

the Goldfield
Historical Society
Goldfield, Nevada



John Ekman, President

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends and that you are all well. It's hard to believe that we're going into another new year so soon.

We are ending the year with 189 members. A warm welcome to our new members, since the last newsletter, listed below.

Steve Altergott, NV

Christine Baird, OR

Heidi Bullock, TX

Rick Harrison, NV

Mike Ismert, MO

Maureen Tuohy, VA

Kimball Woodworks, WA

To the five complimentary members of 2020, we hope you enjoyed your participation in the Goldfield Historical Society. Your membership supports the many projects and activities of the society, thank you, thank you! We do hope you'll want to renew.

Member State Count - Speaking of new members, last year an anonymous member "sponsored" five individual one year memberships (\$20 x 5 = \$100) to 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. We only have two "slots" left!

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

Officers – Our hard working Officers were elected for another term. There has been one change. Our past Treasurer, Ruth Lee is stepping aside and Edie Koepnick is taking her place. Ruth has done an excellent job and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with her. She will be missed on the Board but I know that Edie is quite capable and will also do an outstanding job. Thank you for your past service **Ruth**.

President – **John Ekman**

Vice President – **Steve Foutz**

Secretary – **Brenda Gleffe**

Treasurer – **Edie Koepnick**

A big thank you to all of the members on the Board for volunteering and for keeping the Goldfield Historical Society on track.

Dues are Due - Our membership runs from January to December. So, I would appreciate it if you could please send in your dues promptly. You can pay through our website or print out the attached membership form and mail it to **The Goldfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 393, Goldfield, NV 89013**. I'd appreciate your attention to this matter.



Incentive to Renew Early! - And just for fun, the pictured quilt will be given away. The lap quilt is 43" x 61" and handmade by your Editor (I've had a little extra time during 2020). All you have to do is send in your dues by January 31 and your name will be put in a hat for a drawing the end of January. Those who have already paid, need not worry, your names are already in the hat. No tickets to purchase – just pay your dues, which I'm sure you're going to do anyway. If you're not interested in the quilt, let me know and I won't put your name in for the drawing.

All photos by Jim Price unless noted otherwise.

High School Update - The Neon Museum in Las Vegas has returned their Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) grant money of \$200K when it was determined that the City of Las Vegas, upon which the museum is located, owned the land. The City didn't want to encumber the property with the required CCCHP covenant, which would require them to apply for state approval if any aesthetic or structural changes were contemplated over the next 50 years. Of those reverted funds, we received an additional \$32K, which will go towards the roof work on the High School. Of the eleven projects that applied for the reverted funds, we were one of only two to receive such a large percentage of the \$200K. Congratulations **John** and thank you, again, for your efforts.

This provides us with a total of \$294K to continue the High School roof work. Documenting the roof structural support details and the exterior details for a partial roof replacement continues.

Grants – The Board decided that we needed to have a brochure about the Goldfield Cemetery, so I submitted a request for a Rural Marketing Grant, which is a matching grant from Travel Nevada. We were awarded \$500 to assist with this project. **Allen Metscher** will do the write up and **John Pendergast**, one of our members who runs a printing business in Las Vegas will print the brochures for us.



Goldfield Birthday- We celebrated Goldfield's 118th birthday this year on October 23rd with cake and punch. The Foutz's volunteered their Goldfield Stop building for the celebration. It was beautifully decorated and everyone seemed to enjoy the visit and the educational display on Goldfield's history. We raised \$150 in raffle donations from a gift basket donated by **Ruth Lee** and \$87 in direct donations, all to go to our High School Restoration Project. It was a beautiful day with no wind!

Goldfield Stop



Edie & Brenda served the cake.



Edie, Joan, Jim and Richard dressed for the part.

Donations – Richard and Karen Cullens made a generous \$200 donation to the Society to put plastic covers over the new Railroad signs to add an additional layer of protection. We appreciate their generosity. They have been installed and look great. Thank you for your support.



Photo by Richard Gartman



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The **Reno High School Alumni Association** sent us \$100. They wrote: “We wanted to send you a donation as we are kindred spirits!” It is much appreciated. If there is anyone out there who wishes to contact them, they can be reached at: Reno High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 5897, Reno, NV 89513.

We also received \$1000 from an anonymous member. This was a directed qualified distribution from the member's 401K/IRA account. This person has done this for several years and we thank you for your continued support.

We received \$2,500 from **Roxy and Alise Roxborough** for the High School Restoration Project. They also donate through their financial institution and have done so in the past. We’re very appreciative of their generosity.

We also received \$2,000 from **Deana Glatz & John Rudderow**. It will go to the General Fund for use for the website, newsletter, digitization and acquisitions to further the history of Goldfield. Deana and John also provided the funding to have the Joshua Palm digitized. Using the 1908 Joshua Palm, they have been researching about 20 people – school trustees, teachers, students

and citizens. As they complete them, the bio's will be published on our website. Thank you so much for your generous contribution.

Any size contribution is appreciated and welcomed. It's very encouraging to know that there are others who are like minded, in regards to historical preservation.

Central Nevada Museum -The American Landscape produced a video of the Central Nevada Museum in Tonopah. After a few months of editing, this episode of the Central Nevada Museum is now live. Here is a link to the show https://youtu.be/SQj_N_Z-Si0. The enthusiastic Tonopah local is Allen Metscher. They wrote the following: "On this episode Greg and his crew are at the Central Nevada Museum in Tonopah, NV. We will learn a lot about Central Nevada and the area around Tonopah from a very enthusiastic Tonopah local. He is also the President of the Tonopah, NV Historic Society. I was pleasantly surprised by all I learned. It's a great place to stop and visit." Well done **Allen!**

Bryan Smalley - It is with great sorrow that I inform you that one of our local members, Bryan Smalley, passed away on October 30, 2021. This is a tremendous loss to the community, the Goldfield Historical Society and everyone who knew him. He was always willing to help and was especially generous with his time and skills to help the Goldfield Historical Society. He was an excellent craftsman in wood and stone. His knowledge of the area was superb and most informative. He will be truly missed. Edie Koepnick wrote up the following obituary to put on our website. The Goldfield Historical Society provided the vase of flowers for his service.

Photo by Edie Koepnick



Bryan H. Smalley
December 21, 1960 – October 30, 2021

Bryan was long time resident and popular businessman of Goldfield as well as an active life-time member and steadfast supporter of the Goldfield Historical Society. Bryan loved his family, rocks and woodworking. He was our go-to rock guy. Bryan could find a rock for any project and cut it to order. His woodwork is displayed all over town on custom-made signs for business and streets. Many people have him to thank for locating the graves of relatives in our local cemetery. So it is only fitting that he rest in the cemetery he knew and watched over so well. Our hearts go out to his widow, Elva, son, Travis and his lovely family. Bryan was a true and valued friend and we mourn his passing.

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 received \$79.85 as of August 2021. Thanks to everyone who are supporting this effort.

Goldfield Historical Society Meeting – The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2022 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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