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I am honored to begin serving my second term as President of the Board. Thank you to all of you who have supported me this past year.

Gordon Richards worked tirelessly behind the scenes responding to the numerous requests we receive for photo reprints and research questions. He is always on top of it and we are lucky to have Gordon as a member of our team.

Chelsea Walterscheid, has a great deal of love for our community and it shows in everything she does. She knows a lot about our history and the history of TDHS and is always willing to help wherever and whenever it is needed. Her greatest passion is the museum and she looks over it with great care.

Billie Cornell responds to all of our email inquiries and does the job of Membership Chair, phenomenally well. Billie has worked with Mary Lou Ficklin to update our website, has created a fantastic Email Newsletter and signed us up for Shop for Museums so that we are able to generate income from those individuals who shop on-line on our behalf.

Bob Bell brings all of his business experience, wisdom and stability to the organization as Treasurer. We are a 501 3c corporation, therefore we have responsibilities to the federal, state and county governments and he makes certain that we remain accountable.

Henry Murray takes great care of our garden. If ever there is a problem with weeds, water or whatever, Henry is right on it. Henry is also the reason behind the success of our Ice Cream Social. He solicits all of the donations so that we are able to make a small profit off of this fun event. Henry also conducts group tours at the museum and along with Don Colclough, helped to open the doors of the museum on Tuesdays throughout the summer.

Don Colclough tirelessly works to keep the doors of the museum open. He conducts group tours throughout the season, helping to spread the good word about our delightful museum. Don is also willing to do whatever is necessary to assist our organization.

Judy Williams has worked diligently for many years making certain that we have our inventory of books on hand and making certain that orders are filled. She also is the editor of this newsletter.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

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| Patrick & Elaine McDonough (Family) | Val & Buffalo Cano (Family) |
| Wild Cherries Coffee House (In-Kind) | David Tirman (Individual) |
| Edward & Christine O'Neill (Family) | Dan Anderson (Complimentary) |
| Century 21 Tahoe Resort, George Koster (Business) | |

In the online October E-News, I wrote an article about the benefits of joining the society. I would like to re-print it in this newsletter format for the benefit of those members who do not have access to the World Wide Web.

TDHS PURPOSE AND MEMBER BENEFITS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our *Mission Statement* and *Purpose* is: To discover, procure and preserve whatever may relate to the aboriginal, natural, civil, literary and ecclesiastical history of the Town of Truckee and surrounding area.

PURPOSE, REVENUE SOURCES and FUTURE DREAMS

With that in mind when you join the Society and become a member, you are helping to further our Mission Statement. We are able to accomplish this objective in various ways. TDHS receives no local, state, or federal funding to further our mission so our primary method of preserving and sharing Truckee's history is through operating the Old Jail Museum. Open to the public on summer weekends, holidays and for the new Truckee Tuesdays, a nominal entrance donation is suggested. Funds are also raised through private jail group tours. Other avenues of funding are through sales of our books, reprints from our vintage photograph collection, memorial plaques, from fundraisers such as the annual Ice Cream Social, and by generous donations and grants. However, our consistent revenue-generating avenue is through membership dues.

Membership dues help to pay the operating expenses for both the Old Jail Museum and the restored historic Gateway Research Cabin used for board meetings, events, and as the Society's research and business office. Immediate projects in need of financing are for repair/replacement of the Old Jail Museum roof and the ongoing, extensive archival photo project to preserve historic snapshots of Truckee and surrounding areas.

Looking to the future, one of the Society's dreams is to have an online research and photograph library. Another long-range goal is to organize and catalog our extensive collection of research books, newspaper articles and reference materials. Ultimately, the Society would like to be able to open up a year-round public historical research library and retail store. Of course, we want to continue with the education of our local school kids through the annual 3rd grade Old Jail tours and to add kid programs to our activities. Grand dreams and goals indeed, which will require time, money and the work of more active members in order to come to fruition.

Currently, the Society is a 100% volunteer driven organization with no paid staff members. Therefore, all projects, community functions, and docents to keep the museum open and all administrative and operational functions are performed by the passion and dedication of each volunteer. To realize our future dreams and goals the Society hopes to attract more members, especially active members, and gain greater community support. The work we do today will help to guarantee the History of Truckee to be preserved for future generations.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

1) 10% off the retail price of all books and historic photos sold by the Society. You can preview a very small selection of photos and our entire line of publications (books) we sell on our website. We literally have hundreds of photos as the collection continues to grow and we continue to look for new publications to add to our book selection.

2) A Membership Card indicating your current year of membership. Memberships run for 12 months from the month you join.

3) Voting privileges in all Society elections, including the annual board of director elections held each September.

4) A mailed hard copy of our quarterly newsletter, *Echoes From the Past*, that includes member specific news and information.

