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A SEASON OF THANK YOU'S

~ Gordon Richards President & Research Historian ~
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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 ~
Gordon Richards
- ~ Vice President ~
Henry Murray
- ~ Recording Secretary ~
Chelsea Walterscheid
- ~ Treasurer/
Museum Assistant ~
Judy Dunlap

Board Directors

- ~ Don Colclough ~
- ~ Robert Bell ~

Chair Directors

- ~ Editor/Publications ~
Judy Williams
- ~ Membership/Corresponding
Secretary/Assistant Editor ~
Billie Cornell
- ~ Museum Curator ~
Chelsea Walterscheid
- ~ Photograph Chair ~
Leanne Atwater
- ~ Memorial Garden ~
Henry Murray
- ~ Research Historian ~
Gordon Richards

As I step up from Vice President to President of the TDHS, I want to thank the dedicated Board Of Directors and Committee Chairpersons who have kept this Historical Society together and functioning for the past few years.

Past President Sharon Arnold has been a great asset to the Society, having served in a leadership role that no one else could. She has also been the organizer of the Old Timers Picnic for many years, and is now passing that event's organization on to new leaders. Sharon has also donated many hours to the Jail Museum, Rummage Sale, Ice Cream Social and many other events. Sharon has agreed to continue on as the Society Representative to the Town of Truckee Historical Preservation Advisory Committee.

New Vice President Henry Murray has helped out behind the scenes with the Memorial Garden and the Ice Cream Social, among other things. His help is greatly appreciated.

Judy Dunlap has been, and continues to be an important officer, serving as treasurer for many years. In addition she helped organize the Ice Cream Social, which raised \$281 for the Jail and Memorial Garden, helped reorganize the Old Jail Museum, and has written two successful grants, one for the Research Cabin re-roofing and another for the photo archive project. Thanks, Judy!

Continuing on as Recording Secretary and Old Jail Museum Curator, Chelsea Walterscheid has devoted a tremendous amount of energy, all the while raising two even more energetic children. The reorganized Jail continues to impress visitors and is a very important part of the Truckee atmosphere. She is truly a shining light.

Billie Cornell has been reelected as Corresponding Secretary and keeps up the impressive task of membership chairperson, as well as assisting sending out the newsletter. Good job, Billie!

Long time Old Jail Museum docent and Special Group Tour leader Don Colclough is a very helpful addition as he returns as a Board Member. Don has also volunteered to be the Chair of the next Election Dinner. Thanks Don.

Our newest Board Member is Bob Bell. We welcome him to our Board and will value his opinions. Bob brings experience as a Board member of the Truckee Donner Rail Road Society.

Outgoing Board member Bev Cook has also organized our Annual Election Dinner for several years. Bev and husband Dennis have been great supporters of the Society for years and we thank them.

Newsletter Editor and Publications Chairperson Judy Williams is another valuable asset to the group, working behind the scenes to keep our many books for sale organized and our general members in touch with our activities.

The Old Timers Picnic will be organized next year by member Heidi Euer Martin. We thank her for stepping up.

All of our Board members need assistance from members. The way to assist the Board of Directors is to contact us (best by E-mail) and get involved.

RESEARCH CABIN GETS A NEW ROOF!

As a result of wonderful support from our community, the Truckee Donner Historical Society is proud to say we have a new roof on our research cabin! The Society received a grant from the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation to purchase materials for the new roof. Members of C.A.T.T., Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe, donated the labor. A BIG THANK YOU to Mark Tanner Construction who performed the redecking of the roof and another BIG THANK YOU to Joe Vineyard Roofing who removed the old shingles and reshingled the new roof. These two contractors really understand what giving back to the community is all about! Helping us get a preliminary budget early in the process was Rick with Lebel Roofing, so thank you for your help too.

A BIG THANK YOU to Washoe Building Supply Roofing for their donation of roofing materials. In Addition, lumber was provided at cost by the Truckee Tahoe Lumber Company.

Thank you to all who participated on this project. A special thank you to Tom Just of the C.A.T.T. Community Project Association for his coordination. The members of the Truckee Donner Historical Society appreciate the support from these individuals and organizations. Their support helps us to continue our mission to preserve Truckee's historical architecture and uphold our agreement to the community to maintain this historical building.

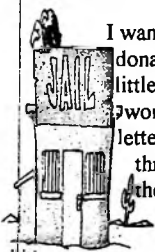
The Cabin was originally built in 1939 as the office for the Gateway Motel. The roof was original to this building and in very poor condition. In addition to providing a meeting place for the Historical Society, it houses a historic photo and document collection. The Society also holds membership gatherings and events in the Cabin. The building is also used as a meeting place for the Truckee Cemetery District, the Chief Truckee Chapter of the E Clampus Vitus and the Nevada County Landmarks Commission.

