

Calendar

Northern Nevada Schedule

MAY 13 - Northern Steering Committee, 184 Lake Glen Drive, Carson City.

JUNE 23 - Annual Meeting, Northern Division (changed from June 15) - 5:30pm, Lake Glen Clubhouse, 158 Lake Glen Drive, Carson City.

JULY 8 - NWHP Board meeting, Reno

JULY 13 - Jean Ford Annual Wildflower Hike - Tahoe Rim Trail and Mt. Rose Meadows. See article on page 5. Call Kay Sanders to sign up 775-747-1740.

AUGUST 23-25 - Silver State Sampler to Goldfield 100th Anniversary Celebration.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Day trip to Thunder Mountain and Sarah Winnemucca statue

MARCH 2003 - NWHP Conference, Carson City - theme "Sarah Winnemucca"

Southern Nevada Schedule

MAY 16, 2002 - Executive Committee Meeting

MAY 18 - Annual Business meeting and installation of new officers. Desert Pines Golf Club at 3415 E, Bonanza Rd. Registration and informal modeling will begin at 9:30 a.m. The All American Brunch will begin at 10:15 a.m. followed by the program and business meeting. New officers will be voted on and installed. The program presenters are Renee Diamond and Sarah Bessler. They will report on "The History of the Clark County Democratic Women's Club". The price is \$20.00 a person. Please mail checks to be received before May 11th to NWHP, P.O. Box 12184, Las Vegas, NV 89112-0184. Call 702-876-3586.

Invitation to the Pink Tea

FIRST LADY DEMA GUINN
AND THE
NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

INVITE YOU TO THE PINK TEA
HONORING THOSE WOMEN WHO WORKED
TO GAIN THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR WOMEN
IN THE UNITED STATES

THIS YEAR THE TEA WILL BE A FUND RAISING
EVENT WITH CONTRIBUTIONS GOING TO
SUPPORT THE
SARAH WINNEMUCCA STATUE FUND

ADMISSION IS A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$50
PER PERSON
(FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2002
3 - 5 P.M.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION
606 MOUNTAIN
CARSON CITY, NEVADA

PLEASE RESPOND BY FILLING OUT AND
RETURNING THE FORM PRINTED ON PAGE 10.

What is a Pink Tea?

Women in our country gained the right to vote in 1920. It took 72 years after the first Constitutional Convention to achieve this right. During this time, there was much opposition to a proposed amendment to allow women to vote.

There were times when husbands would not allow their wives to attend meetings if the right to vote was to be discussed. Occasionally men would attend these meetings just to disrupt them. In order to avoid this, the women began to call the meetings teas and would decorate them in pink. What man would come to a tea which was just a

continued on page 10

North's Annual Meeting

This year, the northern NWHP Annual Business Meeting and Membership Drive will take a back seat to the "Historic Pink Tea" fundraising event for the Sarah Winnemucca Project. To save our members time and expense, the Annual Meeting will be held after the "Pink Tea" event. The meeting will be held on:

DATE: Sunday, June 23, 2002
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Lake Glen Club House, Carson City
(Call Holly at 775-884-4246 for directions)

The Annual Meeting will be short and free of costs. All NWHP members are encouraged to attend. Elections will be held that day for the following positions:

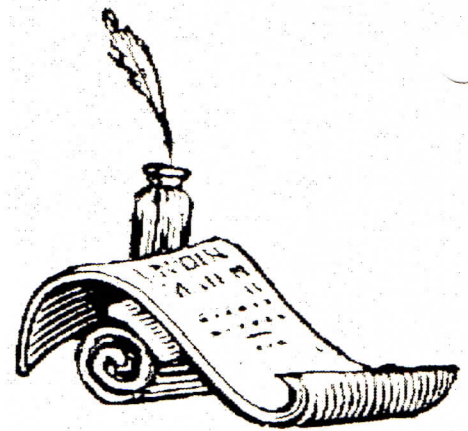
Vice-Chairman/Term 2002-2004

Treasurer/Term 2002-2004

Nomination forms will be mailed to all members before the elections.

Dema Guinn hosts Nevada's most elegant and beautiful tea. It is the perfect event to bring a special guest. It is my hope that all our members will attend the tea and then drop by the Annual Meeting, afterwards. We need member ideas and feedback for next year's challenges.

