The Building Continues…

Our 2017 Fall Conference is fast approaching and that means it is time for our Elections and Honors and Awards. I wanted to take a moment to compile this Special Edition Newsletter to share these important events with you, our members.

The Nomination Committee has built and submitted their slate of Officers and Directors for the upcoming election. A huge Thank You to the Committee on a job well done!

The Honors and Awards Chair, Darlene Hinkle, complied and the Governing Board voted to recognize 31 individuals and 4 Societies for the service, dedication, and commitment to the preservation of Illinois Genealogy and History. Thank you and Congratulations to all!

Additionally, I am pleased to announce ISGS will be inducting Margorie Vance Rice posthumously into the prestigious Volkel Hall of Fame.

If you haven’t registered for the 2017 Fall Conference, “Build Your Family Tree: DNA, Research, & Writing,” October 27th and 28th in Moline, there is still time! We have been able to extend the cutoff date to guarantee meal selection until October 18th. Register today!

Looking forward to seeing you in Moline!

Dawn Carey Henry
President
ISGS Honors & Awards 2017

ISGS President Dawn Carey Henry will present the Honors & Awards during the Society’s Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 28, at the TaxSlayer Center in Moline, Illinois.

**Community Service Awards**

**Dr. Greg Langan of Dixon, IL,** nominated by the Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society, will receive a Community Service Awards for his service to LCHGS and helping to keep history alive.

**Donald Schmidt and Floyd Ham both of Toulon, IL,** nominated by Stark County Genealogical Society, will receive a Community Service Award for their work to record and preserve the genealogy and history of Henry, Stark, Bureau counties.

**Casey Historical Society,** nominated by Linda White, will receive a Community Service Award for the restoration of 149 of the 250 headstones in the Pioneer Section of the Casey-Cumberland Cemetery and continues support of the project.

**Members of the Chicago Genealogical Society and the Scottish Genealogy Group of the IL St. Andrews Society,** nominated by Marsha Peterson-Maass will receive a Community Service Award for their work on the “Purple Hearts Reunited WW I Anniversary Tribute” project. Purple Hearts Reunited is a charitable foundation that rescues and reunites lost Purple Heart medals and Wound Certificates with the veteran and or their family. The group of volunteer researchers have worked on 46 of the 100 World War I veteran’s cases that were submitted to the Purple Hearts Reunited Foundation.

Individuals receiving the honor are: Caron Primas Brennan, Cindy Cady, Stephanie Pierce Carbonetti, Kathleen Craine, Janet Desaulniers, Ann Tice, Larry Klauser, Devin Payne, Marsha Peterson Maass, Matthew Rutherford, Laura Scalzitti, Theresa Toms, Jill Weiss, Jean Zack, Felicia Ziomek, Carol Zsolnay
Members of the Czech and Slovak American Genealogical Society of Illinois, nominated by Riverside Public Library, will receive a Community Service Award for the vast number hours they donate, for their commitment to researchers, the preservation of Illinois history and to library patrons they so willingly assist. Individual members receiving the honor are Marianne Miklas, Mary Kamin, Victor Kos, Paul Nemecek, Dolores Benes Duy, and Beverly Scheer.

**Special Recognition Awards**

**Joseph Ginger**, nominated by Stephenson County Genealogical Society, will receive a Special Recognition Award for his service and leadership to SCGS over the last 18 years.

**Clyda Ogle of Gilberts, IL**, nominated by Illinois State Genealogical Society, will receive a Special Recognition Award for her efforts and leadership of ISGS Physicians Register and Licensing indexing project in conjunction with the State Archives.

**Duane Paulsen of Grand Detour, IL**, nominated by the Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society, will receive a Special Recognition Award for his dedication and service to the LCHGS.

**Susan Scoville Pope of Normal, IL**, nominated by Illinois State Genealogical Society, will receive a Special Recognition Award for her dedication, service, and leadership as part of the ISGS Governing Board over the past 12 years.

**Marcia Stang of Bradley, IL**, nominated by Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society, will receive a Special Recognition Award for her service on the KVGS board and society projects.

**Individual Writer’s Award**

**Kenneth Ross Alexander of Evanston, IL**, nominated by ISGS Quarterly Advisory Committee, will receive the Individual Writer’s Award for his article “The Ross Brothers of Fulton County and Their Roles in Illinois and American History” which was published in Summer 2017, Volume 49, Number 2, p. 88-94 of the Quarterly.

**Volkel Hall of Fame**

**Marjorie Vance Rice will be inducted into the Volkel Hall of Fame.**

Lowell M. Volkel was instrumental in establishing and promoting an interest in genealogy in the State of Illinois. He was a founder of the Illinois State Genealogical Society (founded 26 Oct 1968) and its first President, 1968-1970; he served again as President, 1984-1985. In honor of his accomplishments in the field of genealogy and records preservation, the ISGS established the Volkel Memorial Awards. The Volkel Medal of Honor is awarded in even-numbered years to a living person who has made significant contributions in the field of Illinois genealogy. The Volkel Hall of Fame is given in odd-numbered years to honor a deceased person who has made significant contributions in the field of Illinois genealogy.

Marjorie Vance Rice “Marge,” whose orphaned ancestral photos were featured in the ISGS Quarterly column, Faces from the Past, spent 17 years reuniting pictures with families of ancestors they never expected to see through photos. For her outstanding contributions to genealogists and family historians not only in Illinois, but throughout the country, the Illinois State Genealogical Society is honoring her through the “Marge Rice Memorial Family History Writing Award” and is awarding posthumously the prestigious Volkel Hall of Fame award to Marjorie Vance Rice.
President: Laura Kovarik, Naperville

Laura Kovarik has been involved in genealogy for more than 20 years. Laura is the current Recording Secretary for Illinois State Genealogical Society as well as the Education Committee Chair. She was also the Local Host Chair for the 2016 FGS Conference which was held in Springfield in 2016.

Laura has been a member of Fox Valley Genealogical Society, based in Naperville, IL, for about 18 years. During her tenure with FVGS, she has held multiple Board positions including President, Secretary and Director-at-Large. In addition Laura has been a member of the Society’s conference committee since 1999. She has co-chaired the annual conference twice and has prepared the conference syllabus for the last 15 years.

Laura lives in Naperville with her family. Her undergraduate studies focused on historic preservation; she earned her Master’s in Urban Planning with emphasis on land use and environmental planning. Volunteer work has included board positions with homeowner associations, Home & School and school district level committees. Although recently retired from assisting with math intervention programs for students in grades 6-8 at a junior high school, Laura still tutors. Laura’s ancestors, and so her research, focuses on Norwegian, Scottish, English, and Irish with French-Canadian, Swedish and Bohemian courtesy of her husband’s side.

1st Vice President: David McDonald, DeForest, Wisconsin

David McDonald, D.Min., Certified Genealogist®, is a native of Springfield and was raised in the suburbs of Chicago. He is a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® as well as a former director of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the National Genealogical Society. David has lectured at national, regional, and state conferences on records, churches, migration, genealogical analysis and methodology, and has provided educational content for online genealogical subscription sites (Ancestry) and for NGS’s home study course. He has written for the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, the National Genealogical Society Magazine, and is a former newsletter editor for the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

David has more than 40 years’ experience as a genealogical researcher, 35 years of lecturing experience, and has been credentialed by BCG since 2004. Educationally, Dr. McDonald graduated from Buffalo Grove High School in 1982 and holds an undergraduate degree in history and government from Beloit College (Wisconsin). His master’s was earned at Eden Seminary (Missouri) and he holds a doctorate from Christian Seminary (Indiana). Genealogical education experiences include Gen-Fed (formerly NIGR) at the National Archives in Washington; SLIG (German Research); IGHR (Advanced Methodology & Genealogical Writing). His research interests include colonial New England, the mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Great Plains; British research and Germanic research. He also specializes in churches and their records and has done extensive work on migration pathways across the United States. Beyond genealogy, David works as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ near Madison, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Dr. Jennet Shepherd (an optometrist), have three adult children. He has presented on matters of genealogy throughout the U.S., as well as in the U.K., Germany and Haiti.

2nd Vice President: Barbara McKeen, Springfield

Barbara McKeen was born in Moline, IL and raised in LaGrange and Springfield, along with my older brother. She graduated from Judson University, Elgin, IL with a degree in Human Institutions. After working for the state of Illinois for 34 years, she retired and began to become involved in genealogy. In 2013, Barbara accepted a part-time job in the Volunteer Services Department (VSD) at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM). Recently retired from that job, she continues to serve as a one day a week volunteer in the VSD office and assist with special events for the ALPLM.

