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I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and Happy New Year to everyone. Now, it's back to work. There never seems to be a shortage of projects to work on.

We ended 2022 with 201 members – this is a new record for us. **Amanda Elsea** became our 200th member! And a warm welcome to all our new members listed below since the last newsletter.

Heather Berg, OR

Bob Dewhurst, NV

Michael & Julie Dwyer, CA

Amanda Elsea, NV (200th member)

Goldrush Originals (Mike Darby), CA

Tom Horton, NV

Ralph & Kathy Keyes, NV

Daniel Potter, NV

Dues are Due – Our dues run from January to December. I would appreciate it if you could please renew early. Either on line at www.goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com or through the mail (I'm attaching a membership form for your convenience). Thanks to those who have already renewed.

New Membership Challenge - For 2023, an anonymous member is willing to pay half of the membership fee for the first 10 **new** individual members (10 x \$10 = \$100). So, with your renewed membership for 2023, sponsor one new membership for only \$10. What a great gift! If you have a neighbor or friend who you think would enjoy reading our newsletter and might be interested in supporting us, let me know and I'll add them to our membership list. I'll need name, address, and e-mail. We're not doing States this time – doesn't matter which state they live in.



High School Update – Utilizing our first phase Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation grant funds, our contractor, Spectra of Pomona, CA, addressed the internal structural issues, which must be completed before the roof repair. They did a great job. The flat roof covering will be replaced by Cooper Roofing of Las Vegas, and will be completed during this phase of the work.

Unfortunately, we discovered that we had an asbestos issue under the High School. We had to allocate \$47,000 from our Restoration Fund to have it cleaned up which was painful for our bank account but it had to be done as our State Grant did not cover this work. This work has now been completed so we can all breathe a little easier in the High School.

Photos taken by Jim Price unless noted otherwise

Donations – We have received several donations in memory of Juanita Colvin:

\$200 from **Robert Fioretti**

\$250 from **Peter Fioretti**

\$200 from **John Fioretti**

We also received \$50 from **Ron & Charme Williams**

James & Karen Vandelden sent us a check for \$100.

An anonymous member sent a check for \$1,000.

Alise and Roxy Roxborough has sent us a check for \$5,000. This will be put in 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. Thanks to all.

Goldfield Birthday Party – Richard & Edie Koepnick deserve a big thank you for pulling together everything needed to celebrate Goldfield's 119th Birthday! Edie Koepnick ordered the cakes, rounded up volunteers to help set up and break down the Community Center tables and chairs, provided table coverings, forks, made the punch, and coffee. She also arranged for **Bill Beltz** to provide a demonstration of Faro – a very popular card game back in the day. It was a lot of fun. We had our brochures out to give to people and our banners set up. **Richard Koepnick and Ernie Gannen** put out the signs alerting travelers of the event. The weather wasn't very cooperative as it was cool and windy later in the day but everyone who stopped by seemed to have a good time. We gained three new members and received \$160 in donations!



People enjoying the Cake



Photo taken by Richard Koepnick



Bill Beltz Demonstrating the Game of Faro



Jim Price & Joan Sieber encouraging people to stop in.

Playing Faro was a lot of fun – even tho I wasn't very successful at it. We thank **Bill Beltz** for taking his time and showing those who were interested how to play.

Property for Sale - The Goldfield Historical Society owns a couple of empty lots at Crystal & 5th St. It was decided at the November meeting that we should sell them, as the County has now started to charge annual special assessment fees on unused, non-profit corporation properties.

Esmeralda County Election – The election is over and we have a new Commissioner for District 1 (Goldfield) – **Rachel Holt**. She will be replacing **Tim Hipp**. Welcome Rachel and thanks to Tim for all his hard work over the past four years.

Thanksgiving – The Fire station did not put on their annual turkey dinner this year but **Gina Greenway**, one of our life members and owner of the **Mozart Tavern**, stepped up to the plate and provided 122 turkey dinners with all the fixin's to the Community at no charge. She even had some meals delivered to those unable to get to the Mozart. The donations received from this dinner were turned around to provide electric blankets to the seniors in town. She then provided

leftovers on Saturday at no charge to whoever showed up at the Tavern. My husband and I were able to partake of this and enjoyed it greatly. Thank you for your generosity, Gina.

I also want to recognize **Carol Miguez** for all the work that she does for the Society. I don't recall how many years she has been mailing out your membership cards and postcards but it's a lot. I send her the info and she takes care of the rest. It's a pleasure to work with competent people and we thank you for all your hard work.

Properties Around Town – Steve Roberts has put in RV hook ups next to his property, the Downer Brothers Assay Office. Progress has been made and it looks great.



Obituary – Another one of our life members passed away in November – **Pamela Feldkamp**. I met her once when they were in town and she was absolutely charming. Very vivacious and friendly. She and her husband have been working to completely restore the Tex Rickard House. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

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