

The Goldfield Historical Society

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Dear Historical Society Member,

Thanks to all of you, the Society made considerable progress in 2015. Our membership now stands at 116.

We continued restoration work on our priority project, saving the Goldfield High School. Using private donations and volunteer labor, we jacked-up/re-leveled all three floors of the southeast portion of the building, damaged in the 2005 wall collapse. Utilizing remaining funds from our 2014 Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs (CCA) grant, we rebuilt all three stories of the interior course of the exterior southeast wall on the new foundation, completed with CCA funds in 2014. With additional funds from the CCA's successor agency, the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP), we repointed many of the mortar joints on the exterior masonry walls.

In December 2015, the Society applied for an additional CCCHP grant to complete the stabilization of the southwest wall, with a possible award in Spring 2016.

We hope you will renew your membership and continue with us on our journey to preserve our rich history. Please use the Membership Form enclosed or visit our website (top of page) and renew/donate online. Please consider that the above-mentioned grants are important for major projects, such as the High School, but the Society relies on individual private donations to pursue a majority of our other projects.

Major Accomplishments for 2015:

- With volunteers and private donations, re-leveled all three floors of southeast portion of High School.
- Using remaining 2014 CCA funds, rebuilt all three stories of interior course of SE wall of High School.
- With volunteer labor and private donations, performed temporary roof repairs on High School.
- Obtained donation of vintage school desks from Fourth Ward School in V.C. for High School classroom.
- With a state tourism grant and donations, printed new, 5th addition of Goldfield Walking Tour Booklet.
- Performed an update of our website, and returned to adding content on a regular basis.
- With local school, held open-to-public Goldfield's 112th Birthday Party, enhancing community awareness.
- With Central Nevada Museum support, began painting T & G RR boxcars, on display at the BG Railyard.
- Continued historic structure plaque program (now 74) and cemetery grave reconstruction and maintenance.
- With anonymous funds, repaired Sideboard Saloon arch. With volunteer labor, fixed Lyric Theater roof.
- Conducted very successful fundraisers, including Quilt, Doll, T-shirt and "Adopt an Ass".
- Conducted educational and fund-raising historic tours and first ever GPS Challenge.

Goals for 2016 include continued structure and artifact preservation, coupled with expanded educational efforts to better interpret Goldfield's rich history for current and future generations.

John Ekman, President

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