

# DuPage County Genealogical Society's 41st Annual Conference

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# Saturday, March 12, 2016

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## Founders Memorial Award

In 2012, the Board of Directors of the DuPage County Genealogical Society created the Founders Memorial Award, in the name of Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, to honor members who give extraordinary service to the Society. In addition to a framed Certificate of Appreciation, the Award provides a lifetime membership to DCGS.



Dorothy Hansen and Luanne Newman

Today, the Founders Memorial Award goes to

### **Dorothy F. Hansen**

~ for her devoted commitment to the Society over many years in the positions of Conference Committee member and Annual Conference Registrar, Hostess at General Meetings, Chair of the Nominating Committee and her assistance in the many aspects of the Society.

# 2016 Conference Committee and Volunteers



## DuPage County Genealogical Society's 41st Annual Conference

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### DCGS 2016 Annual Conference Evaluation Survey

As we did last year, we will email an evaluation survey for your feedback on your conference experience. The email is sent from SurveyMonkey, a resource that helps us analyze the results to determine what we have done right and where we need improvement. We make changes based on your feedback; your response is greatly appreciated.

**Join the 2017 committee; contact us at conference @dcgs.org.**

## Speakers



**Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A.**, is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Slovak/Eastern European genealogical research, writing your family history, and using the Internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She grew up in Duquesne, Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1987 and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Nonfiction Writing from the University of Pittsburgh in 1997. Lisa is the author of nine books, including the award-winning *Three Slovak Women*, and hundreds of magazine articles. She is a regular contributor to *Nase Rodina*, and has also published in *Ancestry Magazine*, *Discovering Family History Magazine*, *Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Internet Genealogy*, *Reunions Magazine*, *NGS Magazine*, *Western Pennsylvania History Magazine*, and *The Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*. Lisa is a contributing editor for *Family Tree Magazine*, and teaches online courses for *Family Tree University* and *The National Institute for Genealogical Studies*. She is frequently invited speaker for national conferences, genealogical and historical societies, and webinars. An avid genealogist for more than 25 years, Lisa also chronicles her family history adventures on her blog, *The Accidental Genealogist* <http://www.theaccidentalgenealogist.com>. Visit <http://www.lisaalzo.com> for more information.



**Antje Petty** is the Assistant Director of the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an interdisciplinary institute for research and outreach on German immigration to America. Antje shares the resources of the Institute with the community through talks, lectures and workshops. She has done extensive genealogical research on German-speaking immigrant families. Visit <http://mki.wisc.edu/> for more information.



**Judy G. Russell** The Legal Genealogist, is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and

numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the National Genealogical Society Quarterly and National Genealogical Society Magazine, among other publications. On the faculty of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research in Alabama, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and Boston University's Center for Professional Education, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist<sup>SM</sup> and Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup>. Her blog – chosen as one of the American Bar Association's top 100 in 2013 and 2014 – appears at The Legal Genealogist website <http://www.legalgenealogist.com>.



**Katherine R. Willson** of Ann Arbor, MI is a highly acclaimed and professionally trained national public speaker. Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps her audience fully engaged and actively participating in these energetic, entertaining presentations. Her recent successes with using Facebook to break down genealogical brick walls (both personally and in her classroom) inspired her to compile a list of **3,000+ Facebook genealogy links**.



## 2016 Program

7:30	<b>Registration</b> Browsing – Door Prizes – Raffle Tickets(at the DCGS table)	Atrium & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9:00	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b><i>Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors</i></b> Lisa Alzo	260
B	<b><i>Introduction to German Genealogy</i></b> Antje Petty	Auditorium
C	<b><i>ABCs of DNA</i></b> Judy Russell	261
D	<b><i>Locating Living Relatives: Where, Why &amp; How</i></b> Katherine Willson	266
10:00	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
10:30	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b><i>Beginning Slovak Genealogy</i></b> Lisa Alzo	260
B	<b><i>Working with Documents in America and Germany</i></b> Antje Petty	Auditorium
C	<b><i>Beyond X and Y: The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing</i></b> Judy Russell	261
D	<b><i>They Did What?!?! Finding Archived Articles About Your Ancestors</i></b> Katherine Willson	266
11:45	<b>LUNCH BUFFET</b> <a href="#">[see your name tag for dining room assignment]</a> browsing the exhibitors and networking	Room 101 & 105
1:00	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b><i>Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Eastern European Research</i></b> Lisa Alzo	260
B	<b><i>Using German and European Online Resources for Your Family Research</i></b> Antje Petty	Auditorium
C	<b><i>"Don't Forget the Ladies" - A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law</i></b> Judy Russell	261
D	<b><i>How To Begin Researching Your Family Tree</i></b> Katherine Willson	266
2:00	Break for browsing exhibitors and networking (30 minutes)	ALL
2:30	<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Room</b>
A	<b><i>Crossing the Pond: Successful Strategies for Researching Eastern European Ancestors</i></b> Lisa Alzo	260
B	<b><i>German Genealogy on the Other Side of the Atlantic</i></b> Antje Petty	Auditorium
C	<b><i>Where There Is -- or Isn't -- a Will</i></b> Judy Russell	261
D	<b><i>Writing Down the Bones: Printing Your Family History</i></b> Katherine Willson	266

