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Newsletter of the West Valley Genealogical Society
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Editor, Charlie Mannino

President's Message

Irma Hardin

Celebrating Our Volunteers:

Refreshments, prizes and a time to 'Meet Your Team' was on the agenda for this special celebration. Over 100 people participated. We hope more of you will join a 'team' this year.

The April Membership meeting was very special, honoring two members upon reaching the age of 90, and receiving a book to be placed in their honor in our Library. Jean White was presented a certificate of appreciation and books will be placed in the Library in honor of her serving 17 years as Chairman of the Collection Development Committee.



See accompanying photos on page 3.



May 9th Speaker

Dr. Reba Wells Grandrud

"In Their Own Words: Overland Diaries of 19th Century Westering Women."

What was it like to be a woman traveling on the Oregon Trail, the California Trail, or the Southern Route to California in the mid- 19th century? Who were these women and how did they feel about uprooting their lives? Between 1840 and 1870, more than a quarter million Americans moved west across the continent. They were searching to find free land, to strike it rich, to provide a better life. But women often went because they had no choice but to follow their husbands, fathers, or brothers who had determined to leave settled areas behind and seek their fortune in the West. As shapers of families, women clung, almost possessively, to two things: traditional roles and traditional networks of support. They have been described as "ordinary women caught up in a momentous event of history."



WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

Hours:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
1:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday
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

Welcome New Members

Arlene Sampson, Membership Registrar

Please welcome the new members who joined the Society during March 2016. The New Members are: Annette Bindus, Jerry Carter, Richard Franks, Dana Janulis, Deborah Otto, Mimi Paul, Deb Sules and David Taylor.

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.

As of April 12, 2016, we had 578 members. This includes Life Members and those who have joined or renewed since November 2015.

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May Calendar

- 2 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 9 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- 16 Lunch With Your Ancestor, 11:00 am
- 19 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm
call the Library to reserve a spot
- 23 Library Tour 9:30 - 11:30 am
call the Library to reserve a spot

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Donations – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are 50/50 Club; Carol Abernathy; CDC Honors Former CDC Members Adrienne Haupt, Dottie DeYoung, Jean White, John Spreitzer and Karen Hahn; Liz Crabbe; David Hardy; Kim Harrison; Myrna Johnson; Elizabeth Lawson; Linda McCleary; Lou McLean; Joyce Miller; Veralyne Meck; Donna Meszaros; Mallory Newton; Peoria Public Library; Dee Snook; Wally Turnage; Luella Williams-Valles; Debe Zeh and Karen Zeppenfeld.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Karen R. Zeppenfeld



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

- **Adoption** Watch for new dates/times or contact Lou McLean for details: mlm16ddm@yahoo.com
- ***African American Lineage**..... 3rd Sat., 10:00 am to noon
- **British Isles**..... 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Canada Sep-Apr**..... 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am to noon
- **DNA Sep-Jun** 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Family Tree Maker Sep-May**..... 4th Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Germany/Poland** 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio**..... 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Italy** 1st Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Kansas/Missouri**..... 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Legacy**..... 1st Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Maryland & Southern States**..... 1st Friday 9:30-11:30 am
- **Native American Oct - May**..... 3rd Sunday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **New England** 2nd Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway Oct-Apr** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **NY/NJ/PA Sep-May** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Roots Magic** 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Salem** 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Sweden Oct-Apr**..... 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG**..... 5th Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Writing Family History**..... 4th Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am

If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact the SIGs Coordinator, Karen R. Zeppenfeld, at sigs@azwvgs.org or 623-271-7370.

