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Historical Society  
Goldfield, Nevada



**John Ekman, President**

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We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will be spared from the coronavirus and that it will be under control sooner rather than later. Stay safe and keep washing your hands!

A warm welcome to our new members since the last newsletter:

**Brian Delaney – Life Member**

**Tracie Metzner**

**Noelle & Richard Divozzo**

**Jeanne & Tom Pettenato**

**Deana Glatz – Life Member**

And a warm welcome to our returning members. Our membership as of the end of March is at 124 members.

**Amazon Smile** – Another way that you can help support the Goldfield Historical Society is through Amazon Smile. If you buy something through AmazonSmile – which is the same as Amazon – and you designate a charity, hopefully the Goldfield Historical Society, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us. It's not much but it all adds up. Please think about it. The only difference is that you have to log into **smile.amazon.com** which you can bookmark to make it easy to return. You'll be asked what charity you want to support – enter the **Goldfield Historical Society** and then make your purchases. Remember, not all products are eligible but they are noted. A big thanks to **Ruth Lee** for getting us registered with Amazon.

The election for new officers was held at the January meeting. The new Officers for this year are:

President – **John Ekman**

Vice President – **Steve Foutz**

Treasurer – **Ruth Lee**

Secretary – **Brende Gleffe**

A big thank you and congratulations to all. Projects and organizations don't happen without volunteers.

**High School Restoration** – The East Wall Rebuild Job has been awarded to Scott Zemp Masonry of Las Vegas. The work is scheduled to start in April. We're not sure if the virus will affect this job or not. The original bricks for the job have been donated by Richard and Edie Koepnick...thank you!

We received the emergency funding from Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) for window repair. The work is expected to start in April. We have 96 windows in the high school. This money will repair 44 of them. I have submitted a grant to the Ben Snow Foundation to repair another 21 windows. We'll find out if we are awarded any money from them in July. The remaining windows require that new casings be fabricated or other extensive work done which will obviously cost more money and will have to be done at a later date. Being able to repair 65 windows now so that they work would greatly improve the

appearance of the high school and help to protect the interior of the building. The wind and snow do a lot of damage and maintaining plywood over the windows is almost a full time job. This will cut the effort down to 31 openings to maintain. Windows will help to keep the birds and elements on the outside – where they belong. It's quite amazing and alarming to come face to face with an owl in the building!

Our application for the next grant cycle for CCHP 2019-20 was submitted at the end of February. These funds, if granted, will be used to replace the roof and to reinforce the roof timbers.

All photos by Jim Price

I just have to put in a picture of the High School steps again. I'm so pleased with them. They are such a big improvement to the front of the high school.



**Historic Markers** - We currently have 84 markers placed around town. This project is very important. In order to retain our National Historic District status, we need to keep our old buildings standing.

**Other News –**

The Rural Roundup which was going to be held in Virginia City on April 8-10, has been rescheduled to October 7-9, 2020. Hopefully, by then we'll be back to normal.

**T&T Museum** –We have been very fortunate that **Gina Greenway** has been paying the rent on the T&T Museum room for us. We thank you very much, Gina, for your past support. However, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Society will have to start paying the rent. Hopefully, we'll receive a lot of donations in the donation box.

**Donations – Jim Price and Joan Sieber** located an old school desk. They have generously donated it to the high school.



We also received an early Goldfield photo donation from **Marilyn Seay**.

Some cemetery headstone donations came through **Bryan Smalley**.

Thanks to all for their generous donations.

**GHS Meeting** – Due to the coronavirus, the next meeting of the Society has been postponed until further notice.

**Around Town – Sharon Artlip**, is in the process of acquiring the International Car Forest of the Last Church. Already, there has been an improvement to the roads leading to the Car Forest. And she has moved in a small vintage building with the name of the place and a donation box.



In the last issue, I mentioned that the Tex Rickard house has had some improvements done to it but failed to show any pictures. It has a new roof, fence, front porch and the whole back area has been redone.

The Major Stanton house also received some work this past summer. A lot of time and effort went into rebuilding and enclosing the back porch. Lots of windows had to be built! It just looks better and better. Good work **Bill & Sandy**.



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