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## MICHELE HEIDERER STEPS DOWN FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION

As of October 8th Steve Baylor became Library Director. My decision to step down was long overdue...it took me awhile to realize that my heart just wasn't into overseeing the library any more. Steve agreed to take this position and Ruth appointed him formally at the October 8th board meeting.

I will continue to catalog genealogy books and other media as they are donated to the library. I will continue to maintain the prepaid genealogy websites, and handle the sale or trade of duplicate books to other genealogy libraries. I am still available to be a substitute librarian. I will continue to assist Sue, Flynn and Ruth as they create the new website and its online card catalog.

At the same meeting, I was appointed (happily) to the position of co-chairing the Ways & Means committee with Shirley Prouty. Two grants have already been written and submitted, and there are two more being written right now.

Steve has a lot of great ideas, including forming a library board, adding co-librarians, and offering training to librarians. Having someone with fresh eyes and a fresh heart running the library is definitely going to benefit each of you (not to mention the library, the SVGS membership, and the public!).

I thank each of you for all your loyal years of support. I see nothing but good things in the future with Steve at the helm.

Best wishes,  
Michele

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## STEVE BAYLOR APPOINTED LIBRARY DIRECTOR

### Creation of a Society Library Board

By Steve Baylor

I am looking forward to serving as our society's new library director. We are blessed to have an outstanding collection of media and can thank Michele for shepherding our holdings and overseeing our move in 2012. I hope I can do as good a job as she has done.

In looking over the job description for the library director in our By Laws I can see there is a great deal of responsibility that comes with the position. The responsibilities are such that I would like to create a library board to assist with the day to day operations. Maintaining and manning our library has always been a group effort but I feel the creation of a library board would institutionalize our operation and provide for group consensus when decisions must be made. I don't think anyone needs an extra meeting but it would be ideal if those who chose to serve on the library board could meet at least once every quarter.

Each person who chooses to serve on the board would oversee specific responsibilities to make sure things run smoothly. After looking over the list of responsibilities I have divided them among the library director and six chairs as follows...

- **Library Director** - Recruits and trains librarians, schedules librarians, maintains the librarian's manual, chairs the library board, reports activities of the library board to the society board.
- **Operations Chair** - Maintains internet website accounts and passwords, processes acquisitions, maintains catalog holdings.
- **AV Media Chair** - Oversees the society webpage, maintains media equipment including computers, printers, projectors, and screens.
- **Genealogist (Research Chair)** - Researches and answers queries, keeps a record of queries answered, directs needed research to someone of expertise in that field.
- **Disbursements & Exchanges Chair** - Disburses surplus media through sales or donation, seeks media exchanges with other genealogical or heritage organizations.
- **Maintenance Chair** - Maintains an inventory of consumables and cleaning supplies, keeps library facility neat and clean, works with Arlington School District when the property needs repair or maintenance, keeps grounds neat and clean with the lawn mowed.
- **FamilySearch Chair** - Monitors film rentals from familysearch.org. Mails film back to Salt Lake City.

I don't know that we need to limit the size of the library board. Anyone who would like to serve should have the opportunity and we could certainly name co-chairs. If you are interested in serving on the library board, please let me know. I'd like to get things running in 2014.



## CALL FOR ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS

By Steve Baylor, Library Director

We are blessed with a library with an outstanding collection but many of us are unaware of what we have in our holdings. I have heard from many who are constantly "discovering" a great resource in our collection and I admit I am one of them. I want to offer a unique opportunity for all to have the chance to explore our collection while serving our society needs. Here's the situation. I would like to see a minimum of two people on staff any time our library is open. Right now the Yakima Valley and Sno-Isle Genealogical Society libraries as well as every Family History Center has at least two people in attendance during operational hours. This makes sense for the safety of our librarians and the security of our collection.

I am proposing that beginning with January of 2014 we have a librarian and at least one assistant librarian on duty any time we are open. A librarian would continue to offer research assistance for our patrons either online or from our collection. An assistant librarian would perform the little tasks like lights, heat, signs, and hot water. In addition an assistant could begin to explore our collection and online research options while a knowledgeable librarian is on duty. Besides providing security in numbers, this plan would allow someone to ease into a librarian position after they become more familiar with our resources.

I will have a sign-up sheet ready at our holiday potluck for those interested in serving as an assistant librarian. I hope many of you will take advantage of this great opportunity while doing our society a big favor. We both win.

In the mean time we need someone to serve as librarian every third Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you are interested please let me know.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Ruth Caesar – President  
Helen Eliason – Vice President & Publications  
Kay Crabtree – Education  
Lyn Ferrucci – Secretary  
Pat Manning – Treasurer  
Sue Walde – Publications

Steve Baylor – Library Director  
Shirley Case - Publicity  
Michele Heiderer – Ways and Means  
Shirley Prouty – Ways and Means  
Joanne Wetmore – Membership  
Leilani Lucrisia – Membership & Newsletter Editor



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE - RUG RATS LEND A HAND

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Rug Rats (our genealogy discussion group), along with a few other hard workers rolled up their sleeves and helped out in the library by performing an audit of the library shelves. Book titles, shelf location, book numbering, etc., were compared to our computer documentation. This enabled us to correct any inconsistencies. This was such a great effort to correctly itemize our library contents. It will take a few more sessions to complete the audit.

For those of you who don't know, the Rug Rats meet on Thursdays at the SVGS library from 10:00 to Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. The goal of the group is to discuss genealogy and to help one another in their genealogy research. The odd name, Rug Rats, was a nickname given to the group by a former member, Edna Robins, who let the group meet in her basement. Although Edna has passed, the term of endearment lives on.



## CASCADE VALLEY HOSPITAL & CLINIC Health and Safety Fair Booth

We'd like to thank Steve Baylor, Shirley Case, Michele Cozad, Ruth Caesar and Dee Saunders who helped out at our booth at the Health and Safety Fair on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The fair was well attended and it was great for our community to see that our genealogical society is located right in Arlington.

This time, the booth staff did something unique. They brought a computer with them and used Ancestry.com to show individuals how to explore their family roots. You rock! What a great idea.



## EasyNetSites

Six months ago we announced that we secured the services of EasyNetSites in an effort to bring our genealogical society into the computer age. Since that time we have appointed a webmaster, Flynn Clark as our primary "go to" person for our website.

This website will give a select handful of members the authority to update the website information. These members have been attending training classes which have been taking place on four Saturdays for a period of at least 3 hours each.

We will be able to add, edit, or delete anything at will; insert photos and links; upload forms and documents; manage our membership online; email all of our members with one click. It even has special features specifically developed for genealogy societies. When our website is complete all members will have access to retrieve information.



## Lyn Ferrucci's Famous Almond Joy Cookie Recipe

At our last general meeting on October 8th, Lyn wow'd everyone with her delicious Almond Joy Cookies. They were so yummy that generous samplers placed over \$40 in our donation can! Lyn promised to provide us all with the recipe so here it is. Happy baking!



### Almond Joy Cookies

Pre-heat oven to 375F, bake for 8-10 minutes

- 1 cup butter
- 1 ½ cups white sugar (turbo)
- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ cups flour (King Arthur Unbleached)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 5 cups chocolate chips (milk chocolate)
- 2 cups sweetened coconut (unsweetened)
- 2 cups chopped almonds
- Lyn used ingredients in ( )



Cream together butter and sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda and salt. Add chocolate chips, coconut and almonds. Place cookie dough in drops on cookie sheet.

## Christmas Social - You're Invited

Family and Significant others are invited, too

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at Noon

Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive

*Bring a salad, entrée or dessert to share*





## NEW BOOKS

*Note: All books were donated by Yakima Valley Genealogical Society unless otherwise stated.*

### **New books added to the General Reference Collection:**

- 140/6 Land Ownership Maps-A Checklist, Richard W. Stephenson, 1967
- 250/17 Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes, Carl Waldman, 1999; donated by Mylene Henken
- 350/30 The Irish in America, Michael Coffee & Terry Golway, 1997, donated by Mylene Henken
- 450/11 American Place Names a Long Time Ago, Gilbert S. Bahn, 1898, 1998 reprint
- 500/30 Your Guide to the Family History Library, Paula S. Warren & James W. Warren, 2001; donated by Mylene Henken
- 600/52.1 Register of Federal United States Military Records 1775-1860
- 600/52.2 The Civil War 1860-65
- 600/52.3 1866 to World War II & Records of Various Branches of the Military  
(All compiled by Marilyn Deputy, et al; 1986)
- 600/53 A User's Guide to the Official Records of the American Civil War, Alan C. & Barbara A. Aimone, 1993



### **Mayflower Families:**

- 650/15.2 James Chilton, Richard More & Thomas Rogers, 1978
- 650/15.3 George Soule, 1980

### **Foreign Countries:**

- NOR/10 Genealogical Guidebook & Atlas of Norway, Frank Smith & Finn A. Thomsen, 1979
- HOL/5 Dutch Genealogical Research, Charles M. Franklin, no date
- ICE/1 Iceland Miscellaneous Notebook
- GRE/1 Greece Miscellaneous Notebook

### **Other U. S. States:**

- IL/44 Finding Your Chicago Ancestor, Margaret O'Hara, 1982
- MA/33 Annual Report of the Town of Acton, December 31, 1932; (no author); 1933; found in a second hand store in Everett and donated by Kellen Shoe (Michele Heiderer's grandson)
- MT/35 Doc-Then and Now With a Montana Physician, (time period 1942-1992), R. E. Losee, M.D., 1994, donated by Marietta Roth (Her sister worked for this doctor)
- OR/57 Conversations With Bullwhackers & Muleskinners, Fred Lockley (1845-1850), 1981; donated by Marietta Roth
- OR/58.1 Oregon Donation Land Claims, by Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon; printed 1957

**Time Period For all Volumes: 1844 to 1880**

OR/58.2, same title as #1, printed 1959

OR/58.3, same title as #1, printed 1962

OR/58.4, same title as #1, printed 1967

OR/58.5, same title as #1, printed 1975

TN/19 The Tennessee, Volume 1, The Old River; Frontier to Secession, Donald Davidson (time period 1760-1861), 1946

**Washington State Books:**

WA/72 Early Washington Atlas 1850-1905, Ralph N. Preston, 1981; on over-sized bookshelf

WA/73 Newspapers on Microfilm at the State Library, Kathryn S. Hamilton, 1980

WA/74 Evolution of Washington Counties 1843-1978, Newton C. Abbott & Fred E. Carver, 1978

WA/75 Historical Records of Washington State – Kittitas, Klickitat and Yakima Counties, WA State Historical Records & Archives Project, 1980

WA/76 A. S. Kerry, Sr., Northwest Lumberman, 1866-1939, Eric Erickson, 2006; purchased from author by SVGS

**Stilly Valley Books:**

Stilly Valley Pioneers/21 A Family History-Erik Johan Andersson Strid 1716-2013), Judy Strid Taylor, 2013, donated by author

Stilly Valley Pioneers/22 Collection of Over-sized Documents and Photographs from Early Stilly Valley Pioneer Families, contents in box on oversized book shelf in WA room; items include:

1) Arlington Beginnings, calendar printed by SVGS in 1989

2) John Grant family & land documents, McLeod family land grants and railroad maps; Marsh family documents; all donated by Robert Mulligan

3) Collection of various early families documents and land records (donated by Doug Dreier, (many families and docs; not yet inventoried)

4) Bryant Store photos, donated by Deborah Tungate McCormack

Arlington Historical Collection/28 History of Stained Glass Windows in the Arlington United Church, Angela Ripley, 2013, donated by author

Arlington Historical Collection/29 Frontier Days Supplement to the Arlington Times, various dates; in box on oversized bookshelf

Stilly Valley Schools/4 Stillaguamish Trail, 1947, 1948 (two copies of 1948), donated by Bob McGladrey

Jim Creek Historical Collection/2 The Sessoms Lowering Car-Ebey Logging Camp at Jim Creek, by the Pacific Car & Foundry Company, early 1900s; purchased from Erik Erickson by SVGS

**Snohomish County Books:**

- WA/Snoh/38.1 North Snohomish County 4H, 1959-1989; photos and history compiled by Marietta Roth  
38.2, same title, 1960-1970; compiled by Marietta Roth  
38.3, same title, 1969-1984; compiled by Marietta Roth  
38.4, same title, 1985; photos & history compiled by Shirley Prouty  
38.5, same title, 1988, photos & history compiled by Shirley Prouty

**Other Washington Counties:**

- WA/GRAY/3.1966 Aberdeen and Hoquiam City Directory, Polk; 1966, donated by Erik Erickson  
WA/KING/33.1943-44 Seattle City Directory, Polk, 1943, donated by Eric Erickson

**These 3 items are in a box on the over-sized bookshelf:**

- WA/KING/36 Seattle Saturday Night, 1916, newspaper (donor unknown)  
WA/KING/37 Washington Democrat, 1915, newspaper (donor unknown)  
WA/KING/38 Western Woman's Outlook, 1912, magazine (donor unknown)

WA/KING/39 Leo Fix – From Russian Immigrant to Seattle Businessman, 1902-1988, a lifetime of documents donated by the Fix descendants in Arlington

WA/KLIC/6 Marriage Records 1867-1917, Homer Townsend & Patricia Scarola, 1997

WA/KLIC/7 Early Klickitat Valley Days, Robert Ballou, 1938, 1850-1937

WA/PEND/3.1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 "The Big Smoke", periodical; donated by Lynne Bridges

WA/PIER/21.1973 Tacoma Suburban Directory, Polk, 1973, donated by Erik Erickson

WA/SKAG/40 Hamilton Cemetery 1891-2010, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, 2012, purchased by SVGS

WA/SKAG/41 Lyman Cemetery 1908-July 2010, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, 2013, purchased by SVGS

WA/WHAT/16.1964 Bellingham City Directory, Polk, 1964, donated by Eric Erickson

WH/WHAT/16.1980 Bellingham City Directory, 1980; donated by Erik Erickson

WA/YAKI/21.1941; 1959; 1972; 1980 Yakima City Directory, Polk, 1941, donated by Eric Erickson