Lisa-Marie Lightfoot



In This Issue

Calendar	1
Invitation to the Pink Tea	1
What is a Pink Tea	1
North's Annual Meeting	2
NWHP Leadership	2
So. Members Featured at BPW Meeting	2
Presidents Report	3
NWHP Nominating Committee Report	3
News from the North	4
News from the South	4
Jean Ford Silver State Sampler	5
So. Region Annual Business Meeting Plans Outlined	5
"Conversations With History" An Outstanding Event	6
Sarah Winnemucca in Spotlight for Women's History Month	6
Eleanor G. Gottschalk - 2001 Roll of Honor Recipient	7
Jean Ford Research Center Taking Shape	7
Featured Historic NV Woman Hazel Baker Denton	8
Biographical Encyclopedia Information	10
Pink Tea Reservation Form	10
Potpourri	11
Jean Ford Annual Wildflower Hike	11
Some NWHP News Contacts	11
Membership Application	12
New Members North & South	12

NWHP Leadership

NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:

Holly Van Valkenburgh: Chair
Sarah Britt: Treasurer
Kathleen Allred: Secretary
Kay Sanders: Communication Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair
Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair
Kathy Noneman: Membership Chair
Mary Anne Convis: Project Review Chair
Cherry Jones and Carleen Ernest: Program Chair
Patt Quinn-Davis: Publicity Chair
Carrie Townley-Porter: Past-Chair

SOUTHERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jane Olive: President
Anne Reck: Vice President
Joan LeMere: Second Vice President
Frankie Williams: Third Vice President
Maureen Schnitzer: Recording Secretary
Mary Gafford: Corresponding Secretary
Mitsi Johnson: Treasurer
Frankie Williams: Acting Nominating Committee Chairwoman
Alice Pearson: Parliamentarian

NWHP STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carrie Porter: Acting President
Joan LeMere: Second Vice President
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Third Vice President
Mitsi Johnson: Treasurer
Eva Stowers: Secretary
Jane Olive: Southern Chapter Representative
Carleen Ernest: Northern Chapter Representative
Fritsi Ericson: Nevada Women's Fund Representative
Maureen Schnitzer: Corresponding Secretary
Kay Sanders: Editor for State Newsletter
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Webmaster
Mary Anne Convis: State Project Review Chair
Jean Baker: State Publicity Chair
Joyce Marshall: Nominating Chair

Southern Members Featured at BPW Meeting

On March 26, 2002 Joan LeMere and Frankie Williams joined the Desert Sands Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Organization for a meeting and social at Marie Callendar's on East Flamingo. The President welcomed them and then the lovely group of professional women introduced themselves and told something about each of their occupations and interests. The president introduced Joan LeMere who spoke of the NWHP's history and ongoing goals. She then introduced Frankie Williams as Judy Bayley. The Chautauquan performance was so convincing many present thought Mrs. Williams was Mrs. Bayley, the "First Lady of Nevada Gaming".

President's Report

As I began to consider what to include in this column for the Spring 2002 issue, I realized that over the past few months, our activities on the state NWHP level were centered around the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. We were aware when NWHP decided to undertake this project that it would be a long-term obligation.

The NWHP has made continuous progress. As we moved these past few months into the fund raising phase, the pace began slowly. The events of September 11, 2001, had put our plan on hold for several months. Then in the spring the project began to gain momentum and we are making great progress.

The co-chairs of this project had hoped it would become a "people's project." We wanted participation from Nevada's citizens. This has begun to happen. Our members have taken every opportunity to attend meetings of various organizations to tell them of our project and its progress. This effort has been highly successful.

The AAUW of Reno hosted a dinner as a fund raiser for the Statue Project which earned \$3,000. The Carson City Democratic Women's Club turned over \$500 from their spring fund raiser. The Nevada State Society, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is currently designing a fund raising project to benefit the Statue Project. Our own First Lady, Dena Guinn, is hosting a Pink Tea on June 23, 2002 to raise money for the project. Those of you who attended the Pink Tea at our Conference last year know what a marvelous event this will be! We expect to have a waiting list for attendance, so get your checks in as soon as possible. A form to send in with your check is found in this issue.

Other organizations and groups which are supporting the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project with donations and in other ways are: AAUW, Carson City; AAUW, Las Vegas; AAUW, State; Dames of the British Empire, Reno; Elder College of Reno; First Nevada Unit, Reno; National Association of

Parliamentarians; Humboldt County Library; Los Prados Woman's Club; National Society Colonial Dames XVII, Nevada State Society; National Society Colonial Dames XVII, Thomas Holcomb Chapter, Reno; National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Francisco Garces Chapter, Las Vegas; Nevada State Society; National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Valley of Fire Chapter, Las Vegas; Soroptimist International, Greater Las Vegas; Soroptimist International, Lovelock; Soroptimist International, Truckee Meadows; Soroptimist International, Sierra Nevada Region; Soroptimist International, Smith Valley; Soroptimist International, Winnemucca; and Winnemucca (town of). What an impressive list! We thank all these great people for what they are doing to help us make this project possible.

Our tri-fold brochures are proving highly successful! The NWHP has blanketed many communities of the state with these little flyers. We are receiving money from individuals, most whose names are not familiar to us. We have received donations for as little as \$1, making this project a real "people's project." Donations have come from outside Nevada as well.

We have only just begun. We need our members to continue to tell about the project to any group possible (or anywhere a few people are gathered) and to continue to make available the tri-folds everywhere they can place them. Don't forget doctor's offices, businesses, Chambers of Commerce, libraries, and anywhere that people are found. If any member has new ideas, please let us know of them.

As I write this, my Co-Chair, Mary Anne Convis, is in Washington, D. C. She has an appointment with representatives of Office of the Architect of the U. S. Capitol as well as our Nevada elected officials there.

We now have raised over \$20,000. I applaud our members for making this happen. Keep up the good work!

Carrie Townley Porter - Acting State President

NWHP Nominating Committee Report

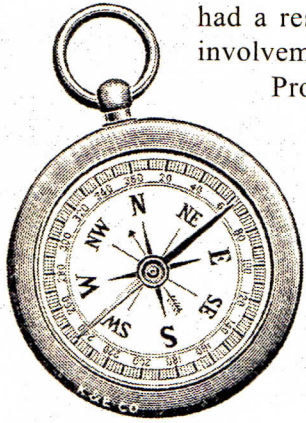
We, the Nominating Committee, had our job cut out for us this year. It wasn't easy finding willing participants from the south to tackle the responsibility of a state office. Sometimes when you lose a strong leader, as we did in losing Rose Irwin, members are reluctant to step into those leadership roles. However, the Nevada Women's History Project as a whole is a very strong organization with many worthwhile projects in progress and future projects waiting to be tackled. Our collective commitment to carrying on the legacy and dreams of Jean Ford and the other founding visionaries of the NWHP remains strong across the state.

As chair of this committee, I am pleased with the results of our endeavors. Carrie is strong, knowledgeable and dedicated to our mission and she will have a committee of like-minded women working closely with her in our growing organization.

I would like to thank those who have consented to place their names for consideration as our new state officers and I would also like to thank my committee members for their input and support. The ballot is included in this newsletter. Please take an active part in your organization by voting. It's going to be a GREAT year.

Joyce Marshall, Chair - State Nominating Committee

News from the North



The Northern Division of the NWHP has had a restful spring, with the exception of involvement in the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. The big event was the March 6th Dinner and Fundraiser with AAUW, "A Conversation in History." The program consisted of two conversations, before 1895 and after 1895.

Susan Paslov presented information on the life of Sarah Winnemucca and then Sue Ballew as Nellie Mighels Davis, Dorothy Dolan as Annie Roberts, Cherry Jones as Dr. Eliza Cook and Carrie Townley Porter as Helen Stewart presented short dialogues on their lives and activities. After the break Kathy Noneman as Bird Wilson and Holly Van Valkenburgh as Dr. Anne Henrietta Martin joined the group for updating on their lives and activities.

Also present for the event was Louise Tanneheimer, grandniece of Sarah Winnemucca. AAUW raised \$3,000 for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project and the total is now over \$20,000.

At the April Steering Committee meeting, Membership Chair Kathy Noneman reported we have 92 paid individual members and 11 Organizational members.

August 23-25 the Silver State Sampler Tour will be to Goldfield's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Isabel Espinoza and Cherry Jones are co-chairing the event, which is described in this newsletter.

A day trip to the Thunder Mountain Indian Monument is being planned for September 14. Daniel Van Zant, son of folk artist "Rolling Mountain Thunder", will meet us there to show us around the property. He is currently working at restoring this unusual roadside attraction between Lovelock and Winnemucca on I-80. Of special interest to NWHP is the statue of Sarah Winnemucca, created as an honor to the Paiute woman "Rolling Mountain Thunder" (Frank Van Zant) honored.

The theme of the Nevada Day Parade is Native Americans. NWHP may plan an event around the parade theme, promoting Sarah Winnemucca.

NWHP will purchase of at least 25 of the 2003 Historical Calendars. The number ordered may be based on the number of advance orders received. Kay Sanders and Isabel Espinoza will co-chair the project.

The Jean Ford Wildflower Hike will be held in July, with details outlined in this issue.

The NWHP State Conference is being planned for March 2003 in Carson City. The theme will revolve around

continued on page 5

News from South

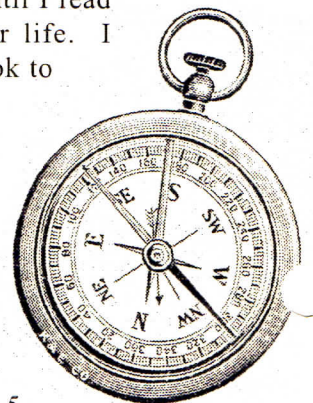
This very month my term as President of the NWHP Southern Region will come to its close. What a wonder learning experience it has been! It has been a great privilege to work with women who are so dedicated and experienced in community service. Having always worked at church or in the classroom, I felt myself being mentored by "the BEST" as I learned the ropes of presiding over a very active organization with passionate leaders and members.

Indeed, if I were to make a list of blessings to me from this experience it would begin with the beautiful and brilliant women I have met during the past two years. The women of our Executive Committee have been wonderful to me personally. During the past few months they have upped their support to me because the demands of my job in the work place have increased greatly. I do want to personally thank Frankie Williams, Mitsi Johnson, Maureen Schnitzer, Joan LeMere, Alice Pearson, Mary Gafford, Anne Reck, Eva Stowers and Irene Rostine. Michelle Lord, Beth Stewart, Bernie Lenz and Jean Spiller have continually aided our effort. On the state level, I wish to thank Rose Irwin, Carrie Townley Porter and Kay Sanders for being especially patient with me. Now I'm in the danger zone with such a list. Others have helped as well, and I apologize to those I may not have mentioned. A full list would simply be too long.

Another blessing to me slipped in gradually. It is true I grew up in Las Vegas and was required to learn the rudiments of our state's history at school. But frankly, I wanted to live anywhere else. Las Vegas in the 40s and 50s was far from the romantic dreams of a child who loved the arts and trees and ocean. Yet now, for the past two years I have learned so much about the history of our state and its individual heroines that I have developed an enthusiasm and appreciation for Nevada that will doubtless last the rest of my life.

Finally, and this may seem strange, I want to thank Sarah Winnemucca. I want to thank her for her courage, her determination, her tenacity and her will to be a robust peacemaker at all costs. She is a new model for me. I had not known much about Sarah until I read Sally Zanjani's book about her life. I recommend the study of this book to all of us.

As we continue the effort to get women like Sarah into the history books, to preserve the lives of other women of courage and stamina, let us do it with love for them as well as for each other. We are all volunteers.



continued on page 5

Jean Ford Silver State Sampler

Plans are under way for The Nevada Women's History Project 4th Annual Silver State Sampler. We will travel to Goldfield for the town's centennial celebration.

One of the highlights of the trip is to return Bird Wilson to Goldfield, where she practiced law early in her career. We will leave on August 23 and return on August 25.

We will visit a couple of the museums on the way down — The Tonopah Historic Mining Park and either the Yerington Museum or the Central Nevada Museum. We will spend Friday night in Tonopah.

On Saturday, in Goldfield, we will participate in the parade. Bird Wilson will lead our entry. We would like to see all of our members participate by dressing as one of our many wonderful Nevada women leaders. If you would like to be in the parade or for more information about the parade, call Kathy Noneman. We will spend the day there and after dinner return to Tonopah.

On Sunday, we will travel to the ghost towns of Manhattan and Belmont. The Belmont Courthouse will be open for touring. Lunch will be at the historic Belmont Inn Bed and Breakfast in the beautiful mountain pass joining the Ralston and Monitor valleys.

The cost for the three-day trip will be approximately \$275.00, depending on the number of participants. Please sign up early.

Plans for the Jean Ford Silver State Sampler are being handled by co-charis Isabel Espinoza and Cherry Jones. The other members of the committee are Billie Brinkman, Holly VanValkenburgh, Jeannie Larson, and Kathy Noneman.

For information regarding this trip, please call (775) 883-9035 or (775) 267-3410.

Isabel Espinoza

News from the North

continued from page 4

"Sarah Winnemucca" and possibly Native American women. Date, exact location and details will be discussed at the June 23 Annual Meeting following the Pink Tea Fundraiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project at the Governor's Mansion.

The NWHP Northern Division Annual Meeting will be held at the Lake Glen Clubhouse in Carson City at 5:30 pm on Sunday, June 23. All members are invited to the meeting which will be followed by light refreshments and a social hour in the Clubhouse and around the swimming pool.

Holly VanValkenburgh

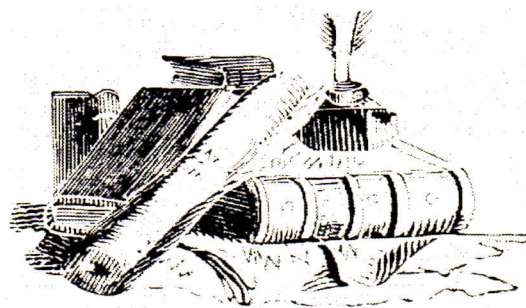
So. Region Annual Business Meeting Plans Outlined

The Executive Committee of the NWHP Southern Region has invited all members and friends to the Annual Business Meeting and new officer installation to be held on May 18, 2002. This event will take place at Desert Pines Golf Club, 3415 East Bonanza Road. Informal modeling of "Basic Black Attire" will begin at 9:30 A.M. during registration. The cost of this event is \$20.00. Please mail checks for your reservation to P.O. Box 12184, Las Vegas, NV, 89112-0184 by May 11, 2002.

An "All American Brunch" will be available with registration and the program will begin at 10:15 A.M. Renee Diamond and Sara Bessler will present the "History of the Clark County Deomocratic Women's Club". Following the program the Annual Business Meeting will begin. It will include the ratification of the revisions of the former by-laws, now referred to as "Policies and Procedures." There will be the nominations and election of new officers and their installation.

Those modeling for the informal fashion show include Kathy Augustine, Marion Kohler, Joan LeMere and professional fashion personality, Bernie Lenz. This program has been organized by Frankie Williams and it should be an exciting event.

Jane Olive and Frankie Williams



News from the South

continued from page 4

There are many demands upon all our lives and too little time for any of us to achieve all our dreams. Let us then forgive each other our errors and idiosyncrasies. Let's tighten up ranks, support each other and make this noble endeavor one of joyous fulfillment.

Jane Ellsworth Olive

"Conversations With History" *An Outstanding Event*

March 6th at the Siena Hotel was a success! This event was a combined effort of two very worthwhile public service organizations, AAUW (American Association of University Women) and NWHP. The 130 attendees enjoyed a delicious meal of grilled chicken, grilled salmon and pasta primavera. Later in the evening they were entertained with the program entitled "Conversations with History." NWHP members presented a two part program depicting the characters of Sarah Winnemucca's friend (Susan Paslov), Annie Roberts (Dorothy Dolan) Anne H. Martin (Holly Van Valkenburgh), Nellie Mighels Davis (Sue Balley), Dr. Eliza Cook (Cherry Jones), Bird Wilson (Kathy Noneman), and Helen Stewart (Carrie Townley Porter). Danae Pirtle, a Young Chautauquan, was a delightful Patty Reed of the Donner Party.

Guest of honor was Louise Tanneimer, grand niece of Sarah Winnemucca who came from Portola, California with her husband, Tanny. Louise wore a traditional ceremonial buckskin dress and moccasins with elaborate beading. She truly echoed the pride of her heritage.

Many distinguished guests included Judge John Barrett and family, Judge Barbara Finley, Ron and Susan James, Senator Bernice Mathews, Judge Frances Doherty, and 3 more Young Chautauquans LeeAnn Howard (as Georgia O'Keefe), Elia Pirtle (as Anne Frank) and Nathaniel Phelps (as General Patton).

