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NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY Project

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The Celebration for the 150th Year

by Claytee D. White

Women of Nevada can be proud of the Women's Summit '98: Nevada Women United held at UNLV on March 20 & 21 to celebrate 150 years of women's rights.

The Nevada Women's History Project and the Nevada Women's Lobby were responsible for this wonderfully executed event. We were invigorated by inspirational speeches from women of State and national renown.

Lori Lipman Brown, Senator Richard Bryan, Linda Chavez-Thomson, Sarah Chvil-icek, Jean Ford, Arley Goris, Dr. Carol Harter, Joyce Marshall, Kay Sanders, Dina Titus, and Marie Wilson were just a few who filled the days with the promise that the next 150 years would heal the family, break the glass ceiling, put a woman in the White House and cure many other ills of our society.

In addition to celebration

and an historical look back, the Summit emphasized women's empowerment and economic independence.

Workshops that enlightened, motivated and informed us included "What Price Child care," "Educating Today for Tomorrow's Success," "Your Economic Security," and "Welfare No More." Now we must take that momentum and really do all the things we dreamed, imagined and thought about during that weekend!

And we had fun! We ate together, conversed at numerous booths, and appreciated the display from the Nevada State Museum. We bumped into old friends and laughed about the "good ole days." A wonderful time was had by all. ♦



L to R: Mary Forrester, Jean Ford, Lois Whitney, Elaine Mills, Patricia Duncombe, Dr. Jill Derby, Renee Diamond

Conference Reunion

One of the most engaging workshops at the Summit, "Where We Are Now: Past, Present and Future Look at the Women's Rights Movement" presented a panel of women who had attended the 1977 National Women's Conference in Houston,

Texas. Their reflections of their Houston experience brought a page of women's history to life. Their animated and heartfelt stories of the conference were enveloped in the laughter and tears of their reunion. ♦



Meet the founder of the Western Nevada CowBelles, page 4.

Editor's Note:

I don't know about the rest of you, but the days seem to slip out of my control on a regular basis.

My list of things to do seems endless, and personal projects beckon me enticingly, competing with work and commitments I've made to others. During a recent personal reality check, I discovered that of twenty-one projects, seventeen of them were in some half-stage of completion.

This led me to question whether I personally have an issue with "completion," or whether it's just a sign of the times—too many fun things to do and too little time.

The deadline for articles for this issue of the NWHP news was April 1. Things started to dribble in around April 15 and by then I was involved in another (paying) project I had previously committed myself to.

I'm used to this, however, and it feeds my "adrenalin addiction," though I'm making a serious effort to "recover" from that. In twelve years of creating brochures, stationary, direct mail, newsletters and annual reports for my Graphic Communications clients I have never been able to successfully



train many of them to get me their information in a timely manner, either!

Recently I sat next to two working moms at a chamber of commerce luncheon and listened in horror and amazement as they described their daily schedules.

"When do you have time for *yourself*?" I queried innocently.

They looked at me like a creature from another planet and replied in unison, "We don't."

So I have learned to be more gentle with other people and understanding of their schedules and commitments. I realize that my priorities are not necessarily their priorities. Now I'm working on learning to "nudge" more effectively.

Carolyn Hamilton Proctor

The Nevada Women's History Project **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.*

By-Laws Changes Underway

As our small group meetings have focused on our vision of the future, simplifying the NWHP structure has been an important topic.

Numerous changes in the By-Laws were discussed, with the State Board deciding at its March 22 meeting to recommend the following changes to the membership for their action:

1. Remove the category of Associate non-voting membership. Instead, we will encourage governmental agencies, libraries, museums, etc. to either join as voting members or subscribe to the quarterly News.

2. Streamline the regional decision-making process by placing all the power in the hands of the eleven-member executive committee; this means removing the roles of members-at-large and rotation of representatives of organizational members. (The role of organizational rep will be further defined in the new NWHP policy.)

3. Reduce the needed quorum to do business at the annual business meeting from 20 percent to 10 percent of the members.

Jean Ford, Kay Sanders, and Eve Stowers were named to review the by-law changes. Complete copies of the By-Laws and the details of the changes above will be distributed at the annual business meetings on June 1 (NWHP, North) and June 6 (NWHP, South). Copies may be obtained before those meetings by calling 322-7754 in Reno or 255-8309 in Las Vegas. ♦

Association of Personal Historians

The Association of Personal Historians is a group of writers, editors, oral historians, and videographers who assist people and groups in preserving life stories.

The APH list is a place to share information, ask questions, and discuss problems and successes in a personal, immediate, friendly context. This list is open to anyone interested in preserving personal or family memories, oral histories, corporate histories, or teaching others how to do these things.

