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Special Fair Edition

MEETING TIME / PLACE

- **NO meetings July & August**
- **2nd Monday of the month**
Gateway Technical College
3320-30th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53140
 6:00pm Social
 6:30pm Meeting
 7:00pm Program



... This summer is no exception!

With vacations, concerts, swimming, festivals and all the myriad of activities available to enjoy it's difficult to start thinking about Fall.

However, with the Tri-County Family History Genealogy Fair approximately **47 days** away your involvement is crucial to our success.

Volunteer

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "volunteer" as a person who does work without getting paid to do it.

Many of us don't like to volunteer because we fear that it will require more work than we have time to do or that someone will criticize our efforts.

When that happens, the same people are always having to do the work and what happens then?

The people who have performed become jaded and no longer wish to be part of the group. In essence, they become "burned out".

If everyone steps up and takes a part, however small, no one needs to get "burned out".

Please step up and ask how you can help!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Attached are opportunities for you to be actively involved in your Society. Take a few minutes to find something you would enjoy, fits into your schedule and gives you the satisfaction of making our Fair a success.

Location: Gateway Technical College, Madrigano Auditorium, 3320-30th Avenue, Kenosha

Please email me with your choice of where you would like to serve: president@kengensoc.com

Guest Registration: *if you plan on attending and would like to purchase a lunch, please register at our website: kengensoc.com or select the Button in the email..*

Lunch is available only if you are pre-registered.

Donations Needed (bring to the first meeting in September):

We hope to break even by selling raffle tickets, coffee, water and pop, beginning genealogy packets, and research notebooks.

We could use case donations of

- ♦ Pop, 12-can case — any flavor and anything you can find on sale.
- ♦ 16oz Water Bottles

If 10 members would donate a case we would be saving money from our operating funds and be able to make money for our society in the process. These items could be dropped off at our first membership meeting in September.

Hospitality:

Letters were sent to the following Booster Clubs at:

- Bradford High School
- Harborside Academy
- LakeView Technology Academy
- Christian Life School
- Indian Trail High School & Academy
- Tremper High School

Request:

We would like to offer bake sale items, chips, candy, etc. that are served by your organization with the prices you set and all profits retained by you.

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” — Anne Frank

REGISTRATION VOLUNTEERS and COORDINATOR #2: _____

Volunteer #1				
	GREETER	REGISTRATION Table Welcome Bags Door Prize Tickets 1-on-1 Sign up	RAFFLE TICKET Table	
8:30-9:30			Frank & Marnie Klein	
9:30-10:30				
10:30-11:30				
11:30-12:30				
12:30-1:30				
1:30-2:30				
2:30-3:30				
Volunteer #2				
8:30-9:30			Frank & Marnie Klein	
9:30-10:30				
10:30-11:30				
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2:30-3:30				
3:30	0			

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS and VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: _____

Volunteer #1					
	Coffee Table	Soda/Pop & Water Table	Beverage Cashier	Raffle Prizes	Door Prizes
8:30-9:30			Hans Nuernberg		
9:30-10:30					
10:30-11:30					
11:30-12:30					
12:30-1:30					
1:30-2:30					
2:30-3:30					
Volunteer #2					
8:30-9:30			Hans Nuernberg		
9:30-10:30					
10:30-11:30					
11:30-12:30					
12:30-1:30					
1:30-2:30					
2:30-3:30					
3:30	EVERYONE CLEAN-UP				

Exhibitors/Vendors
as of 7/17/2016

Exhibitors/Vendors
Antique Bookworm (Steve Szabados)
Black Pointe Estate
Burlington Genealogical Society
Creative Memories
Daughters of the American Revolution
Kenosha County Genealogy Society
Kenosha Library
Newberry Library
Racine Library
The Bookman
Union Grove History Seekers
UofW-Parkside Archives
Walworth County Genealogical Society
Wisconsin Veterans Museum

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Tri-County Family History Genealogy Fair

Professional Genealogy Speakers

- Mike Karsen – “My Cousin, The Gangster”
- Dan Hubbard – Civil War: Researching at Appomattox Court House
- Dan Niemiec – Explaining Italian Church and Civil Records
- Judy Rockwell – Life Writing”: Sharing with Our Families
- Steve Szabados – Polish Immigration: When, Where, Why & How

WHEN:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

8:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

WHERE:

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MADRIGRANO AUDITORIUM

3320-30TH Avenue

Kenosha, WI

Vendors
History Centers
Raffle
Door Prizes
Free Admission
Free Parking



Mike Karsen (12:45 – 1:45)

Topic: *My Cousin, the Gangster. a.k.a. Frank Foster was a real Chicago gangster who first worked for the Northside gang under Bugs Moran and moved up to south sides under the infamous, Al Capone. While starting with family lore, the facts need to be verified through outside sources. In this case, the problem was not too little information but too much. How to you sort through the scads of information in newspapers, books, and websites and determine which is the truth and which is "speculation and guesswork".*

Biography: A professional speaker, Mike Karsen is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG), and is Past President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois. He has presented over 300 talks on genealogy topics locally, nationally, and internationally including Newberry Library and Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in Chicago. Mike is the author of the JewishGen website "Guide to Jewish Genealogy in Chicagoland" and has published articles on genealogy.