*New SIG - African American Lineage

2016-2017 Topics for Research and Discussion

- May Cemetery Research** – newspaper obituaries, family church programs, Find-A-Grave and more.
- June The United States Census 1790-1940**, census instructions, census schedules, county boundary changes. The importance of the 1870 census to African Americans. (Our shared brick wall)
- July Maps**-Learning how to use metes, bounds, townships and ranges, using historical maps, enumeration district maps, sanborn Maps. If your ancestor owned property, explore how to trace their path starting with maps. Resolve conflicts using maps.
- Aug.** Getting to know the **Genealogical Societies** of the counties you are researching. Getting to know what items are housed in the **State Archives** of the states you are researching.
- Sept. Citing Your Sources.** Always! Always! Always!
- Oct. Courthouse Research** – Using the WPA, on-line Courthouse resources, or simply just calling the courthouse of the area of your research. Finding tax lists, (Assessors Office today in most areas) Voter registration lists.
- Nov. Plantation Research** - Researching a plantation owner to find your ancestors.
- December - No Meeting**
- Jan.** African American research at the Library of Congress.
- Feb.** African American Research at NARA – military research tools, Fold3.
- March** African American research at the **Family History Center Salt Lake City**.
- April The Law**-Federal laws, state laws, civil laws. For African Americans **Black Codes** and **Jim Crow Laws**. How this affected what your ancestors did and did not do and/or could or could not do!

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If you don't believe in ghosts, you've never been to a family reunion. Ashleigh Brilliant

Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts. Author Unknown

Like all the best families, we have our share of eccentricities, of impetuous and wayward youngsters and of family disagreements. Elizabeth II

April Volunteer of the Month

Barb Behrman, Director of Membership Outreach

Donna Meszaros



It has been our honor and pleasure to recognize all the wonderful volunteers today who help keep this Society running smoothly. I'm sure you can appreciate how difficult it was to pick just one of them to honor as our April Volunteer of the Month.

This volunteer was born in Chicago but moved here in time to graduate from high school and go on to graduate from the University of Arizona with her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Library Science. She not only pursued a career in her field, she continues to use it for the benefit of WVGS.

A little about her personal life tells us she and her husband, Steve, love to travel and they have seen a lot of our great country as they have wandered around. She loves cats, and has several whom she dotes on and is rewarded with warm furry snuggles and a lot of purring. Her career was spent at both the Arizona State Library and the Department of Transportation Library using what she learned earning her degrees. I know she spent about 20 years at the State Library and probably about the same at the Transportation Library.

She has been working on her families' genealogy for about 30 years -- that is surely proof that our hobby is addicting and never ending. In recent years, she has become very interested in DNA and how it impacts her family. She even convinced her cousins to submit their DNA for analysis so she could work them into the family network. She makes a point of attending meetings and conferences on the subject and is quickly becoming our resident expert.

With WVGS she is heavily involved with our new store. In fact, she has taken over running it since Adrienne has moved on to other opportunities. It's a huge job requiring a lot of time processing book sales, adding new books to the store, either purchased or donated, and generally making sure everything continues to run smoothly. A huge job she just completed was organizing, setting up, taking down and running the store at the recent Seminar.

I'm told she is "really a nice person," and I'm sure we can all agree that Donna Meszaros is a great choice for our April VOM. Will you please join me in congratulating Donna?

2016 Class Schedule

Connie Sheets, Director of Education

Reminder: All checks should be made out to WVGS. In addition to cash or check, you can register and pay via the online store at <http://www.azwvgs.org/Products.asp?cat=1> ****"Be sure to Login to the WVGS website to receive your member discount."**

For current 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 to 3:30 pm

Connie Sheets, Instructor

Analyzing and Citing Sources May 19
Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Some of our many volunteers at the April 11th Volunteer Appreciation Meeting



Fran Kittredge (l) and Betty Froggett (r) were honored with books in their name for the Library for their 90th birthday.

Jean White received a Certificate of Appreciation for many years of service as Chairman of the Collection Development Committee from 1999 - 2016.



Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- AGLL Catalog [American Genealogical Lending Library] Vol. 1 - Vol 3.
- Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records
- Ashland County, Ohio Research Aid #8: Mifflin Township and Research Aid #9: Milton Township
- Berlitz Pocket Dictionary: Spanish-English, English-Spanish. *Diccionario Basico: Espanol-Ingles, Ingles-Espanol*
- Beyond Pedigrees: Organizing and Enhancing Your Work
- Complete Family Tree Handbook, The: The Essential Guide to Researching Your Family's History [British Isles]
- Cooper County Missouri 1897-2000 Plat Book
- Deed Abstracts of Orange County, Virginia (1743-1759) Orange County Deed Book 9 (1743-1744), Orange County Deed Book 10 (1745-1747), Orange County Deed Book 11 Part 1 (1747-1751) Part 2 (1734-1760), Orange County Deed Book 12 (1751-1759)
- Deed Abstracts of Orange County, Virginia (1743-1759) Orange County Deed Book 9 (1743-1744), Orange County Deed Book 10 (1745-1747), Orange County Deed Book 11 Part 1 (1747-1751) Part 2 (1734-1760), Orange County Deed Book 12 (1751-1759)
- European History
- Everyday Life Among the American Indians
- Family and Local History Handbook Incorporating the Genealogical Services Directory, The. 8th Edition
- Family and Local History Handbook Incorporating the Genealogical Services Directory, The. 12th Edition
- Family History of the Stewarts and Gallaghers of Missouri and of the Shannons and Smiths of Texas, A
- Family Tree Guidebook to Europe, The: Your Essential Guide to Trace Your Genealogy in Europe
- Family Tree Page Ideas for Scrapbookers: 130 Ways to Create A Scrapbook Legacy
- Field Guide for Genealogists, A
- Find Anyone Fast
- German Research Companion, The
- Get Started in ... Military Family History [British Isles]
- Get Started in Family History: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors [British Isles]
- Get Started with... Census Research [British Isles]
- Guide to County and Municipal Records on Microfilm
- Guide to Historical Research in Orange County, Virginia, A
- Hearts Turned to the Fathers: A History of the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1894-1994
- Historical Maps of Ireland
- History of a Community: Orchard Ridge, Meadowood, Greentree [Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin]
- History of Ashland County, Ohio, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches, 1809-1880**
- History of Cooper County Missouri. Volume 1
- History of Cooper County Missouri. Volume 2
- History of Lorain County Ohio, with Illustrations & Biographical Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers 1807-1879
- History of Pilot Grove, Missouri and Surrounding Communities, A. Honoring the Pilot Grove Centennial in 1973. [Pilot's Grove, Cooper County, Missouri]
- History of Windham County, Connecticut. Volume 2: 1760-1380
- How To Do Everything: Genealogy
- Illustrated Atlas Map of Cooper County Missouri
- Index of the History of Williamson County Illinois**
- Inside the Apple: A Streetwide History of New York City
- Jimmy Come Lately: History of Clallam County: A Symposium [Clallam County, Washington]
- Michigan Genealogy Research
- Norsk lokalhistorisk litteratur: Bibliografi Over By-og bygdeboker, regionhistorie og periodika ca. 1900-1996 [Norwegian local historical literature: Bibliography, regional history and periodicals about 1900-1996]
- Norwegian Local History: A Bibliography of Material in the Collections of the Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Old Wills of New Rochelle: Copies of Wills by Citizens of New Rochelle, N.Y. 1784-1830 [New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York]
- Past and Present of Warren County, Illinois, The**
- Pioneer Children on the Journey West
- Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Ill.**
- Portrait and Biographical Record of Stark County, Ohio Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, & Presidents of the United States
- Preserving Your Family Photographs
- Reminiscences and Anecdotes of Early Taylor County [Taylor County, Wisconsin]
- Roblesse Oblige: A Towneley Chronicle of Historical Fact, Marriage Links and Notable Family Associations
- Seattle: Past to Present [Seattle, King County, WA.]
- Spirits of the Stoneman: A Gallery of Those Who Traveled the Stoneman Military Trail [Maricopa County, AZ]
- Springs of Manitou [El Paso County, Colorado]
- Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants. Book 2
- U.S. History 1865-2004
- Vermont Indians
- Virginia Historical Index in Two Volumes. Vol. 1: A-K
- Virginia Historical Index in Two Volumes. Vol. 2: L-Z
- Wally Turnage
- Will Abstracts of Orange County, Virginia (1778-1821). Orange County Will Book 3 (1778-1801), Orange County Will Book 4 (1801-1814), Orange County Will Book 5 (1814-1821)
- Will Abstracts of Orange County, Virginia (1821-1838). Orange County Will Book 6 (1861-1827), Orange County Will Book 7 (1827-1833), Orange County Will Book 8 (1834-1839), Abstracts from Suits Filed in the Superior Court of Orange County 1832-1845

- *Williamson County [Illinois]***
- *Witter's Deutch-Englische Schreib - und Lese - Fibel fur Amerikanische Freischulen [Witter's German-English Primer and New First German Reader for Public Schools]*
- *Yosemite Indians*
- *Your Genealogy Awaits You in a US County Courthouse! Build Your Family Tree with Courthouse Records*

CD's - Marie Beernink

- *Parish Registers Buckingham (UK) St. Peter & St. Paul 1558-1901*
- *Parish Registers Brill (UK) All Saints 1586-1901*
- *GSYA Publications-Yuma, Arizona*
- *Get Started in Family History (UK)*
- *Get Started in Military Family History (UK)*

*CDC - Collection Development Committee

**50/50 club

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Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

We've had two good months in a row with March and April having over 90 pounds of cans. We are still getting a dollar a pound. Dollar-wise we are behind last year since we were getting \$1.20 per pound for the first half of the year. Year-to-date we have received \$333.35 for the cans processed.



My thanks to all for the job you did in crushing the cans last month. I was able to process them much faster than in previous months. As a result, I can give you this month's update the same week as the monthly meeting.

The preferred method is to crush the cans before bringing them in. This can be from the top down or crushing the cans from the side. At the moment, we are getting a 20% premium for cans that are crushed. They do not want cans that have been flattened by an automobile tire.

Important: Since we can no longer store cans at the Library, we are asking members to please store them at home and bring them to the next WVGS General Membership Meeting at the church. Your cooperation and help would greatly be appreciated.

Fundraising Ideas Wanted

We need your help and ideas to raise additional funds for WVGS. Please contact Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising, dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org with some concepts, preferably recurring programs like Fry's, Office Max, Staples and the like. We are always looking for new committee members and new views; either would help.

The Fundraising Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the Library during the months of August through April.



Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising

dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

New E-smile through Amazon is now up and running
Check the WEBSITE for instructions

Please note: *Albertson's Community Rewards and Goodsearch.com have been discontinued*

Aluminum Cans

- Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag **only at the monthly meetings** - last year's collections paid for about 2 months of utilities

Collecting Coke Rewards

- Collect Coke products reward codes and turn them in to the Fundraising Committee
- Codes are located under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps - you may have to tear open the carton to locate rewards code
- We will redeem points for door prize and raffle items

Cookbooks on sale

- \$10 for cookbook - **only \$5.00 for the CD**

Fry's cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases
- Need help? Contact Sharon Brown

Office Max & Staples

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

Used Ink Cartridges

- We still collected them at the Library - the vouchers we receive help to buy office supplies - last year they bought between 1/4 to 1/3 of our supplies

50/50 Book Report

Collection Development Committee

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. Donations of \$78.00 were made at the April 11 monthly meeting. The following books can be purchased through your participation in the 50/50 program. The "Balance Due" is after current contributions. The current status of 50/50 books is as follows:

- *The Past and Present of Warren County, Illinois*.
H F Kent & Co., 1877
Cost \$65.00 **Accessioned into the Library**
- *The Early History of Auglaize County, Ohio*,
J.D. Simkins, 1901
Cost \$65.00 **Submitted to be accessioned into the Library**
- *The History of Ashland County, Ohio*, George W. Hill, 1880
Cost \$65.00 **Accessioned into the Library**
- *The History of Williamson County from the Earliest Times Down to the Present, 1876* (Illinois)
Cost: \$45.00 **Accessioned into the Library**
- *Portrait & Biographical Album of Warren County, IL*.
Chapman Bros, 1886
Cost \$65.00 **Accessioned into the Library**
- *The Great Migration Directory Immigrants to New England 1620-1640, NEHGS*
Cost: \$51.96 **Submitted to be accessioned into the Library**

Two new books were added to the 50/50 Club:

- *Connecticut Town Meeting Records during the American Revolution, Vol 1*, Ashford – Milford, Jolene Roberts Mullen, 2011
\$57.93 **Paid in full**
Submitted to be accessioned into the Library
- *Connecticut Town Meeting Records during the American Revolution, Vol. 2*, New Fairfield – Woodstock, Jolene Roberts Mullen, 2011
Cost: \$55.50 (50/50 - \$30.33) **Paid in full**
Submitted to be accessioned into the Library

Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

May 16th, from 11 am to 1 pm

- Bring a sack lunch. The meeting is held in the multi-purpose room of the Library.
- We will be adding research from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for anyone interested.
- If you stay, please put *research* next to your name when signing up in order to have someone to lock up the Library at three o'clock.

