

RESEARCH REGISTRY

We welcome anyone doing research on Nevada women's history to share that topic or focus with us. Added to the list of researchers published in our previous issues are the following:

North

- ✍ Gloria Castillo, Sparks, and Dr. Jeri Echeverria, Fresno, CA: Basque women of Nevada
- ✍ Betsy Clark and Kathleen Clemence, Reno: women in military service
- ✍ "Coco" Crum, Carson City: Genoa, Minden
- ✍ Dorothy Dermody, Reno: Goldfield, Tonopah, Mason Valley
- ✍ Gertrude Gottschalk, Carson City: Ormsby County (now Carson City) politics
- ✍ Marlena Hellwinkel, Minden: Carson Valley oldtimers
- ✍ Marian Lavoy, Fallon: Churchill County
- ✍ Jeanne Miller, Reno: diaries and journals relating to the Works Progress Administration (WPA)
- ✍ June Rivers, Reno: ranch families
- ✍ Sandy Rizzo, Washoe Valley: one-room school-house teachers

Roundtables widen Carson City to hold three

The Research Roundtable Series has expanded to include monthly sessions in Carson City. Three sessions are scheduled beginning September 17. The third set of roundtable sessions in Reno/Sparks will begin September 20 at the YWCA. Bob Stewart will share his work: "A Lady in Aurora."

For other topics, dates, and locations check the Fall schedule of events on page 8.

Carrie Townley Porter, Research Roundtable Coordinator, will answer questions and enroll interested researchers in the Roundtable Registry (see above). Call her at 857-2050. ❖

And The Successes Go On . . .

NWHP inaugurates regional offices North plans open house, orientation for Sept. 5

The Nevada Women's History Project has found two new homes. The Northern regional offices have been moved from what used to be the UNR's Women Studies Department on Sierra Street to the YWCA building on Valley Road, a few blocks away across campus.

NWHP-South, on the other hand, has moved to the West Charleston Campus of the Community College of Southern Nevada, where it will share office space with the Nevada Humanities Committee.

CCSN President, Richard More, and West Charleston Campus Provost, Dr. Candace Kant, have made this arrangement possible. The office space has been provided until January 1997 when a new proposal will come up for review.

The offices are equipped with computer, phone, file cabinets, desk, and bookshelves. Leslie Shipp, who negotiated the arrangement, says this is another of President Moore's generous efforts in creating partnerships with the community during his still brief tenure at CCSN.

The address in the South is CCSN West Charleston Campus, Room B149, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102-1124. For inter-office mailing add: NWHP-RM. B149—

(Sort Code) W1A. Phone: (702) 651-5701. Fax: (702) 877-6440.

NWHP Chair Jean Ford found spacious offices in the north, thanks also to a generous arrangement with YWCA Executive Director Sherri Rice.

Meetings have been comfortably conducted at the new location since the move last June.

To inaugurate its new headquarters, NWHP-North will have a housewarming party, Thursday, September 5, from 5 to 8 PM at YWCA, 1301 Valley Road, Suite #5, Reno, Nevada 89512. Phone: (702) 322-7754.

Officers, Steering and Executive Committee members will be on hand to greet the members and guests. In addition, during the "Fall Fling," as the open-house is being called,

members will be able to sign up for fall workshops and learn about current NWHP projects. An orientation for new members will start at 5:30 PM.

"Thanks to the progressive party atmosphere, everyone will be able to learn about the NWHP Educational Resources Committee, the Newsletter Committee, and the Women and Work project," says Program Coordinator Betty Glass.

Part of the entertainment will feature
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September 5, 1996

5:00 - 8:00 PM

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&
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NWHP Is On The Move

by Catharine Sanders

The Nevada Women's History Project is on the move! Encouraged and energized by your response, showing an obvious need for a women's history organization, the NWHP has expanded in just 18 months into a dynamic entity with a statewide membership of over 270 individuals, 25 non profit or community organizations, 26 government agencies and 2 corporate sponsors.

Statistics have been kept of NWHP statewide activities since its inception - types, number of participants, etc. I was pleased to be given this collected data and asked to prepare a summary for the NEWS. I was impressed, as the story unfolded:

In all, over 2,000 participants have been involved in 57 NWHP events since a small group met in November, 1994 in Reno, and determined to create a statewide educational organization to focus on Nevada women's history.

Numbers-wise, the front runners for attendance have been the docudramas — "The Saga of Nevada Women's Suffrage: 1869-1920" — which have been presented in five different versions to diverse audiences. A combined total of 730 attended one or more of the "Sagas" staged in Carson City (two separate productions), Winnemucca, Reno, and Gardnerville. One presentation was featured at the Nevada Women's Fund Spring Seminar '96 in Reno. Co-sponsors of other events included the Nevada Humanities Committee, Carson Valley Cultural Center, Nevada Elected Women's Network, and the Nevada Library Association.

"Save Your Past," "An Introduction

to Oral History-taking," "Nevada Women's Archives," and "Genealogy as an Oral History Tool" were the topics of the eight workshops co-ordinated by Shayne Del Cohen and conducted in Boulder City, Eureka, Reno, Carson City, Las Vegas, Sparks, and Elko. A combined total of 148 individuals attended these workshops. Serving as instructors or special resource people were Tom King, Jeanne Harrah, Jeff Kintop, Vikki Ford, Carol Corbett, Jean Ford, Shayne Del Cohen, Dennis McBride, and Diane Greene.

While the setting up of a formal Speakers' Bureau is a goal for the coming year, NWHP responded to requests for special programs on Nevada women's history which had a combined audience of 379 individuals who attended presentations sponsored by Soroptimists International (Carson City, Truckee Meadows, So. Lake Tahoe), Delta Kappa Gamma (Reno, Carson City, Las Vegas), Baha'i Community of Northern Nevada, Nevada Women's Fund, American Association of University Women (Las Vegas), Truckee Meadows Community College, the Sierra Job Corps, and Nevada Women's Lobby.

Research Roundtables, where various individuals informally share information on their research on some aspect of Nevada women's history, drew an additional 50 people. These presentations have been held monthly since January in the private dining room of Cafe Ten-O-One at the University Inn near the UNR campus. This series,

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MISSION STATEMENT

**TO PROVIDE VISIBILITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE
 GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION OF HISTORY ABOUT THE ROLES
 AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEVADA WOMEN OF EVERY RACE,
 CLASS AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND**

Letter from the Editor

As you can see the NEWS is growing by leaps and bounds. Our inaugural issue was eight pages long. This issue is twice as thick. We owe this bounty to our contributors from NWHP-South. A hearty thank you to everyone of them.

I regret, however, that not all contributions — North or South — could be included. We simply run out of room, as we considered cost of printing and postage, as well as production logistics.

Speaking of logistics, to help ease the innumerable tasks involved in preproduction, editing, and layout design, the Editorial Board is hard at work preparing a set of *guidelines for submission of contributions* to the NEWS. Copies of the guidelines will be made available state-wide before October 1, when materials for the next issue are due.

Last time I wrote to you saying the April Issue would be the "last complimentary issue." A notice next to the mailing label repeated this message. That notice caused some confusion. Let me explain.

Because printing and mailing costs can

become prohibitive, circulation of the NEWS is now limited only to all members in good standing — individuals, organizations, associate members, and corporate sponsors. We will also continue to mail the NEWS to selected members of the media, all public libraries, state-wide female elected officials and legislators, and national women's history organizations.

In addition, beginning with this issue, the major educational policy-makers and selected teachers, librarians, and other school personnel will receive a complimentary copy of the NEWS.

With every issue, we strive to improve NWHP's newsletter so that it can become a better tool for our members. For this issue we've added a practical new feature. The Calendar of Events, published on the central pages and broken down by Region, should help members plan their schedules around the many interesting and fun NWHP activities. Check it out. I know there is something for you to attend in the Fall.

I've always envisioned the NEWS as a classic publication that would be the pride of Nevada women. Your contributions and help with the newsletter continue to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales

[Some photos in this issue have been digital-ly manipulated by the layout designer. Ed.]

