

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

## *Evelyn Mount Dies at 96*

In March of 2019 the Nevada Women's History Project conducted an oral interview with Evelyn Mount. The highlight video and the full interview are available on our Gold in the Silver State:

<https://nevadawomen.org/mount-evelyn-longs/>

This interview was funded by the Phil and Jennifer Satre Charitable Fund through the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

Evelyn spent most of her life taking care of others. She was born in Arkansas but moved west as a young adult. Evelyn came to Reno from Los Angeles in 1979 where she met her husband, Leon. Evelyn's grandparents taught her the importance of giving to others and she has followed that course of action throughout her entire life. She has received many honors, including having the Northeast Community Center in Reno renamed after her, but she was still the humble servant of God whose greatest joy in life is giving to others and thanking the Lord for her blessings.



**Evelyn Mount**

Photo from the *Reno Gazette-Journal*

An extract from her interview:

*Patti Bernard: How did you get into the distributing food in Reno, Evelyn?*

**Evelyn Mount:** My neighbor, Maureen Davis, knew about me in LA at school. And she told me we could feed these needy people here in this building. And she and I started going by ourselves. So it came to us that, no, we need to start somewhere else. So people at the airport, the girls working with me, they'd say, I've got somebody over here that need food. And the five of us would go and buy food and make up their bags. And then when they learned that in my department, they learned what we was doing, they'd get together and make up bags, and then Maureen would deliver them to the people. That's how we got started here. And after our husbands and I started organizing this on Grove Street and then we moved over here. And it's been going ever since. But we started right there at the airport, giving people food. And if Maureen didn't deliver it, one of the other girls did. I never did deliver because I had Tasha with me and I couldn't. And I had the truck and sometimes it would be raining, and Maureen could put it in the back of her car and deliver it for me.

*Patti Bernard: Why was this so important to you?*

**Evelyn Mount:** Because we was raised up. We could not eat unless we gave a report that our neighbors down the street, around the curve, around the bend had food to eat and everybody was satisfied. And then we could come home and eat, say our prayer and sit at the table and eat. And they said, are you sure - if they asked them and they said, did you all have anything to eat last night? If they said no, we were in trouble. If they said yes, everybody was blessed.

## *Membership, Renewals, and Donations* *Sept.-Nov. 2022*

### **Honorary Members:**

Dawn Gibbons  
Betty Glass  
Dema Guinn  
Kathy List  
Sandy Miller  
Kathy Noneman  
Kathleen Teipner Sandoval  
Lauralyn McCarthy Sandoval  
Kathy Sisolak  
Robert Stoldal  
Holly Van Valkenburgh  
Linda Wyckoff

### **Best Friend Forever - \$1,000:**

Lynn Bremer  
Grace Davis  
Vida Keller  
Catherine Magee  
Sandy Raffealli  
Mona Reno  
Janet Spelman

### **Membership:**

**Individual - \$30**  
Dana Hastings - **New**  
Florence Suenaga

### **Friend - \$100**

Lisa Jayne - **New**  
Barbara McLaury

**Best Friend - \$500**  
Marcia Cuccaro

### **Donations:**

**General Fund**  
Florence Suenaga - \$75

### **In Memory of Peggy Hamel**

Patti Bernard  
Marcia Cuccaro  
Jon and Christianne Hamel  
Mona Reno

**Thank You All!**

## *Peggy Hamel* *1928 - 2022*



Nevada Women's History Project is sad to report that one of our long-time members, Peggy Hamel, passed away on November 9, 2022. It was Peggy who introduced me to the NWHP in 2012. I attended my first Pink Tea in the Governor's Mansion and I was hooked. Peggy loved to help with any women's projects that would advance the role of women in our state.

She was a great help with the NWHP in "The Sarah Winnemucca Statue" project and traveled to Washington D.C. for the unveiling of the statue at Statuary Hall in 2005, a trip that she frequently talked about. I will truly miss her. Rest in Peace, Peggy.

By Christianne Hamel, daughter-in-law.

Mona Reno, Christianne Hamel, Patti Bernard, **Peggy Hamel**, Marcia Cuccaro, and Jon Hamel at the suffrage marker dedication for Delphine Squires in Las Vegas, March 5, 2020, at the Historic Fifth Street School.

## Mark Your Calendars

Please join the NWHP for programs this year. **Members receive a \$5 discount, unless indicated otherwise.**

For information on these programs contact  
**Sue** 775-722-2699 [shdavis4364@att.net](mailto:shdavis4364@att.net),  
**Lynette** 530-448-6448 [lynetteastors@gmail.com](mailto:lynetteastors@gmail.com),  
 or **Patti** 775-826-3612 [awtuv1@gmail.com](mailto:awtuv1@gmail.com).  
 Watch for emailed event flyers with registration information and Mail Chimp monthly news.

### Annual January Oral History Workshop

**Date:** January 28, 2023

**Time:** 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Where:** ZOOM

**Cost:** Free

Have you ever wanted to conduct an oral interview? This Zoom program will give you helpful hints and provide questions that can be used with your oral interview. Hosted by Patti Bernard and Sue Davis.

Login information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86349686329?pwd=SnlBaCtKSVROTVJzY0lHQ3hERzV4UT09>

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### Black Women Contributing to our State

**Date:** February - TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Where:** Northern Nevada African American  
 Firefighter Museum  
 218 Kennedy Drive, Reno, Nev.

**Cost:** TBD

### Marching Thru History - Nevada Women at Work

**Date:** March 18, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Nevada Historical Society  
 1650 N. Virginia Street  
 Reno, NV 89503

**Cost:** \$20 - Members, \$25 - Non-Members

### When Ordinary Women Do Extra-Ordinary Feats

**Date:** April - TBD

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** TBD

**Cost:** TBD

With a catered lunch.

### Jean Ford Wildflower Hike

**Date:** Saturday, May 20, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Where:** Rancho San Rafael

**Cost:** TBD

No host lunch

The program committee has chosen both online and in-person programs for the year of 2022. We plan several travel events, as well as programs in both Carson City and Reno.

We will also highlight some of our oral history interviews from the [Nevada Women, Gold in the Silver State](#) web page as online programs with short updates on each individual.

## NWHP - Membership Report

November 30, 2022

As of this date the membership of the NWHP is 120 members in good standing. We also have 12 honorary members, 7 life members, and 5 organizations. The total current membership is 144.

Joy Orlich, Membership

## NWHP - Treasurer's Report

The Year-to-Date, as of November 30, 2022, financial report shows a bank and Pay-Pal balance of \$58,696.03, \$0.00 liability and net YTD income of -\$19,891.44\*. This is due to the \$25,000 check for Jean Ford Endowment. Actual income to date is \$5,108.56. The total equity plus liability of the NWHP is \$58,696.03.

Michelle Gardner, Treasurer



## *From our Research Desk*

By Janice Hoke

In 2022 the Nevada Women's History Project added fourteen biographies to our website. Thank you all who research and write these insightful stories of Nevada women.



**Mary Bain**

<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/mary-wright-bain/>



**Alida Bowler**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/alida-cynthia-bowler/>



**Kay Brown**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/kathleen-kay-jane-flaherty-brown/>



**Irene Bruce**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/erma-irene-bruce/>



**Anna Fitch**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/anna-fitch/>



**Margaret Gee**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/margaret-maggie-gee/>



**First Lady Elizabeth Jones-Sifford**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/first-ladies/elizabeth-weyburn-jones-sifford-2/>



**Mattie Kuhn**

<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/mattie-ma-kiley-brite-kuhn/>



**First Lady Jacklyn Laxalt**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/first-ladies/jackalyn-ross-laxalt/>



**First Lady Carolyn O'Callaghan**

revision

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/first-ladies/carolyn-j-randall-ocallaghan/>



