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Holiday Party

By Trisha McMaster

Our First Holiday Potluck was a great success. About 50 people attended, the most ever. The food was overly abundant and all of it was delicious. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish. We played a new kind of Bingo Game. Was it ever fun. There were so many attractively wrapped gifts to choose from. But it seemed like everyone wanted those blue bags, since they kept going from the front of the room to the back and then back to the front. Who finally ended up with them? I wonder what was in them? Those bags were just an eye catching shade. It was nice to just visit with everyone and get to know a little about my fellow club members. I believe we will be doing this next year and the year after that too.

MEETING TIME / PLACE

General Meeting Times
 Second Monday of the month
 (No meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)
 6:30 PM Social
 7:00 PM Meeting/Program
 Gateway Technical College
 3520 30th Avenue
 Madrigrano Auditorium

NEXT PROGRAM

Notice the change of building and room
Monday Jan 9, 2012
 Will be in the
 Bio-Science Building,
 Rm. 121 at Gateway

GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

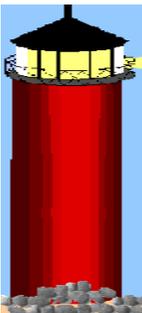
Homestead Proves Citizenship

Keep in mind if your foreign-born ancestor proved a homestead claim in the United States, he had to prove citizenship. What this means is that there should be a copy of his naturalization papers in his homestead file. Where that naturalization took place could be a clue if the place is different from where the homestead was located.

DUES

A change in our by-laws was approved at the June meeting, aligning the dues year with our fiscal year which starts September 1st. Annual dues remain at \$10.00 but come due in September. If not paid by October 31st then a late charge of \$2.00 will be assessed. Dues for new members joining later in the year will be pro-rated.





SPOTLIGHT

REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

EVENTS CALENDAR

For 2012

Looking for new chairperson to take over the planning of trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Tom Nielsen.



Just Braggin'

by Your Name Here

Be a Guest Reporter. It could be telling us about that genealogy field trip you went on this summer, asking for help in breaking down your brick wall, maybe even bragging about your latest find, or telling us how to do something related to genealogy. Have it all recorded here.



Sunshine's Corner by Claudia Schiller



Spreading sunshine to members:

- ☞ Marilyn Sevey who had knee surgery
- ☞ Gerry Lachman who's grandson passed away
- ☞ Sylvia Canada who had minor surgery
- ☞ Joyce March who is still recovering. Cards can be sent to:
Joyce March c/o St Francis Terrace
Room 112-1
3200 S. 20th Street
Milwaukee WI 53215-4442

Kudos for:

- ☞ Judy Uelmen who has volunteered to take over responsibility for Program Line-up as Sharon has retired.

For anyone who does not have access to the internet get on our phone tree list to be contacted about important information or if a card needs to be sent: Please call Claudia Schiller at 262-654-4552



MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Carol Lesnik

A tiny bit about yourself:

I am a wife, a mother and a grandmother of 2 with another one on the way for Dec. I like to do scrapbooking too. I retired as of this last June and loving it.

How long have you been a member of KCGS? 4 year

What first got you interested in genealogy?

I wanted to find a relative on the Fraye side of our family for my father

What is the most interesting or unusual fact you

have found so far in you research? With help from Sharon Worm I was able to locate a relative in Pennsylvania on the Frye side

What is your favorite web site besides

Ancestry.com? www.oldphotos.com

Which committees for KCGS have you volunteered to serve on for far? none

HELP WANTED

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON: Takes care of the planning for trips, as Kathy has resigned due to other commitments. Any volunteers please contact Tom Nielsen.

REPORTER FOR A MONTH: Looking for someone to help cover speakers at meeting when I am out sick and can't make the meetings. You will do a short write-up on the lecture for the night. Also write other articles if you want. If interested contact me at p13mcmaster@yahoo.com

CLUB HISTORIAN: Someone to keep track of all the history for the club.

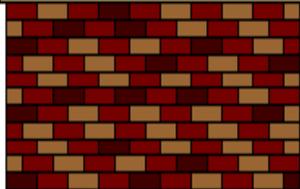
CLUB LIBRARIAN: Someone who will catalog and keep track of our collection.

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED

Please go onto our website and send a message to the club of the surname and researcher # and they will contact you.

NAME	NUMBER	NAME	NUMBER
ANDERSON	5	BERGMAN	52
BUXTON	4	CANADA	3
GIBSON	2	ROCKWELL	4
SCHULTZ	37	UELLEN	33
USA/UZA	44	WYATT	31

The Brick Wall



They
Keep
Tumbling
Down

Be creative when searching names. Names when copied often mutated. Such as an "S" might have looked like a "G" to the person doing the copying, or an "R" becomes a "P" because of fading ink. Think outside the box as they say. Try all combinations. When searching by the soundex system this is especially true, with consonants as they would be looked for in a different place depending on the consonant it looked like to the person who wrote it down. Keeping a list of all possible alphabetic combinations of a name will help when looking in different places plus you know what you have already done.





General Genealogy Sites:
 Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/tgn
 The Ancestry Insider www.ancestryinsider.blogspot.com
 Evernote www.evernote.com
 Diigo www.diigo.com
Sharing Sites:
 Facebook www.facebook.com
 Tribal Pages www.tribalpages.com
 Shared Tree www.sharedtree.com
 Geni www.geni.com
 GenForum www.genforum.com
 Flickr www.flickr.com

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Can you name these members? Who was the guest?
Look for their profiles in the coming newsletters for 2012