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## President's Message

*Irma Hardin, President*  
[pres@azwvgs.org](mailto:pres@azwvgs.org)

***This Year We Are Going To Celebrate The 45Th Anniversary Of The West Valley Genealogical Society!***  
*Wow! some of us were still in high school or college then!*



Gertrude D. Johnson held a meeting in her home in October, 1972, for the sole purpose of choosing a name and electing officers for a new genealogy society. Thirty-six people attended.

The Society grew from that small group of 36 to over 700 members by the end of 2016! It took a lot of committee meetings, several moves, a name change and volunteers serving countless hours, before the beautiful library building we have today would become a reality.

Can you imagine their excitement if they could see the Society Library now?

Special celebrations are being planned all year so watch your *Tidbits* and the *Tracker* for more information!

## New Member Luncheon

*Roz Matthews*  
[dir.membership@azwvgs.org](mailto:dir.membership@azwvgs.org)

WVGS will be hosting a *New Member Luncheon* on March 27, 2017 at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Members who have joined the Society since October 2016 are invited.

This event will be held immediately following the Library Tour by Karen Zeppenfeld. The tour will be conducted at 9:30am. Please come and meet some of our Board and hear about the important programs that are offered at WVGS. Please RSVP to :

[dir.membership@azwvgs.org](mailto:dir.membership@azwvgs.org)

## February Calendar

- 6 ..... WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 13 ..... General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- 16 ..... Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm  
***call the Library to reserve a spot***
- 18 ..... Seminar, see page 5 for details
- 27 ..... Library Tour 9:30 - 11:30 am  
***call the Library to reserve a spot***

## Introducing The 2017 WVGS Board



President: Irma Hardin  
 First Vice President: Pam LaFond  
 Second Vice President: Adrienne Haupt  
 Secretary: Carolyn Grace  
 Treasurer: Betty DeRentis  
 Director of Education: Connie Sheets  
 Director of Membership Outreach: Tina Hancox  
 Director of Fundraising: Rosalind (Roz) Matthews  
 Director of Technology: John Staggs  
 Library Administrator: Karen Zeppenfeld

### 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

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## Welcome New Members

Bonnie Belzer, Membership Registrar

Please welcome the new members of the West Valley Genealogical Society who have joined since we last updated this list in October: JT Andrews, Myrtle Armstrong, Bette Bellefeuille, Barbara Bowles, Cheryl Brunton, Lois Byrd, Wayne Chatfield, Penelope Cole, Christine Cope, Linda Davis, Viki Dominguez, Julie Donick, Edith Eubank, Marianne Evans, Kim Finston, Sylvia Garza, Margi Haas, Barbara Harris, Larry Haverhals, John Helle, Kenneth Hill, Mildred Horne, Beverly Jacob, Sharon Johnson, Catherine Kelley, Coral Lewis, Wendy Lockhart, William Minogue, Chris Palmer, Melanie Pavlet, Irene Phillips, Geraldine Recla, Jacquilen Roth, Cynthia Rucker, Jim Rust, Molly Sheridan, Janet Sloan, Nancy Steely, Elinor Tenney, Cranston Thunholm, Susan Van Epp, Deborah Vriens, Marilyn Waldron and Kathaleen Williams.

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 number of Active members as of January 9, 2017 was 703.

## Class Schedule

Connie Sheets, Director of Education

**Reminder:** All checks should be made out to WVGS.

You may register and pay online at

<http://www.azwvgs.org/categories.asp>,

or visit the Library and pay with cash or check.

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

### Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

#### Novice Genealogy

Friday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm February 17  
Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm March 25

### Jean White, Instructor

**Research Techniques II** 4 sessions  
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8

**Problem Solving** 3 sessions  
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 15, 22, 29

### Suzanne Brayer, Instructor

**Land and Property Records**  
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm February 21

**Are You A Name Collector or A Researcher?**  
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 21

**New classes are added frequently, so check periodically for an updated schedule.**

## WVGS Cares

Your Membership Outreach committee is now sending cards to members who are ill, shut-in, or have had a loss of a family member. These Get Well Wishes, Sympathy, or Thinking of You thoughts, can only be accomplished with your help. If you are aware of a member who is in need of our caring wishes, please contact either our President at [pres@azwvgs.org](mailto:pres@azwvgs.org) or our Director of Membership Outreach at [dir.membership@azwvgs.org](mailto:dir.membership@azwvgs.org) with that information. Our members and their families will appreciate our thoughtful gesture. We will get a card to them as soon as possible, signed with "Your friends at WVGS Care." Thank you.