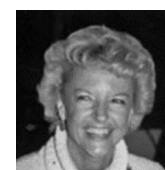
**Mimosa Pittman**

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**First Lady Loralyn Sandoval**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/first-ladies/loralyn-lovell-mccarthy-sandoval/>



**Betty Stoddard-Muncie**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/betty-brang-stoddard-muncie/>



**Bertha Woodard**

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/bertha-sanford-woodard/>

If you have suggestions for a Nevada women to be included in our biographies, please contact the NWHP at NevWHP@gmail.com.

## President's Message

By Patti Bernard

As of January 12, 2023, I will no longer be your Chair of the NWHP. Your new Chair will be Sue Davis, who was formerly with the WCSD in the position of Social Studies Curriculum Director. Sue has been a NWHP member for some years. She previously served as Membership Chair and most recently served as Co-Program Chair with me. It has been a pleasure to work with her all these years, and I know I am leaving the helm of the History Project in good hands.

I assumed the Chairman of the Project in 2016, and like anyone who is entrusted to lead a successful organization, I took the position on with trepidation. NWHP had accomplished much in preserving the stories of women who had shaped our state since our 1995 founding. The organization had started a website with about 50 biographies on it. We had published 4 books, done many outreach programs, and in the fall of 2000 set our sights on honoring Paiute Native American Sarah Winnemucca by promoting the legislation, raising funding, and successfully seeing that she became Nevada's 2nd statue in National Statuary Hall, Washington D.C. We achieved that goal in 2005. Under the editorship of Mona Reno, in 2012 we published *It Can Be Done, The Sarah Winnemucca Statue*, an illustrated book-journal of the steps we followed in achieving this success.

What could I contribute to leading this stellar group of women forward in building on to Jean Ford's dream of a Nevada women's informational site using credible researched documentation, that historians had trust in? I simply put my head down and led, day by day, and we grew our projects in scope and outreach. I saw my role as a facilitator, to add to what had already been accomplished by my predecessors. NWHP has been led by many great Chairwomen, and I simply had the honor to play a small part in it.

Non-Profit organizations are financed by grants, and we have been very fortunate over the years. Just since my tenure we have received 15 grants specifically associated to website construction and oral histories, plus 2 Covid related federal grants which assisted us with costs related to loss of programs/events funding during that period. As of December 2022, we have over 274 biographies between our two websites, [nevadawomen.org](http://nevadawomen.org) and [suffrage100.nv.org](http://suffrage100.nv.org). We will have 42 Nevada women oral histories on our "Nevada Women – Gold in the Silver State" by the end of the year. This is in addition to the 2-founding organization oral interviews we completed for the Nevada Women's Fund and the Nevada Women's History Project. We also did over 80 interviews for the Southern based Women of Diversity, that appear on their website.

We took our UNR/NWHP book, *Nevada Women's history: a Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in Nevada Repositories*, changed it to a digital format and added to it over 11,000 women's names that now can be easily perused on our main website, [nevadawomen.org](http://nevadawomen.org). This digital website information is in addition to all our in-person programs and events that we hold each year, some of which were videotaped and have been uploaded to that site. We established an endowment fund and created a new format for gathering histories. Our [nvlegacy.nevadawomen.org](http://nvlegacy.nevadawomen.org) website hosts information that the public has access to add to. This is in the form of obituaries, and tributes to/about both Nevada men and women. We added an informative monthly 'e-blast' to our outreach "Newsletter," which I think, has great content.

Last, but most important, we created additional steps to accommodate our member's individual financial resources. As of this writing, you all have come through admirably to support our mission. I can report that we now are fortunate to have 7 members at the \$1000 level.

Our membership restructuring added additional financial support to fund our activities. We currently have three \$500 "Best Friends"; three \$250 "Good Friends"; twenty-seven \$100 "Friends" twenty \$55 "Family members"; and seventy-five \$30 individual memberships.

In summation, I think the achievement level of the Nevada Women's History Project, over a 26 year (and counting) run, is pretty significant. Our organization is a team related enterprise and each one of you is important in the part that you play. My, so to speak, "captaincy," took us through 6 seasons of growth and outreach, and I look forward to "Captain Sue" and all that she will achieve in her tenure, with your continued support.

I will still be closely involved in the Project but will have more time to devote to my favorite activities, research and oral histories. My life has been made the richer because of my interaction with you all, and I treasure the friendships that I have made in this organization. Thank you for 6 wonderful years.

## Featured Historic Nevada Woman:

### MIMOSA JUNE GATES PITTMAN

**From dogsledder to Washington hostess, Senator's wife led a life of adventure**

**At a glance:**

**Born:** June 8, 1872, Dell Prairie, Wisconsin

**Died:** November 14, 1952, Washington, D.C.

**Maiden Name:** Mimosa June Gates

**Married:** Key Pittman, July 8, 1900

**Race/Nationality/ethnic background:** Caucasian

**Primary city and county of residence and work:**

Washington, D.C.; Tonopah, Nevada; Dawson, Canada; Nome, Alaska; Eureka, California

**Major Fields of Work:** U.S. Senator's wife, founder of Senate Wives club, prominent hostess

**Other role identities:** Nature lover, dogsledder, prospector



Mimosa June Gates Pittman was the wife of one of Nevada's youngest and longest-serving U.S. Senators, Key Pittman, and a prominent Washington, D.C. hostess.

Mimosa was born June 8, 1872, to Kitty and Leroy Gates in Dell Prairie, Wisconsin. She was the second of four children (older sister Maude and younger brothers Humboldt and Edgar). While she and her siblings were still young, the family moved to Eureka, Calif., where the children grew up.

In January 1898, Mimosa boarded a steamship in San Francisco headed towards Alaska. By this time her parents were divorced and remarried to other spouses. Her mother, Kitty Hall, "was at the steamer to bid her a cheerful adieu." In a January 1898 *San Francisco Examiner* article, Mimosa is quoted saying, "I've a half interest in a claim on El Dorado." Humboldt had given her a half interest in his Klondike gold mining claim near the Alaska-Canada border.

"My father [C.W. Hall] and two brothers, Humboldt and Edgar Gates, are in the mines and I'm going to join them." The article went on to state, "Miss Gates departed with smiles wimpering all over her attractive face. She was

self-reliant and perfectly confident of a safe and rather easy journey over that long way which so many robust men fear to tread."

Mimosa was one of only two women in the group of prospectors on the steamer. During the Klondike-Yukon Gold Rush, out of the 100,000 hopefuls who started the trip up, only 30,000 of them ever made it. Mimosa was one of them.

By August 1898, Mimosa was in Dawson living with her brothers. One day while out mushing, Mimosa's dogsled crashed into a sled driven by her future husband, Key Pittman. Their dog teams became entangled, maybe more than once. Key unraveled the dogs but then lit into the other driver. Mimosa erupted from her pile of fur coverings, and Key was taken aback. According to a 1937 *San Bernardino Sun* article, "An extremely pretty girl pulled down her cape and looked out. Pittman took one look, turned, and let his team, sled and all, slide down the icy hill into the creek." Shortly after their crash, Key was knocking at Mimosa's front door and their romance began.

In 1899, the gold rush moved to Nome, Alaska, and Key followed. In early 1900, Mimosa



along with her brother Edgar and two guides, made the 48-day, 2,000-mile dog sled voyage from Dawson to Nome, arriving in April.

In a 1917 *Alaska Daily Empire* article, Mimosa stated, "I met him in Dawson, but when gold was discovered in the Nome district, he went there. I resolved to see Nome and of course Mr. Pittman and I made the trip by dog sledge. It was very interesting. People said it was wonderful of me to do such a thing, but I was younger ... and Western air will make young people capable of doing most anything."

According to a 1923 article in the *Humboldt Times*, Mimosa was "known to the early Klondikers in general as the first white woman, if not the only one, whoever drove her own dog team from Dawson to Nome over the winter trail."

On July 8, 1900, in Nome, Key and Mimosa were married in a small private ceremony. According to a 1924 *Evening Star* article, "their wedding banquet consisted of canned pork and beans, crackers, dried tomatoes, and some thin pieces of chipped beef simmered in what passed for milk. It was a glorious feast and the prelude for Mrs. Pittman of the makeshifts to get an acceptable meal out of thin air."

In September 1901, Mimosa took a steamer from Nome to San Francisco in order to avoid the Alaskan winter. Key followed in November, but he had to work as a sailor in order to catch the last boat out of Nome. They planned to return to Alaska in the spring. But the gold strike in Tonopah, Nevada, changed their plans. In January 1902, after an 18-hour frozen stagecoach ride, Key and his brother-in-law arrived in Tonopah. Mimosa followed in June.

In Tonopah, Mimosa and Key first lived at a hotel that was nothing more than "a wooden shack, great cracks between the wall partitions, so small in room space that Mrs. Pittman had to stand on her trunk to dress." They later moved to a couple of different houses before building their own house.

In her book, *Lady In Boomtown: Miners and Manners on the Nevada Frontier*, Marjorie (Mrs. Hugh) Brown gives her first-person account of what it was like living in Tonopah during the early 1900s. "For the most part, Tonopah was a community of city people who lived in rough-board houses and walked unpaved streets, but

who dressed as they would in San Francisco or New York." The winters were cold, summers were hot, water was delivered once a week to fill up the kitchen water barrel, and cooking was done over wood stoves.

Tonopah life was full of social gatherings; dinners, parties, luncheons, meetings, neighbors just dropping by for the evening, and Mimosa either hosted or attended.

An example is detailed in a 1908 *Tonopah Daily Bonanza* article, "Merry maskers held sway at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Key Pittman on Tuesday night, and shouted, and cheered, and laughed, and blew out the old year and rang in the new. The occasion was the fourth anniversary of the Lunas Clava, of which Mrs. Key Pittman is the chief hostess." The Lunas Clava was a women-only club, but the New Year's Eve event was open to all.

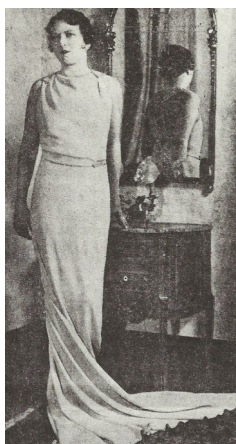


On July 2, 1908, shortly after breakfast, a kitchen fire erupted at the Pittman house. According to the *Tonopah Daily Bonanza*, "Mrs. Pittman was quite severely burned about the hands and arms in extinguishing the fire which enveloped the cook. With a rare presence of mind, and disregarding her own safety, she rendered the unfortunate woman aid that probably saved her life." Key got both women safely outside, and the house was lost to fire, but the quick-to-act neighbors were able to save the household valuables. The fire department responded quickly, but there was not enough water pressure to save the home. After the fire, the Pittmans moved into a nearby home and sent the volunteer fire department a note of thanks along with refreshments.

In her book, Marjorie Brown had this to say about Mimosa, "She had made an impressive journey by dog team down the Yukon trail from Dawson to Nome, an unbelievable feat if you look at the map. Her adventurous spirit captured the imagination of the soldier of fortune from Mississippi, but I was told by someone who had known her in Dawson that her friends thought it took more courage for her to marry Key Pittman than to face the Yukon trail. Be that as it may, to the very end of his life she was the only one who could control him when he went off the deep end. They were a glamorous pair."

In 1912, Key Pittman was elected to the United States Senate. According to a *Blue Lake Advocate* article, "Mrs. Key Pittman, wife of the United States senator-elect from Nevada, is a former well-known Eureka [California] girl, when as Miss Mimosa Gates she was very popular in social circles. ... As the wife of the new Nevada senator, Mrs. Pittman will become a member of the exclusive society set of Washington, D.C."

In 1917, Mimosa founded the Senate Ladies Red Cross Unit (also known as "Ladies of the Senate", "Senate Wives," and today "Senate Spouses"). Originally created to aid in First World War efforts, the group expanded to include other charitable work and sponsors an annual luncheon for the First Lady.



Key served in the Senate for nearly three decades and the couple entertained extensively at their Washington D.C. residence.

A 1924 *Evening Star* article reported: "Senator and Mrs. Key Pittman are permanent denizens of Washington, and their home, Ridge Hall, ... is usually one of the popular places where congress sits through the summer. Mrs. Pittman has already gone west, and after visiting friends and relatives in California she will join her husband in Tonopah, Nev. She has always been among the active hostesses of the senatorial set during the season."

In Alaska, Mimosa acquired "a deep love for silent places and for long solitary trips on horseback and in canoes, which she retains. She frequently strolls for miles along the river off Conduit Road and into the deep woods which

fringe it. She is an enthusiastic musician and a generous patron of all worthy musical crusades." She "sings at home, for that was the great solace of her brothers and their friends during those shut-in weeks at Dawson, before they ventured forth to Nome."

In her 1935 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin* article, Francis Keyes stated, "Ever since I came to Washington, Mimosa Pittman – "Peg" to her intimates – has been one of my kindest and most cherished friends. The rare grace of her carriage and figure and the sweetness of her smile have always commanded my admiration; but I have rejoiced even more in the constancy of her cordiality. Over and over again, at the end of a hard day's work, I have turned to her hospitable hearth for relaxation and refreshment. Always I have found a warm fire and a warm welcome waiting for me. Always I have known I could count on the steadfastness and sincerity of her affection."

In 1938, Mimosa was one of a select number of women leaders to be on the planning and operating committee for the 1939 New York World Fair. At the 1939 Congressional welcoming reception for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Mimosa Pittman was the only senatorial wife to be included. Mimosa and Key, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, attended all four of the formal events honoring the British Royals.

After Key's death in November 1940, Mimosa worked on establishing a memorial for her late husband. Key wanted to be buried on a mountaintop where he could see in every direction. Their crypt can be found high on the hill of the Masonic Memorial Gardens in Reno, Nevada.

Mimosa kept both the Tonopah, Nev. and Washington, D.C. homes after Key passed, though she spent most of her time in Washington. Mimosa passed away at her Washington, D.C. residence on November 14, 1952, at the age of 80.

**Researched by Patti Bernard and Catherine Cuccaro.**

**Written by Catherine Cuccaro**

**Sources of Information** can be found at:

<https://nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/mimosa-june-gates-pittman/>



## Behind the Scenes at the Nevada State Museum

By Catherine Cuccaro

At the November 18th "Behind The Scenes" event, deep in the vault of the Nevada State Museum, curator Dr. Anna Camp led us on a fascinating journey of baskets, basket-making and so much more. The two hours flew by, and we all left more knowledgeable and appreciative.



Photos by Mona Reno

Many thanks to Anna and her assistants for guiding us, the Nevada State Museum for hosting us, and to everyone who made this event possible.

## Christmas in Nevada With Patty Cafferata

By Marcia Cuccaro

Members and guests gathered at the home of Patti Bernard on December 3, 2022 for the annual Christmas program.

Hors d'oeuvres and sweets were served to guests as well as punch and wine. Patricia D. Cafferata (or Patty as known to NWHP members), longtime Nevada resident and author gave a presentation on her book *Christmas in Nevada*, published by the University of Nevada Press in 2014. She credited Kathleen Szawiola, production manager, with the design of her book. In order to collect the Christmas stories from Nevada's 17 counties, she traveled throughout each county searching for just the right vignette. Stories range from Christmases before Nevada gained statehood to stories documenting the Christmases of Nevada's diverse ethnic population. Various photographs are scattered throughout the book.

