

Our Mission

To provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of all Nevada women.

Anne Henrietta Martin Suffrage Marker

By Patty Cafferata and Mona Reno

Patty Cafferata shared this talk with Patti Bernard and me at the Reno Suffrage Marker on November 30, 2020.



I think you both know that there are four other markers erected across the state wherever suffragists were prominent or where something significant happened.

I got involved with the Reno suffragist marker when Dr. Joanne Goodwin, UNLV, contacted me. Joanne contacted me, because I've known her for years, and she said, "Could you help?" She was not sure where the best place to locate the marker was. One possibility was by Anne Martin's house, the leading suffragist in Nevada, on Mill Street. A second possibility was the site of the Nevada Equal Franchise Society offices at the corner of S. Virginia and 2nd Streets. This building was one of the original bank buildings for the Washoe County Bank and her father was associated with the bank. I believe he might have even owned the building, but he had passed away by the time of the suffrage events.

So, I recommended that this would be the best location, because it is central to downtown, and their house on Mill Street is long gone. I came downtown and walked around the corner and then asked the City of Reno, Historic Resource Commission if we could meet with them to discuss the marker.

Joanne came to Reno and we pitched the marker and the national program of erecting these plaques all across the country. There is a foundation that is paying for these [The William G. Pomeroy Foundation], but by the time we had jumped all the City's hoops we probably wouldn't have gotten the marker installed in 2020. The point of getting the marker erected is because this is the 100th anniversary of suffrage. The City has guidelines for markers and rather than matching the national markers, our suffragist marker matches the City's requirements.

So, I just said, "I'll pay for it, so we can get it in 2020." Joanne and I worked with the Historic Resource Commission on the wording and they approved it with a plan to erect it. Then, the City made the plaque and planned a "walk by" celebration. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled because of COVID-19.

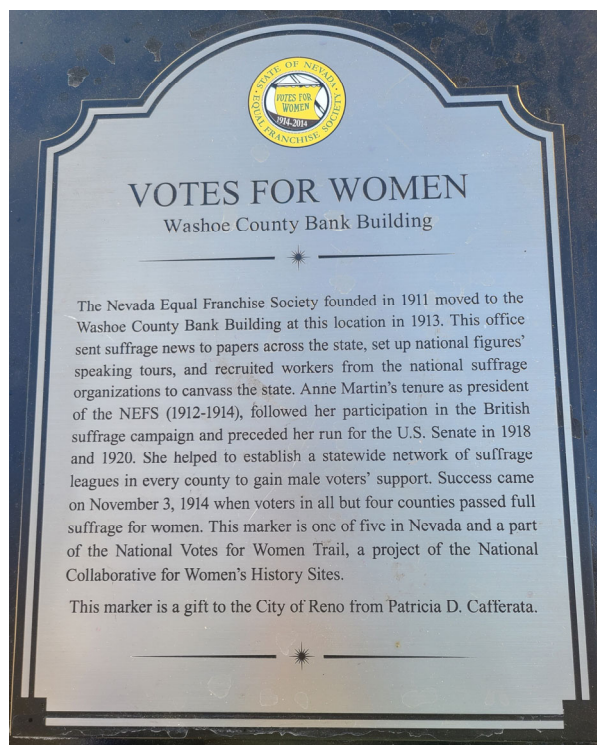
Mona said, "They got it installed before the November 3, 2020, 100th anniversary of Nevada's passage of suffrage, because photos the City sent to Joanne showing the installed marker were dated October 15, 2020."

Now that they tore down the Masonic Building this Washoe County Bank Building is one of the oldest buildings in downtown. The windows, I believe, are likely original, but a lot of the rest of building and the façade have been changed.

I was absolutely pleased to be involved with this project and commemorating this important event for women in Nevada history. I wasn't in the initial group, but once

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Joanne contacted me, I thought, "yes, let's get this thing done. I'll do what it takes." It is a wonderful addition to downtown Reno and our history.



