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Welcome back to our renewed members and greetings to our new members. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and that the New Year will bring everything good your way. The Society met three times since the last issue.

High School Restoration – We’re scheduled to meet with our structural engineer in late March to develop the plans and specifications to rebuild the previously-collapsed southeast wall this Summer. Although unsuccessful in obtaining a National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant due lack of adequate funding in our state’s portion of that account, we’ll use our existing Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs funds and private donations for this portion of the project. Starting atop the recently rebuilt foundation, and hopefully extending to the roof, we’ll do as much as we can with the funds available, as completing this wall will contribute measurably to restoring structural integrity to this extremely historic structure. Currently, the three floors and ceiling are being slowly jacked back up to their original position so that they can be attached to the new wall as it goes up. The structural engineer for our project met with the State Fire Marshal in Carson City on January 29th concerning fire code compliance and fire exit rehabilitation for the building. This will ensure that we are “ahead of the game” in meeting all safety requirements as we return this historic building to a useful second life

Photo by John Ekman



Falvey Donation - Carolyn Falvey Smith generously donated a cash register, which has the name "D.A. Falvey" cast into a plate on the front, along with many early photos and other documents, to the Goldfield Historical Society. Carolyn and her husband, Richard, are shown with the National cash register from her grandfather Daniel Adolphus Falvey’s store in Goldfield. Mr. Falvey and his partner, Mr. Walsh, operated the store on North Main St. during the boom years until Mr. Falvey's death in 1914 in an auto accident. The Falvey family has a long history in the area, coming from

Bodie in 1903 to the new strike at Goldfield during the early excitement. One of the last family members to live in Goldfield was Lena Falvey Hammond, serving alternately as Esmeralda County Clerk and also Recorder for many years. This donation will give a major boost to the Historical Society’s growing collection and we thank them and their family very much.

Book Signing & Talk – Our member, Nick Clapp, has authored a new book titled “Old Magic - Lives of the Desert Shamans”. He will present an illustrated talk on Saturday, **April 25** at 7:00 pm at the Palace Saloon on Crook Ave. in Goldfield. As many of you know, Nick’s books are always well researched and informative. Nick is a documentary filmmaker and author and has won over seventy major awards for his work. If you’re around or in town, you won’t want to miss his talk and book signing.

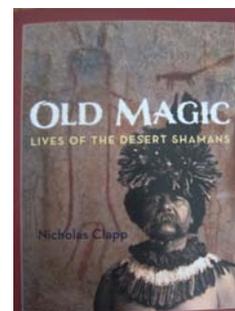


Photo by Sharon Artlip

Easter Drawing – One of our members, Sharon Artlip, who operates Goldfield Art and Business Services at 306 E. Crook Ave., has donated another Rustie – “Rainbow Princess” doll No. 88/400 as a fundraiser. It is 42” tall and comes with the original box. The dress is multicolor crystal organza. If you’re the lucky winner, the doll will be shipped to your location within the United States. The proceeds of this drawing will go to the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund.

Tickets donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you’re in town, tickets will be available at the usual locations: Elite Trading Post, Goldfield Gift Shop, Hidden Treasures, Goldfield Art & Business Services, and the General Store. Or you can mail a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield NV 89013. Please be sure to mark it for the doll drawing.



Photo by Jim Price



Goldfield Days Drawing – I have finished the quilt for the Goldfield days drawing. It’s approximately 68” by 80”. All proceeds to go to the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund. If you’re interested in buying tickets, please send a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield NV 89013. Please be sure to mark it for the quilt drawing. As usual, ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you’re in town, tickets will be available at the usual locations: Elite Trading Post, Goldfield Gift Shop, Hidden Treasures and the General Store. KGfN 89.1 FM, our local radio station and member

will be promoting our quilt drawing. We are most grateful for their support. If you’re not in town, you can listen to them by going to www.kgfn.org.

School Gymnasium Re-Lettering - As mentioned in the last issue, a photo of the County’s re-lettering of the historic Public School Gymnasium, to reproduce its appearance as it was when the building was completed in 1911, is shown at right. Currently in use as the County’s heavy equipment repair shop, it was re-sided with metal siding last year, but remains virtually unchanged in its interior, with the original locker room and lockers still in place.

Photo by Jim Price



Cemetery Improvements - The general appearance of our cemetery continues to improve thanks to our members Allen Metscher and Bryan Smalley. Many thanks to both of you!

Historic Markers – Thanks to Edie and Richard Koepnick for placing four new historic markers. As previously mentioned, markers are now on the two LaBarthe Houses, the green

house on S. Euclid behind the General Store, and the Jennie B. Elder house at 411 E. Crook Ave. We're going to make a concerted effort this year to get as many markers placed as possible to help identify the many historic structures recognized in our National Historic District.

Tonopah and Goldfield Boxcars – Plans are now underway to prepare, paint and re-letter our two Tonopah and Goldfield boxcars as funding permits. The exteriors of these two cars are much weathered and need paint badly as they are completely exposed to the elements. The original lettering, much faded and barely readable in some places, was traced and position noted. This information, along with a copy of the one known period photo of a similar boxcar in service, will allow us to accurately recreate the lettering's size, style and location

Poker Run Rally Fundraiser – A presentation was made at the February meeting by Mr. Karl Olson from Rhyolite regarding a back-road poker rally fundraiser. Mr. Olson had previously organized a very successful rally in Beatty and the membership would like to do one in Goldfield to support our restoration efforts. A committee was appointed to work out the details.

Central Nevada Tourism Workshop – The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Travel Nevada (Nevada Division of Tourism) under the state Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs held a workshop in Goldfield on March 23. Titled "Identifying and Developing Your Town's Tourism Base", Society members, along with those from our Chamber of Commerce attended to help us better understand how "Heritage Tourism" fits into the state's overall tourism industry. The presentation centered around tourism opportunities by identifying local resources, including historic assets, that support our state and local economies and additional ways non-profits such as ours can apply for tourism grants through the Nevada Commission on Tourism. We have previously received tourism grants to help us publish our Walking Tour Booklets, but this workshop presented possibilities for additional funding opportunities to further support our efforts to preserve and interpret Goldfield's rich history for present and future generations.

Rural Roundup – Lisa Pappalardo will represent the Goldfield Historical Society at the statewide Rural Roundup in Carson City on April 15th. This conference provides participants with insight about tourism issues in Nevada, what is new in the industry, and serves as a networking forum where tourism partners can exchange ideas and experiences in an effort to help them promote their attractions and to attract visitors. We'll look forward to her report upon her return.

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