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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Joyce March

Happy New Year wishes to everyone. Thanks for your support in 2008. There has been a lot of warmth at our gatherings, if not outside. We are getting better acquainted and having good times telling stories. Mo's Café is a wonderful gathering place and each meeting finds more of us coming early or staying late for coffee, food, and to talk over our "great discoveries" or where we can go next. This is our club, so please join in if you are able.

There was a lot of reorganization going on from September through December. Opportunities are still available on the Steering Committee and once positions are filled more events can occur. If you are able to pitch in to work with us, please let someone on the Steering Committee know. If you are not able to be a chairman, join a committee...we need your participation.

I want to encourage use of the website. The more we practice with it the more comfortable everyone will be using it. The newsletters with coming events are posted on the website (www.kengensoc.com), Photos have been taken at each meeting and they are posted on the site. For those who do not have a computer or do not use one at the library, don't think that you are forgotten. We would like to have your input to keep us up on what is needed in the area we all used for many years and might be neglecting. There usually is a computer available at our meetings. Also there are beginning computer classes starting Monday, January 19th at my home.

Here is something I'm asking of you. If you have something that should be known, e.g. lack of communication, not enough activities you like, or something you really would like to do, let me hear it from you so it can be solved. The days will be getting longer and warmer, so I'm looking forward to seeing more of you in 2009.

CIVIL WAR FACTOID NO. 4

At its prime, the Confederate Prison of War Camp near Andersonville, Georgia contained more than 33,000 Union prisoners, making it the 5th largest city in the Confederacy. It was designed for 10,000 men. Approximately 13,000 prisoners died there, a mortality of about 29 percent. The Commander, Henry Wirz, was the only Confederate officer to be tried and convicted for war crimes.



REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES-PAST

* In December there was no meeting, instead the First Annual Christmas Party was held. I believe that all of you will agree it was a great success and we are all looking forward to the next one. There were a lot of excellent ethnic dishes and we will be putting the recipes in the future newsletters, so watch for them.



* At January's meeting we had the pleasure of listening to Craig Pfannkuche's "*Dealing with the Bad Guys in Your Family Tree*"

It was very interesting and made all of us want to just log onto the nearest computer to see if we could find our very own *bad guy* in history. They do leave a better trail of records to follow you know.



ACTIVITIES-COMING

* Dues are due \$10 per year.

As always volunteers are needed, Please see Joyce March if you are interested in helping.

* January 29th a trip to Libertyville IL Library is planned. If you are interested in attending please contact Joyce or Kathy Woods

* Mark your calendar and make sure you are in attendance to hear Mary Dixon's lecture on Civil War days with the Volney French Diary in Kenosha. To be presented on February 9th at Mo's Cafe. Mary is a Kenosha resident and current owner of the house where Volney French resided in the 1800s. Her current occupation is in the real estate field.

* Then you will also want to be hand to listen to Michael H. Kelley, PH.D. who will be presenting a lecture on March 9th on Surveying and Land Records.

* A Picnic is being planned for the month of August.

EVENT CALANDER

Joyce & Trisha are holding classes, at Joyce's home, in beginning computers for anyone who wants to come. They will be the 3rd & 4th Mondays of the month. For totally new users it includes getting familiar with the mouse, saving data, and differences in keyboard layouts. Using a website will also be part of it. At this time the classes are on how to use Family Tree Maker for organizing your data. Call 551-0102, please, if you would like to come. If you have a laptop computer, bring it along. Isn't one purpose of joining an organization to share knowledge?





Get well wishes were sent to:

Sunshine's Husband; *James Schiller* who fell and broke a few ribs.

Nadine Gabriel is recovering from a fall that resulted in her suffering multiple fractures to her ankle.



WEB SITES

http://www.genmarket.com/Religious_Groups/

(This is a good one for books that are categorized by religious groups).

<http://www.freesurnamesearch.com>

<http://www.freesurnamesearch.com/new/>

The United Kingdom 1911 census is now online you can search for free and get first name with middle name and dob or buy credits and get the full facts.

<http://www.1911census.co.uk>



This is included because many of us have dogs and cats that are considered one of the family, although like some of the "bad guys" they aren't on our family tree.

Just A Dog

From time to time, people tell me "Lighten up, it's Just a dog," or, "That's a lot of money for Just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, money spent, or costs involved for "Just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "Just a dog." Many hours have passed with my only company being "Just a dog" and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "Just a dog." In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "Just a dog" provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "Just a dog," you will probably understand phrases like "Just a friend," "Just a sunrise," or "Just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of "Just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks, and look longingly into the future.

For me and folks like me, it's not "Just a dog." It's an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it's not "Just a dog." It's the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "Just a man or woman." The next time you hear the phrase "Just a dog," smile, because they "Just don't understand."

~ Author Unknown

Frequently Occurring Surnames From Census 2000

NOTE: This presentation of data focuses on summarized aggregates of **counts of surnames, and does not in any way identify specific individuals.**

Tabulations of all surnames occurring 100 or more times in the census 2000 returns are provided in the files listed below.

The top ten surnames are:

NAME	Number of Occurrences
Smith	2,376,206
Johnson	1,857,160
Williams	1,534,042
Brown	1,380,145
Jones	1,362,755
Miller	1,127,803
Davis	1,072,335
Garcia	858,289
Rodriguez	804,240
Wilson	783,051



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CHRISTMAS PARTY RECIPES



Marie Sorensen's Armenian dish is:

SPINACH BEOREG with PHYLLO DOUGH

- 1 lb. Phyllo Dough
- 3 Pkgs. Frozen chopped Spinach,
thawed and drained
- 1 Medium Onion
- 3 Eggs
- 1 lb. Brick Cheese
- ¼ cup Parsley, chopped
- ½ lb. Butter
- Salt and Pepper to taste

Sauté onions; add spinach. Cool and combine with eggs, cheese and seasonings.

Layer 10 sheets Phyllo Dough in 13 X 9 Pan. Put butter between each sheet. Pour spinach over Phyllo. Repeat to fill pan. End with layer of 10 sheets Phyllo Dough.

Before baking, cut halfway through to create squares.

Bake: 350° until brown (30-40- minute).

This dish may be prepared ahead of time and frozen before baked.

She said to use all the spinach, if you make four layers. She made only one for the party and made two layers.

Trisha McMaster brought:

PUMPKIN CHIP COOKIES

- 1 1/2 cups Butter (no substitutes) softened
- 2 cups Packed Brown Sugar
- 1 cup White Sugar
- 1 can (15 oz) Solid-Pack-Pumpkin
- 1 Egg
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- 2 teaspoons Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 2 teaspoons Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 4 cups All-purpose Flour
- 2 cups Quick-Cooking Oats
- 2 cups Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips



Cream both butter and sugars. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla. Add spices, flour & oats. Stir in chocolate chips. Chill for about 1 hour. Drop by cookie scoop on un-greased baking sheet.

Bake: 350° for 10-12 minutes or until browned.

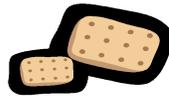
Remove and cool on wire racks.

Yield: 10 dozen

Claudia Schiller brought:

OLD WORLD RASPBERRY BARS

- 2 ¼ Cups Flour
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Cup pecans, chopped
- 1 Cup Butter, softened
- 1 Jar (10oz.) Raspberry Preserves {no seeds}



Mix all ingredients except preserves. Reserve 1½ cups of mixture. Press remaining mixture into greased 9"x9" square pan. Spread preserves on top and then crumble on remaining mixture.

Bake: 350° 40-50 minutes

