

the Goldfield
Historical Society
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! I do hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

Robert & Sarah Beers

Steve Cavallero

Joni Eastley

Brenda Gleffe

Larry & Shirley Kline

Richard Schenk

Deborah Cuney Sharp

Philip Varney – Life Member

We have 157 members as of the end of December. Members are the life blood of organizations and we sincerely appreciate each and every one of you for your continued support. Thank you.

Dues are Due - Our membership year runs from January to December which means it's time to once again send in your dues. However, if you joined on, or after, August 1, your membership will be continued through 2020. Your dues are vital to our existence. They are used to fund the bills incurred in conducting the Society's business. 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. Dues 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.

High School Restoration – Work on the plans and specs for the East Wall stabilization continue by **Mel Green**, our structural engineer, and **John Ekman**, our President. This work will hopefully be started and finished next year.



Photo by Jim Price



Photo by John Ekman

Perchetti Construction replaced the front steps of the High School at the beginning of November. What an improvement! They did a great job and we hope to use them again for future projects. Daniel Prendergast, our woodworker, built the railings and newel posts. His help has been invaluable. Previously, he also made the spindles. Accurate replication was achieved with the help of period photographs. This is what people would have seen on their new High School

stairs in 1907, and we're striving to give people today the same visual experience as they would have had if transported back in time to Goldfield's boom days.

Jeri Foutz has been authorized to dispose of the old wood from the high school steps. She is working on a fundraising plan which should be fun. All funds collected will go to the building fund.

The lintels from Millers have been moved to Goldfield. Basically all that is left at Millers are smaller pieces.

We've received the go ahead to use the funds from the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) for the emergency work to repair/replace the windows. There are 86 windows in the High School. We expect to be able to do about 40 with these funds. Applications for the CCCHP 2019-20 grant funds are due February 2020. So, our next request will be for a new roof, including reinforcing the roof timbers.

The nominating period for the 2020 officers' election was opened at the November meeting and will continue to the January meeting, when elections will be held. The current officers have agreed to continue in their current positions, if elected.

Website – The website rebuild is complete...thank you **Edie Koepnick**, with grant support from **Angela Haag**. If you haven't visited the website in awhile, you should. It looks great. **Angela Haag** has offered to provide additional stories and articles for the website. We'll look forward to reading them.

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.

Goldfield Birthday Party – Goldfield turned “sweet 116” on October 19th and again, we celebrated this event. Coffee and cake were served to all who stopped by. We had 63 signatures on the birthday card: 16 from Goldfield. A troop of Boy Scouts from



Las Vegas who were camping up by the Santa Fe stopped by. They were very polite, well behaved boys and they really enjoyed the cake.

Thanks to **Edie Koepnick** for once again organizing this event and to everyone who donated a cake, cookies and their time to make it a success.

Juanita Colvin brought out her 1930 Pierce Arrow which added immensely to the celebration. As you can imagine it was a big draw.

We also had several people dressed in period costume which added to the event.

Photos by Jim Price



Other Projects – Due to the winter weather, most projects have been put on hold until next Spring. However, before the weather turned really bad, the Tex Rickard house had some major work done. It received a new roof, the back was rebuilt, the front porch was rebuilt and the fence surrounding the house was replaced.

Steve & Jeri Foutz have been working on the Rosenthal House and discovered a mysterious door in the ground. If you'd like to be the one who opens that door, you can take a chance by purchasing tickets for an "opportunity drawing". The winning ticket will be drawn in April. The winner will receive a free night at the Goldfield Stop Inn and will open the mystery door.

Donations – One of our members, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a gift of \$2,000. It will go into the building restoration fund to be used for doors and/or windows on the high school. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Bryan Smalley designed and donated an historic location sign for the Malapais Trail Project and it's already installed! It looks great.

Photo by Edie Koepnick



It reads: Historic Location
 Goldfield Scenic Overlook

In the early days of Goldfield the above bluff was used for parties and picnics, on special occasions like the 4th of July and New Years fireworks would be shot off. On the trail to the top there is a chance to see native plants and wildlife much as it was in the early days of Goldfield.

The **Cippoli/Lebow family** donated a binder filled with historic mining stock certificates collected by the family.

Richard & Edie Koepnick donated bricks for the east wall project.

Thanks to all for their generous donations.

GHS Meeting – The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce/Historical Society building.

Around Town – The town received two blocks worth of new curbs and sidewalks on the south side of Crook Ave. between Fifth Ave. and Franklin Ave.

KGFN has put up a new tower on Columbia Mountain and it is operational. They also installed a new KGFN sign north of town. Their dinner/show in October was a sell out. Slade Rivers and Joe Bellamy were the entertainment and they did not disappoint.

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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