5) An email subscription to our monthly TDHS E-News.

6) Complimentary admission to the Old Jail Museum and all Society sponsored special events.

7) Business Memberships receive a laminated Business Certificate to hang on the wall of their business establishment.

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) so your donations are tax deductible.

I hope this information has been helpful and informative. If you know of anyone who is not currently a member, we invite you request them to join the Society today to help us continue to work into the future to keep the history of Truckee past alive for years to come. For further information, contact us at:

Phone: 530-582-0893

Email: membership@truckeehistory.org

Download a membership application from on our website www.truckeehistory.org **THANK YOU!**

Please help us recruit new members by referring family, friends, and work associates. The easiest way is to forward an E-News or send them to our Website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 if you are paying yearly dues.

DO 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.

PRESIDENTS CORNER- CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Carmen Le Blanc was instrumental in creating the 2007 TDHS calendar last year. Carmen is also our newest Board Member this year, agreeing to take on the role as Recording Secretary.

Joy Horn is a long time, avid supporter of TDHS. She agreed to return in her role as volunteer coordinator for the museum. As a result of Joy's work, we were able to keep the museum open almost every scheduled day this past season. Joy also helped to coordinate, along with Don and Chelsea, the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

And lastly, thank you all of you who support TDHS and the Old Jail Museum by volunteering your time as docents. In my opinion, our museum is one of the most important things we do to share Truckee's history with our community and visitors. We could not do this without your support.

SAVE THE DATE!!**CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN**

*Saturday December 1st
5:00 pm—8:00 pm
10115 Donner Trail Road
(next to the field behind the
PUD)*

*Please join us for an evening and
friendship and refreshments!*

*~Photos and books will be
available for your
Holiday purchase~*



Web Service News

~Billie Cornell, Corresponding Secretary & Web Services~

Many things have happened since the Summer '07 Edition of *Echoes*.

First off:

➤ **WE HAVE CHANGED OUR NAME AND HAVE MOVED!! OUR LOOK IS THE SAME BUT OUR ADDRESS IS DIFFERENT. WE NOW HAVE OUR OWN DOMAIN NAME AND A NEW WEB PAGE ADDRESS.**

It is similar to moving from one home to another. In the world of houses, condominiums and apartments, it is easy to notify others of your new address. You submit change of address cards to the Postal Service and walla, you continue to have visitors come to your home and you receive your mail without (much) delay. In the world of Cyberspace though, it is much more complicated and what a learning experience it has been! But, finally after a year in the making TDHS has realized its dream to own its' own domain name together with a new web address. We hope it will be an easy name and address to remember since we would miss our many visitors from far and near. In the spirit of the .org extension (created to distinguish nonprofits), we are now using '.org' instead of '.com' (created initially for commercial enterprises). Our new domain name is *truckeehistory.org* and our new address is *www.truckeehistory.org*.

➤ You can now find our website address at www.truckeehistory.org Our old website located at <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> will soon become an address of the *past*. So, please update your Favorites with our new web address.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our gracious THANKS to ROBERT BOUSQUET. Robert is our most recent benefactor providing the Society with FREE WEB HOSTING SERVICES. He was responsible for making the transfer of our hundreds of web pages, files and photos from the Tripod host server over to his server and for setting up our new domain-based email service. Robert lives locally and we are most thankful for the generosity of his professional services. It has already been a relief to be able to speak to a *live* person for our website questions in this world of email, press 1 to hear this, press 9 for an operator and then in the end to be disconnected. In addition, our website would definitely be a historic archive if not for the web master services of TDHS member, Marilou Ficklin, who provides numerous volunteer hours keeping it informative, functional and up-to-date. Thank you BOTH.

➤ In addition to moving our website, we now have several new email addresses that incorporate the use of our unique domain name--*truckeehistory.org*.

- 1) Our general information email address for any and all questions and comments is info@truckeehistory.org
- 2) Our address to use if you want to order or request information on our publications (books) that we sell please use: publications@truckeehistory.org
- 3) Our address to use if you want to join or have questions on your membership please use: membership@truckeehistory.org
- 4) Or if you want to contact one of our board members or committee chairs please use:
(first initial)(last name)[@truckeehistory.org](mailto:bcornell@truckeehistory.org) (for example, bcornell@truckeehistory.org)

I know there will be learning curve on how to use our new email service by the board and committee chairs, so take that under consideration, if you email them and do not hear promptly back. If all else fails and you need to reach someone ...anyone...immediately, please use the general information address at info@truckeehistory.org

➤ **PayPal** will be coming soon. In the near future, we will have PayPal services available through our Website so you will be able to make donations, join the Society, renew your memberships, and purchase books by credit card. So keep checking our website for updates and added features.