The marker states:

VOTES FOR WOMEN Washoe County Bank Building

"The Nevada Equal Franchise Society, founded in 1911, moved to the Washoe County Bank Building at this location in 1913. This office sent suffrage news to papers across the state, set up national figures' speaking tours, and recruited workers from the national suffrage organizations to canvass the state. Anne Martin's tenure as president of the NEFS (1912-1914), followed her participation in the British suffrage campaign and preceded her run for the U.S. Senate in 1918 and 1920. She helped to establish a statewide network of suffrage leagues in every county to gain male voters' support. Success came on November 3, 1914 when voters in all but four counties passed full suffrage for women. This marker is one of five in Nevada and a part of the National Votes for Women Trail, a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites.

This marker is a gift to the City of Reno from Patricia D. Cafferata."



Zonta Club of Greater Reno

By Joy Orlich and Lisa-Marie Lightfoot

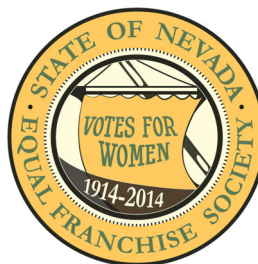
Zonta holds a place in Nevada Women's History Project (NWHP) hearts as they were among the first organizational members of NWHP in 1995. Zonta and NWHP share a passion for supporting and honoring all Nevada women, present and past; Zonta through advocacy and recognition, NWHP through the sharing of the amazing women in Nevada's history.

The history of Zonta is best documented by their current president and founder, Joy Orlich. She offers the overview below:

"The name Zonta is derived from a Sioux Indian word meaning "honest and trustworthy", and had its origins in Buffalo, New York back in 1919. No doubt many early members were suffragists. Zonta was formed as a women's service club back in an era when most service clubs were for men only, and professional women wanted a way to connect and advocate for causes important to women. One of their first efforts was tackling child labor laws.

The organization quickly became international and today has about 28,000 members in about 60 countries. Our Reno chapter was chartered in 1992. A great deal of Zonta's efforts fall under the umbrella of ending gender-based violence and providing women with the tools to maintain self-

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The golden image at the top of the marker was provided by the NWHP. It was created from the 1910s pin of the Nevada Equal Franchise Society, for the Nevada centennial of women's suffrage in 2014, by Shannon Hataway, Tangerine Design and Web.

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sufficiency through education, healthcare, economic opportunity, and equal access to legal protections.

The Reno chapter sponsors a Lunafest Film Festival every year which features short films made by women filmmakers, and raises funds to support organizations like Nevada Youth Empowerment Project - a residential facility that provides life skills for young women aging out of the foster care system, and the Domestic Violence Resource Center, providing free services for people experiencing family violence.

The Club also creates a display and public awareness every year for the "Zonta Says NO to Violence Against Women" campaign from November 25 – December 10. This is known internationally as the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence, started by the Rutgers University Center for Women's Global Leadership. This year's display is at the Domestic Violence Resource Center. The club plans an online community conversation with domestic violence experts and service providers on November 30. The effort will also encourage community support for providers on Giving Tuesday on December 1.

The Club also sponsors an annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, and a Women in Business scholarship. The Public Affairs award is for young women age 16-19 who are active in their school, volunteerism, and have demonstrated strong leadership skills. The Women in Business scholarship is for undergraduate or graduate level college women seeking to make a difference for women in their pursuit of a career in business. Local winners compete against up to 25 other winners at the district level for \$1,500 (YWPS) and \$2,000 awards, and district winners compete at the international level for \$5,000 and \$8,000 awards, respectively.

As individuals, members also support the Zonta Foundation for Women, which provides close to \$5 million every two years to fund international service projects and education programs. Information on all Zonta programs can be found at the Zonta International website: <http://www.zonta.org>

Locally, the Zonta Club has raised over \$250,000 for local and international service projects since its founding in 1992.

Sarah Winnemucca Maquette Fund-Raiser

By Kathy Noneman and Patti Bernard

Recently, long-time member, Cherry Jones, presented NWHP with the gift of her Sarah Winnemucca maquette #3/75. Cherry donated her maquette as a fund-raiser for the NWHP. The maquette spent September with Patti Bernard, October with Dave and Barbara Finley and November and December with Charlie and Kathy Noneman.

The Board has accepted a \$5,000 offer to purchase the maquette by the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation. The appraisal amount was given by the sculptor, Benjamin Victor.

This means the maquette will remain in Nevada, which is important to Cherry Jones and NWHP. The Kelsey Trustees have also agreed that NWHP may "borrow" Sarah for specific events that would showcase the organization's history in achieving a statue of Sarah Winnemucca being Nevada's 2nd statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington D.C.



Barbara Finley with the Sarah Winnemucca maquette.



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Funding to support our organization has been provided by Nevada Humanities through Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the CARES Act economic stabilization plan of 2020.

Membership and Donations - October - December 2020

For 2020-21 Membership Year

New Members: Friend - \$100

Karen Morris

Honorary Members:

Mary Anne Convis
Dawn Gibbons
Betty Glass
Dema Guinn
Cherry Jones
Kathy List
Sandy Miller
Kathy Noneman
Kathleen Sandoval
Kathy Sisolak
Holly Van Valkenburgh
Linda Wyckoff

Best Friend Forever - \$1,000

Lynn Bremer
Vida Keller
Sandy Raffealli - New
Mona Reno

Renewing Members: Individual - \$30

Cheryle Abbot
Byllie Andrews
Richann Bender
Jennifer Budge
Joyce Cox
Gail Duwe
Jackie Falkenroth
Carolyn Gardner
Nancy Oakley
Barbara Parish
Doris Phelps
Cynthia Pickett
Judith Reuter
Andre Roy
Jocelyne Roy
Patrick Simpson
Charlene Sprague
Holly Walton-Buchanan
Doris Weber

Family of Two - \$55

Bonnie & Katherine
Drinkwater
Jon & Christianne
Hamel
Lisa-Marie & Bruce
Lightfoot
Elizabeth Rassiga-White
& Warren White

Friend - \$100

Madeline Carpenter
Grace Davis
Sue Davis
Barbara & Dave Finley
Mary Lee Fulkerson
Michelle Gardner
Terry Horgan
Dr. Jaculine Jones
Ginnie Kersey

Best Friend - \$500

Marybel Batjer
Patti Bernard
Patty Cafferata
Marcia Bernard Cuccaro

Donations:

General Fund

Madeline Carpenter -
\$100
Joyce Cox - \$100
Gail Duwe - \$20
Mary Lee Fulkerson -
\$50
Carolyn Gardner - \$100
Barbara Parish - \$50
Kathy Noneman - \$55
Kathy Noneman - \$300
for rental of the
Sarah Winnemucca
maquette.

Donations

In memory of: Gregory Cox

Patti Bernard
Bonnie Foard
Patti Bernard

Sandy Pearce Raffealli New Life Member



Sandy Pearce was born in Bremerton, Wash. In 1946. Her father Bill Pearce was in the automobile business and the family lived in Washington, Oregon, California, and then to Nevada in 1965. They settled in Carson City.

Sandy graduated from UNR in 1968 with a degree in Sociology and minors in German and Anthropology. She became a member of VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, and met her future husband, John Raffealli, during training. They were sent to Oklahoma City and worked in an African American community. They stayed in Oklahoma City for ten years and married and had a daughter, Lydia.

John was invited to join Bill Pearce in his car business in Nevada and the family returned to Nevada. Sandy found a career in banking and became the statewide Training Manager for what was to become First Interstate Bank and finally Wells Fargo.

John invited Sandy to join him in the car business and she shared her experience in human resources and training to become a valuable part of the business.

Sandy and John took over the entire dealership with the passing of Sandy's father, mother and brother, just a few years apart. Their daughter Lydia and her husband Matt Meyer now are a part of the team.

The Raffeallis have been philanthropists in education, health, and children and families. Sandy was recently inducted into the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame. In 2019 she was nominated by other auto dealers as the Nevada "Time Dealer of the Year."

Thank you, Sandy, for your support of the Nevada Women's History Project!

Thank You All!

Profiles of Members

Michelle Gardner

By Sue Davis



Meet Michelle Gardner, the new Treasurer for the NWHP. Michelle was born in Chicago, Illinois and two years later her parents, longing for warmer climate, moved to Southern California. After graduating from high school, Michelle moved to San Diego to attend college. She graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

After college Michelle worked in marketing for a publishing company in San Diego for eight years, she then moved to a marketing position at San Diego Gas and Electric for another eight years. Michelle and her then-husband had grown tired of the San Diego traffic and longed for a simpler life. They loved this area having spent almost every vacation at Lake Tahoe and finally settled in Carson City.

Michelle was hired at the Nevada Department of Transportation where she worked in various planning positions for the next 18 years until her retirement in 2017. Michelle was introduced to the NWHP through another member and began attending meetings regularly.

Michelle conducted a video interview for NWHP of Loretta Ceroke in 2019.

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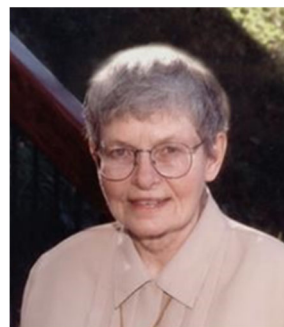
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Sister Michael Fox

1928-2020

It is with sadness that we learned that one of our earlier interviewees, Sister Michael Fox passed away at the Carmelite Monastery on Jan 2, 2020

We interviewed Sister Michael and Sister Joan Williams, two of the oldest sisters living at the monastery, June 3, 2017 in a double interview. The two ladies provided a session which was both humorous and inspirational. Their interview can be found on our Nevada Women - [Gold in the Silver State](#) media page.



Sr. Michael was the last of the early Reno Order of Carmelite Sisters. This order was established in 1954 with four members who first lived with the Dominican Order of nursing nuns near St. Mary's Hospital. Sr. Michael came shortly after in 1956. This small group found a house near UNR at 829 N. Virginia St., which they transformed into their first convent. Sr. Michael became one of the founders of their permanent monastery, at 1950 La Fond Dr., built upon a sagebrush-covered hillside in Southwest Reno, in 1958.

As an artist, she was pivotal in establishing the printshop that sells the beautiful cards we all purchase, created the monastery library, oversaw the 1970 renovation of the chapel, and played a most important role in bringing scholars from all over the world to the monastery for lectures.

She was a gentle and loving soul, who made significant contributions to her Order and our community.

NWHP - Membership Report

November 2020

NWHP has 102 members in good standing and 33 in arrears. We have 12 Honorary members, 4 Life members, 6 Organizational members. We send our newsletter to 100 libraries and museums in Nevada.

Sue Davis, Membership

NWHP - Treasurer's Report

November 2020

The Year-to-Date, as of November 6, 2020, financial report shows a bank and Pay-Pal balance of \$68,537.20, \$426.72 In fixed assets, \$0.00 liability and a net YTD income of \$4,542.42. The total equity plus liability of the NWHP is \$68,963.92. [editor's note: the majority of these funds are encumbered for grants.]

Michelle Gardner, Treasurer

Featured Historic Nevada Woman: **BESSIE R. LUCAS EICHELBERGER**

**Reno activist battled for women's suffrage
and local issues**

At a glance:

Born: September 4, 1863, Pleasant Hill, Missouri

Died: February 14, 1952, Reno, Nevada

Maiden Name: Lucas

Married: Robert D. Eichelberger on September 15, 1885

Race/Nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

Primary city and county of residence and work:

Reno, Washoe County

Major Fields of Work: women's suffrage, many women's groups and causes

Bessie R. Lucas Eichelberger was a passionate supporter of women's suffrage in the early 20th century who worked tirelessly in many organizations to achieve that end as well as speaking out on many other issues.

She was born to Captain William Lucas and Nannie J. Reese Lucas in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, on September 4, 1863. She was the granddaughter of General Samuel D. Lucas, recorder of deeds in Kansas City in the early days of the country's independence. At the age of 22, she married Robert Eichelberger and moved with him to Reno in 1900, when he got a job with Wells Fargo & Co.

Before her suffrage activities, she was busy as the matron of Adah Chapter No. 104, Order of Eastern Star. But equal voting rights for women tugged at her, starting about 1910. She was connected with the winning of suffrage for women from the inception of "Votes for Women" as the secretary-treasurer of the Nevada Equal Franchise through the years it took to win.

A member of several organizations, she was voted auditor of the Nevada Women's Civic League in February 1915. Prominent Nevada suffragist Anne Henrietta Martin was voted president at the same time.

When Eichelberger returned to Kansas City, Missouri, to visit relatives in June 1917, she was amazed at how the town had grown in her absence and bemoaned getting lost because there was not adequate street signage. So she contacted the *Kansas City Post* and got an interview, urging women of the city to work hard



Photo credit: *Out West* August 1914,
"The Clash in Nevada."

for passage of a bond issue that would ensure street signs on every corner. While in her hometown, she learned about some land bequeathed to her and others by her grandfather when she "urged women to make the marking of the city their chief endeavor."

Her suffrage activities picked up in 1919. She addressed the Reno City Council about the good works of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) and talked about the possibility of the organization setting up a booth between the *Reno Evening Gazette* building and Reno City Hall on election day to sell coffee and doughnuts. The council tried to suggest moving such a booth to the city park, but Eichelberger would not be deterred, noting that the WCTU "was looking for greater fields to conquer after having successfully carried through the prohibition campaign in the U.S." She noted the local group wanted to raise money to help send workers to Europe. The council had passed an election law requiring a 100-foot distance from a polling place for anyone not voting, so she marched outside to measure

and found their proposed spot was indeed more than 100 feet away. The discussion was tabled and it's not known how the vote turned out.

In early November 1919, the WCTU state convention was concluded, and Eichelberger, as secretary, read the convention summary to the local group, which passed a resolution asking Nevada Governor Emmet Boyle to call a special session of the legislature immediately to pass the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment. In January 1920, she was selected as a delegate to the regional WCTU convention in San Francisco, which commenced on February 18, 1920.

Before she went there, details of the meetings between the governor and the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs' Conservation Committee, of which she was chairman, were revealed in a *Reno Evening Gazette* article. Initial plans for the Nevada Legislature's special session to take up the suffrage amendment called for it to be held on "Founder's Day" in October 1919, but labor unrest in Tonopah delayed that plan. After meeting with the women's groups, the governor agreed to the later date of February 7, 1920, provided the special session did not exceed costs of \$1,000.

When the special session was held, Bessie Eichelberger was one of several speakers urging passage of the resolution, most pointing out that 27 other states had already ratified it, and that it was a duty of the nation.

After the ratification passed, Suffrage Committee Chairman Eichelberger and Florence Church, president of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs, wrote a thank-you letter to the governor and legislators for their action, and to reporters in the Nevada press corps for their "kind reporting" on the issue.

After the 19th amendment passed, Eichelberger continued to be active in the Reno community. She chaired a Century Club program on Western Consumers Week, where she acted out the part of a "profiteer."

She took on the cause of equality in the grand jury in the summer of 1920, claiming in a resolution to a district judge that he and county commissioners who drew names for the grand jury "so juggled and manipulated" their selections that no women were drawn. Judge Moran said the statement was false and it was

made "for the purpose of casting reflection upon said judge for the purpose of bringing him into odium, disrespect, and contempt," and ordered her, Mary Franzman and Maude Edwards to appear in court on contempt charges. At that hearing, Bessie said she meant no disrespect to the court, with her sole object being to "bring about a condition whereby women will be drawn on the next grand jury." The contempt charges against the women were dropped.

The WCTU took on the case of the defunct Reno municipal clock tower in September 1922. Eichelberger spoke to the city council to plead for the inactive clock to be preserved, at least until the city got the opinion of several civic organizations and of interested voters. She called the clock a "beacon for strangers and a convenience for the homefolk."

The WCTU was a supporter of the newly formed League of Nations, and Eichelberger was responsible for securing prominent speakers to address the need for the U.S. to join. In August of 1924, she introduced Yale professor Dr. Irving Fisher when he addressed the group.

Her activism continued until ill health forced her into a nursing home in her later years. By then, she had become identified with the Nevada Equal Franchise Society, the Women's Citizens Club, the Reno Twentieth Century Club, the WCTU, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Indian Welfare Committee.

After having lived in Reno for 52 years, she died on April 30, 1943. She was survived by a niece and nephew, and she is buried in the family plot in Masonic Cemetery.

Researched by Mona Reno and written by Kitty Falcone

For Sources of Information see her bio on the NWHP website.

<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/bessie-r-lucas-eichelberger/>

**NWHP has a new email address.
NevWHP@gmail.com**

USPS Suffrage Stamp History

By Mona Reno



Hopefully you have noticed that we are sending our newsletters with the **2020** 19th Amendment postage stamp. This is the commemorative stamp for the **100th Anniversary** of the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote in the U.S. These forever stamps are currently for sale at the Post Office.

The US Postal Service has produced several suffrage postage stamps. The 25th Anniversary of women's suffrage did not get a stamp because it was 1945 and the commemorative stamps were all for President Roosevelt and for World War I.

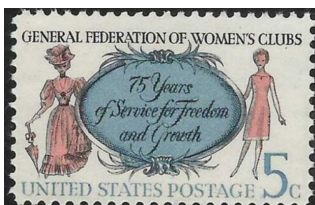
On the USPS website they have [Publication 512](#) "Women on Stamps." Many of the descriptions below are from that publication.



The earliest suffrage stamp is **Susan B. Anthony** (1820-1906) produced in **1936**. "Susan B. Anthony was a reformer and feminist who spent more than 50 years making major contributions to the woman suffrage cause, despite continuous opposition. Although she did not live to see the success of this movement, in 1920 the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution ensured that women would not be denied the right to vote as U.S. citizens because of sex. In honor of her efforts for this cause, the 19th amendment has often been called the "Anthony amendment." Susan B. Anthony also had a postage stamp in **1955**.



In **1948** a stamp was produced titled "**Progress of Women**." This stamp commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls convention. It featured Elizabeth Cady Stanton, (1815-1902), a pioneer reformer for woman suffrage and women's rights; Carrie Chapman Catt (1859-1947), a suffrage reformer and first president of the League of Women Voters; and Lucretia Mott (1793-1880), an abolitionist, an early advocate for women's rights, and an organizer of the 1848 convention.



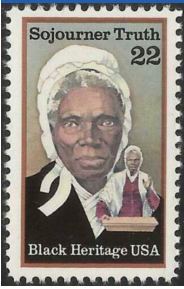
The **General Federation of Women's Clubs** received a stamp in **1966** issued in recognition of the 75 years of its service. "Founded in 1890, the organization is comprised of and provides support to community-based volunteer women's clubs dedicated to community service. With more than one million members worldwide, it is one of the world's largest women's volunteer service organizations."



Lucy Stone received a stamp in **1968**. She "was one of the earliest and most influential advocates of women's rights in America, as well as a staunch proponent of abolition. She was the first woman in America to keep her own name after marriage, and other women who followed this practice were sometimes called "Lucy Stoners." Claiming "taxation without representation," Stone was also the first woman to refuse to pay property taxes because she was not allowed to vote. She helped organize the national women's rights convention in 1850, the American Equal Rights Association in 1866, and the American Woman Suffrage Association in 1869. In 1870 Stone also founded the *Woman's Journal*, a weekly suffrage newspaper, and later became its editor."



"On the **50th Anniversary** of the 19th Amendment's ratification, in **1970**, the Postal Service issued the "**Woman Suffrage**" stamp in Adams, Massachusetts, the birthplace of suffragist leader Susan B. Anthony.



Sojourner Truth received a stamp in **1986**. "One of the most inspirational and widely known African Americans of the 19th century, She was born Isabella Bomefree about 1797, a slave in New York, but she received her freedom in 1828." An evangelical she changed her name to Sojourner Truth and began traveling and preaching. She gave speeches against slavery and for woman suffrage.



Belva Ann Lockwood received a stamp in **1986**. She was "an attorney and activist and pioneer in securing many legal rights for women. Even before receiving her law degree in 1873, Lockwood drafted a bill that Congress passed in 1872 providing female government employees with equal pay for equal work. She also drafted the 1879 legislation allowing women to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, and then became the first woman to do so. She also was the first woman to campaign for the presidency, running for the National Equal Rights Party in 1884 and 1888."



Alice Paul received a stamp in **1995**. "Alice Paul was one of the primary architects of the campaign for women's right to vote. With a Ph.D. in social work and training in civil disobedience she founded the National Woman's Party and organized massive pro-suffrage demonstrations. In the 1920s, Paul earned three law degrees, and for the next 50 years she strove to protect women from discrimination."



The **75th Anniversary** of the 19th Amendment was commemorated with a stamp in **1995**.



In **1998**, the **Celebrate the Century** series honored the women's suffrage movement with this Vote, 19th Amendment stamp.



The **Women's Rights Movement** was honored in **1999**. "In Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848, some 300 reformers drafted a declaration calling for equal rights for women in areas such as suffrage, property ownership, child custody, education, and employment. Despite public criticism, the movement gained momentum, and American women achieved several

milestones - for instance, New York and other states began to expand women's rights to won property, and in 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted suffrage to women. The movement gained increased momentum in the 1960s, and women secured government protections in areas such as employment. Backed by the political clout of grassroots and national groups such as the National Organization for Women, the women's rights movement continues to fight for the equality of women in the United States and abroad."

Mark Your Calendars

Please join the NWHP for two Zoom programs this Spring. For information on these programs contact Patti at awtuv1@gmail.com, or Sue at shdavis4364@att.net.

Watch for event flyers with registration information.

January 25, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Telling My Story

Patti Bernard and Sue Davis will present a two-part program to help you write your own personal history. Patti will demonstrate NWHP's "Letters to Nevada's Daughters." Sue will then interview Patti to show the "pre-interview," "interview," and "post-interview" steps of an oral history.

Once it is safe to meet in-person again these techniques will be taught in actual classes.

February 20, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Box Car Diplomacy

Jane Sweetland will talk about two trains that crossed the Atlantic after WWII: the "Friendship Train" and the "Merci Train." First people in the U.S. sent food and clothing to war torn Europe, then France sent back a train car for each State as a thank you for the generosity.

Nevada's "Merci" car arrived in Carson City on February 24, 1949 loaded with French products for charity.

NWHP and COVID-19

By Marcia Cuccaro

Stay ~~for~~ HOME MEANS NEVADA.

