President’s Message — from Janice A. Fritsch

Greetings,

Belonging to ISGS means giving and getting. Giving includes membership dues, volunteering of time and talent, and additional financial contributions that support the projects and longevity of the society. Getting includes the Quarterly, an interactive website, monthly webinars, associate member Spring Roundtables, ISGS awards, fall conferences (Oct. 18 & 19, 2012), and an annual meeting (Oct. 19, 2012, 8:45am Rockford Clock Tower Inn). Everyone has heard “you get out of it what you put into it.” Thanks to everyone who has put into it, aka “given,” so the genealogical community can “get.”

Together, Honoring Illinois Ancestry

Janice A Fritsch
President, Illinois State Genealogical Society

ISGS RECEIVES MAJOR DONATION

The Illinois State Genealogical Society is pleased to announce a major donation to its War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge from the Indiana Genealogical Society in the amount of $1,812.

In addition, recent contributions received during the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2012 Conference in Birmingham, Alabama last month, along with the generous IGS gift, have pushed the total received so far to $8,232.

The ISGS campaign is 70% to completing its goal of $10,000 which will then be quadrupled through an ISGS match and an Ancestry.com match to equal $40,000. These monies will be used in the War of 1812 "Preserve The Pensions" campaign, with the goal of raising $3.7 million to digitize the War of 1812 Pension Application Files held at the National Archives and make them freely accessible online. The digitized pension files will be available for free on Fold3.com - see http://go.fold3.com/1812pensions to view the files that are available so far.

Please visit the ISGS website at http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=268 to learn how you can contribute to this worthwhile project.
ISGS SPRING ROUNDTABLE EVENTS

In an effort to establish greater bonds with Illinois county societies, ISGS initiated Spring Roundtable meetings. These events were planned using the IRAD grids in order to group counties by locale.

This year the WIU grid discussion group was hosted by Knox County Genealogical Society; SIU by Monroe County Genealogical Society; and ISU by the McLean County Genealogical Society. Refreshments were provided by the host societies, with lunch provided by ISGS. Door prizes were awarded and a gift given to each host society.

ISGS presented a program in the morning, followed by societies giving a brief synopsis of their organization. Afternoon discussions allowed an exchange of ideas, concerns and what associates would like to see from ISGS. Those who participated felt they were interesting, informative and a high percentage indicated a desire for future Roundtables.

Associate members in the NIU, NEIU, UIS and EIU grids should receive 2013 Roundtable information soon. Please take the time to read the letters, share with your board members, and think about hosting a discussion in your area.

ISGS and several other genealogical organizations and individuals memorialized our dear friend and board member Kim Kasprzyk when she passed away August 15th, shortly after our newsletter went to press. As Editor of the ISGS Newsletter 2008 to spring 2012, she set a colorful and upbeat tone for readers. She was an active director on our board serving in many capacities and activities including Military Certificates Chair. Kim was kind and had a gentle manner, even temperament, wonderful sense of humor, and a giving spirit. We will always miss her. Kim’s obituary: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?n=kimberly-d-kasprzyk&pid=159011792#fbLoggedOut

ISGS SPRING ROUNDTABLE EVENTS

ISGS believes that an exchange of ideas is vital in keeping all societies vibrant, now and in the future.

The database, consisting of almost 15,000 entries, is available for free and to the public at the ISGS website.

NEW! ILLINOIS CEMETERY LOCATION PROJECT DATABASE

ISGS is proud to announce a new database at its website for genealogy and family history researchers - the Illinois Cemetery Location Project database. The database, consisting of almost 15,000 entries, is available for free and to the public at the ISGS website at http://ilgensoc.org/cstm_cemeteryIndex.php.

Researchers can search by cemetery name or cemetery nickname and filter results by county; all 102 Illinois counties are covered in the database.

Once a record is located, click on the "eye" to view details about that specific cemetery.

Information includes county and township location as well as the address of the cemetery. In addition data related to Illinois veterans, church affiliation, online website and status of the cemetery (active, inactive, etc.) is also included if available. Note: the Illinois Cemetery Location Project database does not include headstone transcriptions.

A special thanks to Becky Higgins, ISGS Cemeteries Chair, for all her hard work in converting the 102 html-coded web pages from the former ISGS website located on RootsWeb. This project required dumping the data into an Excel spreadsheet and then reviewing almost 15,000 lines of data for uniformity and to check formatting before the current database could be created.

The Illinois Cemetery Location Project is one of many projects of the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Visit ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=15 for more information about the Cemetery Records projects at ISGS.
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Visit our conference page for full program information and online registration forms:

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OCTOBER 19TH - NOON TO 6:00 P.M.
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OCTOBER 20TH - 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

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JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, PHD

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**ISGS VOLUNTEERS ALERT!**

As we approach 2013, ISGS’s open positions list has grown due to various life changes we all experience, including a death in our “family,” and the creation of new positions. ISGS fully supports its board members serving in capacities that interest them, which can necessitate moves to new committees, leaving vacancies.

