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I hope all is going well for you and welcome back. It's been a cold, wet and somewhat destructive winter for most of the country. However, we are looking forward to more improvements on the High School, our boxcars and buildings around town.

Our membership stands at 156 paid members. We welcome our new members listed below:

Norman Gabor, NY Douglas Shearer, NV Terri Stewart, NV James Tyler, CA

Dues are Past Due – Our dues run from January to December. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so or this will be your last issue of our Newsletter. Our members are our most important asset – we need all of you. You can renew either on line at www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com or through the mail (I'm attaching a membership form). If you renew on line, just enter the level of membership you wish. There is not a "renewal" button but rest assured, we know it's a renewal as your name is on our membership list.

High School Update – Utilizing our first phase Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) grant funds, our contractor, Spectra of Pomona, CA, addressed the internal structural issues, which were completed before the roof repair. The flat roof covering (photo below) was replaced by Cooper Roofing of Las Vegas. Both companies did a great job.



Photo by John Ekman

The second phase CCCHP grant funds will replace the sloped roof covering. The GHS and our Structural Engineer, Mel Green, are developing the plans and specifications for this work so that the contractor can submit a preliminary budget. We will then submit that budget to the State Historic Preservation Office to generate a Funding Agreement so that the grant funds can be released and we can start the project.

Carla Cloud from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) visited Goldfield on March 20th. She was checking out the CCCHP funded projects on her way south. Our President, John Ekman, showed her through the High School. It was a positive visit. She told us that the State will most likely reimburse us for almost all of the asbestos abatement costs. This was very good news indeed.

Something that has been on our plate for awhile was to have the High School deed transferred to the Goldfield Historical Society since we are a federal non-profit. The transfer from the Goldfield High School Museum Corp. a State non-profit to the Goldfield Historical Society has now been completed.

Donations – John Rudderow & Deana Glatz generously contributed a total of \$3,500. It will be distributed between the Building Fund (\$1,000) and our General Fund (\$2,500). **Andrew and Rosemary Baudino** also contributed \$2,000. **Richard & Paula Salerno** contributed \$1,000. We've received additional donations along with membership renewals ranging from \$10 to \$100 and we appreciate each and every one. All donations help immensely – large or small. We thank you all.

Coleen Garland, one of our lifetime members, has graciously donated part of her book collection. This is very much appreciated. The collection contains books about ghost towns, railroads, rock collecting, Nevada history etc. There are over 250 titles. **John Ekman, Jim Price** and myself boxed and loaded the books. If anyone is interested in viewing the list, please contact me and I'll send you a copy. Thank you so much **Coleen**.

In addition, she donated 7 boxes of older Nevada Magazines. This will greatly enhance our library collection.

And we're not done yet. **Coleen** also donated an antique Anchor Brand folding bench wringer made by the Lovell Manufacturing company as shown below. It has two metal tubs – one for washing and one for rinsing. It'll be a great display item for us. Thank you again **Coleen**.



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Obituary – It is with deep sorrow that I report that **Richard Koepnick** passed away on January 29, 2023. Richard was a person that you could always count on for help. He had a great sense of humor, was very friendly and approachable. He and Edie always set up the pop ups for Goldfield Days and pretty much staffed it by themselves. They also single handedly ran the Poker Walk. The Goldfield Birthday Party was also their doing. Always making sure we had cake, punch and decorations. Last year, they were the Grand Marshals of the Goldfield Days parade which they richly deserved. They designed and decorated the Historical Societys' first float. Richard cut out the burros, mounted them on the wagon, and painted them. He and Edie have been working on restoring an old brothel. Richard was able to do a lot of the work himself. I don't think there was anything he couldn't fix or do. I'm sure there are many other stories that can be told about Richard. Richard and Edie made a formidable team – it's hard to not think about one without the

other. We wish the best for Edie and grieve with her. This is truly a great loss to the Goldfield community, the Historical Society and to everyone who knew Richard.

Photo by Jim Price



Richard in the Goldfield Days Parade

Photo by Patti Brownfield



One of the many outings we enjoyed with the Koepnicks

Help for Boxcars – We need your help. We've realize that it's time to provide some care for our boxcars, featured on our membership postcard this year. I've put in for a matching grant to help build the missing doors and repair or replace missing boards on the bodies. This is going to require finding the missing hardware for the doors. Pictured below are the pieces that we need. We realize that we probably won't be able to get exact replicas but we really need something like it. If you are aware of any railroad junk yards or someone who can make these parts for us, please let me know.



Top Left – Door Lock (3)
Top Right – Door Handle (3)
Lower Left – Door Slider (4)
Lower Right – Door Guide (5)
Bottom Center – Door Stop (2)

**Numbers indicate quantity
needed**

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T&T Museum Alert – The Goldfield Historical Society, which owns the T&T Museum display, has been asked to vacate the building. This is the building across the street from the Goldfield Hotel which recently housed the Goldfield Emporium and contains the Radio Goldfield Studio and Opera House. The display will have to move to the High School and we will need volunteers in April to help with the move. If you can assist, please let us know. We haven't set a date yet, but if we have your name, we'll contact you with that date when we have it and hopefully it'll work out.

See e-mail from new owner below:

"The purpose of this email is to contact you regarding the train that is in the building known as Roaring Camp. I understand that you have been renting the space. I received the title today to the building as I am Al Wheeler's daughter. The purpose of this email is to provide you with 30 days notice that the lease for the area the train is in will no longer be month to month. As of May 1, 2023, I request that you have the space vacated. It is not currently safe for people to be in the building due to the mold. Until that is remediated, there should be no tenants in the building."

Properties Around Town – Goldfield made front page news in the December 29, 2022 issue of the Tonopah Times-Bonanza & Goldfield News. **Peggy Carrasco**, has been working on a secret garden with a grape arbor, a grotto and a seating area for several years. It has come to be known as the Road Less Traveled. She wants it to be a place of respite and reflection for travelers and locals. **Tim Hipp** designed and built the grotto. He also started a Go Fund Me page to help raise the required funds to complete the decades-long project. There are many grottos, chapels named St. Barbara in mining towns around the world as she is the Patron Saint of miners. But none in Goldfield, until now.

BTW, **Peggy**, a longtime member and supporter of the Goldfield Historical Society, has been publishing the **Burro Express** for over 22 years. It is a quarterly newsletter published by the Miner of the Century. She describes it as "a Voice in the Nevada desert making history". A lone miner and his burro, Jake started the legend over twenty years ago. The adventures of Jake and his secret mining pal gloss the front page in every issue. Some of the articles include: Our Town Today/Our Town Yesterday; Motherlode; Prospector; Humor & Human events and Just Kiddin' to entertain our readers". To subscribe, send a check (\$32 for one year) to The Burro Express, P.O. Box 577, Goldfield, NV 89013 or by PayPal: burroexpress@yahoo.com. They usually have a Goldfield Days special for NEW subscribers. During Goldfield Days, stop by their booth to find out more!

Upcoming Events - The Goldfield Chamber is having a Spring event on April 22. It is being called The Goldfield Thaw. There will be raffle prizes, food and raffle tickets for Goldfield Days will be available for purchase. We, the Goldfield Historical Society, will be giving tours of some of the historic buildings in town. Come one, come all.

The **Tonopah Mining Park** will be having another soiree. They're in the process of finalizing their plans now so I don't have a date for the event. However, last year it was in June. So, if interested please check out their website for further information as it becomes available. <https://www.tonopahminingpark.com>. The Goldfield Historical Society expects to participate this year with a table displaying some of our brochures and encouraging people to become members and support our efforts.

New Membership Challenge - For 2023, an anonymous member is willing to pay half of the membership fee for the first 10 **new** individual members (10 x \$10 = \$100). So, with your renewed membership for 2023, sponsor one new membership for only \$10. What a great gift! If you have a neighbor or friend who you think would enjoy reading our newsletter and might be interested in supporting us, let me know and I'll add them to our membership list. I'll need name, address, and e-mail.

Amazon Smile – Thanks to those who have used this to support the Goldfield Historical Society. However, Amazon has decided to end this program. It was closed on February 20, 2023. We thank everyone who supported this effort. The following is from their website:

“In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change—...

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.”

Goldfield Historical Society Meeting – The next meeting will be held on April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Goldfield Chamber building.

Please let me know if your e-mail or address changes, so that I can update the membership list and you'll continue to receive our newsletter. For those who continue to receive a printed newsletter, if you can provide an e-mail address we would appreciate it as it would save us money on postage to send you the newsletter by e-mail.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please send them to Joan Sieber at jcsie@pacbell.net.

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