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Our current membership is at 193 members. And a warm welcome to our new members listed below since the last newsletter.

**Steve Bloom & Andrea Lane, AK**  
**Lucy Cederholm, IL**  
**Carol and Gerold Libby, CA**

**Corey Pearson, CA**  
**Kimberly & Benjamin Reiss, CA**  
**Lane Wymer, NV**

**High School Update** – Utilizing our first phase Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation grant funds, we have retained a contractor, Spectra of Pomona, CA, who is addressing the internal structural issues, including re-leveling the central walls, which must be completed before the roof repair. As you can see in the picture below, they are hard at work. The flat roof covering, to be replaced by Cooper Roofing of Las Vegas, will also be completed during this phase of the work. The second phase CCCHP grant funds, to replace the sloped roof covering, should be available by the end of 2022.



Photo by Edie Koepnick

**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. Two hundred was ear-marked for the parade float. Thank you for your continued support.

**Jeff Fitzgerald** provided us with a \$100 donation.

We also received a \$100 check from the **Estate of John F. Path, Jr.**

**Susan Morales** donated a school desk for our classroom. It now resides in the High School and is much appreciated. (See photo)

**John Dawson** of Colorado Springs sent a short biography, movie CD, and a mounted postcard about his cousin, Ms. Doris Dawson. Ms. Dawson was born in Goldfield and went on to Hollywood to become a starlet



Photo by Jim Price

**Maria Knight** sent us a reproduction of a Goldfield Hotel desk bell.

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.

**Goldfield Days – Richard & Edie Koepnick** were selected by the Chamber to be the Grand Marshals of the parade. This position is given to someone who has contributed significantly to the community and the Koepnicks' certainly qualify. Well deserved and congratulations!



Photo by Jeri Foutz



Photo by Ed Franklin

The Historical Society sold 59 Poker Walk tickets netting us \$885 – which I think is the most we have ever had. There seemed to be lots of interest in it this year. The Best Hand won \$300, second place won \$150 and third place received \$50. The **Best in the Desert Racing Association** has generously sponsored this event for the past several years and it is much appreciated. And again, a big thank you to **Richard and Edie Koepnick** for organizing the Poker Walk for us.

Photos by Edie Koepnick



Penny Hicks, 1<sup>st</sup> place



Elizabeth Fitch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Tristen Fitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> place



**Penny Hicks** won first place and the **Fitch family** took second and third place. Congratulations and a big thanks to all who participated. It was a lot of fun and **Brenda Gleffe** and **Ernie Ganem** entertained everyone while opening the envelopes. We definitely set a record with the number of participants this year.

Photos by Jim Price



Joan Sieber & Edie Koepnick Designing the Float



The Decorated Float

Joan Sieber, Jim Price, Andrea Lane and Doug Hooper lining up for the parade



Photo by Wyatt Ehrp

This is the first year that the Goldfield Historical Society entered a float in the parade. **Richard & Edie Koepnick** pretty much set it up by themselves. They cut out the burros, painted and decorated them. The names of all the local mines at the time are painted on them. **Doug Hooper**, dressed as a miner and "led" one of the burros while throwing out gold coins to the audience. **Jim Price**, dressed as a train conductor carrying his vintage railroad lantern "led" the other burro. New member, **Andrea Lane** and **Joan Sieber** were seated on the float tossing candy and waving to the audience. Andrea was dressed as Annie Oakley minus a gun but she did have a stick horse. Joan was dressed as a proper lady of the day. Our float was towed by **Wyatt Ehrp**. Thanks to all who participated in making this all come together.

Jim, Joan, & Doug during the parade.



Photo by Chris Wagenseller

Jim Price, our Trainman



Photo by Jim Price

There were quite a few people bidding at the land auction.

**Steve Foutz**, again, graciously ran tours of the High School netting us \$900. There was a lot of interest and Steve had good size groups. Thanks Steve.

So, between the poker walk, High School tours, donations, sale of T-shirts, license plate frames and memberships, we ended up with a total of \$1,971.00.

**Goldfield Birthday** – Again, we'll celebrate Goldfield's Birthday on October 22, 2022. This will be the 119<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Community Center. We'll have the usual cake and punch as well as historical displays.



**Properties Around Town – Steve Roberts** is putting in RV hook ups next to his property, the Downer Brothers Assay Office. It's planned to have a historic-themed development.

Repairs to the 1906 Rickard House foundation and re-plastering of the interior walls are completed.

Work on other projects around town proceed.

**KGFN** – The radio station is expanding its broadcasting area to include Dyer/Fish Lake Valley, Hadley/Round Mountain. Their current service includes Goldfield, Hawthorne, Tonopah, Beatty and Gabbs. Now more people can enjoy their services.

**Around Town** – The Goldfield Hotel has been put on the market. It's listed for \$4.9M. This price also includes offsite property which includes an auto repair shop, a workshop and five vacant parcels.

**Nevada Magazine & Visitor Guide** – Goldfield makes the front cover of the Guide for Fall 2022! There's a great picture of the Car Forest of the Last Church in Goldfield taken on a starry night.

**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 designated the Goldfield Historical Society, Amazon donates 0.05% of the purchase price of eligible products to us. The only difference is that you have to log into **smile.amazon.com** which you can bookmark to make it easy to return. Not all products are eligible but they are noted. The Society has thus far received \$152.43 as of June 2022. Thanks to everyone who are supporting this effort.

**In Memoriam** – Sad to report that **Leslie Ruiz** passed away on August 19, 2022. She and her husband, Dick, have been long time active members and were always willing to help the Historical Society. Dick was very instrumental in getting the trains running for the T&T Museum display. She will be missed.

Also, Dave Beth, the spouse of Patty Huber-Beth, one of our members, also passed away. Dave was a long time resident of Goldfield.

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](mailto:jcsie@pacbell.net).

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