Messages to NWHP

Teacher Values Partnership

In October of 1995, Jean Ford was invited to speak at the monthly meeting of Gamma Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International, a teacher's society. Members were interested in preserving chapter documents, photos, and in gathering information and papers from members who have been in education in Nevada for many years. Then President, Joyce King, urged members to join NWHP, both as a group and individually.

Shortly after we joined, Jean Ford asked for assistance at the Living History Showcase held in March. Gamma Chapter not only helped provide the location for this and subsequent meetings, but members

assisted with greeting guests, taking registrations and membership applications, and one member, Verlee Anderson, was part of the program as Mother Goose.

The partnership of Nevada Women's History Project and Gamma Chapter has continued as newly elected President Iris Torfason along with Ranette Dean, Rosemary Denis, and Verlee again helped at NWHP-South's first annual meeting. Verlee also helped with the Helldorado parade float and I have taken on the position of Secretary on the temporary steering committee.

Gamma Chapter urges other groups to join this exciting Project. Everyone can help in little ways that mean so much.

Joyce King
Las Vegas

Roundtables Open Eyes

One of the inevitabilities and blessings of any research project is a tendency to develop tunnel vision. A certain limited range of vision is necessary to complete a project. One must be focused on the end to complete the steps necessary to reach the goal of a finished work. There can be, however, a disadvantage to this tunnel vision. Earnest concentration can mean that ideas, sources, and information are missed along the way. To mix and mangle metaphors here, the dedicated researcher can miss the tree for the forest.

Such research pitfalls, while chronic, are not incurable. A pleasant and painless remedy for the dreaded tunnel vision syndrome is Research Roundtable. The information exchange that occurs at each session is an invaluable resource for the researcher. New ideas, unknown sources, and fresh information are proposed and shared during the presentation and discussion at the roundtables. And all benefit from the tunnel vision treatment. The researcher shares techniques and sources, the discussion sparks ideas, and all come away from the sessions rejuvenated — ready to take on history with expanded vision.

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After the organizational meeting at the Las Vegas Elks Lodge on March 2, 1996, the volunteers for the NWHP-South temporary steering committee met with Jean Ford at the Flamingo Library on March 20. Those attending volunteered for standing committee positions and elected the temporary officers to serve on the Executive Board. These new officers thought their tasks would end in June at the first general meeting in the South. However, this was not the case.

The best laid plans of not only mice and men, but of the women of NWHP-South, can go astray. TIME is the operative word. We needed TIME to meet, to plan, to revise, and time to get to know each other — our strengths and weaknesses.

We established Programming as our first priority, to let the Southern members know we were active. The programs were educational and fun. In review . . .

Oral History Network — On April 8th, Dennis McBride, a resident of Boulder City, and author of oral histories such as *Boulder City: Passages in Time*, *Boulder City: In the Beginning*, and *Hard Work and Far from Home: The Civilian Conservation Corps at Lake Mead*, facilitated the first meeting of the Oral History Network at Lorenzi Park.

The Network was suggested by a few members who, as oral historians, wanted to meet on an on-going basis to share methodology, research, ideas, sources, and have trouble-shooting sessions.

As an outcome of this session, attendees expressed an interest in genealogical research. Diane Greene, also resident of Boulder City, and a professional genealogist, conducted a very successful 4-hour workshop on May 18 at Lorenzi Park.

Helldorado Day Parade — The Ballot Box float co-sponsored by NWHP-South and the Nevada Women's Lobby won Second Place in the Helldorado Day Parade on May 11.

Barbara Crowell chaired the event and expressed her excitement when the NWHP float placed. Several members, including Rannette Dean and Joyce Marshall, wore exquisite period-piece costumes. Many members wore the wonderful Nevada Women's 75th Anniversary of Suffrage t-shirts with the names of Nevada women pioneers

From The Beginning

A Progress Report From The South

by Leslie Shipp*

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LESLIE SHIPP

inserted on the State outline. Verlee Caro Anderson provided the flatbed truck.

Speakers' Bureau — On June 13, the Dula Senior Center Humanities Group welcomed me as a guest speaker on Nevada women who served in World War II. I presented the research from a paper titled "Not Just Rosie the Riveter," and coauthored by DeAnna Beachley, CCSN professor of history, and myself, a CCSN professor of English. The women interviewed were Helen Cannon (WASP), Edna Marie Browning (ANC), Joyce Amos (WAVES), Esther Buchanan (USO), Laurence Quateman (US Marines), Annette Goldstein, a waiting wife and Stage Door Canteen volunteer. Approximately forty people attended the presentation. Pat Lafferty, Program Chair, welcomes presenters from NWHP.

Jerome Herrman, Multicultural Education Specialist for the Clark

County School District, has published the the names of available "Living History" presenters in a Teacher's Resource Guide. We need a coordinator for the Speakers' Bureau in the South, and we need qualified trainers for Living History work-

shops. Many requests for these services are being made. I have made a few photo displays of the Nevada Women's History Project for speakers, clubs, and organizations to use.

First General Membership Meeting

— The first general meeting of NWHP-South was very exciting. The buffet provided by the Elks Lodge was excellent and the interaction was powerful. The keynote address was given by Dr. Joanne Goodwin, associate professor of history and the Chair of the Nevada Women's Archives Advisory Committee at UNLV. Dr. Goodwin explained the "Las Vegas Women in Gaming and Entertainment Project," which consists of a team of faculty and student researchers in the UNLV history department. The initial research revealed "opportunity" was a common link among women.

Dr. Goodwin is interviewing women connected to the ownership and management in the gaming industry. She plans interviews with Toni Clark, wife of Wilbur Clark, the owner of the Desert Inn during its heyday; Claudine Williams, the first woman inductee into the Gaming Hall of Fame; and the Mirage Resorts, Inc. board member, Elaine Wynn.

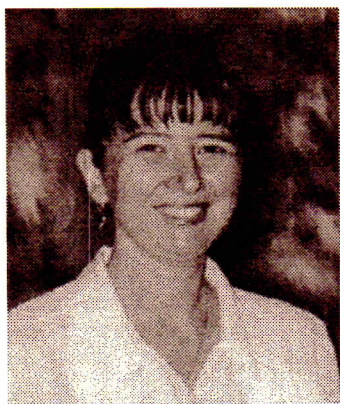
She introduced graduate students, Claytee White and Joyce Marshall who presented their research. [See Marshall's article on page 7. White's paper will appear in a future issue of the NEWS. Ed.-]

*Leslie Shipp was Temporary Chair of NWHP-South from March to June 1996.

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Who is Who in NWHP-- South

Eva Stowers Acting Treasurer



Eva Stowers

Born on August 26, 1957, at Lajes Air Field on the island of Terceira in the Azores, Eva lived in many places, including Montana, Massachusetts, California, Spain, Indiana, and England before arriving in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1975. Her father, Robert Carl Head, a retired serviceman from the United States Air Force, and her mother, Eva Marie Barcelos Gohinho, met and married in the Azores. They later retired at Nellis Air Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Eva graduated from Lakenheath American High School in England in 1975, just prior to moving to Nevada. In 1978 she received a B.A. in romance languages (French and Spanish) from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In 1994, she earned her B.S. in Library Science from the University of Arizona.

Eva married Michael Stowers in 1983. She has a stepson, Kirk, and "just a couple of spoiled cats." She is employed at the Desert Research Institute where she is Director of Libraries. The Institute has technical libraries in Las Vegas and Reno.

As the treasurer for the NWHP-South temporary steering committee, Eva attended the June 3 general meeting of the NWHP-North and was able to discuss the projected budget for 1996-1997 while enjoying a memorable day in Reno with Northern Nevada members.

Ellen Reed — Acting Chair

Born in San Francisco, California, Ellen moved to Nevada in 1985. Her father is Howard B. Reed, a retired freelance industrial engineer, and also a retired noncommissioned Naval officer. A man of many talents, he was a musician who played with the John Philip Sousa Band and the Paul Whiteman Orchestra. He was once a guest conductor of the San Francisco Civic Opera. He attended Columbia University. Her mother, Lillian M. Vanlandigham Reed, a housewife, is deceased. Both parents were born in Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Ellen holds a M.A. in Librarianship and Informational Science from the University of Denver and a second M.A. in Theatre from the same institution. She has a B.S. in English and Theatre from Moorehead State University and numerous recertification hours in psychology, also at Moorehead.

Ellen serves as Chair of the Sumi Takahashi Laetz Society, a nonprofit organization for students who wish to study library science. She is a member of the American Library Association, the Nevada Library Association and is past-president of the Las Vegas/Clark County Library Association.

As a reference librarian, she is in charge of the Nevada Collection at the Clark County Flamingo Library and works with the foundations and grants collection. Ellen is in the process of developing a performing arts collection.

In 1985 she taught English and theater in Millbank, South Dakota. She also taught at Pione River, Minnesota. Ellen directed small community theaters in Minnesota, South Dakota, and

Colorado. While working as a teacher in her very early career years, she did some acting, singing, and dancing. Her hobbies range from cross-country skiing, swimming, fishing, and golfing to walking and, naturally, reading.

In 1970 Ellen won the Outstanding Young Woman of America Award. As a teacher, she won numerous theater awards. In 1994 Ellen received a Special Award from the Library Board of Trustees for a video titled *A New World of Books*. When Ellen moved to Nevada, and particularly when she started working closely with the Nevada Collection, she noticed that the history of Nevada was written almost exclusively about men. She joined the NWHP because she saw this organization as a very good vehicle for getting a lot of work done and filling many gaps. Ellen is also chair of the NWHP-South Project Review Committee. ❖

[Photo not available . Ed.-]

CELEBRATE!

Women's Equality Day

76 Years of Suffrage

MONDAY, 8/26: Women's Equality Day, celebrating the 76th anniversary of U.S. women gaining the right to vote. No special ceremonies planned. Take time out to give thanks to those who struggled to gain this right for us.

Are you registered to vote in 1996? If not, make a pledge to do so.

Who is Who in NWHP -- North

Cindy Southerland Publicity Chair

A native of California, Cindy has been a Nevadan by choice since 1980.

Since arriving in the state, Cindy has worked in private enterprise as well as for the State of Nevada. She worked four sessions for the Nevada State Legislature, three of them in the Assembly Leadership suite as Executive Assistant to the Majority Leader. She also served as Deputy and Acting Clerk Treasurer in Storey County (Virginia City), Nevada.

Cindy has been involved in historical and genealogical research in Nevada for several years. Her primary interest is studying and lecturing on the cemeteries of historic mining camps, territorial sites, the Comstock, and Carson City.

She was Chair of the Virginia City Cemetery Committee, and of the project to restore and preserve the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City. Cindy has also worked as the historical photograph curator for the Humboldt Museum in Winnemucca, and as a contract photograph cataloger for the Nevada State Library and Archives. She was a founding member of the Gold Hill Historic Lecture Series and has lectured for the Nevada State Museum, Westerners Corral, and Nevada Landmarks Society.

In June she completed a project that involved researching, photographing, mapping, describing the symbolism on monuments, and preparing the text for a historical walking tour of the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City. The site inventory includes 63 individuals representing Carson City pioneers of every denomination, ethnic background, and socio-economic standing.

Cindy has been married to Doug Southerland since 1989. He is Director of Exhibits, Nevada State Museum. She is pursuing a degree in history and paralegal studies at Western Nevada Community College and UNR. ♦

[Photo not available . Ed.-]

Catharine (Kay) Sanders — Vice-Chair

Born in Reno to a civil engineer father and a teacher mother, Kay lived in Minden, Tonopah, Fallon, Caliente, Lovelock, Mountain City, Wells, and Carson City before graduating from Reno High and the University of Nevada, Reno. She has a BA in Elementary Education and a Master's in Educational Administration and Higher Education.

In 1995, Kay retired as UNR Director of Independent Study by Correspondence in Continuing Education.

Before beginning her 25-year career in UNR administration, Kay was a "stringer" from Carson Valley for the *Carson City Appeal*, the *Lake Tahoe Tribune*, and the *Reno Evening Gazette-Journal*. She also worked at the Clear Creek Job Corps Center for two years, and did some substitute teaching.

Kay is currently eager to complete some oral histories with her parents, Alice and Bob Downer of Carson Valley,

as well as other members of her family. As Vice-Chair, she shares NWHP's commitment to celebrating the lives and contributions of Nevada women, is helping coordinate some of the NWHP ongoing projects and taking charge of planning for our first statewide Nevada Women's History Conference in the Spring of 1997.

Kay is a perennial student and says, "Life has been good to me and it's not over yet. I've learned to turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones and not to be afraid to take chances."

She is married to Neill Sanders, former coach and now a semi-retired math teacher, and they have three sons and five grand-

children. They have enjoyed travelling to the Soviet Union, Scandinavia, England and Scotland and visited former exchange student "daughter" in Finland. They hope to someday also visit another exchange "daughter" in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. ♦



Catharine (Kay) Sanders

BEGINNING

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The Nominating Committee was introduced by its Chair, Frankie Williams. Serving with her is Ethel Trione, Mary K. Pichot, and Joyce Marshall. It was also announced that the temporary steering committee would continue until September by which time a slate of officers would be ready for the consideration of the membership. Frankie can be reached at 876-3586.

I am pleased to report that Ellen Reed agreed to move from Vice-Chair to Chair until the early Fall election meeting, since I am finishing my

sabbatical leave research in August and return to teaching in September. [NWHP-South Temporary Officers are listed on page 2. Ed.-]

We did not have a quorum even with forty people in attendance, but the By Laws and the proposed changes and budget were accepted by the members for adoption until ratified. Iris Torfason agreed to chair an *ad hoc* By-Laws Committee and Assemblyman Robert Price agreed to serve as a consultant. Joyce Marshall and Verlee Caro Anderson volunteered to represent the South on the State-wide Conference Planning Committee.

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FEATURE

A Wave of Talent Reaches Las Vegas

Dancers Arrive From Across the Atlantic

by Joyce Marshall

In 1958, in the midst of an intense population explosion in the Las Vegas valley, when residents and tourists alike had recently witnessed the opening of a record fourteen new hotel/casino properties, the city received its first of many surprise packages from Europe.

Foreach year over the next decade, small groups of young, talented and adventurous dancers and showgirls stepped off an airplane to get their first look at Nevada.

The majority of girls were hired in England by Margaret Kelley, or Madam Blue Belle as she was popularly known. Advertisements in the trade magazines only had to say, "Hiring dancers and mannequins to go to America." That was enough to perk the interest of many talented European girls. A full show consisted of twelve dancers and twelve mannequins. Once a girl got the job she would go to Paris to begin weeks of rehearsal before crossing the Atlantic. The hours were long and rehearsal pay was only enough to barely sustain these young performers, but the adventure that lay before them kept a smile on every face. Some girls were already working for Madam

down the steps from the plane and actually being in America, we were just thrilled." Patrice Fauci reminisced, "We took, I think, the last propeller plane from Italy to New York. We were in the air about twenty hours, but we were all very excited and with great expectations and I must say that America lived up."

Patrice further recalled that when she initially stepped off the plane in Las Vegas, even though it was September and 8:30 in the evening, the weather was horrendous. She said to herself, "I won't last here five minutes because of the

heat. Consequently, thirty some odd years later, I still complain about the heat," she laments, "but nevertheless, I lasted more than five minutes. I grew to love Las Vegas very much."

Conversely, Gillian Kabat was told by friends in England that she was going to the warm desert and to sell all her winter

clothes. Arriving in January, she said, "The very first thing I had to do was go and buy a coat."

Fanfare always accompanied their arrival. The Stardust Hotel's "Lido de Paris," the "Follies Bergere" at the Tropicana and the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes were the largest productions, but arrivals of smaller shows at the El Rancho or Frontier Hotels demanded equal press. Always ready, the cameraman waited for his best shot and

"Some girls were already working for Madam Blue Belle in various productions around Europe when they got hired to come to the United States which made the transition a bit easier, but the excitement was just as great."



Joyce Marshall

Joyce was born in Chicago and came to Nevada as a child when her father decided he wanted to be a "legal" dealer. Her mother was a nurse. Two brothers were both dealers. Her husband worked in a Las Vegas showroom until his death in 1995. She has three grown children and ten grandchildren.