All lunches require sign up and a \$5.00 fee which includes dessert and a drink.

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

Storebooks

Donna Meszaros, Volunteer Contact

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.

Check out a new category of duplicate used genealogy books available online for sale. We received these books from the Arizona State Library genealogy section. To access the information:

- *Go to www.azwvgs.org
- *Click on STORE tab
- *Click on Used Books
- *Click on Unique Genealogy Books

Support our Genealogical Society and shop at azwvgs.org.



Surnames

Lou McLean

If you wish to see all the surnames that are currently being researched by the membership, simply log on to the WVGS website; Click on "Surnames;" click on "Submit" without filling in any names, and the entire list will come up. If you notice any surnames in common with your own, you will be able to contact the WVGS member that may have the same name.

There are too many names to include in the *Desert Tracker* or *Tidbits*, but the printed list is always available in the basket behind the Aides desk.

If you wish to add any of your surnames, you may email Lou McLean at surnames@azwvgs.org and she will add them to the database.

Do You Have a Product Or Service To Offer Fellow Genealogists?

If you have a genealogy related business, there is now a great opportunity to advertise in *Tidbits*. We are accepting business card sized ads and will run them for a full year (9 issues) for the low price of \$100. This is a wonderful way to reach a selected audience to let them know what you do! Limited spaces are available and are being offered first to our members, so act now to reserve your space. Please contact Judy Linnebach at judylinnebach@gmail.com or call (208) 659-3911.



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.

	<u>Database Cost</u>	<u>Member Cost</u>
New England Historic Genealogical Society	\$ 200	\$3.25
Ancestry.com	775	from your membership
World Vital Records	600	dues pays for these
Fold3	500	subscriptions
	<u>\$2,075</u>	

WVR and Fold3 are also available to members from home. Visit our website for instructions on how to access them.



Do You Have Programming Or Web Design Experience? We Want You!



Would you like to help improve WVGS information for our members?

If so, contact

Rich sysadm@azwvgs.org
or Roger cec@azwvgs.org

You will be playing an important role in the future of our organization.

14th Annual WVGS Research Tour to Washington, DC

November 30 - December 8, 2016

Linda Swain, Tour Leader

- Visit the “Big 3” - DAR Library, National Archives, and the Library of Congress
- Cost of tour is \$1,325/per double occupancy or \$1,850 per single occupancy
- Includes round trip air fare from Phoenix, shuttle transfers between airport and hotel, and hotel
- White House Tour if your \$500.00 deposit is received by Linda Swain by June 7, 2016 (security check required by Secret Service)
- Flyer available at WVGS Library or online at www.azwvgs.org, click Events tab, then click Washington, DC Trip 2016

Contact tour leader, Linda Swain, 480-893-0469

Records

Lou McLean

If you wish to view past Administrative Files or you want to read old *Tidbits* or Society Historical Books, these items are in a “View Only” mode on the lab computers at the Library.

If you have any questions about the documents on the computers, you will have to ask a member of the Digitizing Team.

So, enjoy the past through these documents and publications!

Listed below are the RECORDS that are viewable on the Library computers:

- Annual Reports – this has been included as a hard copy in the History Books
- Attack Plans
- Board Meeting Minutes
- By-Laws / Policies & Procedures
- Committees
- Financials
- Guidelines
- Long Range Planning Goals
- Manuals
- Membership Meetings Minutes
- Position Descriptions
- Publicity
- Rare Books – these can be accessed through our catalog
- Society Calendar
- Society History
- *Tidbits*

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May 2016

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Because of very low scrap prices we can no longer accept older or non-working items.

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