

The Goldfield Historical Society

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Dear Historical Society Member,

Thanks to you, we have accomplished much in 2016. Our membership now stands at 129, an all-time high. We continued to work on our priority project, restoring our 1907 Goldfield High School. Our volunteers have completed re-leveling the three floors of the southeast portion of the building and the floors, currently on temporary supports, will soon be permanently reattached to the new inner portion of the exterior wall completed in 2015. With funds from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP), we repointed all of the mortar joints on the exterior masonry walls and rebuilt the first floor of the outer portion of the exterior masonry wall mentioned above.

The Society's application for a FY 16-17 CCCHP grant to complete the stabilization of the southwest wall was approved in April and the funds awarded in November. Met with Society's structural engineer to develop plans.

The Society's work toward the continued preservation of our rich history lies in a healthy membership and we hope you will renew yours today. 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.

In addition to the above, other major accomplishments for 2016 include:

- Repaired windows and venetian blinds in Northeast (NE) first floor classroom of High School.
- Installed vintage school desks in NE classroom and hosted school children from Las Vegas.
- Opened Tonopah & Tidewater RR model display in room adjacent to Goldfield Gift Shop.
- Hosted Horseless Carriage Club Tour of the Goldfield area, receiving a generous donation.
- Produced tri-fold containing abbreviated version of Goldfield's history to hand out to visitors.
- Continued to update and add historic content to our website and give media interviews.
- Held open-to-public Goldfield's 113th Birthday Party, enhancing community awareness.
- Began sealing/painting and lettering of T & G RR boxcars on display at the BG Railyard.
- Continued historic structure plaque program (now 77) and cemetery grave reconstruction and maintenance.
- Began collecting materials to fabricate and install Cemetery Entrance Arch.
- Continued fundraising efforts, including the sale of our very popular Historic Goldfield T-shirts.
- Conducted educational and fund-raising historic tours and popular GPS Challenge at Goldfield Days.

Goals for 2017 continue to be the preservation and restoration of our historic structures and artifacts, along with additional educational efforts to better interpret Goldfield's rich history for current and future generations.

John Ekman, President

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