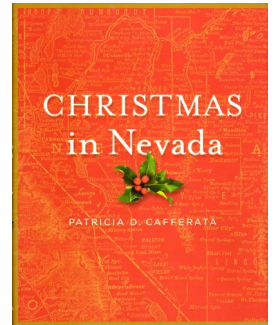


Photo by Mona Reno

Attendees shared Christmas memories after Patty's presentation and one common theme among those present was receiving oranges for Christmas. This tradition is said to date back to the Great Depression of 1930 when families often didn't have the extra money to purchase gifts. Oranges (and nuts) were a treat and children often received these items in their stockings. My sister and I certainly did as did many of our friends.

## *NWHP and the Nevada Women's Fund*

By Marcia Cuccaro

The Nevada Women's Fund (NWF) is enlarging their Conference Room which is good for them and good for us. Unfortunately, that means our back-room storage space is decreasing as the additional Conference Room area is being carved out of the storage area. Oh, what to do with all our stuff? If you'd like to volunteer to help in our moving project, please contact Sue Davis at 775-828-4692 or shdavis4364@att.net.

The Nevada Women's Fund and the Nevada Women's History Project have been friends and partners since our founder, Jean Ford, organized the Nevada Women's History Project and made it official in 1996. The Nevada Women's Fund made our organization a "delegate agency" and we functioned under their umbrella until just a few years ago when we incorporated and became our own 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The Nevada Women's Fund had been in existence since 1984 with the mission of addressing women's critical and social needs through education. The NWF raises money for scholarships and awards them to individuals as well as funding community non-profit organizations that share the NWF mission "to strengthen and empower our community."

The Nevada Women's History Project fits into that mission by collecting, recording, and sharing the biographies of women throughout Nevada. Our website contains an online "Repository of Women's History" which collects, preserves, catalogs, and provides accessibility to the papers and records of women and women's organization in Nevada" and this is available to anyone who logs onto our website. Our organization also researches and writes biographies of women in Nevada – some noteworthy in Nevada's history – and some who didn't achieve any notoriety but who did, in fact, contribute to the growth and success of Nevada – often behind the scenes. Our biographies include women of every ethnicity and age and their stories are as unique as the population of Nevada. We also maintain a Suffrage website. <https://suffrage100nv.org/>

Our partnership is now over twenty-six years old, and we endeavor to celebrate a 50th anniversary with the Nevada Women's Fund.

## *Board Member and Office Elections for 2023-2025*

In September we requested nominations for the next two-year cycle of Board members. As is our policy we have asked the existing members if they wish to retain their current positions. This year we have several changes.

Here are our officers and directors for the coming biennium.

### Elected Officers

President:	Sue Davis
Vice-President:	Lisa-Marie Lightfoot
Past-President:	Patti Bernard
Treasurer:	Joy Orlich
Recording Secretary:	Marcia Cuccaro

### Appointed Directors

Archivist:	Mona Reno
Communications:	Silvana Ricci
Corresponding Secretary:	Sarah Britt
First Lady Bios:	Patti Bernard
Jean Ford Research Center:	Dorismae Weber
Membership:	Michelle Gardner
Programs:	Lynette Asters
	Sue Davis
	Patti Bernard
Website Bios:	Janice Hoke

### At-Large Directors

Kathy Noneman

## *Jean Ford Democracy Award*

The Jean Ford Democracy Award, which is sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy, Nevada Secretary of State, is an award designed to honor deserving citizens of this state who have played a key role in promoting participatory democracy in Nevada. For more information about eligibility, nominations, criteria, and the deadline, please review the

[Jean Ford Democracy Award Description 2019.](#)

## NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

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