Barbara is looking forward to working with the members of ISGS as they volunteer to serve the organization. She is the past secretary of the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) and am currently serving on the Board of Directors of ISGS. She enjoys researching her family tree through all the methods available including interviewing members of her family, webinars, on-line searching, and taking ‘road trips’ to visit towns and cemeteries.
Recording Secretary: Caron Brennan, Villa Park

Caron Primas Brennan has been researching her family history since a 6th grade school project. She loves history, biography, puzzles and a good mystery, which makes her perfectly suited to genealogy research! Caron is a speaker at libraries and genealogical societies, and has started taking on research projects for others. She maintains a web site for her family research (www.familydiehl.com) and blogs as Your Cousin Caron (http://yourcousincaron.blogspot.com/). She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and a Professional Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, as well as belonging to local genealogy groups. She is currently Recording Secretary of the Chicago Genealogical Society and meeting Facilitator of the Chicago Region of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Treasurer: Jackie LaRue Lyell, Marion, Illinois

Jackie started researching her genealogy about 12 years ago. She joined the Illinois State Genealogical Society board in 2015 as a Director and has continued to serve in the that capacity. She also assisted the Society Showcase Chair for the 2016 FGS Conference in Springfield on behalf of ISGS.

Jackie is the President of Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois (GSSI) and has been in that capacity since 2012, with the exception of 2014. She joined the GSSI board in 2007 as a Director and served in that capacity until 2012. She has also served as Membership Chair for GSSI for several years.

Born and raised in Chicago, but for the past 27 years Southern Illinois has been her home. She has worked for the same company for 26 years where she has operated various stores as well as being a district manager for several years. One of Jackie’s favorite things to do is spend time with her nieces and nephews and she enjoys traveling.

2020 Directors

Director 2020: Tina Beaird, Plainfield, Illinois

Tina Beaird (MLIS), owner of Tamarack Genealogy, lectures extensively on topics including genealogical research, military records and archival preservation. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists. Tina stays busy as a Board Director for the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Northern Illinois Historic League, and the Oswego Heritage Association as well as volunteering her time with several local Illinois genealogical societies. Tina has been researching her family’s history for over twenty years and has been lecturing on genealogy topics for over a decade.

Director 2020: Linda Polich, Coal Valley, Illinois

Linda Bergren Polich lives with her husband, Fred, in Coal Valley, Illinois in a cedar log home they built in 1986. She worked at Deere & Company, Moline, for 32 years, retiring in 2001. Linda has been researching her own family history, and also her husband’s family history since 1995. She has created several family history books to share her research with family members. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society as Education Chairperson, teaching several genealogy classes each year with a team of instructors. She also serves as FGS Delegate, and Fundraising Chairperson, and is a Past President of that Society. Linda is a volunteer researcher at the Center for Belgian Culture in Moline, and is also a member of several other genealogical societies, in addition to the National Genealogical Society. She enjoys traveling with her husband, especially to Arizona and Colorado to visit their children and grandchildren.

Director 2020: Susan Thanepohn, Sandwich, Illinois

Susan Thanepohn worked in marketing communications for both corporate and non-profit organizations for many years and now is a full-time freelance writer. She became interested in (obsessed with) genealogy about 10 years ago and has been culling together the pieces of the puzzle and rattling skeletons out of the family closet ever since. When not writing or on a genealogical quest, she serves on her church Cancer Care ministry. Susan lives in Sandwich, Illinois with her husband, Mike. They have three children and five grandchildren.
2017 Fall Conference

October 27 & 28, iWireless Center, Moline, Illinois

With featured speakers:

Karen Stanbary
Karen Stanbary, CG™, holds a Master’s Degree in Clinical Social Work from the University of Chicago. She is a faculty member at GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG. She holds the credential Certified Genealogist® from the Board for Certification of Genealogists® where she serves on the Genetic Genealogy Standards committee.

J. H. “Jay” Fonkert
J. H. Fonkert, CG™, lectures at national and regional conferences and has taught at the Salt Lake Institute for Genealogy. He has published more than 50 research and teaching articles and is co-editor of Minnesota Genealogist.

Conference speakers:
Tony Burroughs, Ginger Frere, Dr. Daniel Hubbard, Marsha Peterson-Maass, & Rachel M. Popma

Register online at www.ilgensoc.org

Conference presented in partnership with the Rock Island County Illinois Genealogical Society, the Local Host Society.

iWireless Center
1201 River Drive
Moline, Illinois 61265

1415 River Drive
Moline, Illinois 61265
(309) 764-1000

Radisson
Radisson rates are $115.00, plus tax for a standard room with two double beds and $130.00, plus tax for a King Suite.
**2017 Fall Conference**
Friday, October 27 from 10 am until noon

**Local Society Forum**

Illinois Society Presidents: Please plan to attend this first annual Local Society Forum taking place BEFORE the start of the ISGS Fall Conference. This free event will provide time to meet and collaborate with other Illinois genealogy society leaders, as well as ISGS Board members. You do not need to be registered for the conference to attend this Forum. You are welcome to bring one other society representative with you. Coffee will be served.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Society Name</th>
<th>Society Location (city &amp; state)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Society President or Designee</th>
<th>Additional Society Representative</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Street</td>
<td>Street</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City, State, Zip</td>
<td>City, State, Zip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phone (______)</td>
<td>Phone (______)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email (required)</td>
<td>Email (required)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Register online at www.ilgensoc.org or mail this form to ISGS, P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL, 62791-0195.

