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Editor, Charlie Mannino

President's Message

Irma Hardin, President
pres@azwvgs.org

This is an exciting year for WVGS!

We just completed our 40th Annual Seminar with over 200 people attending. Geoff Rassmussen, the designer of LEGACY FAMILY TREE, was our speaker. Many of you remember him from the classes he taught at our Library before moving to Utah. The Seminar Committee did an outstanding job of organizing this event - as usual. Thank you, Chairwoman Adrienne Huapt and all your committee!

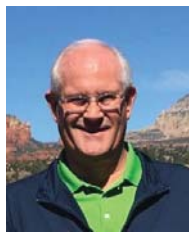


In October we will celebrate the 45th Anniversary of WVGS! Several activities are planned to celebrate this special occasion, so watch for updates and articles in the *Tidbits*, newspapers, etc.

General Membership Meeting April 10th - Mike Fisch

*"Mining Newspaper Archives to
Find Stories of Your Ancestors"*

Finding that special piece of information from a newspaper article takes some understanding and skill on how newspapers have evolved over the decades. Our speaker worked in the newspaper industry for over 40 years and will share tips and tricks on how to mine those hidden pieces of gold.



April Calendar

- 3 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
 - 10 General Membership Meeting, 1:00 pm
 - 20 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- Call the Library to reserve a spot**

Note: There will be no Library tour for April

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 12:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church
12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

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 or our Director of Membership Outreach at 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 Notice

Charlie Mannino

After six years as Tidbits Editor, I have decided to step down effective with the May Issue. I want to devote my time to other projects and genealogy research. The new editor can use any publication software they are familiar with. I have been using Adobe InDesign which is available on the Library computer. I will still continue with the Forms Committee and special projects like the 45th Anniversary. I have enjoyed serving in the position and find it is time for me to move on. Thanks for your support and contributions.

Please contact me at Tidbits@azwvgs.org.

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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 1:00 pm
- **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** 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** 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Quaker** 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **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.

African American Lineage SIG *2017 Topics for Research and Discussion*

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.

June 17, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Researching in the State of Virginia.

July 15, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Researching in the States of North and South Carolina.

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Welcome New Members

Bonnie Belza, Membership Registrar

Please welcome the following new members of WVGS who have joined since February 2017: Debbie Ansell, Ronald Bartlett, Janice Camp, Linda Collier, DeDe Connors-Agosta, Terry Daugherty, Judy Davis, Barbara Dunne, Dawn and Alex Exarhopoulos, Marshall Grayson, Marilyn Hacker, Rose Hanna, Paul Otto, Alice Paige, Yvonne Phillips, Richard Scott, Linda Stewart, Lyle Tuttle, Myra Urbanski and Karen and William Watson.

When you see these new members, be sure to introduce yourself, ask about their surnames 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 March 14th, 2017, we have 559 Active members.

Donations – Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all of our donors of materials, equipment and publications. This month's donors are 50/50 Club, Arizona State Library, Judith Barton, Dr. John Donaldson, Connie Forrest, Nan Hoffman, Sabrina James, Caroline Beall Price, Mary Riter, Ron Secord, Dee Snook in Memory of Alexander St. Clair Arthur and Bessie Grace Hutt Arthur, and Ginger Trokey.

50/50 Book Club

Collection Development Committee

Four new books were added to the 50/50 books this month. The current status is as follows:

- **Colorado – DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer**, Topographic Maps, Published 2015 by DeLorme. Balance due = \$12.47
- **New Jersey – Delorme Atlas and Gazetteer**, Topographic Maps, Published 2005 by DeLorme. Balance due = \$9.50
- **North Carolina – DeLorme Atlas and Gazetteer**, Topographic Maps, Published by DeLorme 2016. Balance due = \$12.55
- **The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy**, By Blaine T. Bettinger, Published by Family Tree Books in 2016.

These 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.

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.

Cathy Gallagher, Instructor

Facebook For Genealogy

Thursday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

April 13

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy

Friday, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

April 21

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

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.

