Echoes From the Past

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PRESIDENTS CORNER
~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

It will be an honor to serve as President of the Truckee Donner Historical Society for this next year. I have been a member of the Society since 1998 and have served on the Board as Treasurer since that time. I am looking forward to letting go of the duties of Treasurer (Thank you Bob Bell for stepping up!) and being able to focus on finding new and creative ways to serve the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

I would like to thank Gordon Richards for an outstanding job as President last year. We welcomed many new members during his tenure, and I hope that I will be able to continue to lead the organization in such a fashion that we will welcome many more.

Last month I mailed a survey to a portion of our Society’s members asking for your feedback on how we are doing, and suggestions for improvement in several areas. Thank you to those of you who have participated in this survey. If you received a questionnaire and have not yet returned it, please take a few minutes to respond and return it in the self-addressed envelope. If you did not receive a questionnaire, but would like to give us your feedback, please call us or email and let us know, and we will send you a copy of the survey.

We have left our very busy summer season and are moving into the holiday season. We hope that many of you will join us for our annual Christmas at the Cabin event on December 2nd for good food, fellowship and a little holiday cheer.

JUST IN!!

Greg Franzwa, owner of Patrice Press, has completed "The Lincoln Highway: California", Volume 6 in a series of books chronicling the highway's history and route (with plots on USGS topo base). He is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Highway Association and Truckee Donner Historical Society and will be at the Research Cabin on Monday, November 27 at 7 PM to present a 45 minute slide show followed by a Q&A session and a book signing.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS
Since last May 2006

Susan Teeter Hall  Lorraine Free  Jim Holmes
Wes & Tonya Beyer  Janet Corriea  Bonnie Garcia
Nick Sassarini  Chuck & Karen Grigg  Louise McCallen
Mark Sutherlin  Carol B. Tougas  Lisa Wallace
Alan Gauld  Sierra Mountain Mortgage  Greg Hines
Dave & Carmen LeBlanc  Jeff Stitzer  Rich Fisher
Elizabeth Moore  Cathy Sova  Greg Palmer
Cheryl Shaffer  Katharine McCabe  Bob Morey
Terry Denton  Debbie Freeman
Tahoe Donner Association

DUES CURRENT? It is easy to tell... just look at the mailing label on your newsletter. It shows the month and year of your renewal.

DID YOU KNOW? TDHS IS SELF SUPPORTING. The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission:
To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

Be assured that disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential. Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER And if you can, please help us recruit new members.

Thank you!

OLD JAIL MUSEUM
~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator

End of the Season Report

I would like to thank all of our faithful volunteers who helped give tours down at the Old Jail Museum this season. We truly appreciate your time spent educating visitors on our rich history. With 13 active Docents we were able to keep the doors open for a good amount of the scheduled time. Unfortunately, we had to keep the doors closed on days we should have been open because we still don't have enough volunteers. We were extremely happy to welcome Jim Holmes and Carmen LeBlanc as new Docents at the Museum and look forward to working with them next season. Thank you both very much for your time and interest. As usual, we would like to welcome many more new Docents to help us out...any takers??

We were able to show the Museum to more than 1700 visitors this season and brought in over $1500.00 in donations. The cost of operating the museum is covered 100% by donations taken at the door. We wouldn't be able to run the museum without these donations, which is why it is extremely important to keep those doors open! Be sure to watch out for our spring newsletter which will advertise the Docent training days to prepare volunteers for the 2007 season.
WEB PAGE NEWS
~Billie Cornell~

If you have not seen the Truckee Donner Historical Society web page in awhile or have never visited it before, I ask you to please surf the web and click onto http://truckeehistory.tripod.com

We are in the process of upgrading our web page so you will no longer be hounded by those annoying pop-up advertisements;
We have been updating our Events Page, added additional event photographs including a picture of our newly restored Research Cabin;
We are currently in the process of updating our Publications Page to include a complete list of the books we sell including pricing and order sheets; also, look for the recommended Quarterly Book Selection beginning next year.
To help expedite buying our books, photographs, and possibly your annual membership dues, we are investigating ways to allow your use of credit cards to make on-line purchases;
We are looking into the possibility of an opt-in / opt-out feature where you would elect to receive informational emails from the Society, so you will not miss out on any of our special events;
And in the near future you may even be able to access this quarterly newsletter, Echoes from the Past, on-line;
We will also be adding more of Gordon Richards’ very popular historical articles that are published in the local Truckee newspaper The Sierra Sun.

We hope you will enjoy the new changes our volunteers are working on, so please check in from time to time to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by emailing me at:

tdhs@inreach.com

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COCKTAIL HOUR

We would like to invite our wonderful volunteers to the 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Hour held at the Gateway Research Cabin on Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM. Appetizers will be served and guests are invited to stay for our Annual Christmas Party to be held immediately afterward. This Cocktail Hour gives us a chance to say Thank You for all you have helped us accomplish over the last year.

Please RSVP to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

November 28: Board Meeting
December 1: 1st TDHS 2007 Calendar available for sale!
December 2: Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation Cocktail hour
January 23: Board Meeting
February 23: Board Meeting
March 27: Board Meeting
April 24: Board Meeting

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Gateway Research Cabin. The festivities are open to the public and we invite you to bring along your friends to celebrate the holidays with us. Stay for spiced cider and homemade goodies. Our photos and books and new Truckee Calendar will be available for viewing and purchase.

We hope you can join us!
TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Founded July 24, 1968

TDHS MEMBER APPLICATION

NAME: ____________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP: ____________________________________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

HOME PHONE: __________________________ WORK PHONE: __________________________

~MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES~

INDIVIDUAL $20.00 _____ FAMILY $30.00 _____ BUSINESS $40.00 _____ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) $10.00 _____

SUSTAINING $75.00 _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS $25.00 _____ CONTRIBUTING $100.00 _____

MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) $ _____ IN HONOR OF: ____________________________________________

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: ____________________________________________

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS:

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