Joyce obtained a BA in History from UNLV and at age 40 went back to school to get her Masters in Western American History. She also works at the Nevada Women's Archives at UNLV and is President of the Graduate Students Association.

Joyce has always loved Nevada and has set out to add new sources to the history of Nevada women through her oral history research.

the writer was quick to jot down any comment he thought would catch the readers eye. On one occasion, promoters brought a hot dog cart to the airport so that the first thing the girls had to eat would be "an all American meal." Local bands, celebrities and an actual red carpet were standard fare for the European arrivals.

The schedule was very demanding with not much leisure time. The girls were expected to arrive backstage thirty minutes before the show started, completely dressed. This meant cocktail dresses, high-heels and full make-up.. Of course, the girls are quick to remind me that these were the days when the

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Fall Calendar

NORTH

THURSDAY, 9/5: NWHP Fall Open House. 5:00-8:00 P.M. Visit our wonderful new office suite at the Reno YWCA. Learn about exciting activities. Attend and enjoy. Refreshments and entertainment. 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno. Call 322-7754.

THURSDAY, 9/5: Member Orientation, 5:30-6:30 P.M. Get acquainted with who we are, what we're doing, and how you can participate. NWHP-North, 1301 Valley Rd. #5, Reno. Call 322-7754.

SATURDAY, 9/14: "Preparing to do Oral Histories." A workshop conducted by Dr. Jeri Echeverria, oral historian, author, and history professor from Cal State, Fresno. 10 A.M.-3 P.M. at the Carson Valley Cultural Center, Hwy 395, Gardnerville. \$20 NWHP and CVCC members. \$25 non-members. Advance reservations requested. Call 322-7754 or 782-2555.

TUESDAY, 9/17: Research Roundtable. 18 Granite Way, Carson City. 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Speaker: Anita Watson on "Reno Divorce: The National Context of Local Industry." No reservation needed; just come and enjoy the dialogue. For info, call 322-7754.

WEDNESDAY, 9/18: "Victorian Fashions and Dress Reform." A lecture at 7:00 P.M. by Jan Loverin, Curator of the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Center, Carson City, in connection with the Nevada Historical Society Exhibit, "Nevada Women Emerging into Public Life, 1860-1920." 1650 N. Virginia, Reno. No charge. Call 688-1191.

THURSDAY, 9/19: NWHP Educational Resources Committee. Speaker: Lynn Sawyer, WCSD Curriculum Coordinator, on Social Studies standards. 4:00 P.M. Wooster High School Career Center. Call 825-3452.

FRIDAY, 9/20: Research Roundtable, featuring Bob Stewart on "A Lady in Aurora." Brown bag lunch at NWHP, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. Noon-1:30 P.M. No reservation needed. Call 322-7754.

TUESDAY, 9/24: Orientation on NWHP Speaker's Bureau. Led by Tammy Buzick, Cindy Southerland, and Jean Ford. Learn how to be a presenter of Nevada women's history programs, slide shows, etc., to school or community groups. 10-11:30 A.M. or 5:30-7 P.M., NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno. For info or RSVPs, call 322-7754.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 9/25-27: Nevada State Museums Association convention, Fallon. Call Churchill County Museum, 702/423-3677.

TUESDAY, 10/15: Research Roundtable. Willa Ramsden. "Carson City History: the Complexity of Research." 18 Granite Way, Carson City. 5:30-7:00 P.M. No reservation needed. Call 322-7754.

THURSDAY, 10/17: Panel commentary on the Nevada Historical Society exhibit, "Nevada Women Emerging into Public Life, 1860-1920." Dr. Elizabeth Raymond, Dr. Anne Howard, Cyd McMullen, with Anita Watson as Moderator. 7:00 P.M., 1660 N. Virginia, Reno. No charge. Call 688-1191.

THURSDAY, 10/24: NWHP Educational Resources Committee. Speaker: Barbara Ferguson, Chair of the NV History Day Project. 4:00 P.M. NV Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia, Reno. Call 825-3452.

FRIDAY, 10/25: Research Roundtable, featuring Vikki Ford on "The History of the Reno/Sparks YWCA." Brown bag lunch at NWHP offices, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. Noon-1:30 P.M. No reservation needed. Call 322-7754.

THURSDAY, 10/31: Nevada Day Celebration and Parade, Carson City. Anybody wanting to work on a parade entry idea? If so, call Jean Ford at 322-7754.

SATURDAY, 11/9: "Researching Nevada Women, Part I" - the first of a 2-part series, visiting Northern Nevada resources available to those wanting to help do research on Nevada women. 9 A.M.-4 P.M. (Part II is November 16.) Meet at Washoe County Downtown Library for A.M.; bring brown bag lunch. Afternoon field trip to LDS Family History Center on Neil Road. \$40 for series for NWHP members. \$50 for non-members. Advance reservations required. For information, call Shayne Del Cohen, 827-9228 or Jean Ford, 322-7754.

THURSDAY, 11/13: NWHP Educational Resources Committee. Speaker: Frankie Lukasko, WCSD Library Coordinator. "Library Resources and Making Nevada History Collections Accessible." 4:00 P.M. Learning & Resource Center, College of Education, UNR. Call 825-3452.

FRIDAY, 11/15: Research Roundtable, Reno, featuring Phil Earl, Curator of History at the Nevada Historical Society on "Women in Nevada's Mining Camps." Brown bag lunch at NWHP offices, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, noon-1:30 P.M. No reservation needed.

SATURDAY, 11/16: "Researching Nevada Women, Part II." UNR Getchell Library, Rm. 270 for orientation and discussion on techniques. Brown bag lunch. Explore resources at UNR Library, including Special Collections. \$40 NWHP members for 2-part series. \$50 non-members. Part I is November 9. Advance reservations required. Call Shayne Del Cohen, 827-9228, or Jean Ford, 322-7754.

TUESDAY, 11/19: Research Roundtable. State Archivist Guy Rocha. "In Search of Women in History: Documentary Resources at the Nevada State Archives." Nevada State Library and Archives, Koontz-Cahlan Research Rm., 100 Stewart St., Carson City. 5:30-7:00 P.M. No reservation needed.

WEDNESDAY, 11/20: Living History Presentation relating to the NHS Exhibit, "Nevada Women Emerging into Public Life: 1860-1920." Jean Ford, Curator of the Exhibit, will introduce Patrick Hardy as Representative Curtis J. Hillyer (1869), Linda Hardy as Dr. Eliza Cook (1895), and Roslyn Works as Anne Martin (1914). Each will share their contributions to Nevada history and respond to questions. 7:00-8:30 P.M. 1650 N. Virginia, Reno. No reservation needed. Call 688-1191.

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WEDNESDAY, 9/18: NWHP Educational Resources Committee organizing meeting. 4-5:30 P.M. Curriculum Center, 601 N. 9th, Las Vegas. Call 565-3288.

SATURDAY, 9/21: "Preserve Your Past" workshop, led by Pat McCarty of Material Preservations at Dickinson Library, UNLV. 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Conference Rm., Whitney Library, 5175 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas. Bring your own lunch. \$20 for NWHP members, \$25 for non-members. Need minimum of 12 reservations one week in advance. Call Ruby Fowler, 253-5775.

THURSDAY, 10/10: Women and Work Presenters' Workshop. Led by Jean Ford. Learn how to take a program/slide show about women role models in Nevada history to schools

and community groups. 9:45-11:30 A.M. or 4:15-6:00 P.M. Curriculum Center, 601 N. 9th., Las Vegas. RSVPs welcome. Call Ed. Equity Resource Center, 895-1380.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, 10/11-13: Nevada State Library Association 75th Anniversary Convention, Laughlin. Workshops, speakers, special events. Call Stan Fuké, 799-8451, Clark Co. School District, Las Vegas.

SATURDAY, 10/19: "Transcribing Oral Histories" Workshop, led by Dennis McBride, oral historian of Boulder City. 10 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Conference Rm., Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas. Bring your own lunch. \$20 for NWHP members. Non-members \$25. Need minimum of 12 reservations one

week in advance. Call Claytee White, 792-4061.

THURSDAY, 10/24: NWHP Educational Resources Committee meeting. 4-5:30 P.M. Curriculum Center, 601 N. 9th, Las Vegas. Call 565-3288.

