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AT MY OWN PACE

~ Sharon Pace Arnold, President ~

Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.
4th Tuesday of the Month
Quarterly General Meetings
March*, June,
August, October
2nd Tuesday of the Month at
7:00 p.m.
(*weather permitting)

Executive Board

- ~ President ~
Sharon Pace Arnold
- ~ Vice President/Historian ~
Guy Coates
- ~ Executive Secretary ~
Chelsea Walterscheid
- ~ Treasurer ~
Judy Dunlap

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- ~ Beverly Cook ~
- ~ Vince Deveney ~
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- ~ Membership/
Assistant Editor ~
Billie Cornell
- ~ Museum Coordinator ~
Don Colclough
- ~ Photograph Chair ~
Leanne Atwater
- ~ Memorial Garden ~
Henry Murrary

CELEBRATING THIRTY FIVE YEARS 1968-2003

Once spring arrived it was beautiful, and the lilacs were gorgeous. As most of you know and remember our summers here in Truckee are exquisite. Some would complain that it has been too hot, a couple of days of 90 degrees + but the nights are always cool.

A small group of us marched in the 4th of July parade. Billie, Don, and Henry carried our TDHS banner, Guy and I were behind, in our old west attire, followed by the Rail Road Regulators.

This year, TDHS presented our 2003 Award of Merit to Mitch Clarin of Blue Sky Homes, for the Historical Re-Creation of the Old McGwinn family home, in Brickelltown. With the help of the Rail Road Regulators, and unbeknownst to Mitch, we had arranged with the RRR to arrest Mitch when we marched by the McGwinn home. He was put in the old jail on wheels and driven to the center of Town, released, where we presented Mr. Clarin with the plaque. The HISTORICAL ACCURACY of this building is like stepping back in time. The McGwinn granddaughters presented Mitch copies of the old home. Thank you Mitch for a job well done.

The 23rd Old Timers Picnic will be July 26th. If this newsletter has been received after the picnic, those of you who attended the Picnic know we had a nice surprise for you.

August 1st we will be hosting our first Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Old Jail Museum. We will be co-hosting with the Champion Rodeo group. This is open to Chamber Members only.

I am sorry to report that we have lost another Truckee Old Timer, & member of TDHS, Martin Oroz (his mother was Rita Besio). For me another life long friend is gone.

The other sad news, our Vice President and Research Historian, Guy Coates, has decided to sell his home and move to Arizona. He and his family will be missed and a great loss to Truckee and the Society.

We are in **URGENT NEED** of volunteers as docents at our Old Jail Museum. Also, we need volunteers to help with the Memorial Garden. Just a couple of hours a month would be greatly appreciated. Call Don Colclough, (530) 587-1343, if you can help with the Old Jail. No permission is needed to work in the Garden, but you can call Henry Murray, 582-1675, and he can advise as to what is needed.

Please be sure to read the enclosed flyer in regards to our up coming election.

Remember: "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"
"Keep Our Forest Green".

Meet Your Board

~ Guy Coates, Historian ~



It Runs in the Family

Some folks mistakenly believe your TDHS board members to be a bunch of cantankerous "old-timers" who live in the past, hate change and fight progress.

However, in 1997 this image dramatically changed when 23 year-old Chelsea Walterscheid was elected president, serving multiple terms with dignity and pride.

Still an active board member, Chelsea is a native Truckeean, born in Tahoe Forest Hospital, attended local schools and gained an appreciation for history at a very early age.

"As a child, my mother took us to visit my grandmother in North Dakota," she recalls. "My grandmother was born in 1895." "My mother was always interested in history, so along the way we stopped at every historical site. I guess it was from my mother and grandmother that I began to love history."

Following graduation from Tahoe-Truckee High School in 1992, Chelsea traveled to Honduras on a foreign exchange program. During her six-month stay she became conversant in Spanish.

After returning home, she attended Chabot College in Hayward, but city life did not agree with this native mountain girl. She dearly missed her family, friends and small town life.

Returning to Truckee, Chelsea ran the local party circuit, and enjoyed life. It was great to be home again! During this time she met her husband-to-be, John.

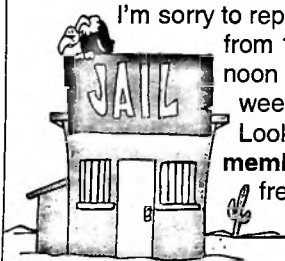
It was during that first glorious summer at home in 1997 that Chelsea volunteered to serve as a docent at the Old Jail Museum.

In September of that year, she attended the TDHS docent appreciation dinner, during which elections were held. That evening, Chelsea was handed a gavel and went home with the title of TDHS President.

Today, Chelsea and John are the proud parents of two children, Jack, age 3, and ten-month old Annabelle. As a busy mother, she still finds time to attend TDHS board meetings and many other civic activities.

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~ Don Colclough, Museum Coordinator ~



I'm sorry to report that we have not been able to keep our Museum open each Saturday & Sunday from 11AM till 4PM as planned due to a lack of docents. We have every Sunday afternoon covered by Aileen Collinson & Dennis Cowan but need 6 additional docents every weekend.

Looking at the schedule for the rest of the season doesn't look hopeful. **A hand full of members are doing all the work.** Since CATT has agreed to re roof the Museum for free this fall, it behooves us to keep this valuable asset open and is a source of revenue for the Society. You can reach me at 587-1343 or Joy Horn at 587-1507.