COVID – can you believe it's been nine months already and we're nowhere near the end? I know I'm not alone in wishing it was all over but instead we soldier on with our masks, social distancing and not being able to hold or attend meetings. For me, it all seems surreal. For NWHP it's especially hard because we depend on the income we generate from our meetings as well as membership fees and donations to pay for organization expenses (office rent, utilities, insurance, website costs). The organization was able to get a CARES Act grant through Nevada Humanities early on which helped with expenses for:

- Financial assistance in maintaining our office's rent payments, telephone, and email charges, as well as office supplies.
- Financial assistance by helping in our liability and nonprofit insurance charges.
- Financial assistance for our technical and professional charges, most necessary in maintaining our websites.
- Financial assistance in funding our oral histories and biographies, as well as publishing of 2020 September NWHP Newsletter issue.

We have two Zoom presentations planned for the Spring. Please see page 9 for information.

We are going to go ahead and plan some outdoor programs for 2021 when the weather gets warmer. If any of you have suggestions for programs where we could maintain social distance, please, please contact Lisa-Marie Lightfoot at 775-751-5677 or Sue Davis at 775-828-4692. We would like to see you in person once again!

Biographies continue to be written by our members; 18 new biographies in 2020. If you are interested in doing that, Chair Patti Bernard can get you on your way to writing your first NWHP biography of a person of your choice or ours. Ideas for fundraisers would also be welcomed.

It appears that COVID will be with us and impacting our activities possibly well throughout next year and of course the remainder of this year. Stay with us. Support us. Wear your masks!

Nevada 2021 Legislature 60% Women

Riley Snyder, *The Nevada Independent*

Two years after Nevada [made history](#) as the first U.S. state to have women compose a majority of its state Legislature, lawmakers will return to Carson City in 2021 with nearly 60 percent of the seats filled by female legislators — by far the largest percentage of any statehouse in the country.

In total, the 42-seat state Assembly will have 27 female lawmakers and 15 male lawmakers, including 19 female Democrats and eight female Republicans. In the 21-member state Senate, men will hold 10 seats and females will hold 11 (two Republicans and nine Democrats). Women held 33 of the 63 seats in the 2019 Legislature, hitting the majority mark after two female Assembly members (Rochelle Nguyen and Bea Duran) were appointed to vacant positions by the Clark County Commission in December 2019.

The increase in female lawmakers can be attributed to a variety of factors, including several retiring or termed out male legislators being replaced by women and both parties running female candidates in several major races, including three close state Senate seats. That means substantial turnover — roughly a quarter of legislative seats will be filled by newcomers — will result in Nevada again having the nation's highest percentage of female lawmakers.

Democratic Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, first elected in 1999, said the gender balance was closer to 70-30 male dominated when she entered the Legislature, but that gradual cultural shifts over the next 20 years helped drive the shift to first gender parity and later a clear female majority in the statehouse.



Maggie Carlton
Photo from the
Nevada Assembly

"Women realize that we've got to be at the table," she said. "We've worked very hard for that. We've educated folks. We've gotten them involved. And they've seen what's at stake, and they want to be part of the conversation. I think that's fantastic."

NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Membership Form

Membership is for January thru December of each year.

Persons joining after August 15 will be members for that year and the next full year.

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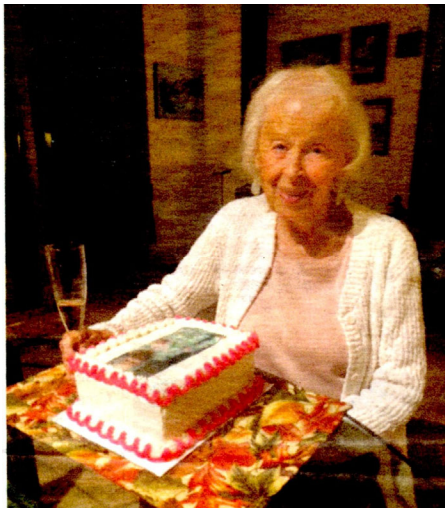


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