## 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](mailto:mlm16ddm@yahoo.com)
- **African American Lineage** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat., 10:00 am to noon
- **British Isles**..... 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Canada Sep-Apr**.....3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 am to noon
- **DNA Sep-Jun** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Family Tree Maker**.....4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Germany/Poland**.....3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio**..... 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Italy** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Kansas/Missouri**..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Legacy**..... 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Maryland & Southern States**.....1<sup>st</sup> Friday 9:30-11:30 am
- **Native American Oct-May** ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **New England** .....2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway Oct-Apr** ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **NY/NJ/PA** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Quaker** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Roots Magic** ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Salem** .....2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Sweden Oct-Apr**..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG**.....5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Writing Family History**..... 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sigs@azwvgs.org) or 623-271-7370.

## January Volunteer of the Month

*Tina Hancox, Director of Membership Outreach*

### *Peter Albrecht*



The New Year brings us our first Volunteer of the Month for 2017. The person receiving this award truly works behind the scenes. You never see, nor hear of him, and may not even know he exists. He's almost like Santa Claus who comes in the night and does his deeds, then disappears.

He is very quiet and soft spoken when you meet him. Joining our group almost 7 years ago, he stepped right up to assist in any way, demonstrating his commitment to WVGS from the very beginning.

He originally came from Massachusetts and through his life and his work, managed to live in several states across the country. He and his wife Priscella list a small town in Nevada as home, but they did spend many years in California before finally retiring in Arizona.

It was hard to surreptitiously find out more about this man's life before settling in Arizona. But his experience with WVGS began one day, years ago, as he was in our Library doing some research when he overheard a discussion about book repairs. Seems the man who was doing this job for our Society was ill and no longer able to continue. Our awardee just stepped up and offered his help to become the book repair person. He had no experience doing this type of work, but that didn't deter him. This role of trying to save some of our torn and tattered books has continued for the last several years. He has learned this new trade by experience, with a little trial and error thrown in. He salvages what he can with each book that requires his attention. Then he pastes, glues, tapes, and binds, whatever is necessary to get the book back on our shelves.

Hopefully, you will all make a point of learning to know our recipient, for he has a warm and friendly personality. He will no longer be hidden from our view, even if his volunteer job is. He continues to go above and beyond in his efforts to support WVGS, and it's Library, by taking particular care in extending the lives of our very important books.

We are honored to announce the January 2017 Volunteer of the Month, Peter Albrecht.

### **From Genealogy Daily**

*www.GenealogyDaily.com*

#### **ge-ne-al-o-gy (jē' nē al' e jē)**

1. A recorded history of a person's ancestry.
2. A study of family descent.
3. Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

## General Membership Meeting

**February 13th**

### *"Lineage Societies"*

Lineage societies, family associations, and first family or pioneer organizations, commemorate our ancestors and provide an opportunity to come together with others with similar interests and heritage for social activities or charitable purposes. Some lineage societies can also assist in our research. Join us at the WVGS Monthly Membership Meeting on February 13th, beginning at 1:30 pm, when representatives of several organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, the National Huguenot Society, the National Society United States Daughters of the War of 1812, and others, will discuss the purpose, activities, and membership requirements of each organization.

### **Online Bookstore Now Open**

The bookstore is accessible from the WVGS website, [www.azwvgs.org](http://www.azwvgs.org); click on the Store tab then, click on Books. WVGS invites you to browse the titles for the book(s) that may aid you in discovering more ancestors and appreciate the times in which they lived.

### **Donations – Thank You!**

**M**any, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are 50/50 Club - James Hanson and Cindy Lamm, Connie Forrest, Shawn Manser, Linda McCleary and Dr. Charles & Carol Coffelt St. Clair.

### **African American Lineage SIG**

**2017 Topics for Research and Discussion**

**February 12th, Sunday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.**

SIG Coordinator will share her plantation success stories.

**March 18, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.**

Using City Directories and where to find them.  
Educable children lists, exploring the information found in them.

**April 15, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.**

Researching in the State of Mississippi.

**May 20, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.**

Researching in the State of Texas.

Rosalind Matthews

[rozmatthews@gmail.com](mailto:rozmatthews@gmail.com)

(909) 816-3564

## Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Roz Matthews, Director of Fundraising

[dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org](mailto:dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org)

The winner of the Salt Lake City Research Trip Raffle at the January General Meeting was WVGS member Connie Sheets. Congratulations Connie!

**Appraisal Day - see article on page 5 for details**

### Office Max/Staples

The Fundraising Committee has made over 100 handy Office Max/Staples Reward cards for our WVGS members, family and friends to keep in their wallets. At the WVGS Aide Desk feel free to take as many cards as you like. When checking out at a Staples/Office Max store give the cashier the WVGS phone number of (623) 933-4945 which is printed on the card. WVGS will get a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

### Amazon Smile

The Amazon Smile Program is up and running. Check the WVGS website under "Fundraisers" for instructions to open a new account or to link your existing Amazon account to an Amazon Smile account. Having an Amazon Smile account allows you to select WVGS as your organization of choice to receive Amazon Smile rebates throughout the year.

### Fry's Food Program

Follow instructions on the WVGS website under "Fundraisers" to link your current Fry's Food VIP card to this program. If you do not have a Fry's Food VIP card, you will be able to pick up a Fry's Food VIP card and application at each WVGS General Meeting at the Fundraising table.

### Lunch with Your Ancestor - Next date is 2/20/17, 11:30 am

The Lunch with your Ancestor program started in January. Look for new and exciting themes each month. At each luncheon you have the opportunity to share short stories about your ancestors and meet new people. See the home page of the WVGS website for further details.

### Research Night

Do you need a place to research for 4 hours without interruptions? Would you like to have access to a computer while researching without bringing your own computer from home? Would you like access to the following databases: Ancestry, World Vital Records and the New England Historic Society? Would you like to peruse 4,000 sq. ft. of books, CDs, periodicals, maps and microfilm? If this is something you are interested in, the solution is called Research Night at WVGS. See the home page of the WVGS website for further details.

### Coke Rewards

Save those bottle caps and coupon rewards from cartons and bring them to each General Meeting. WVGS uses the rebate checks from the Coke rebates to purchase office supplies for the Library and to purchase small gifts for the raffles at our General Meetings.

### Aluminum Cans

Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag and bring them only to our monthly meetings. Last year's collections paid for about 2 months of WVGS' utilities.

### Used Ink Cartridges

We still collect them at the Library. The vouchers we receive also help in purchasing our office supplies. Last year they bought between 1/4 to 1/3 of our supplies.

### Cookbooks

On CD for \$5.00, available for purchase at the Library or General Meetings.

### Lanyards

WVGS Lanyard for \$3.00 (Limited supply). WVGS Lanyard w/Flash drive \$10.00 (Limited colors left). Both available at the Library or General Meetings.

### Ink Pens

Select from 7 colors, \$1.00 each, available at the Library or General Meetings.

### Fundraising Ideas Wanted

We need your help and ideas to raise additional funds for WVGS. Please contact Roz Matthews, Director of Fundraising, [dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org](mailto: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 Tuesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the Library during the months of August through April.**



### Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

We started off this year with a total of \$68 for the month. This is a bit behind last year when we had \$85. *We need a lot more cans to beat last year.* Income from recycled cans helps us offset Library costs.



**Reminder:** We can no longer store cans at the Library. 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.

# WVGS Annual Seminar

Saturday, February 18, 2017



*“Explore Genealogy with Geoff” with Geoff Rasmussen*

Registration: 8:30-9:00 am - Seminar 9:00-3:30 pm

Lakeview United Methodist Church, 10298 W. Thunderbird Boulevard - Smoot Hall, Sun City, Arizona

**\$50** - Fee includes Program, Continental Breakfast, \*\*Box Lunch, Beverages and Prizes

\*\*New Lunch Choices: Chicken Walnut Sandwich, Turkey Sandwich, Ham & Swiss Sandwich or Fuji Apple Chicken Salad

**Online registration available at the WVGS Store**

WVGS member *Beverly Craig* won the March 2016 drawing for a free 2017 Seminar registration. Fill out a seminar survey sheet as instructed at the Seminar and be eligible for the March 2017 drawing for a free 2018 Seminar registration.

## Appraisal Day, Sunday, March 5, 2017

10 am - 4 pm

Cathy Gallagher

WVGS is hosting a special Appraisal Day so members can bring in their treasures for a verbal appraisal for their market value and replacement values (written appraisals can be arranged to be done later). Mr. Bo Robert Patrick is a third-generation native of Arizona. He is a Member of the Certified Appraisers Guild of America (C.A.G.A.). His family has been in the business for 31 years and he has professionally been in the business since he was 19 - he is now 30 years old. His company is Fidelity Estate Services and they specialize in Estate Auctions, Estate Sales, Appraisals and brokering fine antiques and jewelry. This is his third season on the PBS channel 8 television show *Arizona Collectibles* which airs on Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. His passion is researching and selling his clients' possessions at the highest possible price to help them out. He enjoys it when clients are surprised when the possessions they have are worth a lot more than they ever anticipated! Educating them on what they have, and then selling items for them, is a joy. His specialties include: jewelry, coins, glass and silver, but there is no personal property he cannot handle (including china, antiques, furniture, artwork, guns and more).