ARTICLE V

Election of Officers and Board Of Directors

From the Constitution of the Truckee Donner Historical Society, Inc.
Revised July 1985

Election for the officers of the Society shall be at the annual meeting to be held in Sept. & shall cover the office of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer & two Board Members. These officers shall be current active members in good standing as set forth in the constitution & bylaws & willing to accept the duties & responsibilities.

All officers & Board Members shall be elected by plurality of votes cast by ballot of the total membership present at the annual meeting.

Prior to the election, the member shall be furnished a nomination ballot or blank upon which such member may nominate one person for each office open to election.

Nomination shall be returned no later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. (August 23, 2003). The election committee shall poll the nominees as to their acceptance for nomination. They will prepare the ballot for use at the annual dinner & tally the votes.

All (currently) paid memberships shall have voting capacity. Family membership shall constitute two (2) votes. All unpaid memberships, i.e. complimentary, honorary memberships shall be in a non-voting capacity.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting, & the votes of the membership present shall constitute the authority of the membership at large.

Any person who has been elected or appointed for two (2) consecutive terms shall not be nominated to the same office unless one year lapses between the end of his/her last term & the beginning of the term for which he/she is nominated. THIS SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE NOMINATIONS & AVAILABILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE & CAN BE WAIVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

NOMINATING BALLOT

PRESIDENT _____

VICE PRESIDENT _____

RECORDING SECRETARY _____

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TREASURER _____

BOARD MEMBER _____

BOARD MEMBER _____

RETURN TO:

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NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 2003.

From the Summer 2003 addition of the California Historian, A publication of the Conference of California Historical Societies. "The term constitution is essentially obsolete". " It is recommended that all society's basic rules be combined into a single instrument called the bylaws."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ *Billie Cornell, Membership Chair* ~



Special Announcement

Please read the information on nominating and availability of candidates. Then take a moment to fill out and mail the enclosed nomination ballot for the 2003 Board to be elected at the annual Election and Docent Appreciation Dinner on September 23rd at a time and place to be announced.

WELCOME BACK HAROLD TREACY. Recently Mr. Treacy contacted the Society to inquire about his Lifetime membership. It was discovered Mr. Treacy had been removed as a member in 1995 when his forwarding address was no longer available. So, if you have any questions regarding your membership or have discovered you or someone you know has been dropped from our membership rolls, please contact myself, Billie, at tdhs@inreach.com or call & leave a message at the Cabin, 530-582-0893. I will be happy to help you out.

CUDOS to CRAIG THRESHIE, who has elected to continue his paid Business Membership, Alpen Environments, in addition to his Honorary (free) Membership, granted by the Society while he serves the Town of Truckee as a Council Member.

CONFIDENTIALITY. In this day and age of easy access to ones' personal information, the Board of Directors would like to reassure our members that disclosure of their personal information, (i.e. mailing and email addresses and phone numbers) are kept confidential. The Society's membership list is used solely by the current board of directors and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business only.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST JUNIOR MEMBER, ANNABELLE WALTERSCHEID; the latest bundle of joy to her parents Chelsea, John & her brother Jack. Only time will tell if her mothers historic influence will be maintained in the next generation. Let's hope so!

And speaking of new members, I would like to
Welcome our other new members:
 Dan and Sue Cockrum Gordon Richards

DUES CURRENT? Please review your mailing label to see when your membership expires. The month and year are reflected above your name. If you notice you are late in paying your annual dues or if you are inclined to make a tax deductible donation over and above your annual contribution, we will gladly accept payment at any time. Please remember the Society does not receive any local, State, or Federal Assistance to operate so **your dues are critical** to pay for the operating expenses of the Society in our pursuit of our Mission: To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.

~ THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES CURRENT
 and
 TO EVERY MEMBER FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND LOYAL SUPPORT ~



NEWS

FLASH

The 4th of July parade had 60+ entries, there were 17 winners with TDHS placing 3rd in the Nonprofit category. Thanks to Maia Schneider & Channel 6 for the great coverage!

Way to go!!
CONGRATS TO TDHS!



Calendar of events



- * July 26th-Annual Old Timers Picnic at **Truckee Regional Park** 10 am ~ 4 pm.
- * July 25-27 -Truckee Antiques Show & Sale **Truckee High School** - Call 510-525-2708 for more information.
- * Aug. 1st -Free Acclamation Clinic - Cowboy Mounted Shooting Enthusiasts **Historical Downtown Truckee** - Brought to you by the Railroad Regulators - 601 to kick off Western Week, ending with the Truckee Championship Rodeo. Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- * Aug. 2nd-Truckee Ruckus' **Western Days Parade. Historical Downtown Truckee** -Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- * Aug. 2-Cowboy Mounted Shooting Competition. **Rodeo Grounds, Brockway Road (Hwy 267)** - Railroad Regulators gunfighters will be on hand. Wagon Train Display and Kids Carnival Call 530-582-0558 for more information.
- * Aug. 8-10-**Truckee Championship Rodeo. McIver Arena, Brockway Road (Hwy 267) Truckee.** Call 530-582-9852 for more information.
- * Sep. 6-7-**5th Annual Truckee Railroad Days-Historical Downtown Truckee** call 530-546-1221 for more information.

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



September is California History Month!

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MEMBERSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 _____ FAMILY \$30.00 _____ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) \$10.00 _____
SUSTAINING \$75.00 _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION \$25.00 _____ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 _____
MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) \$ _____ IN HONOR OF: _____
GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: _____

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS: