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Our Genealogy Club Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm, in the Spring Run Auditorium on the Lakes Campus. **Be there at 1:30 for meeting others and enjoying refreshments!**

### Programs for 2024-25

November 19	Beginning our genealogy - Donna Backus
December 17	Help , Share , <b>Holiday Party</b>
January 21	Immigration Records for Genealogy - Sue Mueller APCUG via Zoom on screen
February 18	Brick Walls - Darvin Martin
March 18	Using DNA Test Results to improve your family tree - Donna Backus
April 15	County Courthouses - Clay Kilgore
May 20	Writing your Family History - George Nettleton

### **YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED TO PLAN THE HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**Can you share your genealogy story with us?** It need not be long or by PowerPoint, but what can you tell us about the ancestors you have discovered or brick walls you need help tackling?

**Did you find a living relative you were surprised to uncover?** If not by DNA, how did you discover this person?

**Can you help with refreshments?** We need drinks, ice, and paper products as well as goodies!

A signup sheet will be passed out with this newsletter at the November meeting, and please, **please consider helping us bring holiday inspiration and joy** at the December 17 meeting!

## Meet Your Vice President: Barbara Park

Barbara was born in Connellsville, PA but her childhood was spent in Clarksburg, WV. Her high school years were on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where her family moved when she was 12. At 18, she left for the Annapolis-Baltimore area, then to Joppa, in Harford County, MD where she remained until moving here to Willow Valley 4 years ago.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland University, she majored in sciences as an undergrad and management as a graduate. Her 2 careers were managing a Nuclear Medicine Department at a hospital and then as manager of radioactive materials licensing at the State of Maryland Department of the Environment.

A second marriage of 30 years was cut short by the death of her husband to Alzheimer's disease, but together they raised 6 daughters: one of hers and five of his. With a legacy of 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, holidays are especially boisterous and fun.

Genealogy has been a hobby for 40 years, and research found Barbara 6 Revolutionary War patriots. A shock came, however, when recently it was revealed by DNA that her grandfather had fathered a daughter in 1947, who was unknown to his family. This "new" aunt was easily traced and found to be living close by in MD, and a meeting with her is imminent!

Barbara loves boating and has sailed and powered the Maryland portion of the Chesapeake Bay. Playing music is her hobby, and having left her Maryland Community Band family of 40 years, she now plays French horn with the Lampeter Strasburg Community Band and the Lancaster Senior Orchestra.

At Willow Valley, she enjoys helping arrange Lakes lobby flowers. In her new role with our Genealogy Club, she aims to support members by helping with meeting planning, continuing education, and fellowship.



## RE-Visit Past Presentations!

As a reminder, this club is for YOU, and past presentations in PowerPoint can be seen anew or revisited, by going to your club's website, [genealogyclubwv.com](http://genealogyclubwv.com) and choosing **PRESENTATIONS**.

October 2024 City, Municipal and other directories: Helping to find Grandma's House by Deb Oesch

September 2024 Searching Military Histories by Ross Schwalm

April 2024 Social Media Serendipity by Barbara Park

March 2024 The Frugal Genealogist by Sue Mueller

February 2024 Genealogy...Square One by Bruce Thompson

November 2023 Scanning in Genealogy by Bruce Mawson

April 2023 Preserving Photos by Mary Lou Coyle

March 2023 Passing it on: Sharing by George Nettleton with Handout

February 2023 Passing it on: Organizing by George Nettleton:

January 2023 Family Search WIKI & Catalog Features by Lori White

December 2022 Finding Treasures at your Local Historical Society. by Ginger Shelley