Questions about the Local Society Forum? Email Kim Hanks, ISGS Local Society Liaison, at isgssocieties@ilgensoc.org
Save $$$ on Illinois Death Certificates

Pricing for one certificate is $6.00 for ISGS members and $10.00 for non-members (you can order as many as you would like). Compare that to the $17.00 rate at sites such as Genealogy Online for Cook County.

Currently, only those certificates listed at the Illinois Death Certificates 1916-1950 database at cyberdriveillinois.com can be obtained through the ISGS lookup service.

**Revenues Support ISGS Operations**

In the past few years we have seen a marked decrease in income from the ISGS death certificate lookup service. Proceeds directly support ISGS office operations.

So please remember to take advantage of this service, whether you are a member of ISGS or not!

**Requesting a Death Certificate: The Simple Process**

- **Go to** [Illinois State Archives Death Certificate Index](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59), search for the death certificate(s) you want, and print, or copy down, the information exactly as displayed on your screen.

- **Order Online** - If you would like to order online using a MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or a PayPal account, you can use the shopping cart at [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59). Your information is kept safe and secure by the PayPal payment service.

  Or **Order by Mail** - If you would prefer to mail your request, print out the [ISGS Death Certificate Request Form](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59) and transfer the death certificate information to the form. Mail the form along with your check made payable to the Illinois State Genealogical Society to the address shown on the form. (Note: Credit cards are only available online.)

If you have any questions, visit [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=59) for more information, email isgsoffice@ilgensoc.org or call (217) 789-1968.
ISGS Quarterly

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly is read by over 1000 members and is held in many libraries throughout IL and the U.S. The Quarterly is published four times a year. The editor accepts original, unpublished submissions for inclusion in upcoming issues. If you would like to contribute, please refer to the ISGS website for submission guidelines. All inquiries go to isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org

If you are interested in advertising in the Quarterly or the newsletter, please contact the Advertising Committee at isgsadvertising@ilgensoc.org

2016-17 Governing Board

Officers
President: Dawn Carey Henry, Naperville
1st Vice President: Angela Cathey McGhee, Chicago
2nd Vice President: Susan Scoville Pope, Normal
Recording Secretary: Laura Kovarik, Naperville
Treasurer: Open

Directors
2017 Directors: Karl Moore, Pawnee; David Kent Coy, Decatur; Tony Burroughs, Chicago
2018 Directors: Kristy Gravlin, Plano; Barbara McKean, Springfield; Rick Shields, Ottawa
2019 Directors Jackie LaRue Lyell, Marion; Janice Conkrite, Dixon

Immediate Past President
Jayne Cates, St. Charles

Standing Committee Chairs
Advocacy: Kim Hanks
Conference Co-Chairs: Dawn Carey Henry, Naperville; Rick Shields, Ottawa
Education: Laura Kovarik, Naperville
Society Liaison: Kim Hanks, West Peoria
Marketing & Publicity: Jaymie Middendorf, Chicago
Membership: Mary Westerhold, Edwardsville
Publications Chair: Ann Wells, Crystal Lake
Website Committee Chair: Open

Special Committee Chairs & Other Appointments
Advertising: open
Cemetery Records: John Heider, Monticello
Church Records: Janice Conkrite, Dixon
Family Bible Records: Janice Conkrite, Dixon
Genealogy: Dawn Carey Henry, Naperville
Indexing Coordinator: Open
Illinois Bicentennial: Co-Chair: Dawn Carey Henry and Open
ISGS 50th Anniversary: David Kent Coy, Decatur & Joy Upton, Du Quoin
Military Certificates: Charles Dobias, Collinsville
Newsletter Editor: Susan Gray McQuaid, Warrenville
Prairie Pioneer Certificates: Sandra Parker, Bloomington
Quarterly Editor: Terry Feinberg, Freeport
Webinar: Thomas MacEntee, Chicago
Website Administrator: Thomas MacEntee, Chicago

Office Secretary
Evelyn Edwards

Illinois State Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195