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State Board Report From March 22, 1998

submitted by Kay Sanders, State Coordinator

Fourteen members and guests attended the meeting held at the home of Rose Irwin in Las Vegas.

Minutes of the January 16th state board meeting were read by Vikki Ford and approved.

Kathleen Clemence, state treasurer, gave her report. The good news was that the first annual soiree and fundraiser held in Reno on March 14th netted a total of \$3,500 for NWHP.

The bad news was that we need to raise additional moneys before the end of June in order for our organization to continue to function.

Plans for increasing our operating budget include a Mother's Day solicitation headed up by Mary Anne Convis and the sale of NWHP coverlets organized and managed by Rose Irwin.

Hopefully, these two events will generate the necessary short term funding needs. Kathleen said that we hope to combine the soiree with the state conference in Reno in 1999. She also stressed the need to pursue funding through grant requests.

Rose reported that on Saturday, October 3, a High Tea and program featuring first lady Sandy Miller will be held at the home of Jeannie Greenawalt in Las Vegas. Sandy will talk about the research she has done on children who lived in the Governor's mansion.

Under new business a committee to recruit and hire Kay Sanders' replacement as state coordinator was formed. Vikki Ford and Joyce Marshall were selected to serve on the committee. A third member will be recruited. The new coordinator will take

over the position effective May 1.

A committee for long range planning will be established in the south and it was suggested that a similar committee be formed in the north. These committees should meet monthly.

Several proposed bylaw changes were discussed at length.* It was moved and seconded that we propose changing the bylaws to drop the steering committee with its make-up of members at large and organizational representatives.

Also moved and seconded were: drop the quorum to ten percent of all members as of a certain date for the annual business meetings at which NWHP elects its board of officers and makes bylaw changes; drop associate member as a category of membership; bylaws review committee consisting of Kay Sanders, Jean Ford, and Eva Stowers estab-

lished to look at the above issues plus whether or not to make the regional historian position a voting member of the executive committees and investigate the issue of organizational representatives' responsibilities.

Jean reported on the annotated bibliography project and said that Jean Stoess of Reno will assist in getting it ready for printing. Five hundred dollars approved last fall will be used and anything beyond that (at \$10 per hour) will be donated by Stoess.

Under old business an update of the middle school essay contest was given by Joyce Marshall and a summary of small group meetings was reported on by Kay Sanders.

The meeting was adjourned by Marshall, state board vice-chair, with plans to hold another meeting in late April for the purpose of approving the hiring of the new state coordinator. Refresh-

ments were graciously provided by our hostess Rose.

Officers and members in attendance at the meeting were: Joyce Marshall (state vice-chair), Kathleen Clemence (state treasurer), Vikki Ford (state secretary), Eva Stowers (southern Nevada treasurer), Jean Ford (northern Nevada representative), Rose Irwin (southern Nevada representative), Kay Sanders (state coordinator), Mary Anne Convis (NWHP north finance chair), Claytee White (NWHP south program committee chair), Pat McNutt, Frankie Williams, Barbara Straight, Alice Downer and Marlene Adrian. ♦

*These changes are summarized on page 2 and copies of the proposed changes will be distributed to all members who attend the June business meetings.

Volunteers Needed

The executive committee is the core leadership of our organization and is made up of four elected officers and six standing committee chairs. These committees (one from the North and one from the South) meet monthly to carry on the business of the Nevada Women's History Project.

Finding willing and dedicated members to serve as committee chairs for one year terms is a time consuming task, therefore we appeal to you to volunteer to chair or serve on one of the following committees: finance, membership, communications, program, project

review or publicity.

In the north, Pat Quinn Davis has agreed to remain as publicity chair, and Mary Ann Convis will be finance committee vice chair in charge of fund raising.

The finance chair is responsible for overseeing the fund raising committees and chairing the budget committee. Membership chair welcomes new members and keeps an up-to-date record of the rolls.

The communications chair assists Carolyn Hamilton Proctor, newsletter editor, in collecting and writing articles. The pro-

gram chair arranges for the annual meeting and other programs. The project review committee and its chair evaluate projects to make sure that they are compatible with the objectives of NWHP. The publicity chair handles press releases and stories so that our members and the public know of our projects, accomplishments and needs.

Please volunteer to either chair or serve on one of the above committees by calling the NWHP office in Reno at 702-322-7754. ♦

Anna Neddenriep Dressler

Anna Engel Dorathea Neddenriep was born January 14, 1898, the fifth of nine children (five girls, four boys) born to Anna Dreier and Christian Friedrich "Fritz" Neddenriep. Both her parents had been born in Germany, but came to Carson Valley with their parents and were married in 1888 at Fredericksburg, Alpine County, California.

Anna's grandparents, Claus Friedrich Neddenriep and Anna Engel were both born in Nordcampen, Germany. Claus had come to Carson Valley in June of 1872 and was met at the train by August Dressler, then traveled by hay wagon to Carson Valley and settled on property in Alpine County, California.

Grandmother Anna was well known in Carson Valley and Alpine County as a midwife, having delivered hundreds of babies, twenty-five of which were her own grandchildren.

Anna Neddenriep's early education was at the Fredericksburg School, walking the one mile to and from each school day. She attended the Douglas County High School where she became acquainted with Fred H. Dressler (grandson of August) and their strong friendship led to a marriage of 60+ years.

Anna did not graduate from high school because her oldest sister got married and moved to Oakland, California and her mother, having a small baby, needed Anna at home to



Photography by Luetta Dresser Bergevin

help prepare food for large hay crews, sew, can fruits and vegetables and, no doubt, babysit her youngest brother, Fritz.

After her marriage, Anna moved to the Dressler Ranch, just three miles down the road from her home. She and Fred had two children, Luetta and Frederick. As the wife of a

Her knowledge of ranch operations and the cattle business led her to help organize the Western Nevada CowBelles, whose purpose was to promote the beef industry. In 1956, she was elected President of the American National CowBelles at their New Orleans convention.

When Fred started a purebred Hereford herd, it was Anna who took charge of the tedious record keeping. Her knowledge of ranch operations and the cattle business led her to help organize the Western Nevada CowBelles, whose purpose was to promote the beef industry.

rancher, all the skills learned at home were put to good use. There was much to do in preserving and preparing food, baking breads and cakes for the large working crews that it took to run the Dressler Ranch operation. In addition, she also

On October 8, 1958, forty-four women met in Elko to organize a State CowBelle group and chose Anna Dressler as their first President. They became affiliated with the American National CowBelles in 1959. Their name "CowBelles" was later changed to "Cattlewomen."

In 1982, at the age of 84, Anna was welcomed into the Hereford Heritage Hall of Fame. Her picture was seen in

Anna Neddenriep Dressler

At a glance:

Born: January 14, 1898
Died: March 28, 1987
Maiden name: Neddenriep
Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian (German)
Married: Fred H. Dressler
Children: 2 (one daughter, one son)
Primary city and county of residence and work: Carson Valley (Douglas)
Major fields of work: civic affairs, ranching, women's clubs
Other role identities: wife, mother

ran her own household. During peak seasons there were household and cooking assistants available to help her.

When Fred started a purebred Hereford herd, it was Anna who took charge of the tedious record keeping.

numerous newspaper and magazine features, often shown with fellow beef industry promoters, state governors, and other well known dignitaries.

Anna was instrumental in organizing many other civic groups. In addition to her love for playing bridge, she organized a Mother's Club for mothers of students attending the Minden Grammar School. Her expertise in sewing was displayed in the many costumes she made for the school plays.

Along with Grace Dangberg, Anna was involved in organizing the Carson Valley Historical Society and was elected to serve as its first President. A favorite project was the restoration of the Genoa Courthouse into a museum.

Anna and Fred were active members of the Republican Party and hosted many parties "for the good of the Party."

Anna Dressler died March 28, 1987, and is buried in the Mottsville Cemetery in Carson Valley at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains that she loved. ♦

Biography compiled by Jean Ford from notes provided by Marlena Neddenriep Hellwinkel

Sources of information:

Interview with Luetta Dressler Bergevin, Anna's daughter, 1997. Neddenriep Family Scrapbook, privately held.

Carrie Townley Porter is New State Coordinator

Effective May 16, 1998, Carrie Townley Porter will take over as state coordinator for NWHP replacing Kay Sanders.

Carrie has been involved with NWHP since July 1995 and was the research round table chair 1996-1997. She is also a member of the steering committee for the North representing Soroptimist International of Truckee Meadows. She presented at both NWHP conferences and has participated in numerous

other activities.

Carrie Townley Porter has lived in Nevada since 1962 when her husband was transferred to the Nevada Test Site north of Las Vegas by the Atomic Energy Commission.

She graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas with a master's degree in history and archaeology. She has resided in Reno since 1972 and has her own business working as a records management consultant. ♦

Thank you, Kay

Our special thanks to Kay Sanders, who stepped in to act as State Coordinator in January, 1998, to relieve Jean Ford so that she could accomplish some of her many goals.

Best wishes also to Kay and her mother, Alice Downer, for the renewed health of Alice's husband and Kay's father, Bob Downer.

Soiree Success!

Over sixty persons attended the NWHP's First Annual Soiree and Fundraiser held on March 14, 1998 at the National Automobile Museum in Reno, making it a great success.

During the social hour, guests purchased tickets for two raffle prizes and placed bids for almost forty silent auction items. A delectable dinner was prepared and served by Pony Express Catering, during which bids were closed for the silent auction and auctioneer Kathleen Clemence began a

live "absurd to sublime" auction. This provided a great deal of entertainment as these thirty auction items were wrapped and one could not tell if he/she was purchasing an "absurd" or "sublime" item.

The final tally at the close of the evening revealed over \$3,500 was raised through the raffle, silent auction, "absurd to sublime" auction, ticket sales and donations for state operating funds for the Nevada Women's History Project.

Special thanks go to Kathleen Clemence, Vikki

Ford, Carrie Townley-Porter, and Linda Wyckoff who planned and organized the evening. Thanks also to Von Clemence, Vicki Erickson and Kay Sanders who helped during the evening with a variety of activities.

The NWHP extends special recognition to the following for their generous donations to the raffle or silent auction: Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Eldorado Hotel and Casino, Energy Alignment Therapy/Susanne Chase, In-Bod-I-Ment/Lorna Benedict, Life's Touch, Lena Covello, Mt. Rose Ski Resort, Townley-Porter Associates, Reno Little Theater, R. Herz & Brothers,

Inc./Donna Herz, University of Nevada Oral History Project, William Fur & Leather, Mary Anne Convis, Esther Early, Fritsi Ericson, Isabel Espinoza, Jean Ford, Victoria Ford, D.G. Fulford, Mary Lee Fulkerson, Jeanne Gallick, Betty Glass, Beverly Hubbard, Vikki LoSasso, Jim McCormick, Christel Neldner, Charlie and Kathleen Noneman, Senator Harry Reid, Kay Sanders, Dale and Evelyn Wagner, and Sue Wagner.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Second Annual Soiree and Fundraiser next March! ♦

Children's Book, "Molly's Cupboard" Now Available

"Molly's Cupboard" details the life and adventures of Molly T. Morgan and her family and friends in San Francisco one hundred years ago.

Molly is an eight-year-old who is excited about celebrating her birthday at the Sutro Baths. The family is fictional but the events and

places have been carefully researched by author Roslyn Farhi. Roslyn is a member of the Nevada Women's History Project.

Roslyn Farhi began her writing career after receiving a University of California fellowship for teachers of writing. She was an active member of the Women's

History project in California.

Farhi has taught English and history in the New York City and Los Angeles school systems. "Molly's Cupboard" is being used in many third grade classrooms to supplement the social studies curriculum.

The book was written as a fourth birthday gift for Roslyn

Farhi's granddaughter Helena Victoria Farhi who lives in Potomac, Maryland. The lively and lovely illustrations for the book were done by Bobbie White, a talented Las Vegas artist.

"Molly's Cupboard" is available at all Borders bookstores for \$6.95 and is suitable for ages 4-9. ♦

We continue our feature, begun in the Spring 1997 issue, of individuals and organizations recognized at our March 1997 convention for their commitment and creativity that resulted in tangible contributions to Nevada Women's History.

Jan Loverin

Jan Loverin grew up in the San Francisco Bay area. Just after she received a B.A. in biology from Whittier College, her new husband, a geologist, was transferred to the tiny isolated mining camp of Contact, Nevada. Situated on the Idaho border, about sixty miles north of Elko, Contact had a population of eight.

With no television, radio, library or much else available, Jan decided that she would use this lonesome time to learn some skills she never had time for before.

Jan made a list of the subjects she wanted to learn and began with sewing. She took classes (sixty miles away), read everything she could find on making garments, ordered fabric, and began to achieve her goal of making every garment she wore, from underwear to coats!

After two and a half years in Contact, the Loverins moved to Ely. When Jan joined the Newcomer Club, she discovered she was a rarity - the only member who had moved to Ely from a smaller town! In Ely, Jan discovered the extension Service and her interest in sewing continued to expand.

In 1977 she moved to Reno, where she studied with Marilyn Horn at the University of Nevada Reno. Horn's

classes in History of Costume, History of Furniture and Museology changed Jan's life. Jan learned to put a face on history through costume and museology. She knew that this was what she wanted to do, so she earned an M.S. in home economics in 1986.

Jan worked as assistant curator of costumes and textiles for both the Nevada Historical Society and the Nevada State Museum. Since 1993, she has served as curator of costumes and textiles in the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center of the Nevada State Museum. The Center houses the textile collections of the Nevada State Museum, the Nevada Historical Society and the University of Nevada Reno's School of Home Economics.

Jan is the designer and presenter of Living History Program's "Costumes of the American West" and "Tea and Corsets." She also presents lectures on history and fashion and is the author of numerous articles on these topics.

With Robert Nylen, Jan co-authored the book, "To Clothe Nevada Women" as well as the chapter, "Creating a Fashionable Society: Comstock Needleworker 1860-1880" in "Comstock Women: the Making of a Mining Community," edited and compiled by Ronald M. James and C. Elizabeth Raymond.

Jan Loverin presented the topic, "Fashionable and Not So Fashionable Women of the Silver State" at the Nevada Women's History Project's first annual conference in March, 1997. Her unique and dedicated work has contributed greatly to our understanding of the history of Nevada's women. ♦

Ron James

A native Nevadan, Ron James has served as the Nevada Historic Preservation Officer since 1990. He has been a member of the Comstock Historic District Commission since 1983.

Ron is a prolific writer, concentrating on folklore and Nevada history. Ron's wife, Susan James, also an historian, provides a sounding board for his writing. He is co-author of "Competition and Coexistence in the Wash House: a View of the Comstock from the Bottom of the Laundry Pile" printed in the Western Historical Quarterly, Summer 1994 issue. In 1993, Ron published, "Women of the Mining West: Virginia City, Revisited" in the Nevada Historical Society Quarterly.

Ron is the author of the

book "Temples of Justice: The County Courthouse in Nevada", published in 1994. His newest work, "The Roar and the Silence: A History of Virginia City and the Comstock Lode" is anticipated to be published this year. Perhaps his most important work on Nevada women's history is as co-editor of the newly published book, "Comstock Women: The Making of a Mining Community."

Ron was a presenter at the Nevada Women's History Project's first annual conference in March of 1997. His topic, "The Other Side of Bonanza: Women on the Comstock Lode," was well received.

With an International Telephone and Telegraph Fellowship, Ron spent a year in Dublin, Ireland studying Irish folklore and gained a vast knowledge of the Celtic people. He draws on this knowledge often for published professional articles as well as talks and lectures throughout Nevada.

For many years Ron has played the bagpipe and been a member of the Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band. This has become a family interest as Susan has recently joined the Highlanders playing the drums. Their young son, Reed, is following in his father's footsteps, learning to play the bagpipe.

In his position as State Historic Preservation Officer, Ron aids communities in the historic preservation of buildings throughout the state.


Ron earned a B.A. in history and archeology and an M.A. in history and folklore from the University of Nevada Reno. During his studies he was honored by induction into Phi Kappa Phi, an academic honor society. ♦




Ron James

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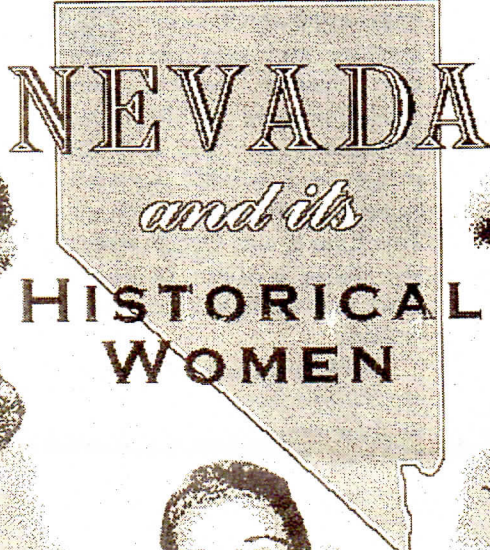
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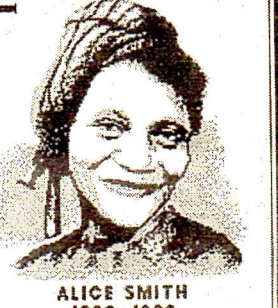


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This beautiful coverlet was commissioned by the Nevada Women's History Project and created by We Love Country.

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The innovative design captures the history and spirit of Nevada with the depiction of Nevada and its historical women.

The Nevada coverlet is a perfect gift for family members and friends both near and far. It is destined to become an instant keepsake.

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Profiles of Members

Kay Long's Saga of Nevada Women's Suffrage.

A warm smile, quiet determination and an eagerness to learn and contribute are just a few reasons we are happy to introduce you to Kay Long and welcome her as a new member to the Nevada Women's History Project.

The success of the NWHP's participation in the recent Woman's Summit is due in part to the hard work of Kay Long who directed the Friday night program, "Saga of Nevada Women's Suffrage."

Kay had to revise the original play written by Jean Ford from an hour and a half with fifteen actors down to 45 minutes and eight actors without losing any vital information and maintaining a fluid dialog. She did a remarkable job bringing such figures as Anne Martin, George Wingfield and Carrie Chapman Catt to life.

Kay was born in Burlington, Iowa, and moved to Las Vegas in 1962 when her father decided to relocate the family

further west in hopes of a better life. His hunch was right and he enjoyed a long and successful career with Nevada Power Company. This allowed mom to stay home and devote her time to Kay and her sister, Joyce. Kay attended Twin Lakes Grade School and Gibson Junior High. After graduating from Western High School Kay took a break from her education to marry and have a family.

Tragedy struck, however, when Kay's young son died from spinal meningitis. This devastating experience propelled her to the Community College of Southern Nevada and into a nursing program.

After more than a year of classes, it was necessary for Kay to give up school and move to California. There she ventured into the business world, working as a district sales manager.

When Kay's grandparents became ill in Iowa and unable

to care for themselves, Kay returned to Las Vegas and sent for them. She took them into her home even though she had a small son to care for.

Kay wanted to know more about social welfare and services that might benefit her grandparents, but became frustrated by the lack of programs available, so once again Kay returned to school. This time it was UNLV where she chose a major in social work and a minor in women's studies.

As Kay took more classes, she found herself drawn to women's studies and women's history. Kay serves on the board of the Nevada Women's Archives at UNLV and has developed an interest in doing oral histories.

Working with Dr. Joanne Goodwin, Kay recently completed her first project and

looks forward to more. She works as an intern at the Woman's Business Center, an agency that gives micro-loans to low and moderate income earning men and women. The Center recently offered her a full time job which she will take after her graduation from UNLV in May, 1998.

Kay plans to continue her education in history with a focus on women. And just so she doesn't get bored, she teaches a water aerobics class at CCSN, an adjunct teaching position she has held for four years. ♦



Cast of "Saga of Nevada Women's Suffrage"

Attorney General Announces Fourth Annual Nevada Women's Role Model Award Recipients

In recognition of Women's History Month, Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa announced the names of five honorees in northern Nevada and five honorees in southern Nevada selected to receive the fourth annual Nevada Women's Role Model Award.

"These women have been chosen to receive the Role Model Award because they are making a difference in the lives of others through their contributions to our communities," Del Papa said. "They were chosen from among a distinguished group of women nominated for the award by their peers. The selection was extremely difficult since those who were nominated are among the most active and motivated citizens of our state."

The honorees selected to receive the Role Model Award in the north are:

Adriene Angelini. Since the murder of her father, Adriene has dedicated herself to the development of numerous community programs to help the families of victims of violent crime and volunteers in both the Repeat Offender Program and major Crime Unit of the Reno Police Department.

Adriene also organizes Victims' Rights Week Activities such as the candlelight vigil, bowling fund-raiser, and tree planting ceremonies.

Adriene is a single mother who, even though she has dedicated much of her time to helping other families deal with the loss of their loved ones, still finds time to volunteer a few days a month in her son's kindergarten class.

Ellie Lopez-Bowlan. Ellie has used her experience and

training as a registered nurse to benefit others by involving herself in many organizations that have helped create and implement health programs for the Latino community including an AIDS education program at Nevada Hispanic Services that received national recognition in 1996.

She helped develop a clinic for the homeless and serves on state and local boards dedicated to health issues, education, and women.

Patricia Casarez. Principal of Roger Corbett Elementary School in Reno, Patricia has implemented a school wide literacy program to provide reading and writing skills to her at-risk students, and received grants which enable her students to better themselves in math, science, reading and writing.

Jean Ford. Founder of the Nevada Women's History Project, Jean is a former legislator who served two terms in the state assembly and one term in the state senate. She was also a member of the state Tourism Commission and has been a teacher in the Women's Studies Department at UNR since 1991. She was also director of the department for four years.

Jean McNicoll. An elder in the Washoe Tribe, Jean, whom they call "Yetta," visits school children in the Tahoe Basin and Carson Valley, teaching them about the Washoe Tribe to help them develop an appreciation for the area's native people. She also teaches tribal traditions and basketry skills.

Honorees selected receive

the Role Model Award in the south are:

Diana Byrd. Teacher, basketball coach, community leader and published poet, Diana is dedicated and involved with students and staff of Cimarron-Memorial High School. An outstanding educator, Diana involves herself in school programs from the Human Relations Club to establishing a scholarship award in memory of a student killed by a drunk driver. Diana is also heavily involved with NAACP and the Girl Scouts.

Ann Casados-Mueller. As director of diversity initiatives for UNLV, Ann conducts training in diversity, discrimination and sexual harassment issues. She also works to recruit under-represented groups such as women and minorities for faculty and professional positions.

As a board member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Ann helped create scholarship programs for Hispanic high school seniors. She has co-chaired the annual Career Day event for the Chamber as well as the annual Latino Youth Leadership Conference held at UNLV.

Mary Heine. Mary supervises the Three and Under Unit for the Child Protective Services Division of Clark County Family and Youth Services which provides critical child abuse/neglect investigative and intervention services for children ages three and under who may be at substantial risk of injury or death within their current environment.

Genevieve Kucan. Born the first of ten children on a farm in Farming, Minnesota (pop. 250) Jenny attended school in clothing her mother made from flour sacks. She was the first in her family to graduate from college and began a career as an English teacher in Las Vegas in 1961.

Through innovation and her dedication to students,

Jenny found many unique ways to make learning a positive experience for her students, including the Distinguished Scholars Program which challenges gifted learners in Clark County high schools.

Jenny recently became a founding member of the Partnership at Las Vegas (PAL) Program which helps introduce Las Vegas High School students to the working world by visiting a job site one day a week. Jenny was also a founding member of a non-profit community theater group, a volunteer for a children's theater company, and has found time to complete her master's degree in education.

Connee Spano. Director of the Jean Nidetch Women's Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Connee was the subject of numerous nomination letters. Connie has brought the Women's Center to the forefront of public awareness for promoting a multitude of issues impacting women, bringing the Center to the attention of the community at large as a place to come for questions and support.

"These outstanding Nevada women are being recognized for their significant contribution to our communities, our state and our history," Del Papa said. "Their unique combination of talent and effort and their unending commitment to bettering their own lives, the lives of their neighbors, and the community at large are what makes them stand out among their peers."

Northern Nevada recipients were recognized during the April 9 meeting of the Truckee Meadows Human Services Association in Reno.

Southern Nevada recipients were recognized during the 1998 Eye on Women Expo in Las Vegas May 2 at the MGM Grand Convention Center. ♦

Hannah Clapp Lecture Series

By Patt Quinn-Davis

The Hannah Clapp Lecture Series is moving out of doors for the summer.

A day trip to the location of Basque carvings, a summer party in Carson City's historic district, a tour of a ghost town and a lecture on radiation are all scheduled in the upcoming months through the Nevada Women's History Project.

On July 25, Dr. Jose Mallea-Olaetxe will lead a tour to Monitor Pass south of Carson City to study the Basque carvings on Aspen trees. The carvings are a practice of Basque shepherders, who practiced their art and left phrases and family information on trees during the long days looking after their sheep. Those in the tour will meet in the parking lot in front of Gottschalks in the Carson Shopping Mall on Carson Street at 9 a.m. to caravan to the site. Bring jackets, sun screen and lunch.

There will be a NWHP summer party August 8 at 5

p.m. at 1206 N. Mountain St. in Carson City's historic west side district. For reservations, please call Isabel Espinoza, 702-883-9035.

Future events also sponsored by the project include a tour to the ghost town of Berlin September 12, and a talk by Dr. Marie I. Boutte from the Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Reno. She will speak in November at the State of Nevada Library and Archives Building on the effects of radiation fallout and health effects.

More information on the Berlin tour and November lecture will be available at a later time. ♦

Hannah Clapp (1824-1908) was a Nevada educator and suffragist.

Isabel Espinoza, director of the Hannah Clapp Lecture Series, may be reached in Carson City at 702-883-9035.

Tombstone Inscriptions

There is now a discussion list for those interested in reading, cataloguing, and preserving tombstone inscriptions. These inscriptions are often the only information (or at least the best information) we have about our ancestors.

Included in the discussion are topics such as how to capture badly worn inscriptions, non-destructive methods of cleaning tombstones, charcoal rubbings, what the symbols often found on tombstones mean, etc. ♦

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Nevada Women's History Forum

(Formerly The Research Round Table)

On February 13, 1998, former Nevada First Lady Kathy List relived some of the history of her "Daze in the Mansion" by sharing with us memorable moments and vivid memories from the period 1979-1983.

We were riveted speechless with Kathy's pure candor and delighted by her priceless humor, as she told of events and people who helped shape Nevada history.

Jean Ford accepted Kathy's generous donation of her scrapbook that included a pack of cigarettes kept as a souvenir from a flight on Air Force One. The scrapbook was then given to the Nevada Women's Archives at the University of Nevada Reno where other Nevada First Lady papers are housed. Perhaps we can encourage Kathy to pursue publishing her own account of history in her own style.

A heartfelt "thank you" to Kathy List from all of us in the NWHP.

"Where are we and where are we going?" was the subject of the meeting on March 13, 1998. Here are the consensus and results of the discussion:

1. Surveys have been sent out in order to understand your needs and wants for future presentations beginning in the fall of 1998. Please return yours to us today.

2. A big "thank you" to all our members, researchers

and volunteers. You are the spirit and life of the NWHP. We exist through your efforts, strength and support! Whorah! Hug yourself! You deserve all the thanks.

3. The spring and summer forums will conclude with Kathy Noneman's presentation, "Women Lawyers in Nevada" scheduled for June 12, 1998. Currently the Nonemans are in Africa.

4. The Forum will commence in the fall of 1998 with programs that reflect the results of the survey.

5. All Forum presentations through June will be at the YMCA on Valley Road, noon to 1:30 pm as previously scheduled.

6. Please register your research for future workshops, web sit or Forum. Even if you think we have a complete file on you, please check with the office or with Susan Roberts in Reno at 747-2306. ♦

Nevada Women's History Forums are held at the YWCA, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno, from noon to 1:30 p.m. and are FREE. New members and guests are welcome. For more information, call Susan Roberts, (702) 747-2306

CALENDAR

SOUTHERN REGION MEETING DATES

June 6, 1998

Executive committee meeting, time & place TBA

October 3, 1998

A High Tea and program featuring First Lady Sandy Miller will be held at the home of Jeannie Greenawalt in Las Vegas. Sandy will talk about the research she has done on children who lived in the Governor's mansion. Watch for more info in the summer issue of NWHP News.

NORTHERN REGION MEETING DATES

June 1, 1998

Northern Nevada annual business meeting, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Washoe County Health Department auditorium at the corner of 9th and Wells in Reno. The third annual snack-off contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. Details TBA.

June 12, 1998

Kathy Noneman will conclude our summer program with a presentation about women lawyers in Nevada history. There will also be a surprise raffle! Please join us. "Women Lawyers in Nevada" Roundtable Workshop, noon to 1:30 pm, YWCA, 1301 Valley Road, Reno.

June 20, 1998 Outgoing and Incoming Executive Board Members' meeting. Brunch at the home of Kathleen Noneman, 4440 Saddlehorn Drive, Reno. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Kathleen at home 853-8393 or the NWHP office 322-7754.

July 9, 1998

Executive committee meeting, NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno

August 13, 1998

Executive committee meeting, NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno

Research Registry

Jennifer Nelson, East

Ely: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and her association with Nevada Women's suffrage, 1913-1914. Telephone (702) 289-6480.

Frankie Williams, Las Vegas: Seeking orphan train riders and their descendants. 59 children were left in Nevada. Telephone (702) 876-3586.

Frankie Williams, Las Vegas: POINTers (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) Telephone (702) 876-3586.

We welcome anyone doing research on Nevada women to share that topic or focus with us. If you would like your research topic shared with others, please call 322-7743 in Reno, or write us at NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno, NV 89512. To hear and discuss, in an informal setting, the research underway, join the Nevada Women's History Forums (see related article on page 10)

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Thanks

• To NWHP member Patricia Tripple for her most generous donation of \$1,000 to be used for the Annotated Bibliography Project.

Wanted

• The NWHP News wants to continue the "Research Registry" feature in each issue. If you know anyone who is researching some topic related to Nevada women's history or you are researching a topic yourself, please submit these items to Kathy Noneman (North) at (702) 322-7754 or Frankie Williams (South) (702) 876-3586.

Save That Stuff!

NWHP joins the annual Hidden Valley Community Garage Sale to be held in part in the east Reno neighborhood home of Carrie Townley Porter August 15, 1998, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance notices will be printed in the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

This is a big neighborhood garage sale in Hidden Valley. There will be maps to the homes of participants, and everyone puts balloons on their mailboxes. Carrie's husband says, "It is a ZOO. We get tons of people, and it is a BIG event."

Carrie is heading up the August garage sale as NWHP's summer fundraising event. Call Carrie during the first week of August in Reno at 857-2050 and arrangements can be made for pickup of items or they can be delivered to her home. There are plans to put up a banner and have a table with NWHP info and things for sale. In addition, they will sign up people to work certain hours, giving members a chance to get to know each other.

So don't throw anything away that can be sold! We need your castaways and white elephants! ♦

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Welcome, New Members!

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