Call or Sign-up at WVGS to add your name to the Customer List and bring your treasures Sunday, March 5, 2017. Cost is \$10 each/\$25 for 3 items. Call Cathy Gallagher for details: (623) 266-1330.

*Bo sold this rare French early 20th century Daum Nancy landscape cameo glass vase for \$12,500 several months ago.*



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## 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](mailto:judylinnebach@gmail.com) or call (208) 659-3911.

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## New England SIG

Cathy Gallagher

Judy Calise, a New England SIG member, took a special NEHGS tour in July 2016 that followed the trail of New England Captives taken prisoner by the Abenaki Indians to Canada where they were sold to the French. During her short PowerPoint Presentation and display of 3 wonderful maps showing the places where people were kidnapped and the routes they took up to Canada, Judy enlightened us on what happened to some of the captives. It was very informative!



## 50/50 Book Report

Collection Development Committee

One new book was added to the 50/50 books this month. The current status is as follows:

- **Michigan – DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer**, Published 2016 by DeLorme. Balance due = \$5.09
- **A Gazetteer of Indian Territory** by Henry Gannet, Published by Janaway Publishing in 2014. Balance due = \$12.25
- **French and Native North American Marriages 1600-1800** by Paul J. Bunnell, FACG, UE, Published by Heritage Books in 2007. This is the new added book – Price \$25.00, balance due = \$25.00

The books are available at the meeting for review. The Committee is providing forms that can be filled out to request specific books members would like to have added to the library. The forms can be turned in to the Library Aide to be placed in the “sling” in the office for the CDC Committee.

# GHOSTLIGHT THEATRE

Ghostlight Theater has graciously donated a pair of tickets for each show during the rest of their 2016-2017 season. The tickets are valued at \$40 and will be raffled off at the monthly General Membership meeting.

The next show is “*Skimpies*” running from February 16 to 26th. The raffle for this production will be during the February 13th meeting. At the March 13th meeting, tickets will be raffled off for “*Rabbit Hole*,” from March 23rd to April 2nd. The seasons’ last production is “*Nonsense*,” running from April 27th to May 7th, and will be raffled off at the April 10th meeting.

Individual tickets for any of these plays are available for \$20 each by contacting the box office or on line at [www.GhostLightAZ.com](http://www.GhostLightAZ.com).

13541 West Camino Del Sol  
Sun City West, AZ 85375  
623-252-5127

*Ghostlight Theater is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.*

## 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*

## PowerPoint Help

Charlie Mannino

Do you know how to set up a computer to a projector with a PowerPoint presentation? If so, I'm looking for someone who would be willing to be my backup for the General Membership Meetings when I am not available. Two files would be prepared in advance and sent to the volunteer, one for the announcements and one for the agenda.

Contact me at [Tidbits@azwvgs.org](mailto:Tidbits@azwvgs.org).

## 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	<b>\$3.25</b>
Ancestry.com	775	<b>from your membership</b>
World Vital Records	<u>600</u>	<b>dues pays for these subscriptions</b>
	\$1,575	

WVR is available to members from home. Visit our website for instructions on how to access them.

## Call for Genealogy Volunteers

Robert M. Wilbanks IV

The Caledonian Society of Arizona is seeking experienced practicing genealogists to assist attendees of the 2017 Phoenix Scottish Games who visit the society's official genealogy tent. The 2017 Phoenix Scottish Games will be March 4th and 5th, at Steele Indian School Park. <https://arizonascots.com/06genealogyvolunteers.shtml>

## 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](mailto:surnames@azwvgs.org) and she will add them to the database.

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## 2017 Salt Lake City Research Trip from March 14 - 22, 2017 (8 nights) To the Family History Library, Sponsored by WVGS

Click the events tab online for the SLC Trip for complete information.

**Questions - Contact Adrienne Haupt 480-203-7101 (Cell)**

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## Did you recently replace your desktop or laptop?



We could use your working Desktop and Laptops with Windows 7 or later operating system and 20" or larger LCD monitors.

*We can use your software DVDs and license info.*

**Questions?** Call: Roger, 623-214-3233, or Rich, 480-209-9129

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

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