# Exhibitors

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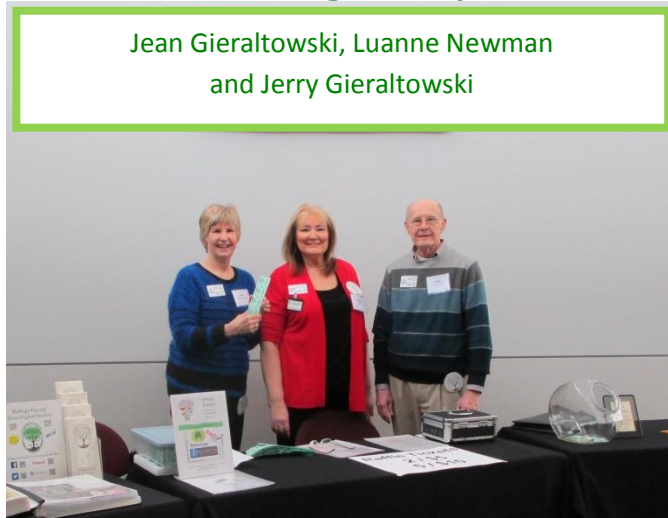
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## Photos

### Starting the day

Jean Gieraltowski, Luanne Newman  
and Jerry Gieraltowski



Nancy Thomas and Rose Lehne



REGISTRATION CHECK-IN



**Look at all the Exhibitors!**







Family Tree Tours



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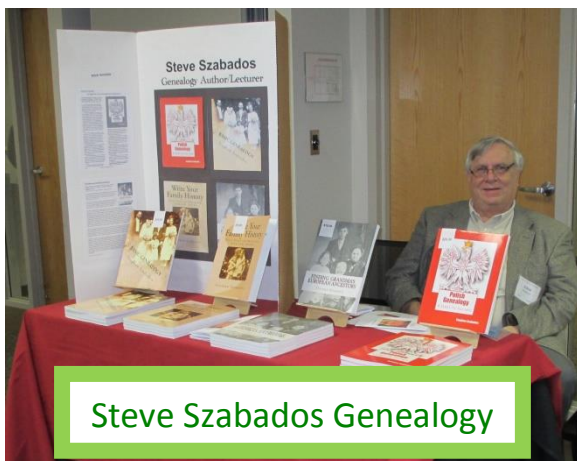
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Steve Szabados Genealogy



Scottish Genealogy Group



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SAR and DAR



CAGGNI



Northwest Suburban Genealogy



Fox Valley Genealogy



ISGS Illinois State Genealogical Society



FGS Federation of Genealogical Societies



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White Elephant and Freebie tables



DCGS table for tickets, memberships,  
name tags, prizes and answers



Nancy Ristau taking 3-Gen Name Tag orders



## Lunch with friends, old and new

We expanded into two dining rooms for a delicious hot lunch buffet.