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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 seasons' last production is "Nunsense," running from April 27th to May 7th, 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.

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

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

Scanning Services Day

Saturday, April 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm.

WVGS Members Bob and Cathy Gallagher



Do you have boxes of fading photographs that you want to save and share with family members? Attend our special Scanning Services Day. Bob and Cathy will scan your photos and docs to a DVD using a High Speed Scanner that is 30 times faster than a regular flatbed scanner! *Protect your precious memories from fire, water, theft, mold, dust and more!*

Plan on one hour to scan 200-300 photos. Be sure to sort your photographs by size, family or timeline so they can be scanned easily. They can scan photos/docs up to 8-1/2" wide & 34" long, laminated, color or black and white, Polaroids, postcards and some photos on cardboard (fragile, tin types, large photos can be scanned on their flat bed scanner and added to the DVD). Cost is 35 cents per scan (includes DVD and case). 15 cents will be donated back to WVGS.

They also convert VHS tapes to DVDs. Cost is only \$11 with \$1 going to WVGS (compare to drug store chains charging \$25 and wholesale clubs charging \$18.95)!

Call or sign-up at the WVGS Library and plan your time accordingly (about 200-300+ photos per hour). For any questions, contact Cathy at 602-421-0848 or cwhite57@hotmail.com.



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Library New Book Report

Linda McCleary, Book Accessioner

Karen R. Zeppenfeld, Library Administrator

- *American History Atlas Adapted from the Large Wall Maps*
- *Auto Atlas: Bundesrepublik Deutschland 1:200,000 [Federal Republic of Germany] 1986/87*
- *Battle of Shiloh, The*
- *Beall Collection*
- *Black River and Northern New York Conference Memorial. Second Series. [Methodist Episcopal Church] 1880 [Jefferson County, New York]*
- *Black River and Northern New York Conference Memorial. Third Volume Containing Sketches of Deceased Members from 1880 to 1923. [Methodist Episcopal Church] May 1923 [Jefferson County, New York]*
- *Brown - Briscoe Genealogy*
- *Cape Vincent and Its History [Jefferson County, NY]*
- *Centennial Historical Souvenir in Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of the Jefferson County National Bank 1816-1916. [Jefferson County, New York]*
- *Changing Years: A History of Depauville, The [Depauville, Jefferson County, New York]*
- *Civil List and Forms of Government of the Colony and State of New York. 1869*
- *Civil War Commanders*
- *Civil War Parks: The Story Behind the Scenery*
- *Concise Illustrated History of the Civil War, The*
- *Cornelius Collection. Volume 1: Adams, John and Worden*
- *Cornelius Collection: Volume 2: Adams, James and Allen*
- *Creation of a Family Tree Covering the Following Family Names: Secord, Reed, Robinson, Brown, Graham, Parkhurst, Ingell, Wamsley, Strong, Vanderhuf*
- *Daniel Kunckler/Kunkler Pennsylvania Pioneer and His Descendants*
- *Descendants of David Still. Volume 3*
- *Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Held in New York; for the State of New York, and Parts Adjacent*
- *Disturnell's New York State Register for 1858; Containing Statistical, Political, and Other Information Relating to the State of New York, and the United States*
- *Dr. John Donaldson Collection: Volumes 28 - 44*
- *Eighth Annual Report of the American Institute, of the City of New York.*
- *First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary, 1825-1875. Its History - Proceedings of the Semi-Centennial Jubilee - General Catalogue. [Methodist Episcopal Church in Cazenovia, Madison County, New York]*
- *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*
- *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Oneida County, N.Y. for 1869*
- *Genealogical and Family History of Northern New York: A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation. Volume 1 - 3*
- *Gleeson Collection*
- *Historical Sketch of Hamilton College, Clinton, New York [Clinton, Oneida County, New York]*
- *History of Auburn Theological Seminary 1818-1918. [New York, New York]*
- *History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa from the Earliest Historic Times to 1907. Volume 2*
- *History of St. Pauls Universalist Church, Little Falls, N. Y. 1851-1901 [Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York]*
- *History of the Old Fort Herkimer Church German Flatts Reformed Church 1723 [Herkimer County, New York]*
- *History of the Town of Kirkland New York. [Kirkland, Oneida County, New York]*
- *Hopi Kachinas: The Complete Guide to Collecting Kachina Dolls*
- *Hopi Summer: Letters from Ethel to Maud*
- *Jefferson County in the World War: A Record of the Activities of the Various Organizations and Individuals Who Devoted Their Energies to the Cause of Freedom in the Great Conflict of 1914-1918 Containing the Honor Roll of Those Who Served in Army, Navy and Marine and the Portraits of Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice. [Jefferson County, New York]*
- *Johnstown Lives in Memory [Johnstown, Cumberland County, Illinois]*
- *Johnstown Story, The [Johnstown, Cumberland County, Illinois]*
- *Kamp Papers, The. Volume 1*
- *Lazy B: Growing Up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest [Sandra Day O'Connor]*
- *Life and Death of Crazy Horse, The*
- *Literary Exercises Connected with the Decennial, Vicennial, Tricennial and Quadragennial Reunions of the Philorhetorean Society of Fairfield Seminary, Which Occurred at Fairfield, N. Y., on June 27, 1864, June 17, 1874, July 2, 1884, and June 20, 1894 to Which is Prefixed a Catalogue of Members*
- *Manual for the Use of the Legislature of the State of New York, 1871, Prepared pursuant to a Resolution of the Senate and Assembly of 1865 by the Secretary of State*
- *Manual for the Use of the Legislature of the State of New York, 1884, Prepared Pursuant to a Resolution of the Senate and Assembly of 1865 by Joseph B. Carr, Secretary of State*
- *Manual for the Use of the Legislature of the State of New York, 1896, Prepared Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 683, Laws of 1892 by John Palmer, Secretary of State*