Judy Dunlap

OLD JAIL MUSEUM

~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator~

With last year's early snow and late spring, the Jail season came and went pretty fast. As usual, we were scheduled to have our doors open on weekends during the summer months. We had less docents this year, so we had to have the doors closed on a number of different occasions, but we still managed to show the museum to 2311 visitors, and took in over \$1750.00 in donations. That money goes into a fund for the maintenance of the building. We are hoping next year to be able to repair the leaking roof and some plumbing issues, but other than that, the old building is doing great in it's old age!



I want to say thank you to all of the docents who worked hard all season to keep those doors open. We can not bring in donation money if the doors are closed! Some docents put in many hours, and some put in as many as they could. Every little bit helps us out, so please consider joining our Jail Crew and becoming a docent at the Old Jail Museum. You can work as little or as much as you want and we really need the help! Look for training days and times in the spring newsletter. I also want to thank the Railroad Regulators, who help us give tours every year to the local 3rd graders, passing through for an end of the year history lesson. I have to admit, I've been upstaged by their presence...the children think they are the best part of the tour

VOLUNTEER COCKTAIL HOUR

This year we are doing something a little different for all the volunteers who helped out over the year. Instead of our usual luncheon, we will be hosting a cocktail hour as a BIG THANK YOU to all of the people who help us do all those things that need to be done for the Cabin, the Jail, the Garden and the Gravesite (did I forget anything?). So, if you have helped us out this year, you are cordially invited to the 1st annual Volunteer Cocktail Hour, hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 3rd. Appetizers will be served. Guests are also invited to stay for our annual Christmas Party, taking place immediately after the social hour. Once again, Thank You for all your help!!

RSVP by November 27th to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 ~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

From the SEPTEMBER 27, 2005 Annual Election Dinner

The new memberships are keeping pace with members we are losing thereby keeping our total membership totals exactly the same. A repeat of last year.

The chart below shows the number count for our membership types. A recap of the changes are:

- An increase in Family, Business, Contributing, Sustaining and Non-Profit,
- A decrease in Complimentary, Honorary, Individual, and Lifetime,
- No change for the Junior, In-Kind, and Contributing memberships.

There were 30 new memberships. The breakdown for each member type is:

- 1 Contributing \$100
 - 1 Sustaining \$75
 - 3 Business \$40
 - 11 Family \$30
 - 2 Non-Profit Organization \$25
 - 9 Individual \$20
 - 3 Complimentary \$0
- 30**

Some members elected to change their membership type during the year. The changes made were:

- Barbara Green is a paid Individual member in lieu of an Honorary member
- Moonshine Ink is a paid Business member in lieu of a Complimentary member
- 5 members changed from Individual to Family
- 1 member changed from Individual to Sustaining
- 1 member changed from Individual to Contributing
- 1 member changed from Family to Individual
- 1 member changed from Family to Contributing

Member Type	No. of Members as of 9/27/2005	No. of Members as of 9/22/2004
Business	9	6
Complimentary	29	30
Contributing	8	6
Family	60	54
Honorary	5	7
In-Kind	6	6
Individual	101	109
Junior	5	2
Life	51	53
Non-Profit Org.	7	6
Sustaining	3	2
TOTAL	281	281



Christmas at the Cabin

It is time once again to celebrate the holidays with the Historical Society. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm. Our research cabin, located at Meadow Park behind the PUD, will be open to any one who wants to come by to visit with other members, meet the new Board members and enjoy some home made baked goods. As usual, you can view our photos and books which are available for sale, think about the people on your shopping list! Please invite your friends and family to join us in bringing in the holiday season.



Baked Goods

Every year for our Christmas party, we serve our guests homemade baked goods, along with hot spiced wine and cider. If any members would like to contribute a plate of goodies, please call Chelsea at 530-305-4231 to arrange a drop off time. Thank you very much for your contribution!!

Truckee Donner Historical Society
 Judy Dunlap, Treasurer
Treasurer's Report As of September 23, 2005

Bank of the West	
Checking Account	\$13,462.87
Photo Archive	7,189.48
Cabin Roof	6,000.00
CD	
Memorial Garden	3,883.42
TOTAL	\$ 30,535.77

Bank of the West Checking	\$13,462.87
Hold in Trust Fire & Ice	(297.46)
Hold in Trust Jail Repairs	(296.76)

Operating Funds \$12,868.65

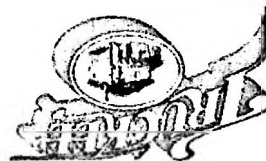
ANNUAL OVERVIEW

- Total Book Sales = \$5,560
- Total Photo Sales = \$1,449
- Total Membership Dues = \$4,940
- Total Donations Memorial = \$1,635
- Total Donations Jail = \$2,075
- Total Donations Other = \$2,382
- Spent \$7,359 to republish Fire and Ice
- Received Grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation in the amount of \$6,000 to put a new roof on the Research Cabin.
- Received Grant from the Lahonton Community Foundation to purchase equipment for the Photo Archive Project.

- *Dec. 3 4pm*-Volunteer Cocktail Party
- *Dec. 3 5pm*-Christmas at the Cabin
- Field trips in spring-slay tuned!



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 APPLICATION**

NAME: _____
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 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: