

