THURSDAY, 10/31: Nevada Day - Historic Walking Tour of Boulder City, 9:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Led by Mimi Rodden. Coordinated by Leslie Shipp. Meet in the Boulder City Theatre/Hotel parking lot at 9:00 A.M. \$12 NWHP members. \$15 non-members. Fee includes lunch with choice of entree at the Boulder Dam Hotel. Advance reservations and payment to NWHP c/o Leslie Shipp, 440 Woodridge Dr., Henderson, 89015; 565-3288.

SATURDAY, 11/9: "Preserve Your Past" Workshop, led by

Pat McCarty of UNLV. 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., Community College of Southern Nevada, West Charleston Campus, Bldg. "B," Rm. 118., 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas. Bring your own lunch. \$20 NWHP members. \$25 non-members. Need minimum of 12 reservations one week in advance. Call Ruby Fowler, 253-5775.

SATURDAY, 11/16: "Basics in Doing Oral Histories" Workshop, led by Jeanne Harrah of the University of Nevada Oral History Program. 10:A.M.-3:00 P.M. Conference Rm., Whitney Library, 5175 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas. \$20 NWHP members. \$25 non members. Need minimum of 12 reservations one week in advance. Call Claytee White, 792-4061.

NWHP South Plans Boulder City Tour

On Nevada Day, October 31, 1996, the NWHP-South will celebrate the role of women, past and present, in Boulder City with a walking tour of the city's historic buildings, ending with lunch at the Boulder Dam Hotel.

Mimi Rodden, Chair of the Boulder City Historic District Preservation Plan Study Committee, and other Committee members will lead the tour and provide handouts, including fact sheets and a map. While touring the buildings, guides will provide vignettes about the roles of women in the social, educational, and political development of Boulder City.

The tour includes the original Boulder City Theatre built in 1932 and

the first building in Boulder City to have air conditioning; the original Boulder City Hospital, which is now the Well-spring Retreat House, operated by the Sisters of Charity, an Episcopal Order; the Los Angeles Water and Power Building, designed in 1939 and constructed in 1940; the original buildings in the business district and Historic District core area, which includes the original offices of the Bureau of Reclamation and its dormitory; two private residences built in the early '30s and, finally, the historic Boulder Dam Hotel.

Along with other private residences, Mimi's home, built in 1931, will be open for tour visits.

The tour group will meet at the Boulder Dam Hotel Plaza at 9:00 A.M. The tour will begin with the theater at 9:30 A.M. Unless a participant has a disability and needs assistance, organizers recommend parking at the hotel and walking to the sites, where parking is limited. Umbrellas, sweaters, and good walking shoes are also recommended as weather will not interfere with tour plans. See Calendar of Events (this page) for more details. ❖



"History bouquet" is centerpiece at annual meeting

Officers elected; budget for 1996-1997 approved

NWHP-North had its Annual Business Meeting on Monday, June 3, at the Washoe County Health Auditorium. With some 50 women and men in attendance, the event opened with the First Annual Snack-off.

Artist and basket weaver Mary Lee Fulkerson brought her Nevada Women's History Basket Bouquet for everyone's enjoyment. The basket, which Mary Lee has donated to NWHP, is made of fortune-cookie type slips of paper on each of which appear the names of Nevada women. The tall and striking piece is further adorned with symbolic representations of many of the women, who contributed rather telling personal collages. Over-sized mementos and letters have been collated in book form. During the annual meeting several new names of Nevada women were added to the basket.

During the Business segment of the meeting, new Officers and Steering Committee members were elected, and organizational representatives introduced. The membership also approved the Treasurer's Report for the past year and a proposed Budget for 1996-97.

The current officers and members of the Steering Committee are:

Jean Ford (Chair), Catharine Sanders (Vice-Chair), Barbara Spring (Secretary), and Kathleen Clemence (Treasurer).

Members at large: Betty Glass, Anita Watson, Esther Early, and Mary Lee. Organizational representatives: Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales (Common Ground), Bobbie Talso (Delta Kappa Gamma, Lambda Chapter), Kathleen Dickinson (Zonta), Lynn Ossolinski (AAUW-State), Ruth Aberasturi (Delta Kappa Gamma, Nu Chapter), Ruth Widman (Children's Cabinet), and Fritsi Ericson (Nevada Women's Fund).

The chair thanked the following retiring members of the Steering Committee for their work: Vice-Chair Sally Wilkins, Treasurer Linda Wyckoff, Members-at-Large Madeline Parsons and Zola Ferguson, American Businesswomen's Association, re-

presented by Pat Salandra, and the League of Women Voters, represented by Mary Lee.

Several proposed changes to the By-Laws were discussed and approved, but since those attending did not reach the official quorum, the body approved a motion

that all the actions taken be considered guides for future actions until a meeting (or other method) was called where the actions could be officially validated.

The evening ended with a stimulating presentation by graphologist Kathleen Dickinson who shared



Mary Lee Fulkerson and "women's history bouquet"

some basic information about handwriting analysis and proceeded to display handwriting samples of well-known women in Nevada history and current NWHP members, giving us insights into their personalities.

It was a full evening, enjoyed by all. ♦

First "Snack-off" is a resounding success

NWHP's Annual Business Meeting on June 3, 1996 was preceded by the First Annual "Snack-off." Twenty-one people brought either homemade or store-bought snacks to enter in the contest. Attendees were issued ballots. After sampling the entries, each voted on his or her favorite snack for the two categories. Prizes were awarded.

From a field of eight, Bobbie Talso emerged as the winner of the homemade category. We include her prize-winning recipe below.

Of the 13 entries in the store-bought category, voters agreed the chicken wings from Raley's in Carson City were #1. This was a joint entry by Cora Cowan and Linda Getschman.

Other culinary contestants to this new NWHP tradition were Kathleen Allred, Dana Bennett, Phyllis Cudek, Doris Dwyer, Esther Early, Jean Ford,

Vikki Ford, Betty Glass, Janice Goodhue, Ann Jilg, Kathy Noneman, Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales, Carol Roeder, Kay Sanders, Barbara Spring, Anita Watson, Janet White, Sally Wilkins, and Kathi Wilson.

Rudy's Curried Spinach Dip

2 cups low fat cottage cheese
1/4 cup non-fat milk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 package frozen chopped spinach (thaw and squeeze dry)
or: 10 ounces fresh spinach (steamed 2-3 minutes)
3 green onions thinly sliced
2 teaspoons curry powder
Blend cottage cheese, milk, and lemon juice until smooth. Add spinach, onion, and curry powder. Blend again. Pour into serving bowl, cover, chill 2-24hrs. Serve with sliced bell peppers, jicama, summer squash, or other veggies. ♦

DANCERS

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audience did the same. They performed two shows a night during the week and three shows on weekends with no days off. "It never occurred to us that we would have a day off," Gillian recalled, "and when I finally got one, I didn't know what to do with myself."

"I remember the first time I got a day off," Patrice echoed, "it was only one day in three months, but still better than we got in Europe."

Many nights the girls would arrive at work to find a notice on their make-up table alerting them to a promotional obligation for the following day. Usually these were in the morning which did not leave much time to sleep. The girls advertised everything from golf courses to washing machines. They were expected to bring their own clothes and as Gillian remembers, "After a shoot, I asked the cameraman if I could get a copy of the pictures and he said, 'Sure, but you'll have to pay for them.'" Patrice and a group of girls from her show at the "Lido" advertised for Western Airlines. "We had a great time, but there was never any talk of paying us."

In retrospect, none of the girls really felt they had been taken advantage of, although they all agreed that they would handle things a bit differently today. They arrived with a strong work ethic and thus the opportunity to perform and live in America was a reward not easily put into dollars and cents. The long hours and hard work were offset by overwhelming opportunity. Whether a dancer or showgirl, they were always

Women and Work: Role Models in Nevada

Were the first bankers, dentists, ranchers really "first"?

NWHP's **Women and Work** presentations to student and community groups have been well received, and the Project is now looking to expand the program by developing a group of presentors in the North and South.

The heart of the presentation is a quiz regarding pre-1940 Nevada women and their various occupations, ranging from mining prospector, physician, and

temperance crusader to lawyer, banker, and rancher.

Participants answer questions such as Was Bird Wilson a stockbroker, a mineral surveyor, or a turkey farmer? Who was the female State Superintendent of Education elected in 1938? Was Helen Rulison Shipley really the first woman dentist in Nevada?

Program developers continue to research Nevada women of diverse backgrounds and occupations and the search is on for their photos to be displayed and to make kodachrome slides for the lecture/discussion.

Approximately 100 men and women have participated in the **Women and Work** presentation, at the end of which they are asked to fill out an evaluation. Some of their more telling commentaries are summarized below.

I am discouraged that I have lived in Nevada my whole life and some of these women and facts have never been mentioned to me . . . This is definitely needed in the schools . . . There were many courageous women who dared to enter a 'man's world' of work . . . The quiz is an excellent way to present material and I loved receiving the written profiles of Nevada women to take home to my children . . . We have had paid women professionals for a long time; that's very empowering . . . I didn't know that so many women had come so far in Nevada history . . . I want to learn more . . . Very gratifying . . . We need more research and writing on Nevada women . . . I am amazed at the variety of fields and accomplishments that Nevada women have made. They were truly pioneers. How did they do it? Did they have children? kitchen help? bad hair days? It's important to gather their stories before it's too late . . . I guess this shows we can be anything we want to be . . .

Orientations for potential members of NWHP's Speakers Bureau will be conducted on September 24 in Reno and October 10 in Las Vegas. Call 322-7754 in Reno or 651-5701 in Las Vegas. See the Calendar of Events, pages 8-9, for more details.

treated with dignity and respect. The girls not only had fulfilling careers on the stage, but went on to further success off the stage here in Las Vegas. Jillian Hrushowy is now the production manager for "Legends in Concert" at the Imperial Palace and Patrice Fauci owns her own design business called Cosmopolitan Interiors. Gillian Kabat became the first showgirl to get her degree from UNLV, went on to the Master's program and now teaches special children in the Las Vegas school district.

Close to seventy percent of the young dancers who arrived here from Europe in the late 1950s and on through the 1960s have remained here. As young girls, they were blessed with talent, creativity and ingenuity which put them on the stage, brought them to Las Vegas and moved them into new careers after they quit dancing. These women have helped to add a rich character and cultural diversity to the ever changing and expanding city of Las Vegas. ❖

July 1st marked new fiscal year for NWHP

Some membership renewals due by October 15

NWHP began its new membership/fiscal year July 1. Members who joined NWHP prior to March 1, 1996, now owe the 1996-97 dues. A gold star on the mailing label of the NEWS indicates you need to send your dues to remain a member in good standing. If there is no sticker, your membership is good until July, 1997.

To renew, cut out the membership form on the inside back page of this Newsletter, fill it out, and mail it to the Reno address. If renewals are not received by October 15, your name will be removed from the mailing list for the next issue of the NEWS. NWHP thanks you for your continuing support. ❖

NEWS

Historical Society exhibit highlights women's emergence into public life

A new exhibit in the Changing Gallery of the Nevada Historical Society in Reno opened on Friday, July 19, and will continue through November. It chronicles Nevada women's early strides toward equal participation in society outside the home, focusing on the rise of women's social clubs and civic organizations, the role of women's groups in the temperance movement, and how Nevada women finally won the right to vote and hold political office.

The exhibit also features women's clothing styles and their reforms as well as the posters, banners and broadsides

of the women's suffrage movement. Jean Ford has assisted the NHS staff with background research and the preparation of time lines and profiles of Nevada women and men significant to this story.

In addition, three programs on September 18, October 17, and November 20 have been developed for Fall 1996 to accompany the Changing Gallery Exhibit.

Complete details for these programs can be found on page 8. They are co-sponsored by NWHP and are open to the public. ♦

Jean Ford will teach history course at UNR

UNR classes begin on August 26. Featured this Fall by the Continuing Education Department is a 3-credit course, "Nevada Women in Community and Public Affairs, 1869-1920," taught by Jean Ford in Carson City on Monday nights at the Nevada State Library and Archives. It is offered as History 495 (or graduate credit via 695) or Women's Studies 497.

Major topics for research and discussion include the involvement of Nevada women in education, law, journalism, medicine, religion and politics. Contact Reed Scull, Carson City Community Coordinator, 687-6406. ♦

priority will be to identify strong leadership from members who have the time and commitment to further establish this important organization. I am excited about the future of NWHP—both North and South. Though we have felt as if we are playing catch-up in the South, we must remember the state-wide organization is new and the ultimate commitment to a new organization is countless hours of service given with love because a project is worthwhile! Thank you for the opportunity to serve. ♦

NWHP's membership increases steadily

Since the April issue of the NEWS NWHP's membership has grown by 82 strong, across all categories — individual, organizational, associate, and corporate sponsor.

The North has 58 new members. The South has added 21 members to its ranks. Out-of-state interest in NWHP continues with three new individuals joining the Project.

Total membership as of press time stands at: 270 individuals, 25 organizations, and 26 associate members.

New member organizations in the North are the American Association of University Women, Tahoe Nevada (Cathleen Scott), Northern Nevada Women Lawyer's Association (Nancy Ann Leeder), Sierra Nevada Girl Scout Council (Vicki Wright), Soroptimists International of South Lake Tahoe (Ginger Huber), and Soroptimist Legislative Workshop, Inc. (Del Laine).

In the South new organizational members are the American Association of University Women — Boulder City (Leslie Shipp) and American Association of University Women — Las Vegas (Carol Thompson).

Our new Associate members in the South are Desert Valley Museum (Verde Hughes) and Project MCE:CCSN (Karla McComb).

The North's Associate members are Legislative Counsel Bureau Library (Joel Gulder), Nevada State Health Division (Luana Ritch), and Western Nevada Community College Library (Rita Mazur).

New Corporate Sponsors are Grace Dangberg Foundation, Inc. and Washoe Health Systems in the North.

NWHP's new out-of-state members are Dr. Jeri Echeverria (Fresno, CA), Tracy Anne Feters (San Francisco, CA), and Judy Habbeshaw (Hamilton, MT).

A belated acknowledgement goes to Mary Ellen McMullen (Reno) and Sandy Rizzo (Washoe Valley), who should have been included in the April listing.

Thirteen cities in the North and four
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BEGINNING

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General Membership Meeting, NWHP-North — On June 3, Eva Stowers and I attended the general meeting in Reno. We also enjoyed youth "living history" presentations at the Docents meeting of the Nevada Historical Society.

Jean Ford Day — I thank Florence McClure for representing us at the "Jean Ford Day" luncheon in Carson City on June 15, where she presented Jean with a crystal and brass engraved clock from NWHP-South. Jean has spent countless hours consulting with us and promoting NWHP-South, and we are forever grateful for her continued endeavors on our behalf.

I want to give special thanks to those members who have worked closely with me: Ruby Fowler for her hours of program planning, Eva Stowers for handling the Treasurer's duties, Ann Henderson for the timely publicity, Joyce King for the helpful steering committee minutes, Verlee Anderson for her creative energy, Ellen Reed, who set up the Project Review Committee and agreed to become Acting Chair, and to all others who helped in so many ways.

As we rethink our endeavors, our

State-wide Conference planned for March 1997

NWHP leaders have started preliminary discussions about the Project's first State conference, tentatively scheduled for March 2 and 3, 1997.

Conference goals will be to showcase NWHP activities and project outcomes, enable members and guests from all over Nevada to get better acquainted, provide opportunity for all to learn about the wide variety of non-NWHP resources about women's history, gain new members, and, of course, have a good time.

A planning committee, chaired by Kay Sanders, is currently being formed from members North and South. ❖

Members to receive ballot on By-Law changes

Several By-Law changes to facilitate operation were reviewed and unanimously approved at the June 3 NWHP-North and June 8 NWHP-South business meetings. Lack of a quorum at both meetings, however, precluded their official adoption.

Members will receive a ballot by mail about September 1 asking them to review the proposals and send it back only if they disagree. ❖

Elko NWHP member has one-woman show

A one-woman show by Sarah Sweetwater, "Digging Up Women's History," opened August 3 with a reception at the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko. The show can be seen through September.

