These are members of the ISGS Conference Committee for 2010. The conference will be held October 23, 2010 at the historic Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria, IL.

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Fall Greetings,

The 2009 ISGS Conference held at Elgin Community College was wonderful. All the committee members enjoyed seeing familiar faces and did a fair amount of networking. The ISGS Annual Meeting was held and I’m happy to announce the slate of officers was presented and accepted unanimously by the membership present and voting. I am pleased to welcome the newest board members: Julie Tarr from Normal, IL (Secretary) and Joan Kitchen Murray, from Chicago, IL (Director).

At the conference, which had a puzzle theme for the logo, the following was read and enjoyed by those at the luncheon. Credit is given to Everett Butler, President of CAGG-NI (Computer Assisted Genealogy Group - Northern Illinois).

Genealogy is like a Jigsaw puzzle.
But, instead of the typical 500 pieces, there are 5,000 pieces.
And unlike most puzzles that have a rectangular border, this one has a curvy border so there are no corners or straight side pieces.
Each piece has part of a different picture on each side.
As you labor with the puzzle you discover that some of the pieces are from a different puzzle and don’t belong in the box. And as you progress you become aware that some of the puzzle pieces have been lost.
Oh, just one more thing, the box lid has also been lost, so there is no picture of the puzzle to use as a reference.

It’s not too early to mark your 2010 calendars. I get several free ones in the mail about this time of the year. So October 23, 2010 is already highlighted on my calendar since that is the date for our Annual Fall Conference, You Have Family, You Have History! in Peoria, Illinois at the historic hotel, the Pere Marquette. Chairman, Donna Pond, has assembled a wonderful committee who is already meeting in anticipation of attracting many societies from all over the state.

The newest feature for the conference is one that everyone is excited to announce. There will be a Youth Workshop educating young genealogists as they begin their lessons in family research. If any of you now reading this newsletter who would like to participate more fully in the planning of this conference, please get in touch with Donna Pond at pcgspresident@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Carole McCarty
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

All I Want For Christmas Is A New Surname

Dear Santa: Don’t bring me new dishes, I don’t need a new kind of game. Genealogists have peculiar wishes For Christmas I just want a surname. A new washing machine would be great, But it’s not the desire of my life. I’ve just found an ancestor’s birth date; What I need now is the name of his wife. My heart doesn’t yearn for a ring

That would put a real diamond to shame. What I want is a much cheaper thing; Please give me Mary’s last name. To see my heart singing with joy, Don’t bring me a read leather suitcase, Bring me a genealogist’s toy; a surname with dates and a place. (author unknown) (seen in Illinois State Gen Soc newsletter 1984)
State Board Announces Historical Records Preservation Grant Program

It is vitally important to genealogists that historical documents be preserved and made accessible. That is why the Illinois State Archives is encouraging Illinois genealogists to contact their local archives, museums, governmental agencies and other keepers of primary historical documents and let them know about a new grant opportunity.

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB), using funding from National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), is offering grants of up to $5,000 to Illinois historical records keepers to develop and/or carry out projects to identify, preserve, access and use historical records in Illinois. Information about this grant program is listed below.

Grant Amounts and Requirements

- Minimum grant request: $500
- Maximum grant request: $5,000
- All grants require a one-to-one ($1 for $1) in-kind and/or cash match

Application Period: January 1, - March 15, 2010

All grant projects will run for one year.

Guidelines and Application Form: The grant guidelines which includes the application form is available on-line at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/ishrab/ishrab.html or you may request the guidelines be mailed to you. The application must be printed, filled out, and mailed. It cannot be submitted on-line.

The Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board is made up of representatives from different archives, museums, universities and libraries from around the state and seeks to facilitate cooperation among historical records depositories and other information agencies within Illinois. The Illinois State Archives serves as the coordinator of the ISHRAB.

For additional information or to request the grant guidelines and application form, contact David Joens at 217-782-3492 or email djoens@ilsos.net.
**A Guide to Illinois Area Genealogical Societies and Illinois Researchers**

ISGS is proud to announce *A Guide to Illinois Area Genealogical Societies and Illinois Researchers*, an ISGS 2007 publication, is in the process of being revised. The revision will be completed and the updated information will be available prior to Spring 2010. This is a very popular Guide and periodic revisions are necessary as researchers update their information and new researchers and research areas are added. The goal of ISGS is to have every society, library, and courthouse in the State of Illinois, as well as those individuals interested in researching special geographical regions of Illinois, listed in the revised Guide.

Local societies and individuals (ISGS members and non-members) have the opportunity to let everyone know they have materials available for research and they will also research Illinois genealogy and history for others. Complete the **ISGS RESEARCHER LISTING** form and your information will be entered in this Guide. There is NO CHARGE to be included in this newly revised Guide. A form is included in this Newsletter and it may be reproduced if you have members of your society who would like to be included in this Guide or if there are society non-member individuals who do genealogical research in your area of Illinois.

You may also visit the ISGS Website [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs) or contact the ISGS Office, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, Illinois 62791-0195 for the proper form to be completed for participation in the 2010 revised edition. All researchers (ISGS members and non-members) are invited to submit the completed **ISGS RESEARCHER LISTING** form. Members of ISGS and ISGS Local Society Affiliates are given special recognition and are highlighted in the Guide.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is ready to serve you as members of the genealogical and historical community. If you are not an ISGS member or an ISGS Society Affiliate, we hope you will consider becoming a member. A membership form can be found on the ISGS Website for your convenience. ISGS Society Affiliates are allowed 2 Representatives who qualify for all ISGS membership discounts.

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**Coming Soon!**

Mark your calendars! Save the date! Come play in Peoria…..

The Peoria County Genealogical Society will host the 2010 ISGS Fall Conference to be held in Peoria Illinois on October 23, 2010. It will be housed in the historic Pere Marquette Hotel in downtown Peoria.

The hotel itself is steeped in history right down to the lobby’s carved wooden canoe depicting the travels of Pere (Father) Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet who first traveled the Illinois River and explored the shores of Peoria in 1673. The hotel opened in 1927 and has housed five sitting Presidents, First Ladies and countless statesmen. The major theaters surrounding the area of the hotel were the stages for vaudeville acts, a chance to see if the entertainment would “play in Peoria.”

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**Illinois State Genealogical Society Announces**

**2010 Spring Archives Workshops**

*April 10, 2010*

**Featuring**

- Archives Informational Tours
- Land Records Workshop by Karl Moore
- Military Records Workshop by Tina Beaird
- Death Certificate Research Assistance

For more information see [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilsgs/)
RESEARCHER LISTING FORM

Completion of this form is required to be listed in the next edition of "A GUIDE TO ILLINOIS AREA GENEALOGICAL SEARCHERS". List information as it is to appear in the revised edition. This Guide is scheduled for periodic revision. Forms must be submitted before December 1st of each year to be included in the updated Guide.

Date: __________________________ Member of ISGS: ________ Yes ________ No

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________ State ______________ Zip: ________________

Telephone: (     ) ______-______ Fax: (     ) ______-______ Email: _______________________

Personal Web Site Address:__________________________________________________________

Fee (list or state to be contacted for details): _____________________________________________

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Minimum & Maximum period of time in which client can expect a response: _____________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

Illinois Counties in which you will do research: ____________________________________________

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Other specialized areas of Illinois genealogical research: ________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________

Signature of submitter authorizing ISGS distribution of the above information: ____________________________________________________________

(Note: the information contained in this form will not be distributed without the signature of the submitter)

A Project of the Illinois State Genealogical Society to further promote genealogical research in Illinois

Please return this completed form to the ISGS Office, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195.
LaSalle County Guild Genealogical Society

LaSalle Co. Guild is celebrating its 30 year anniversary this fall. They are the newest Affiliate members of ISGS.

From left to right: Jean Smith, Stan Gaul, Sandi McConnell, Dorothy Clemens, Jenan Jobst, and Barb McKay

Acknowledging our generous contributors to ISGS and ISGS Projects! Thank you!

New ISGS Members

Evagene Miller—Aurora, IL
Linda Robertson—Barrington, IL
Bruce Timms—Carol Stream, IL
Carol Hansen—Downers Grove, IL
Janis Minor Forte—Chicago, IL
Brian & Kathie Struzik—Oak Creek, WI
Wendy Malinowski—Lombard, IL
Rhea E. Hunter—Oswego, IL
Thomas Kester—Tallahassee, FL
Barbara Christian—Washington Grove, MD
Lori Ingersoll—Peoria, IL
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Oriene Springstroh—Aurora, IL

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Thomas Kester—Tallahassee, FL
**Genealogy**

**November 2009**

[21st]
The British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois
*Irish Emigration and the Irish Emigration Library* presented by Mary Kay Kuhfittig and Patricia Keeney Geyh.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiilbig/

**December 2009**

[3rd]
Bureau County Genealogical Society
Jean Cavada will be talking about the furniture making business operated by her father, B.P. McClellan, in Tiskilwa. 629 Main St., Princeton, IL at 7 pm.
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilbcgs/index.htm#

[7th]
Czech & Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois
*Annual Christmas Dinner*, Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, Westmont, IL
info: www.csagsi.org or czechmail@ameritech.net

[9th]
Bartlett Public Library

**Calendar**

[20th]
St. Louis Public Library
*Illinois 247: the Best Internet Sources for Researching Illinois Ancestors.*
Haynor Public Library, Alton, IL. 314-539-0381 or email tpearson@slpl.org.

**April 2010**

[28th-May 1st]
National Genealogical Society
*2010 NGS Family History Conference* will be held in Salt Lake City, UT.
www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

**August 2010**

[18th-21st]
Federation of Genealogical Societies
*Rediscovering America’s First Frontier* will be held in Knoxville, TN.

**Posting Genealogy Events**
Please send notices of events well in advance to ISGS Newsletter Editor: <isgsnewsletter@yahoo.com>. Include date(s), location, contact person, and the address or website to be used for additional information.

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**MEET THE BOARD MEMBER-Ann Wells**
By Lois Hanley, Publicity Chair

Ann Wells is a Director on the ISGS Board of Directors, our 2009 Conference Chairperson, and is our Society Genealogist. It seems like she has been a member of ISGS for a really long time. As a professional genealogist (yes, Ann will conduct research for a fee) who has her own business, it just seemed like a “natural” for her to join ISGS. Ann is also a member of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, The Society of Genealogists (London), McHenry County, IL Genealogical Society, California Genealogical Society, the Crystal Lake, IL Historical Society, and the McHenry County, IL Historical Society.

Her hobbies include traveling, gardening, reading and crocheting. She is married and has two children, three grandchildren, and a very sweet collie. Unfortunately, she doesn’t have much time left over to work on her own personal research, but has traced her ancestry back to Scottish kings.

Like most of us, her brick wall is that there aren’t enough hours in the day to do her own research. When I asked her what concerns her the most about the future of genealogy research, she answered, “government agencies that are determined to close records because they’re afraid of what might happen, without doing any research to substantiate their fears”.

Note from me: (To that point, please write to your congressman and representative, asking them to keep documents open to the public. Be sure to sign the letter, clearly state your name and the county in which you live. Unfortunately, unless a letter can be verified that it came from a constituent, it may not get the attention it deserves.)
ISGS Executive Committee  Elected Officers  2010

President: Carole A. McCarty
1st Vice-President: Janice Fritsch
2nd Vice-President: Michele Claypool
Treasurer: Shirley Aleguas
Recording Secretary: Julie Tarr

2010 Directors: Vicki Anders
                Ann Wells
                Annabelle Bradshaw

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                Jean Jung
                Karl R. Moore

2012 Directors: Susie Pope
                Jayne Cates
                Joan Kitchen Murray

Advertising Opportunity

We would like to include any announcements your society has about upcoming conferences, seminars, and meeting information. Submit this information to the ISGS office either by email (isgs.secy@sbcglobal.net) or to the ISGS address listed below.

Also if your society is having a conference and there is an opportunity for ISGS to exhibit at the conference, please send the application for participation to Shirley Aleguas or the ISGS Office.

Address Changes

If you have a change of either a mailing address or an email address or both it is important to let the ISGS office know. We cannot be responsible for resending out issues that were not able to be forwarded to a new address.

Memberships run from January 1 through December 31.

Dues:
Individual Member: New & Renewal $30.00
Joint Member or Canadian: New & Renewal $35.00
International: (outside U.S. & Canada) $55.00
Charter Member: (joined prior to June 1, 1969) $29.00
Contributing Member: $55.00
Illinois Local Affiliates: New & Renewal $30.00

Please include a long SASE with correspondence requiring a reply.