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We want to thank all of our returning members for sending in their dues in a timely manner and a warm welcome to our new members. The Society met three times since the last issue.

Election – The annual election of Board officers was held at the January meeting. The current officers are willing to serve for another year. The officers are: John Ekman, President; Dominic Pappalardo, Vice President; Edie Koepnick, Secretary; Lisa Pappalardo, Treasurer; Larry Bennett, Director. A big thank you to all for your efforts this past year and for agreeing to continue the fine work that you have done.

Desk Donation – The school desks have arrived! One of our members, Glenn Praiss provided the transportation of the donated desks from the **Fourth Ward School Museum** in Virginia City, NV. Thank you so much Glenn. Edie & Richard Koepnick were also involved in arranging the move and we thank you as well. As you can see, they have been set up in the designated school room. As reported in the last issue, we are setting up one of the rooms in the Goldfield High School as a period class room. The next effort is to get the venetian blinds cleaned and restrung. There are five blinds needed to complete the room at an approximate cost of \$175 each. We also need to replace the glass in several of the windows. A contact in Tonopah has agreed to assist with this effort.

Photo by Jim Price



Restoration – The exterior wall repointing and some interior wall joints have been re-mortared and as you can see from the attached photos, it looks great. They did a great job. The school is looking stronger and slowly returning to its original appearance. The Board has also decided to get an estimate for replacing the front stairs and roofing. They discussed different fund raisers to help in this effort. Various additional fundraisers are being considered. Work on the Consolidated Mines Building is currently underway.

Right Side of Front Entrance of High School

Photo by Edie Koepnick

Front Entrance



Photo by John Ekman

North Wall of High School



Photo by Edie Koepnick



Photo by John Ekman

South Wall with Partial Exterior Stone

Goldfield Days – Goldfield days will be August 5, 6, & 7 this year. The Koepnicks will be setting up another GPS challenge, which was quite successful last year and I can personally attest that it was a lot of fun. In fact, my husband and I went out twice! Alan Metscher will be leading the popular historical bus tours. We're also hoping to have the classroom ready to show off during the event.

Tonopah & Goldfield RR Boxcars - With the the coming of warmer weather, we'll be calling for volunteers to assist in completing the painting of our two T & G Boxcars. Eva LaRue, of the Central Nevada Museum, and John Ekman will coordinate this effort.

Donations – The Falveys made a donation of a cash register, many early photos and other documents last year and they will be displayed in the Goldfield Library. So, if you're traveling through, please stop and take a look.

Historic Property Plaques –We currently have 74 plaques placed.

Historical Society Website - Edie Koepnick reported that she has placed additional information on our website and is enjoying this additional task that she has taken on.

Around Town – NDOT is about to start construction on the Welcome Center at the north end of town. This will be a great benefit to the town. It is expected to be finished by late September. However, while this is going on, the bottle house work has been put on hold.

Carl & Patty Brownfield of KGFN are adding a performing area next to the radio station. It will be called the **Goldfield Opera House**. Their intent is to have regular music performances. It can also be used by the local grammar school for some of their performances. The first event will be a folk singer from Oklahoma, **Robert Thornton Kent**, on June 14 at 7 p.m. You can check him out at <http://www.robertthorntonkent.net/>. Should be a good time. Hope to see you there.

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