WA/YAKI/32 Newspaper Extractions, Volume V, 1884-1907; Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, 1979

WA/YAKI/33 Beyond the Bend-A History of the Nile Valley, 1805-1960, Gretta Petersen Gossett, 1979

WA/YAKI/34 Schools of Yakima County – Fact & Fiction, 1860-1930, Jean E. Wade, 2008

WA/YAKI/4.1 Marriage Records 1905-1907, Volume III; Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, 1975 includes marriages for Benton County

WA/YAKI/4.2 same as above, Volume IIIA, printed 1983

WA/YAKI/4.3 same as above, Volume IIIB, printed 1986

WA/YAKI/4.4 same as above, Volume IIIC, printed 1988



## **ROOTSTECH 2014 EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

If you are one of many who are interested in attending RootsTech next year, read on.

We just received an announcement stating that the conference will be held on February 6-8, 2014 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

If you go to [RootsTech.org](http://RootsTech.org), you can register now and until 1/6/2014 for a discounted price of \$159 for the Full Access 4 day conference pass. You'll have to pay \$189 if you register between 1/7/2014, and \$239 if you wait to register anywhere between 1/21/2014 and 2/8/2014.

The Full Access pass gets you the following: A three-day pass to the RootsTech conference; Access to the Expo Hall, Access to Getting Started classes, Access to Developer Day; an opportunity to sign up for prize drawings, a conference bag and participation in collaborative sessions.

### **“Improved Genealogy Through Better Methodology”**

**Washington State Genealogical Society**

**2014 Conference and Annual Meeting  
15-16 August 2014 Snohomish County, WA**

## **WASHINGTON STATE 2014 CONFERENCE UPDATE**

We made a lot of progress since our last newsletter. We announced that SVGS is working with the Washington State Genealogical and the Skagit Valley Genealogical Societies to plan and host an extraordinary WSGS conference in August 2014.

The committee has elected to hold the conference at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center in Arlington. The facility is very nice and provides us with the opportunity to expand depending on how many participants sign up. We will be able to use the theatre that accommodates 600+ people, ample class room space for concurrent presentations, and great spaces for vendors. What a great opportunity to show off this impressive facility in Arlington.

In addition to all the hard work it will take to plan and execute a successful conference, we will need funds to pay for the expenditures. Obviously, some of those funds will come from the participants and from vendors who will be charged a fee for their vendor table space. Michele Heiderer have been busy with the difficult task of completing applications for grants.

We are happy to report that their efforts have been successful. We just heard that the Tourism Assistance Program (LTAC/Motel) Board has approved funding for the amount of \$6560. Way to go Michele!



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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| November 12, 2013<br>Tuesday<br>1:00 – 3:00 | <b><i>General meeting and presentation:</i></b><br><b>Tracing Your Family Roots with Sno-Isle Libraries, Rob Branigan.</b><br><b>Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive</b><br>Rob Branigan is a reference librarian at the Sno-Isle Stanwood branch. He will discuss resources available to the family historian through the Sno-Isle Library System. He will also outline the power of inter-library loan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| December 10, 2013<br>Tuesday<br>12:00       | <b><i>Christmas Social</i></b><br><b>Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive</b><br>Bring a dish to share Family and significant others are invited, too.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| January 14, 2014, Tuesday<br>1:00 – 3:00    | <b><i>General meeting and presentation</i></b><br><b>Records of the Veterans Administration Records Part II, Marlene Agnes</b><br><b>Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive</b><br>Marlene Agnes will continue to discuss the types of records created by the Veterans Administration which are of interest by the family historian. Marlene retired from the Seattle office of the VA after many years of service. She and her husband provided the driving force for creation of the Tahoma National Cemetery in Auburn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| February 11, 2014<br>Tuesday<br>1:00 – 3:00 | <b><i>General meeting and presentation:</i></b><br><b>DNA Tests: Exploring Your Options, Leilani Lucrisia</b><br><b>Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive</b><br>Leilani will give you an overview of DNA tests available and show you examples of the results of these different DNA tests. You'll also learn how these DNA tests can help you research your family genealogy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| March 11, 2014<br>Tuesday<br>1:00 – 3:00    | <b><i>General meeting and presentation</i></b><br><b>Newly Discovered Records of the Poor: Rich records of the indigent and the down-trodden, Eric Stroschein</b><br><b>Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive</b><br>"Mother's pensions", a widely used federal program, was the beginning of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. These files can be genealogically richer than any military pension. This lecture explores a newly discovered record set referred to as "Mother's Pensions". This monetary aid was given to families beginning in 1908 and ending in 1934 when the program was taken over by the Social Security Administration. 46 of the then 48 states adopted forms of this program. Many of these records reside in city, county, and state archives. Some of the most progressive states like Illinois, Colorado, and Washington have case files that rival that of military pensions. |