

the **Goldfield**
Historical Society
Goldfield, Nevada



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I do hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas holidays and Happy New Year to all! We ended 2018 with 146 members – an all time high. A warm welcome to all of our new members!

It's amazing how fast the years roll around but here we are again. **Dues are due.** If you haven't renewed, now would be a great time to do so. Your dues are vital to our existence. They are used to fund the bills incurred in conducting the Society's business. This includes office building utilities/equipment/supplies/postage, newsletter production/postage, internet/website, fund-raising event production, state non-profit annual filing fee etc. So, please renew today to **The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013** or you can pay through Paypal on our website: www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com. They are \$20 for individual, \$25 for family and \$30 for business. Also, if your mailing or e-mail address has changed, please let me know. Thanks.

Elections were held at the November meeting and the officers are as follows: President, **John Ekman**; Vice President, **Steve Foutz**; Treasurer, **Ruth Lee**; Secretary, **Edie Koepnick**. Thank you all for your continued service to our organization. It is greatly appreciated.

Membership – It was decided to add another category to our membership. So, we now have a "Benefactor" category at \$1,000.

Photo by Jim Price



Goldfield Days Fund Raiser – This beautiful quilt was donated by **Susan Lock** from Pahrump to be used as a fundraiser for Goldfield Days 2019. All proceeds will go to the Goldfield Historical Society Building Preservation Fund. This is the perfect opportunity to make a donation to the Goldfield Historical Society and have a chance to win something in return. It measures 83" X 83". If you'd like to buy tickets and we hope you will, please send a check to The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013. Please be sure to mark your check for the quilt drawing. As usual, ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Goldfield Emporium has graciously agreed to display the quilt. So, if you're in town stop by, take a look, and buy some tickets.

Photos by Leah Minderhout



Rick Bass (Heather's father) & Heather

High School Wedding – Not only is the High School used for tours, but a couple of our members, **Zach and Heather** decided to get married in it. So, on June 2nd they tied the knot, so to speak. They had a vintage/steampunk style theme with about 30 guests attending. They were then driven in a vintage limo to the Hoist House for their reception where **Gina Greenway** and her team gave them a top-notch experience. Many of their guests commented that it was the most fascinating and interesting wedding they've ever attended. The couple give a big thanks to **Jeri Foutz** and **John Ekman** for helping to arrange the high school for their use. Congratulations to the happy couple and may you have many years of happiness together.

They also own property in Goldfield and have put a 1955 trailer on it and intend to use it as their weekend getaway. They report that it needs lots of leveling and cleaning up. I'm sure that this project will encourage them to spend more time in Goldfield. Their long term goal is to build a permanent home here, with respect to the property's history and mining town styling.



The picture shows from left to right, **Zach & Heather Reinert**, **Belinda Bass** (Heather's mother), **Deanna Bass** (Heather's sister), **Rick Bass** (Heather's father) and **Sam Bass** (Heather's brother)

High School Restoration – We are awaiting the grant funds of \$80,000 from the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation which will help with the rebuild of the east wall. To our great and pleasant surprise, we have been granted an additional \$5,057 by the Commission. We hope to have the funding by early February.

We are also awaiting the results of our grant application to the State for reprinting the Walking Tour booklets and the Society Trifolds. We are also discussing doing a trifold for the T&T railroad. **Edie Koepnick** and **Jim Price** are taking the lead on this project.

I've submitted paperwork for a grant to replace the Goldfield High School steps. Having no experience in doing this, I'm hoping for beginner's luck. The award will be at the end of June – so, we won't know for a while.

We have also solicited a quote to paint the T&G boxcars and repair the holes. We're hoping to find another grant to pursue this project as these cars are the only known T&G boxcars in existence and are in need of some care.

Goldfield's 115th Birthday Party – Once again the Historical Society observed Goldfield's birthday on Saturday, October 20, 2018. It was held at the Goldfield Community Center. There were lots of locals and many travelers who enjoyed the cake and punch provided. Thanks to all who helped put this together.

Photos by Edie Koepnick



Ruth Lee & John Ekman



Historic Markers - We have 83 markers placed around town. The Turkish Bath has been approved but placement has not been set at this time.

More Restorations News – Work continues on some of the historic structures around town. Jim & Sandy who own The Stanton House have just done an incredible job with their home this year. They'll return in Spring and I know we'll see more progress. The brothel (Richard & Edie Koepnick) continues to show progress. The Lind House (Ekman) has interior and exterior repairs ongoing. The Carney House (Ekman) is having new shingles on the front replaced as well as a new window. Lyric Theater's owner, Terry Bergman is happy with their progress and I'm sure we'll see more improvements next year. The Downer Brothers Assay Office (Roberts) is receiving attention also. A large dumpster has already been



Photo by Carl Brownfield

filled and clean-up plans are progressing. The NCB caboose is getting a much needed coat of paint plus the rear platform is being rebuilt. It looks better already



Photo by Billy Sanchez

T&T Museum – Thanks to a financial assist from **Dick Ruiz**, the T&T railroad display is up and running. We're told that the train souvenirs are also selling well. The display is very popular with visitors and locals alike. Gina Greenway oversees the space rent for the display. Thanks Dick for your support of this worthwhile project.

Donations – **Steve and Jeri Foutz** donated 10-gallons of roofing elastomer. Not only did they donate it but they applied it too! Hopefully this will help with the many leaks that we've been experiencing in the

High School. They also caulked the skylight. This is a tremendous help in keeping the elements out. Thank you so much for your generous donation of material and work!

Organ – Darius and Noelani from San Mateo, CA. have graciously donated a pump organ from the Goldfield Methodist Church. It belonged to his father, Dr. Robert A Kraft who was often referred to as “Doc”. His dad was an avid collector of mining paraphernalia including candle sticks, carbide lamps, safety lamps & arrastra ore grinders. The pump organ was part of his collection along with approximately 83 Pelton Water wheels, a large portion of which, along with his arrastra collection are currently housed in the North Star Mine & Powerhouse in Grass Valley, CA. His dad purchased the organ from another collector in Nevada City, CA (Errol Christman). Prior to that, he believes the organ was auctioned from the church itself. How many hands it passed thru prior to Errol is unknown. It now resides in the Goldfield Visitor Center where everyone can view, admire and appreciate it. Another piece of Goldfield history back in town. We sincerely thank Darius and Noelani, who took the time to deliver and donate this organ to us.

Photos by John Ekman



Photo by Darius Kraft



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Other News - The Tonopah Times Bonanza and Goldfield News, and The Pahrump Valley Times which **David Jacobs** is the editor of, was named best in Nevada (medium-sized papers) on September 29 in Las Vegas. The 2 papers won a combined 40 awards (23 first places) including firsts in investigative, explanatory journalism, digital breaking news, sports, business, entertainment, digital innovation, local column, ad/design and more. ALL of the 2017-18 reporters, plus 3 freelancers, won awards and ALL won individual first-place awards, too. Congratulations to all.

A hiking trail to the Malpais summit is in progress. **Steve and Jeri Foutz** along with **Bryan Smalley** are working on this project. Looking forward to seeing the results. Thanks to you all.

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