➤ On July 25, we joined **ShopforMuseums.com** as a Museum Partner. Whenever you shop online for personal or business purchases, you can create donations to the Society without costing you an extra cent!! Log onto www.ShopforMuseums.com every time you go online to make purchases from participating retail stores, register or shop anonymously, select the Truckee Donner Historical Society as your Museum Partner of choice, and start shopping—it's a win-win for everyone. Make sure you also add www.ShopforMuseums.com to your list of Favorites.

➤ Our **PUBLICATIONS PAGE** includes a complete list of our current books we sell, including our newest title, *To Truckee Trails* by Celia Hayes (retail \$15.95). Our interactive order sheet makes it easy to order. It automatically calculates your total purchase price, shipping costs and member discount when you *tally* your order. Print out the order sheet, write a check and mail it to

us. Once we are in receipt of your payment and order, your books will promptly be shipped to you. After we activate our PayPal account, you will have the option to charge your purchases.

➤ Are you receiving our **Free Online Newsletter, TDHS E-News?** Use the link on our website **HOME PAGETO SUBSCRIBE**. You will find it near the bottom of the page.

A rectangular form with a dark background and light text. At the top, it says "Sign Up for Our Free Newsletter". Below that, there is a text input field labeled "Email:" and a "Go" button.

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Any information provided with this link will not be used by any other source than TDHS in our pursuit to provide updates and information about the Society.

➤ Don't forget to read the history articles found on our website **HISTORY PAGE**. The last article added in September was titled the *SIERRA NEVADA WOOD AND LUMBER COMPANY*, by Gordon Richards, our research historian. Look for the *Sierra Nevada Lumber* article under History.

We hope you enjoy the new Cyberspace changes. Remember to change our address in your Favorites and visit us often. To share your ideas, suggestions, and comments please contact us at info@truckeehistory.org. The world is (literally) at our finger tips helping to keep us abreast of the present, a way to discover the future and to keep us grounded with the *Past*.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Judy Dunlap | President/Panoramic Photo Chair |
| Chelsea Walterscheid | Vice President/Old Jail Museum Curator |
| Bob Bell | Treasurer |
| Carmen LeBlanc | Recording Secretary/Publications Chair |
| Billie Cornell | Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chair/ Web Page Coordinator/E-News Editor/ Domain & Website Chair |
| Don Colclough | Board Member/Elections Committee Chair/ Old Jail Special Group Tours Coordinator/ Guest Speaker |
| Henry Murray | Board Member/Memorial Garden |
| Judy Williams | Echoes from the Past Editor |
| Pat Gibbons-Johnson | Publicity Chair |
| Heidi Euer-Martin | Old Timers Picnic Chair |
| Marilou Ficklin | Web Master |
| Gordon Richards | Research Historian |
| Carrie Smith | Archeologist |

TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

Presented at the Annual Election Dinner held at The Lodge in Tahoe Donner
Submitted by: Billie Cornell, Membership Chair

Our membership numbers stayed consistent overall from last year, with a total net gain of four. Our largest membership sign-ups were last October during the 14th Annual Donner Party Hike where TDHS staffed a table to sell books and photos. Other avenues where new members joined were from online applications, interest generated from email contacts at tdhs@inreach.com, one-on-one contact with board members, and at society functions throughout the year.

The chart below shows the number breakdown for each membership category. Overall there was:

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

| Member Type | Member breakdown as of Sept 25, 2007 | Member breakdown as of Sept. 26, 2006 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Business | 13 | 11 |
| Complimentary | 32 | 32 |
| Contributing | 7 | 5 |
| Family | 75 | 72 |
| Honorary | 2 | 5 |
| In-Kind | 14 | 13 |
| Individual | 112 | 117 |
| Junior | 3 | 3 |
| Lifetime | 49 | 50 |
| Non-Profit Organizations | 7 | 7 |
| Sustaining | 6 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 321 | 317 |

The following members have volunteered to pay annual membership dues in lieu of receiving a *non-fee* membership:

- Ted Owens paid for an *Individual* membership in lieu of an *Honorary* membership as provided in our Constitution for the Nevada County Supervisor representative of our area.
- Sherwin-Williams Paint Company upgraded from a *Business* membership to an *In-Kind* membership.

The Society is very appreciative for their elective decision to help support the Society with their annual membership dues.

We would like to honor the memory of our former dedicated members who helped in so many ways to make TDHS a better organization: Mary King, Gladys (Sandy) Poulsen, Ellis "Bill" Rose, Dave LeBlanc, Jackie Hall, Ed McMills, and Dan Horman. Our heartfelt condolences go out to loved ones. To learn more about some of the members listed here, visit our website Memorial Pages.



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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: