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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Joyce March

Since this year is coming to an end, I want to reflect on how happy I have been with it. I want to share with you what a delight it has been working with the new board of the KCGS. They are a talented and energetic group of people who work well together toward our goal of an enjoyable and informative club. They all deserved our thanks.

I hope you have visited our web site, have noticed the sign pointing to the meeting room at Mo's, the monthly outings, the photos being taken at the events, the display case at city hall and the busy calendar. This is all because of the extra efforts of the board members, their committees, and participation of our great membership. We are having our first annual Christmas Party in December.

Mo's Café has turned out to be a good place for us in our time of expansion. We now have more participants than our last place would have accommodated. It is nice to be able to eat, drink, socialize and not be rushed out the door by 9 PM, It is also good to be able to ask questions, make plans, and overall enjoy the "afterglow" of what we have just enjoyed and learned. You can bring your laptops to Mo's, use the Internet and share your research before and/or after the meeting, if you wish.

Here is something to have fun with in your spare time, since there will be no meeting in December. As genealogists we are accustomed to dealing with death dates, so here is a new angle. Find out how long you have before you statistically "kick the old bucket." It might help you plan your life style. Go to the following website "[www.livingto100.com/](http://www.livingto100.com/). Don't spend all of your money; you may live longer than you think. Happy Holidays.

## MEETING TIME / PLACE

Second Monday of the month  
(no meeting in Jul. Aug. or Dec.)  
6:30 PM Social  
7:00 PM Meeting/Program

## PROGRAM FOR

**Monday January 12, 2009**

Craig Pfannkuche

*"Dealing with the Bad Guys  
in Your Family Tree"*

At Mo's Café

Corner of 56<sup>th</sup> Street & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Downtown Kenosha WI



## CIVIL WAR FACTOID NO. 3



Despite technically being a Union state, Missouri troops fought on both sides of the war, with more than 100,000 fighting for the Union and nearly 400,000 taking up arms on behalf of the Confederacy. Over the course of the conflict, about 75,000 Kentuckians fought for the Union and 25,000 fought for the Confederacy.

## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

### *Activities – Past*

The trip to Madison in November was fun and produced some good results for most of the nine who went. By copying a Registration of Death certificate of an ancestor, Joyce found Suzanne and Claudia's ancestor recorded on the same page. It helps to recognize some of the surnames being researched within the group so give your surnames to Judy for the club surname book.



The Family History Center at Hales Corners is always filled with treasures and helpful people. Six from KCGS attended the annual seminar in October. It was informative and is highly recommended for next November. The sessions are free and the syllabus has been \$5.00. Joyce, Sharon, Lynne, and Suzanne have a copy so if you would like to look through it let one of them know.

### *Activities - Coming*

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Danish Brotherhood on Sunday, December 14, 2008, at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$5.00/person (adults), plus a dish to pass. We hope to have lots of ethnic food. The meat selected is Italian Beef on a bun. Gary, head bartender, and Claudia, the coordinator, are working to see that things are comfortable and festive for. Please tell Claudia or Joyce what you intend to bring. Some may hope for all chocolate cake, but most like a variety. Reservations must be made by the end of November and we ask that you pay in advance. There should be ample parking on the street at 1:00 PM on Sunday, but there is a parking area at the end of the block to the west. A chair lift is available to get you to the banquet floor and a food service elevator at the entrance will send your food to the kitchen. Please bring a "white elephant" gift to exchange. This is just to have a game, so newspaper is a fine as a wrapping.



To those who will not be celebrating with us at the Christmas party, we wish you happy holidays and look forwarding to enjoying your company in 2009.

## EVENT CALENDAR

In January we will have a research trip to the Libertyville, Illinois library. The date will be announced after January 12, 2009.



Also in January there will be a beginning computer user's group at Joyce's home on a Tuesday evening. Call her for details, as this is limited to six per session.

If you are a senior citizen and a member of the Kenosha Senior Center there are computer lessons given on Wednesday morning and afternoon.

You can also audit classes at Gateway without cost.

We still need someone to be in charge of coordinating activities. Any volunteers see Joyce.



### *Get well wishes were sent to:*

- 1) Our treasurer, Betty, who is recovering and is expected to be back in January.
- 2) Marie, wife of Vice-president Gary, who also went through surgery.

- 3) Nadine, recovering from a broken ankle. Please tell Claudia if you know of someone we should send some sunshine to. Best wishes to friend/member Gene Bebee who moved from Wisconsin in mid-November.

### *Wanted:*

- 1) Newsletter items. These should be sent to Trisha.
- 2) An activities coordinator. Kathy and Claudia have been helping Joyce, but we need someone to be in charge of coordinating places we decide to go.



Here is a list of a few websites to visit in your spare time:

- Scotland: [www.editor.scotclans.com/scotclans\\_viewer/](http://www.editor.scotclans.com/scotclans_viewer/)  
Netherlands: [www.godutch.com](http://www.godutch.com)  
Italy: [www.italian.org](http://www.italian.org) and  
[www.genealogiafamiliare.it/intr.htm](http://www.genealogiafamiliare.it/intr.htm)  
New England: [www.genwed.com](http://www.genwed.com) and  
[www.masshist.org](http://www.masshist.org)

It is time for the display case on the second floor at City Hall to be changed, or at least rearranged. Will anyone with something they would like to display notify one of

the committee members (Joyce, Chuck, Mary Ann, and Gerry) before our January 12, 2009 meeting. Your contribution will be on display for six months. If you are contributing a photograph, it would be safest to make a copy of it for the case and keep the original safely at home.

## **ABOUT K.C.G.S.**

### **Mission Statement:**

This society is organized for the purpose of gathering together any individual(s) interested in genealogy and local history, to help its membership in tracing their lineage through regular and special meetings and workshops, and to keep it informed through various media.

### **Our Location:**

Kenosha County, Wisconsin is located in the southeastern part of the state, bordered on the south by Lake County, Illinois and on the East by Lake Michigan. On the north, we are bordered by Racine County, Wisconsin and on the west by Walworth County, Wisconsin.

### **Membership:**

Membership in this Society will be open to all individuals interested in genealogy and local history, who pay dues. There will be no restriction as to place of residence.

Our yearly membership dues are \$10 per year for individuals/family.

For our Canadian friends the dues are \$11 (extra dollar for increased postage). Members without internet access receive our newsletter by mail.

Address: PO Box 25, Kenosha, WI 53141-0025

Visit our new website to keep current on KCGS events. [www.kengensoc.com](http://www.kengensoc.com)

Don't forget to come for  
a wonderful time to our

First Annual  
**Christmas Party**  
**December 14, 2008**

Danish Brotherhood  
2206 63rd Street,  
Kenosha, WI

Also looking forward to  
seeing everyone at our  
next membership meeting  
@



January 12, 2009  
for an enjoyable time.

## OFFICERS

### Elected Officers

President..... Joyce March  
Vice President..... Gray Sorensen  
Treasurer..... Elizabeth Houtz  
Secretary..... Mary Ann Cole

### Appointed Officers

Activities..... Open  
Corresponding Secretary..... Chuck Saftig  
Digital Equipment..... Don Kueny  
Education..... Open  
Historian..... Jan Mico  
Hospitality..... Sharon Worm  
Newsletter..... Trisha McMaster  
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Refreshment... Mo's Café / Maureen Kueny  
Sunshine..... Claudia Schiller  
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