Sweetwater's work includes marble, bronze, and a wide range of mixed media. She has taught art at Great Basin College for twenty-five years.

"This show is concerned with how we have been unearthing who we are as women - about our occupations, our strengths, our loves, our roles. It is not so much about how men have recognized (finally!) who we are - but it is how we are celebrating ourselves," says the Elko artist and NWHP member. ❖

Workshop series planned for Fall *NEW: "Research 101" offered in two parts*

You want to research your past (or that of other Nevada women) but you are not sure how to get started? Never used a microfilm reader or online computer catalog? A two-Saturday workshop offered this Fall in Reno by Shayne Del Cohen and Jean Ford might just be the thing for you.

"Research 101," as Jean and Shane call this workshop, is scheduled for November 9 and 16. The Washoe County Library is the site for Part I which will start with a seminar on how to focus and organize research, followed by a brief tour of the library's historical resources. The afternoon ends with a visit to the LDS Family History Center on Neil Road for an introduction to their services.

Part II on November 16 will begin in Rm. 270 of Getchell Library at UNR with a discussion of research techniques. Afterwards participants will explore the resources of the UNR Library, including Special Collections.

Preserve your past

Del Cohen says people often declare "I want to get Grandma on tape" Or, when reminiscing, they think, "We need to get these stories down." For people who think about preserving stories for future generations, she recommends hands-on workshops where participants learn how to design and develop an oral history project.

Shayne has scheduled several such workshops, beginning September 14,

North/South member lists available for small fee

All members of executive and steering committees, and project committee chairs will soon be receiving updated membership lists, with addresses and phone numbers, for their regions. Any other NWHP member may receive the full membership list by sending \$3, indicating whether Northern or Southern Region, or \$5 for both lists, to NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno, NV 89512. ❖

for Gardnerville, Winnemucca, Boulder City, and Henderson.

At these workshops attendees will be exposed to all the components that should be considered in an oral history project. The experience culminates with each person actually taking the time to outline the one oral history that interests them most.

The workshops will be conducted by experts in oral history, transcription equipment and processes, photography, and documentation. Among them are Dr. Jeri Echeverria of Cal State, Fresno, Dennis McBride, oral historian of Boulder City, Linda Dufurrena, oral historian and photographer, and Jeanne Harrah of the Nevada State Oral History Program.

Save your past

For those whose family photos are in danger of fading or crumbling to pieces, a hands-on workshop shows how to handle that "stuff." Workshop organizers ask that participants bring some examples of their "roundtuins" - photos, papers and documents - and learn techniques to preserve all those precious memories for future generations.

Pat McCarty of UNLV and Jeff Kintop, Manager of the Nevada State Archives will facilitate three "save-your-past" workshops in Henderson and Carson City. Pat will be the instructor during the first workshop, scheduled for September 21 at the Whitney Library in Las Vegas.

Shayne says a minimum of 12 people is needed for all workshops, otherwise they will be canceled. Registration is open now. Checks should be made payable to the Nevada Women's History Project and mailed to NWHP-North, 1301 Valley Rd., Reno, NV 89512 or NWHP-South, CCSN W. Charleston Campus, Rm B149, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., LV, NV 89102-1124.

The Calendar of Events on page 8 gives details on the workshop series. ❖

Curriculum review targets Social Studies

Emphasis given to women's history in the classroom

The Educational Resources Committee, formerly called the K-16 Status Review Committee, has been hard at work preparing the framework within which to increase awareness and emphasis of Nevada women's history in the State's classrooms, from kindergarten through university curricula.

The committee's current work plan covers three basic areas:

- Gathering information about already developed activity units which include women, recognition of those teachers' work and reviewing textbooks and existing curricular materials.
- Compilation of bibliographies of print, video and audio materials as well as speakers to serve as resources for educators and librarians.
- Participation in policy development at both the county and state levels.

Committee members have already initiated studies on the status of women's history in educational curricula in Washoe and Clark Counties. "But the goal is to eventually encompass the whole state," says Bobbie Talso, chair of the committee in the North.

Committee members say Social Studies teachers and librarians have been very encouraging. Among those supporting the committee's efforts are Frankie Lukasko, Library consultant and Lynn Sawyer, Curriculum Coordinator, both of the Washoe County School District, and Holly Walton-Buchanan of the State Department of Education.

An Educational Resource Committee representative has been invited to serve on the Advisory Committee of both the State and local Social Studies Review committees. The NWHP committees will mail mini-updates periodically to those participating in their work.

"There are many ways in which we will be able to be of assistance to the educational community. Ultimately, it is our intent to publish a compilation of the variety of available resources, *A Nevada Women's History Resource Catalog*," says Bobbie.

In November, Sally Wilkins and Pat Klos will conduct an in-service class in Reno. In addition, teachers will be able to call NWHP for assistance with speakers, Women's History Month, Nevada History Day, and curriculum development.

The NWHP-South committee is under the leadership of Leslie Shipp. Leslie can be reached at 565-3288. Bobbie Talso chairs the committee in the North. Call her at 825-3452.

The Calendar of Events on pages 8 and 9 of this issue provides details about Fall meetings both in the North and South. ❖

MEMBERSHIP

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in the South have new members.

NORTH — Carson City: Gwendolyn Clancy, Mary Coffey, Sue Coffey, Cora Cowan, Colleen Crum, Alice Gottschalk Downer, Elsie Dupree, Christine Gridley, Anita Habberfield, Colleen Lyons, and Willa Ramsden. **Duckwater:** Edna Forsgren. **Elko:** Edna Patterson and Sarah Sweetwater. **Fallon:** Bernardette Francke, Carol Roeder, and Kathi Wilson. **Genoa:** Maggie Tracey. **Incline Village:** Sherry Shroeder. **McDermitt:** Barbara Ferguson. **Reno:** Kathleen Allred, Patricia Blanchard, Helen Byrd, Virginia Cain, Laura Batjer Caldwell, Marian Conrad, Martha Coon, Rosalee Fein, Joseph Galata, Rita Evans Hambleton, Alice Lohse, Ellie Lopez-Bowlan, Vicki Lynch, Charlotte McConnell, Lynda Morris, Doris Nachtsheim, Shirley Nelson, Luana Ritch (**Lemmon Valley**), Catherine Smith, Ruth Armstrong Smith, Georgia Vasko, and Marian Weinstock. **South Lake Tahoe:** Del Laine and Jeannine Viljion. **Sparks:** Laura Guevin and Betty Jo West. **Virginia City:** D. G. Fulford. **Winnemucca:** Judy Adams. **Yerington:** Lorraine Scatena.

SOUTH — Henderson: Joan McSweeney and Karon Schwartz. **Mesquite:** Verde Hughes. **North Las Vegas:** Rannette Dean and Assemblyman Bob Price. **Las Vegas:** Lori Lipman Brown, Susan Edwards, Beverly Funk, Bunny Harris, Maureen Kane, Joan LeMere, Karla McComb, William Mors, Karren Leavitt Smith, Nancy Sprague, Judy Vandever, and Blanche Zucker.

Happy membership to all! ❖

ON THE MOVE

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coordinated by Carrie Townley Porter, has featured work by Dana Bennett, Anita Watson, Tammy Buzick, Carrie Townley Porter, Dr. Anton Sohn, Phyllis Cudek, and Janet White.

[Note on cover page this issue that Research Roundtables also are scheduled for Carson City this Fall.- Ed.]

Two parades which highlighted celebrations in opposite ends of the State — the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City and the Helldorado Parade in Las Vegas — involved the participation of over 50 members and friends and their children and grandchildren!

Then there were meetings — executive committees, steering committees, general membership, north and south. These numerous gatherings added a total of 395 attendees. This shows considerable commitment from a wide number of individuals who have accepted leadership positions and are helping make the rapid growth and outreach possible. These numbers don't reflect the many project committee meetings and informal get-togethers throughout the year.

Ten valiant souls showed up to help with the move of the NWHP office from its Sierra Street location to the new, more spacious rooms at the YWCA on Valley Road in Reno.