## Raffle Winners

### Newspapers.com subscription



Brenda Daniels and Michael Compton

### Ancestry DNA



Kathleen Steberl

## Fold3 subscription



Nancy Ristau and Kate Van Eycke

## MyHeritage subscription



Jacqueline Wilson and Barbara Dill-Varga

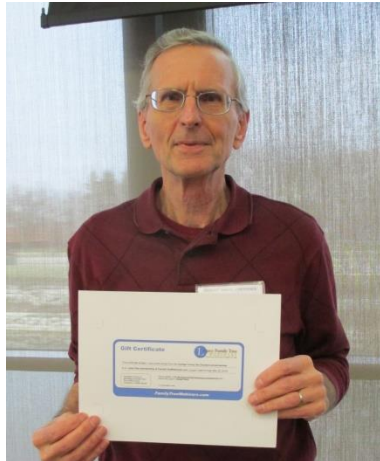


## Ancestry Academy subscriptions



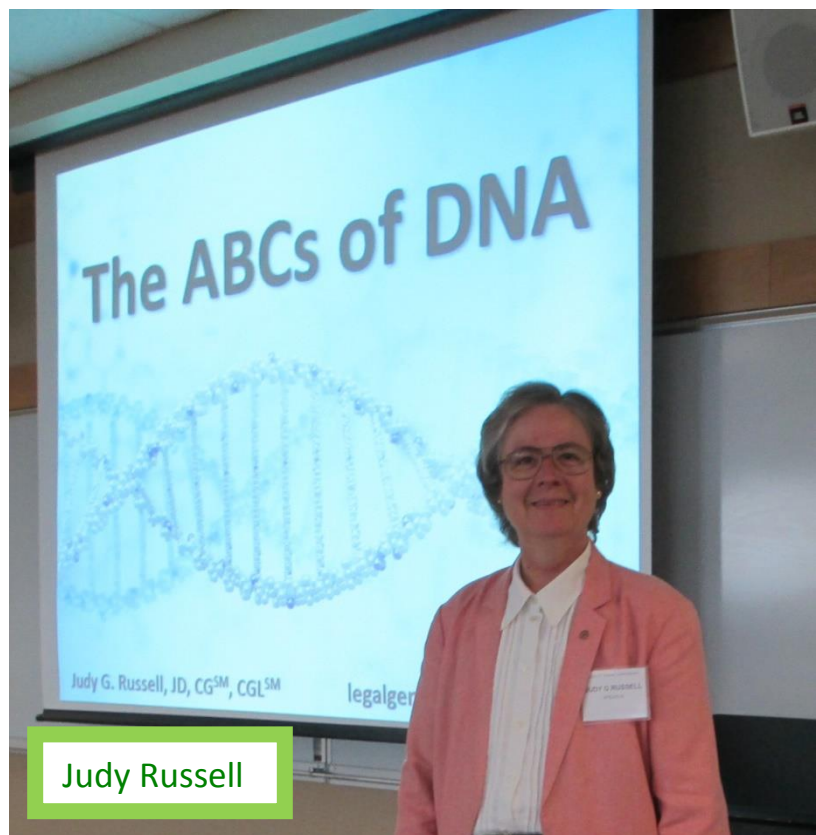
Laurel Kiburg and Tom Zila

## Legacy Family Tree Webinar subscription



Wayne Weber

## Our great speakers!





Thank you to our society historian and photographer Nancy Ristau.



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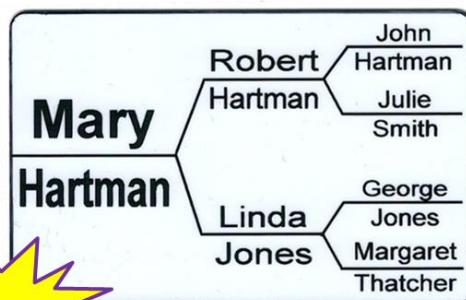
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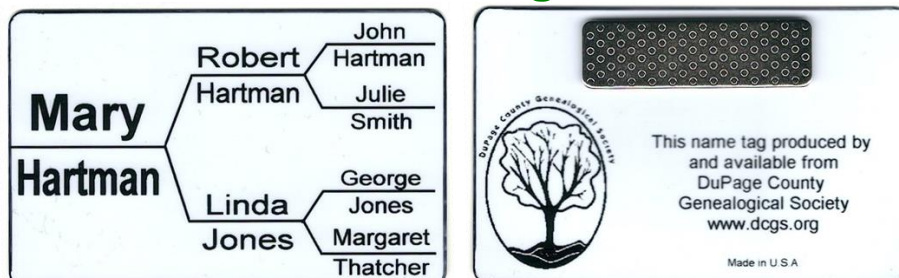
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First name Last name (lifespan or haplo)
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First name Last name
5. Mother (of no.2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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