Please consider helping ISGS achieve its mission to preserve and disseminate Illinois historical and genealogical materials, and to educate and aid those researching their ancestry.

**ISGS 2012 Fall Conference Volunteers:** The ISGS Fall Conference will be held October 19th & 20th at the Clock Tower Inn and Conference Center, Rockford, IL. Volunteers will help with monitoring sessions, the Youth Workshop, and other essential tasks. Save these dates, and please let us know if you can lend a hand and be a part of our great conference team! Contact Tammy Spearie, isgsvolunteers2012@gmail.com

**Church Records Committee Chair:** The Church Records project identifies Illinois church repositories by denomination and assembles files containing church history and record access information. Contact Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

**Newsletter Editor:** The Editor of the ISGS Newsletter receives articles and information for publication via email, and produces a newsletter six times a year (bimonthly). Experience with page layout design and writing/editing is desirable. Contact Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

**ISGS Quarterly Design and Technical Editor:** The Design and Technical Editor works with the Quarterly Editor to produce a polished publication. A working knowledge of design and layout principles and the use of Adobe InDesign is desirable. Contact Judy Milde, Editor, isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org

**Membership Promotion Committee Chair:** This committee promotes membership with renewal notices and other communications and maintains the membership list. Contact Janice Fritsch, isgspresident@ilgensoc.org

**Youth Creative Contest Coordinator:** The Education Committee would like to implement an annual youth creative contest in 2013. The contest will have three categories (writing, artwork, and photography) and three age group divisions. The Coordinator will fill in the details, and help to implement it. Contact Julie Tarr, isgseducation@ilgensoc.org

**Writers:** Part of the ISGS mission is to educate its members and the public. The Education Committee needs volunteers interested in sharing their knowledge by writing educational articles and guides. We have a lot of ideas on the table, but we need your help to make them a reality. Contact Julie Tarr, isgseducation@ilgensoc.org

**Website Committee Chair:** *(This is not a webmaster position)* This position monitors the ISGS website for errors, ease of use, etc. and notifies the Webmaster of any needs. Contact Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

**Website Indexing Committee:** Indexing projects are based on member submissions, ISGS holdings or other resources. Volunteers will scan images, and upload images and/or data to be indexed. Let us know if you would like to be involved! Contact Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

**Honors & Awards Committee Chair:** The chair solicites nominations from individuals and societies for each of the ISGS annual awards. The nominations are discussed in committee and finalists are presented with awards in the fall. Contact Susie Pope, isgs2ndvp@ilgensoc.org

**Illinois Society Liaison Chair:** The chair communicates with associate societies, and coordinates the annual Roundtable Events which are hosted by local societies. Contact Janice Fritsch, isgspresident@ilgensoc.org

**Long-Range Planning Committee Chair:** This committee considers plans for the improvement of the Society. They solicit suggestions from the membership, make regular reports to the Board, and present projects for action. Contact Janice Fritsch, isgspresident@ilgensoc.org
October 2012—**Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research** with Leslie Albrecht Huber
Register: [https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/309951654](https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/309951654)

November 2012—**Sidestep Genealogy** with George G. Morgan
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December 2012—**Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan** with J. Mark Lowe, CG
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And don't forget to spread the word by printing out a few copies of our webinar flyer to hand out at your local society meetings. The flyer can be accessed at [http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2012webinarbrochure.pdf](http://ilgensoc.org/upload/menu/2012webinarbrochure.pdf)

*Please direct any questions to the ISGS Education Committee at isgseducation@ilgensoc.org.*

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**ISGS Website Update**

**Have You Used the ISGS Forums Yet?**
The ISGS Forums are a feature of the ISGS website where members can ask questions and hold discussions on a variety of genealogy-related topics. ISGS members can post messages and other ISGS members can respond to messages. Check it out at [http://ilgensoc.org/forum.php](http://ilgensoc.org/forum.php).

**Surname Research Database**
The list of surnames researched by ISGS members keeps growing and is now over 750 names! Add your name by visiting [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=114](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=114)

**Have You Logged In At The ISGS Website?**
If you have not received your ISGS Member Login Instructions, please contact the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org

**Questions? Comments? Suggestions?**
If you have suggestions, questions or comments on the ISGS Website, you can use the Website Suggestion Form at [http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=87](http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=87) or email the ISGS Webmaster at isgswebmaster@ilgensoc.org

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Submit a query to the ISGS Quarterly—members free, nonmembers $5.00 isgsquarterly@ilgensoc.org
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Andrea Dietze—Silverado, CA
Patricia Spears—Buford, GA
Glenn Tadlock—Rantoul, IL
Carol Strick—Rochester, IL
Jan Napier—Westerville, OH
Kurt Etchingham—Oak Park, IL
Linda Schub—Warrenville, IL
Tina Gist—Dawson, IL
Fritz Juengling—Bountiful, UT
Bob & Rose Harkness—Freeport, IL
Kim Hoover—Franklin, TN
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Dennis Schlagheck—Chicago, IL
Vernon B Paddock—McHenry, IL
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