In addition to all of the above, the NWHP NEWS, our official Newsletter, has reached 1500 readers with each issue published in January and April. This third edition is scheduled to reach you in mid August and launch a wide range of activities for Fall 1996.

Looking at the events of the past 18 months, the success, support, and varying activities of NWHP are striking. Who knows where we will be a year from now! What we do know is that we're moving ahead, growing in numbers and plans for exciting new happenings in the months ahead. I'm really glad to be a part of this dynamic group doing important educational work in Nevada. ❖

Of INTEREST to you

WANTED!! WANTED!!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

✍ We're looking for someone with receptionist, wordprocessing, volunteer coordinating skills to work 6 hours a week in our NWHP-North office in Reno. Compensation: \$7/hr. For job description and requirements, call NWHP at 322-7754. ♦

GRANT WRITERS

✍ If you have experience in either grant writing or research design and you could volunteer some time or want to be notified of Requests for Proposals, please call either Jean Ford at 322-7754 or Linda Wyckoff at 323-0869. ♦

FREE-LANCE WRITERS

✍ The Nevada Women's History Project plans to publish a pamphlet to accompany the documentary video, "Making a Difference: A Celebration of Women in Politics," created by Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales. The purpose of the pamphlet is to serve as a guide to school teachers who want

to use the video in their classes. An outline of work needed, deadline for completion, and potential compensation is available from our Reno office, 1301 Valley Road, #5, or by calling 322-7754. Your request for consideration must be submitted by September 15. ♦

GIRL SCOUT ALUMNI

✍ The Sierra Nevada Frontier Girl Scout Council, Inc, headquartered in Reno, is searching for Girl Scout Alumni to help celebrate a Spring 97 reunion. If interested, contact Carmen Jeffery, Communications Director, at (702) 322-0642 or (1-800) 222-5406. ♦

10,000 WOMEN VETERANS

✍ The Northern Nevada Coordinating Committee is looking for women in military service, past or present, for the Women's Memorial. Contact Kathleen Clemence at (702) 849-3665 or write to the Council: P.O. Box 20714, Reno, NV 89515-3665. ♦

WE'VE MOVED!

♦ NWHP's Northern offices are now located at: YWCA, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno, NV 89512. Phone: (702) 322-7754. Fax: (702) 322-5404. ♦

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

✍ Janet White, for her \$750 scholarship from the Nevada Women's Fund to continue her work on her Master's in English at UNR; at the moment, Janet is in Scotland, connecting with relatives and researching family history of pre-Nevada days

✍ Vikki Ford, for receiving a contract from Mineral Ridge Resources, Inc. to gather, via oral histories and other sources, the history of Silver Peak, a mining community west of Tonopah in Esmeralda County; Vikki will give us an update as work proceeds and welcomes any info about past Silver Peak residents; call her at 345-1511

✍ Cindy Southerland, for her recent completion of the text of a historical walking tour of the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City; copies will be available this Fall.

✍ Kathy Noneman, who uncovered extensive information in the Winnemucca area to find that an ancestor of her husband was, at one time, the manager of the Nixon Opera House!

✍ Soroptimists International of Carson City, for being honored as the Organization of the Year by the Carson City Area Chamber of Commerce. ♦



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to any woman or man willing to support the mission, purposes and policies of NWHP. There are two main membership categories. Organizational representatives may also join as individual members and state appropriate area of desired involvement. Please mark applicable category and area of involvement. Mail today with check payable to NWHP.

Name (Individual or Organization): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone:(day) _____ (eve) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Voice mail _____

Organization President or Director: _____

No. of Members: _____ Representative: _____

Other Phone:(day) _____ (eve) _____ Fax: _____

CATEGORY (check all that apply)

- I ☐ INDIVIDUAL
\$15/yr (voting)
- IIa ☐ ORGANIZATION
\$50/yr (voting)
- IIb ☐ CORPORATE SPONSOR
\$250/yr (non-voting)
- IIc ☐ ASSOCIATE
(gov't agency or institution)
No Dues (non-voting)
- III ☐ RENEWAL

- ☐ Tours, field trips for adults & children
☐ Other: _____

COMMITTEE (check all that interest you)

(Individuals)

- ☐ Administrative/office assistance
☐ Finance, fundraising
☐ Legislative action
☐ Membership
☐ NEWSletter
☐ NEWSletter Advertising
☐ Program planning
☐ Project review
☐ Speaker's Bureau
☐ Publicity, PR, media contact
☐ Other: _____

PROJECT & ACTIVITY (check all that interest you)

(Individuals)

- ☐ Archives: papers, records, photos, etc.
☐ Audiovisual materials: posters, slides, videos
☐ Clearinghouse for information
☐ Education: conferences, seminars, workshops
☐ Living history: drama, Chautauqua
☐ Museums: artifacts, exhibits, programming
☐ Oral history: tapes, manuscripts, videos
☐ Publications: authoring, editing, publishing
☐ Research: registry, roundtable
☐ K-16 instructional materials
☐ TV/radio documentaries, talk shows

IN-KIND ASSISTANCE (check all that apply)

(Organizations, Agencies, Institutions)

- ☐ Copying/printing
☐ Fundraising
☐ Graphics, layout, etc
☐ Meeting space
☐ Postage
☐ Short-term volunteering
☐ Program sponsorship
☐ Other: _____

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OUR NEW SOUTHERN HOME!

❖ NWHP—South's regional office is located at the CCSN West Charleston Campus, Room B149, 6375 West Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102-1124. For inter-office mailing add: NWHP-RM. B149—(Sort Code) W1A. Phone: (702) 651-5701. Fax: (702) 877-6440.

The office is available for use Monday through Friday from 7 AM until 10 PM, and on weekends by permission of the campus security. ❖

A THANK YOU NOTE TO . . . *in the South*

✉ CCSN Professor Dave Brodersen for inserting address labels, moving office furniture, designing flyers, and serving as a computer consultant whenever needed and, finally, for just being an all-around GOOD GUY for the NWHP-South.

✉ Don Smith, CCSN Department Chair, for allowing us to use so many in-kind services — from xeroxing to long distance calls. Thank you also to Don and the CCSN Administration for providing air fare to Reno for the NWHP-North General Business meeting, and generally, for recognizing the importance of women's history.

✉ CCSN President Richard Moore and Provost Candace Kant for providing office space and in-kind services needed for this important organization.

Provost Kant, author of *Zane Grey's Arizona* and articles on the screen images of Nevada and Nevada poets, is a member of NWHP.

✉ The Clark County School District and Karla McComb for so readily accepting a partnership with NWHP-South and providing meeting rooms and library and resource space for NWHP research at North 9th Curriculum Center..

✉ Verlee Caro Anderson and the staff at the Elks Lodge for the free meeting rooms, the lovely centerpieces, tablecloths, and other amenities provided.

✉ Delta Kappa Gamma, once again, for serving at the registration tables for the general meeting on June 8th.

✉ Michael Shipp for his monetary support for long distance phone calls, air travel, gas, and his help with collating, stapling, and folding the bulk mailings.

in the North

✉ Tammy Buzick, Barbara Spring, Esther Early, and Kathleen Clemence for handling the bulk mailing for the Spring issue

✉ Pat Hardy Lewis, for her valuable volunteer assistance at the Reno office

✉ Kay Sanders, Ann Jilg, Betty Glass,

Tammy Buzick, Kathleen Clemence, Cindy Southerland, Linda Wyckoff, Sally Wilkins, Jean Ford, and the crew from the University Inn for facilitating the move of our Reno office to its new location at the YWCA

✉ Ann Jilg, for the gift of a small refrigerator for our office. ❖

CONDOLENCES TO:

† The family of Dr. A. Lois Harry, Assoc. Professor of Social Work at UNR and NWHP member, who died in late June. Lois had worked with Women's Studies and multi-cultural issues and was the coordinator of a Spring '96 conference at UNR on Elder Minorities. ❖

OFFICES

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"Living History" presenters and Mary Lee Fulkerson's "History Bouquet" basket, which honors women's contributions to Nevada, will be on display. Light refreshments will be served.

NWHP members are invited to bring a friend, stop by, learn more about the Project's activities, and help bring women out of the shadows of Nevada's history. ❖