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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Tom Nielsen

As you may already know I lost my very dear wife, Judy. I want to thank all of you for your outpouring of sympathy, which really means a lot to me.

Once again I am happy to welcome members, and friends back for the 2011-12 year. I look forward to seeing everyone again; hope all of you had a great summer. We have some new things planned, we expect you will like. We had a great picnic, but poorly attended this year, possibly due to the bad weather. I am extremely excited about the beginner introductory workshop to genealogy; I will be one of the first in line. As some of you know, I am just a little short on genealogy savvy and hope to learn a lot.

Respectfully Tommy Nielsen

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Madrigano Auditorium

## NEXT PROGRAM

**Monday Sept 12, 2011**  
Trisha McMaster will give a workshop on Beginning Genealogy

## GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY

by: Michael John Neill

### Be Negative and Record It

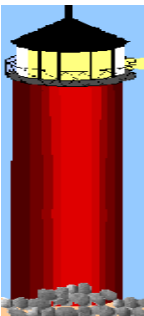
Are you keeping track of the people who "weren't" the right ones and WHY they weren't the correct ones? Often a person will run into the "same wrong" people over and over. Tracking them in at least outline form and having that information handy may keep you from researching the same people over and over only to learn you already eliminated them a long time ago.

And if it ever turns out that they are distantly related, you've already got some of the work done.

## 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 access. Dues for new members joining later in the year will be pro-rated.



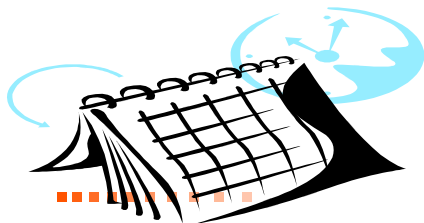


# SPOTLIGHT

## REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES

### EVENTS CALENDAR For 2011

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.



### Feature Report

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:

- ☞ Condolences were sent to Tom Nielsen, our President, on the passing of his wife Judy
- ☞ Condolences were sent to Arlene Young, on the death of her cousin and fellow KCGS member Joyce Feifer
- ☞ Joyce March who is still recovering. Cards can be sent to:  
Joyce March c/o St Francis Terrace  
Room 112-1  
3200 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee WI 53215-4442
- ☞ Joyce B. Feifer, 83, of Kenosha, passed away on Friday, May 27, 2011, at United Hospital System-Kenosha Campus with her daughter by her side.

### Kudos for:

- ☞ Judy Uelmen who is our new Vice-President. Let's all give her a big hand and wish her luck.

### Welcome to our new members:

Jane OTTUM & Pat FELLNER & Maureen BRADY

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:** Dolores Froemming

**A tiny bit about yourself:**

I like to do genealogy and have been doing it for 16 years. I have compiled work with Sweden, Germany, and Australia and Croatia.

**How long have you been members of KCGS?** 1 year

**What first got you interested in genealogy?**

My parents didn't know anything about our ancestors

**What is the most interesting or unusual fact you have found so far in you research?**

I put together a family of 5 that were adopted out

**What is your favorite web site besides**

**Ancestry.com?** [www.roots.web](http://www.roots.web)

**Which committees for KCGS have you volunteered to serve on for far?**

None

## An interview on our picnic with Maureen & Don Kueny:

What was the weather like? Weather this year was quite windy and cool; that may have put some people off.

How many people showed up? The entire attendance consisted of 9 people, including both of us.

How was the food? Delicious as always

What were some of the foods people brought? Two varieties of baked beans, a crock pot of Italian sausage (both hot and mild) with onions and peppers, plus buns and condiments. A 7 layer salad tray of bean dip or humus with cheese, black olives, tomatoes, salsa, etc. and chips to dip. Fresh picked grape tomatoes, Raspberry Jell-O salad, Deviled eggs, and Brownies

Other Comments: The previous 2 years it has been well attended. I think that weather may have put some people off. There was plenty of good food, and Maureen and I had a good time, including chatting with one member we had not previously been acquainted with

Tom brought some of his personal genealogy and asked for any input that may help him.

## JUNE MEETING

Maureen Brady from BIG-WILL gave an excellent presentation on FamilySearch.org. There are so many different things all for free on this site you just have to check it out. Almost every word on the site leads you to another page with more and more information. It contains everything from searching for your relatives to tutorials on how to do that research. There are forms and links just too many to list. Go and check it out for lots of great information. [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

## 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.

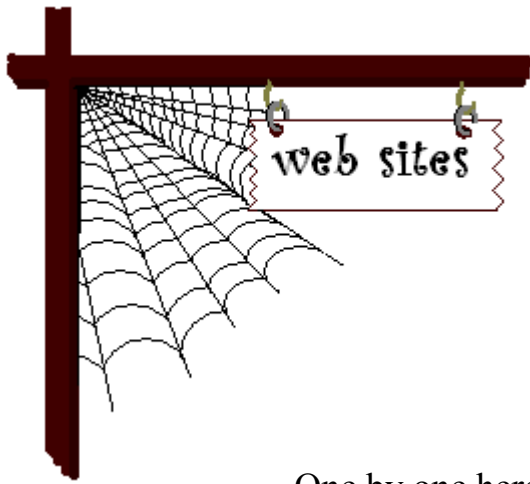
**REPORTER FOR A MONTH:** Looking for someone to write articles for the newsletter. These must be original articles. They can be anything from a brick wall you just broke down to a how to do type of article or even just bragging about your latest find. The only stipulation is that they have to be on genealogy. If interested contact me at [celtic3design@att.net](mailto:celtic3design@att.net).

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

### 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
GILMORE	10	REYNOLDS	24
JOSSART	13	SORENSEN	46
NOLAN	41	WORM	36



**General Genealogy Sites**

[ObitLinksPage.com](http://ObitLinksPage.com) State by state directory

Beginning Genealogy:

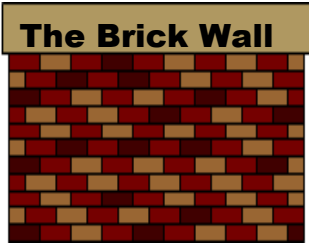
<http://www.comportone.com/cpo/genealogy/articles/26tips.htm>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/info/genealogyessentials>

FAQ's

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/GenealogyFaq>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/Glossary>



They  
Keep  
Tumbling  
Down

One by one here they come crashing down again. Check with Societies that your relatives might have belonged to. I obtained a web site of a society that my father and grandparents belonged to. I contacted the owner of the site and offered early pictures that my father had taken of the society's events. In return I was asked who I was and the relationship. I didn't have much but gave the minimum details. In return, it turns out the owner and I, are kissing cousins and she sent me twelve generations back to 1644 Slovenia! Now how is that for a find?



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I admit it. I have been brainwashing my grandchildren since birth. I tell genealogy stories constantly. I choose ancestors with stories that I hope will excite them or enthrall them or make them curious. I repeat the same stories as many times as my grandkids want to hear them.

It's amazing what they remember, and what they love to hear. Every year on their annual summer visits to our farm they beg me for the same stories over and over. "Tell us the story again about our ancestor who walked Niagara Falls on a tightrope" "Gramma tell us about our ancestor who fought in the War of 1812" "Gramma which ancestor was it who was killed by a fish? Tell that story again!" (Doubters, this is a true story. I have a newspaper clipping of the tragic yet bizarre fish incident in which my great grandfather's cousin was killed by a sturgeon)

My living room is full of ancestor photos in antique frames (I just counted and there are 20 in our cathedral style living room. That doesn't include those on the staircase, in the loft and other rooms of the house). Every year we play "Name the Ancestor" with the grandchildren over the age of 10. This is a little game where they try to name our ancestors on the wall, including their relationship to each person. Winner is the child who gets the most names correct and can give the correct relationship (example: That's my Great-great grandma Ruth).

For those who think there shouldn't be winners versus losers, I'll let you in on a secret - children love competitions. They love to win. The grandchild who doesn't come first will almost certainly try harder next time or listen more attentively when I talk about each ancestor.

Did you notice I said we only play this as a competition with the children over age 10? Children over the age of 10 understand winning and not winning. They don't cry when they don't win. With the younger children I make it like the game "I Spy." Only my version is called "I Spy With My Genealogy Eye". Notice that we don't spy with our "little" eye; we spy with our "genealogy" eye!

My 6 year old grandson loves this game. He takes his turn with "I spy with my genealogy eye, an ancestor who is Gramma Ollie's Grandma" (I'm Gramma Ollie) Then the rest of us have to point to the correct person in the photos.

Even my 3 year old grandson tries to play but he doesn't quite get it yet. His version goes like this "I spying with my all-a-gee eye, something like a lady in a dress" But that's okay because as soon as one of us in the game picks the right "lady in a dress" I make sure I name the person they chose. "Oh that's Grandma Ruth! Good going, you chose Grandma Ruth with your genealogy eye" Yes it's called brainwashing. Being a parrot. Repeating what you want your grandchildren to remember. If their attention span can handle it, I add a bit along the lines of "Grandma Ruth was my grandmother. She's your great-grandmother" I've usually lost them by this time but some of it will sink in.

I also prompt them with sentences like "Okay it's your turn. Use your genealogy eye to choose an ancestor for the rest of us to guess" I know. I'm shameless when it comes to my determination to turn at least ONE of my 13 grandkids into a genealogist! Somebody has to take my 10 filing cabinet drawers of genealogy documents and my stacks of unsorted genealogy papers at some point in time... And so I brainwash my grandchildren with stories and games like "I Spy With My Genealogy Eye." Fingers crossed that one will pick up the torch and carry on.