- *Manual of the South Reformed Church of West Troy, N.Y.*
- *Men, Events, Lawyers, Politics and Politicians of Early Rome. [Rome, Oneida County, New York]*
- *My Somerset County Heritage [Coughenour Family]*
- *New York Annual Register for the Year of Our Lord 1833 Containing an Almanac, Civil and Judicial List; With Political, Statistical and Other Information, Respecting the State of New York and the United States*
- *New York Annual Register for the Year of Our Lord 1837 Containing an Almanac, Civil and Judicial List; With Political, Statistical and Other Information, Respecting the State of New York and the United States*
- *New York Red Book Containing the Portraits and Biographies of Its Governors, State Officers and Members of the Legislature, with the Portraits of Congressmen, Judges and Mayors, the New Constitution of the State, Election and Population Statistics, and General Facts of Interest, The. [1895]*
- *Notable Men of Central New York*
- *Nova Scotia Vital Statistics from Halifax Newspapers, 1852-1854*
- *One Hundred and Fifty Years of the Presbyterian Church in Ogdensburg [Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York]*
- *Our City and Its People: A Descriptive Work on the City of Rome, New York [Rome, Oneida County, New York]*
- *Oxford Academy Centennial, The. A Record of the Proceedings and Exercises Had in Honor of the One Hundredth Anniversary of That Institution, with Notes by the Editors Held at Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y. June 28, 29, 1894*
- *Oxford Academy Jubilee, Held at Oxford, Chenango County, N.Y., August 1st and 2d, 1854, The*
- *Papers Read Before the Herkimer County Historical Society Covering the Period from September 1902 to May 1914. Volume 3*
- *Papers Read Before the Herkimer County Historical Society During the Years 1896, 1897 and 1898*
- *Papers Read Before the Herkimer County Historical Society During the Years 1899, 1900, 1901, to July 1, 1902. Volume 2*
- *Proceedings of the New York State Historical Association with the Quarterly Journal. The Twenty-First Annual Meeting, with a List of New Members. Vol. 19*
- *Reminiscences of Ogdensburg 1749-1907 [Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York]*
- *Russia Union Church: 110th Anniversary 1820-1930. [Russia, Herkimer County, New York]*
- *Some Descendants of Walter Briscoe, 1771-1855, and Hester Henton, 1775-1858*
- *Story of Hartford: A History, The. [Hartford, Washington County, New York]*
- *Through Eleven Decades of History: Watertown [Jefferson County, New York]*