CIVIL WAR by Daniel Hubbard (10:45 – 11:45)

TOPIC: *Researching at Appomattox Court House: genealogy through the lens of the Civil War. Civil War era records aren't just about soldiers and sailors. Before, during and after the war, a wealth of different types of unusual records were produced that speak of that time and tell the story of a whole generation.*

Biography: Daniel Hubbard is a full-time professional researcher who has been researching almost as long as he can remember. Inspired by family stories and a pair of genealogist aunts, he began to seriously conduct family history research at about eleven years of age. He spent eight years at CERN outside Geneva, Switzerland learning to handle very large research projects while performing research in particle physics (Ph.D. University of Michigan, Post-doc Harvard).

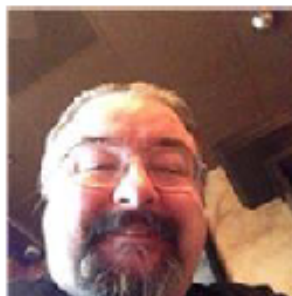
After living in Sweden for eleven years during which he was a software designer, strategic product manager and editor of technical documentation, he returned to the U.S. to fulfill his passion for family history. Daniel now combines his skills in technology, genealogy, complex research, the organizing of large amounts of information, writing, editing and book design to assist clients with their family history projects. He works with a variety of clients on projects including untangling problems in Swedish immigration and ancestry, analysis of 19th century letters and photographs, and extensive research into colonial families.



"Life Writing" by Judy Rockwell (9:00-10:00 & 1:00-2:00)

TOPIC: *Writing our own stories to share with our families, the kind of stories we wish our ancestors had written"*

Biography: Retired reference librarian from Burlington Public Library, Judy Johnson Rockwell will present-Life Writing, the recording of ourselves, memories, and experiences, whether one's own or another's. Please join Judy Rockwell for a class on how to begin preserving the valuable memories and insights of family members and friends.



ITALIAN GENEALOGY RESEARCH (9:30-10:30)

by Daniel E. Niemiec

TOPIC: *Explaining Italian Civil and Church Records*

Biography: Dan Niemiec is the Italian genealogy correspondent of *Fra Noi* since 2004. He has given dozens of presentations to local and national genealogy conferences and societies, with particular emphasis on Chicago and Italian research. His Italian ancestral lines go back to the mid-late-1600s, and his Polish lines go back to the mid-1700s. By tracing descendant lines, he has found over 80,000 relatives, the result of 26 years of original research.



POLISH GENEALOGY RESEARCH (2:00 – 3:00)

by Steve Szabados

TOPIC: *Polish Immigration: When, Where, Why and How? When did your Polish ancestors immigrate, where did they leave, why did they leave, how did they get here: These are questions we all hope to find the answers. This presentation studies the history of Poland and gives some insights to possible answers to the questions about your ancestors' immigration. All three Polish partitions are covered and the material will hopefully clear up your confusion why your Polish ancestors listed that*

BIOGRAPHY: Steve Szabados is a genealogy speaker, author and columnist. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois and a MBA from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

He has been researching his ancestors for about fourteen years and has traced ancestors back to 1600s New England and 1730's in Poland, Germany, Bohemia and Slovenia. He has given numerous presentations to genealogical groups and libraries in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. His goal is to share his passion for Family History.

He is a member for the Polish Genealogical Society of America, the Illinois State Genealogical Society and Northwest Suburban Genealogical Society. He is also a genealogy volunteer at the Arlington Heights Illinois Library. He is the author of six print books – *Basic Genealogy*, *Write Your Family History*, *Finding Grandma's European Ancestors*, *Polish Genealogy*, *Memories of Dziadka*, *Quick Reference to U.S. Census Records* and *Deciphering the 1790-1840 U.S. Census Records*. He has also published five eBooks on genealogy. All are must have books for the beginning genealogist looking for their European heritage. Steve is also the genealogy columnist for the Polish American Journal.

**Tri-County Genealogy Fair
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

7:00-8:30	Finish Set-up Vendors Arrive		
8:30-9:30	Open Doors Registration Visit Exhibitor & Vendor Tables	9:00-10:00	Judy Rockwell "Life Writing" Writing Stories to Share with our Families
9:30-10:30	Dan Niemiec Explaining Italian Church and Civil Records		
10:30-10:45	Door & Raffle Prize Drawing		
10:45-11:45	Dan Hubbard Researching at Appomatox Court House		
11:45-12:45	LUNCH Visit Vendors Door & Raffle Prize Drawing		
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3:00-3:30	Door & Raffle Prize Drawing		
3:30	FAIR ENDS		

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