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I hope you're all healthy and doing well. We're getting ready for Goldfield Days. And hopefully we'll have a new roof for the High School by the end of the year. A warm welcome to our new members listed below, since the last newsletter. Our current membership is at 184 members. And a warm welcome to our new members listed below since the last newsletter.

C. D. Anderson, NV
Jacqueline Baines, NV
Benedict Carr, CA
Walter Carr, IL
Tyson Falk, NV

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Delia Nilsen & Jeff Brown, CA
Jim Stanger, NV
Becky Sumner & Dean Mochizuki, UT

Member State Count - Last year an anonymous member "sponsored" five individual one year memberships (\$20 x 5 = \$100) to anyone in those in states **not** already on our membership list. He's allowed as how he'll do it again this year. Below is a listing of the states that we currently have members in. Plus, I've included our international countries for completeness. Perhaps you'll know someone in a state that is **not listed** and who might enjoy our newsletter. Please send me their membership information including their e-mail address, if possible, and I'll include them in our membership list and send them our newsletter. We still have **two** "slots" left!

AL	ID	NC	SC	WY
AZ	IL	NV	TN	Norway
CA	LA	NY	TX	Sweden
CO	MI	OH	UT	Switzerland
FL	MN	OR	VA	
GA	MO	PA	WA	

High School Update – The roof replacement work has gone out for bid. We're now waiting for the replies. It's expected that the contract will be awarded in July and the work to be completed no later than the end of December. Our President, **John Ekman**, applied for the next round of Commission for Cultural Center and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) grants and was awarded \$170K. This money will also be applied to the roof work.

Want to give a shout out to **Steve Foutz**. He's been doing an excellent job in cleaning up the interior of the High School. It's not an easy task since several windows are missing and wind blows in a lot of sand. A lot of the windows have been repaired/replaced but we still have more to go. Thanks **Steve**

It has come to our attention that the Historical Society owns two lots in town – Block 94 Lots 19-20. There was quite a lot of discussion as to when and how much to ask for these lots. It's been pretty much decided that we'll sell the lots – just have to work out the details as to how to go about it.

Grants – The Goldfield Cemetery brochure is finished and all the paperwork completed. We're now just waiting for the reimbursement. This brochure will be put on our website in the future.

Donations – **David & Karen Cullen** have generously donated another \$300 to our Society since the last newsletter. It seems like every time they show up, they give us a donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Daniel Yanke provided us with a \$100 donation.

Fran & Terry Terras sent us a \$100 donation.

H. Arevalodellinger provided us with a \$100 donation.

Robert Stoldol provided us with a \$250 donation.

We've also received a check for \$1,000 from **Kim & Phil Henrick**. The Henricks are life members and we appreciate their contribution. Half of the money will go to the General Fund and the other half to the Building Fund.

All donations help immensely – large or small. They all add up and we appreciate each and every one. Private donations and grants are how we're able to preserve the High School, print our brochures and provide funds to support our website and print the newsletter. We thank you all.

Properties Around Town – **Richard & Edie Koepnick** have made great strides on the interior of their brothel. And as if they don't have enough to do, they've opened up a storage business appropriately named **Pack Rat Storage**. It's my understanding that all buildings are now rented out - obviously a need in town that they have now fulfilled.

Both the Ish House and the Rickard House had water breaks this winter. They are still being worked on. The north wall on the Library has been repaired and looks much better.

Goldfield Days – Mark your calendars for August 5-7 for Goldfield Days. As usual, there will be a land auction. The Chamber is in the planning stages and it should be a lot of fun. There'll be a raffle, vendors, street dance etc. A one ounce Gold Bar will be the prize for the raffle along with dozens of other great prizes.

The Historical Society is doing its usual Poker Walk which is always a lot of fun. As last year, the Best Hand wins \$300 – not bad for a \$15 contribution. The **Best in the Desert Racing Association** has generously sponsored this event for the past several years and it is much appreciated. **Edie Koepnick, Brenda Gleffe** and I are brainstorming on doing a float for the Parade this year. We feel that the Historical Society needs to be represented in the parade. We'll see how it goes.

An anonymous member has offered to donate \$10 for each new member, up to 20 people, who signs up during Goldfield Days, thereby costing the new member only \$10 for membership. If we go over 20, is there anyone else who'd like to donate \$10 to a new member? Let us know.

Cemetery Arch – This has been an ongoing project for a couple of years. It has finally been installed. It looks great!

Photo by John Ekman

The Tonopah Historic Mining Park Foundation had their 2nd Annual Summer Soiree at the Mining Park on Saturday, June 11th 2022. **Jim Price** and I attended and discovered that the Historical Society could have been given a table to display our brochures and talk to people about what great things we're doing in Goldfield and try to get more support. Next year for sure. It was a fun event. They had a live band, free food sponsored by Kinross Mining Company and a silent auction with great prizes. I donated a railroad themed quilt for the event. Looking forward to attending next year.

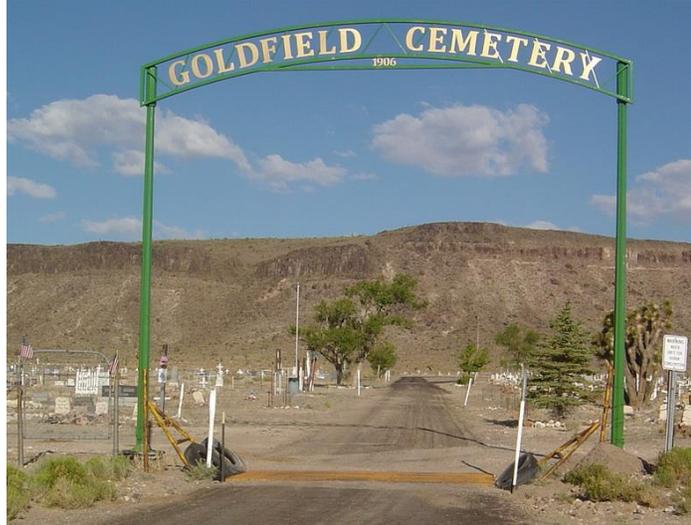


Photo courtesy of Fran Terras



Visit – Fran (Breen) and Terry Terras visited us in Goldfield in June. Fran went through grade school at the Goldfield High School and was one of the last graduating classes there in 1952 from eighth grade. **Steve Foutz** was on hand to give them a tour of the High School and they were very impressed and pleased with their visit. It was interesting to hear Fran talk about her time there. The homes that Fran lived in with her family back in the day (1950's) are still standing, and she remembers when they lived in each one. She went to High School in Tonopah where she met her future husband, Terry. Fran's father was the District Attorney in Goldfield for 17 years when the family lived there.

L to R – Mary Ann Czarevitch, Boots (Clarence) Farnsworth, Fred Carlson, Frances Breen, George Gumbman, Peter Breen, Judy Simonds
Alive today: **Frances, Fred, Peter**

The Great Western Steam Up – This event is taking place July 1-4 at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. There will be several operating steam locomotives and many locomotive displays. This is a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the completion of Nevada's famous Virginia and Truckee Railroad. Should be a fun time.

Amazon Smile – Thanks to those who are using this to support the Goldfield Historical Society. If you purchase something through Amazon.Smile – which is the same as Amazon – and you've

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The Esmeralda County Road Department did a fog seal in May on some of our streets – mainly the historic district. A fog seal is a diluted emulsion oil applied to the road. The roads involved look good.

It is with great sorrow that I inform you that one of our members, **Juanita Colvin**, passed away on June 19. She was our Justice of the Peace in Goldfield for almost 28 years. She has been enjoying retirement ever since. She was a great supporter/life member of our Historical Society. She had a great sense of humor, always a pleasant smile and an encouraging word for everyone. She will be greatly missed. Her son, Mike, said that his mom would have liked for folks to donate to the Society rather than sending flowers. Thus, we are receiving donations in her memory.



John Ekman, Juanita Colvin



John Ekman, Jim Price, Joan Sieber, Juanita & Ben Colvin.

Goldfield Historical Society Meeting – The next meeting will be held on July 12 at 7 p.m in the Goldfield Chamber building.



Juanita in her 1929 Ford Model "A"

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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