- *Vital Statistics from Halifax Newspapers 1855-1856*
 - *Westrich Collection*
 - *World's Debt to Thomas Potter, The*
- *CDC - Collection Development Committee
**50/50 club

A Successful Appraisal Day

Forty two WVGS Members took part in the very successful Appraisal Day on Sunday, March 5, 2017, when certified appraiser Mr. Bo R. Patrick of Fidelity Estate Services donated his time and expertise to meet Members and give verbal appraisals on their assorted collectibles, antiques and other cherished heirlooms. Mr. Patrick is a regular on the local 'Arizona Collectibles' TV show and will take part in the upcoming April 'Antiques Roadshow' to be filmed in Phoenix.

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful members and volunteers, we raised \$1,010 during this first-time Fundraising Event!



Left to right: Michelle Warren, assistant Kelsee Lynn, Roz Matthews, Sharon Brown, Bo Patrick, Jill Mitchell, Cathy & Bob Gallagher, Sally Pavia.

Other volunteers not shown: Ethel Sanders and Peggy Morphew.



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Seminar Update

Adrienne Haupt, Second Vice President

The WVGS 40th Seminar was a great success thanks to Geoff Rasmussen, the featured speaker, and the Seminar Committee plus numerous others! Nearly 240 people attended the event on February 18, despite rainy weather, and they shared an exceptional day of genealogical learning. Go to WVGS Facebook page to see a panoramic picture of those in attendance.

At the March 13th monthly WVGS meeting, a raffle drawing was held for a FREE WVGS Seminar registration for the February 17, 2018 Seminar. The winner of the raffle was Sarah Maxwell and was very happy to hear the news. Only those who attended this year's seminar, filled out the post seminar survey, and filled out their red ticket and turned them in were eligible for the drawing.



15th Annual WVGS Research Tour to Washington, DC November 29 - December 7, 2017

Linda Swain, Tour Leader

- Visit the "Big Three" - National Archives, Library of Congress and the DAR Library.
- Cost of tour is \$1,365/per double occupancy or \$1,925 per single occupancy.
- Includes round trip air fare from Phoenix and shuttle transfers between airport and hotel.
- White House Tour if your \$500.00 deposit is received by Linda Swain by June 7, 2017 (security check required by Secret Service).
- See flyer for complete details at the WVGS Library or online at www.azwvgs.org, click Events tab, then click Washington, DC Trip 2017.

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

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, 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 now meets on the last Wednesday of the month from 1:00 am to 12 noon in the Library during the months of August through April.

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Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, The Can Man

There is some good news this month. We have increased the amount of cans for three month in a row with the March meeting. January was \$68, February was \$72, and March at \$83, show all trends moving in the right direction. And, with hot, or hotter, weather just around the corner, everybody should really be in the mood to drink more this summer. AND, keep those cans coming!



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.*

PowerPoint Help

Charlie Mannino

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.

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Roz Matthews, Director of Fundraising

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Amazon Smile

The Amazon Smile Program is up and running. Check the WVGS website under "Fundraisers" for instructions.

Lanyards

- WVGS Lanyard w/Flash drive \$10.00.
- Available at the Library or General Meetings.

Ink Pens

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

Coke Rewards

- Coupon Rewards from cartons and bottle caps.

Fry's Cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153.
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases.
- Need help? Contact Roz Matthews, 909-816-3564.

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 collect 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.

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.

Cookbooks

- On CD for \$1.00.

Online Bookstore Now Open

The bookstore is accessible from the WVGS website, 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.

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