\$3,000 was raised from this event with all proceeds going to the Sarah Winnemucca Statute Fund.

Many thanks to all who attended and the many donations we received from those who could not attend. We look forward to seeing you at the Pink Tea in June.

*Carleen Ernest -
Co-Chair/Program Committee*



Guest of Honor, Louise Tanneimer,
grandniece of Sarah Winnemucca,
poses in her beautiful buckskin dress.

Sarah Winnemucca in Spotlight for Women's History Month

NWHP-Southern Region members were invited guests of Las Vegas Branch American Association of University Women in celebration of Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 20, at Emerald Springs Holiday Inn on E. Flamingo. NWHP-So. Region members attending this event were given an opportunity to spread the word about the Sarah Winnemucca Project and to pass out the informative brochures about it.

In attendance from NWHP were Southern Region President Jane Olive along with Kathy Augustine, Jean Baker, Mary Gafford, Mitzi Johnson, Joan LeMere, and Frankie Williams.

AAUW President Felicia Barge, after introducing the NWHP-Southern Region group, introduced Joan LeMere to speak on her personal experience viewing Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. Joan provided a graphic description of the Hall and stated how each new statue is given special recognition upon arrival in the Hall.

Then Joan introduced NWHP-So. Region President Jane Olive who spoke about the life and times of Sarah Winnemucca. With the book SARAH WINNEMUCCA by Sally Zanjani as a visual aid, Jane spun a spell-binding tale of Sarah's birth, childhood, family, marriages, and tremendous efforts to save her people while making peace with the incoming Europeans. Sarah's desire to provide an education for the Paiute children as well as her many academic and literary accomplishments made her untimely death even more tragic. The enthralled audience had numerous questions to bring up after such an interesting program.

AAUW President Felicia Barge's promise that AAUW was pledging its financial support to the Sarah Winnemucca Project added yet another highlight to an already stimulating and informative program.

Jane Olive



Ballot for NWHP State Board

The NWHP State Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees for the coming term commencing on July 1, 2002. These positions must be filled by election and it is your privilege as a member of the NWHP to actively let your vote count. You may either vote for the slate as it is or you have the opportunity to write in additional candidates. Please be advised that before you can add a name, you must have that person's written permission to do so.

President:	Carrie Porter
1st Vice President:	Joan LeMere
2nd Vice President:	Kaye Gray
3rd Vice President:	Holly Van Valkenburgh
Secretary:	Kathleen Allred
Treasurer:	Jean Spiller

I accept this slate as nominated: _____
Your signature

I propose the following alternatives: _____

Please mail the completed ballots by June 1, 2002

NWHP
to: 770 Smithridge Dr., #300
Reno, NV 89502

Eleanor G. Gottschalk *2001 Roll of Honor Recipient*



Eleanor Gottschalk has “made a difference” in Pershing County where she has resided for over 54 years. Her on-going career as a journalist includes writing a bi-weekly column for the Lovelock Review Miner which has run since 1975 under various titles including “Here and There”, “Historical Notes”, and “Millennium”. Her assignments involved writing historical feature articles, supplements on mining, farming and recreation in Pershing County, and biographies and historical vignettes on Humboldt and Pershing County pioneer family members. The Nevada State Press Association awarded her a 1st and 2nd place in the local column category. She also worked as a correspondent for the Nevada State Journal and Associated Press.

Prior to working as a journalist Eleanor taught for many years in both Humboldt and Pershing Counties. In addition to English and journalism, she taught geography, physical education, was a high school counselor, the student newspaper advisor, and organized adult education classes. She instructed a mini-creative writing class and was coordinator for the University of Nevada, Reno and Western Nevada Community College offerings to the Lovelock

community.

The Nevada State Press Association picked Eleanor for the Outstanding Journalism Teacher award in 1974. Her essay on a local, outstanding Nevada Cattle Woman won a first place distinction. The Lovelock Soroptimist Club selected her for the “Women Helping Women” honor.

Sandwiched in between her teaching career was a stint as a social worker the State of Nevada. During this time she served on the Pershing County Centennial Committee and helped organize and run the small centennial museum in Lovelock. She served for 12 years on the Governor’s Advisory Board for Mental Health and Retardation, acting as lobbyist for rural mental health clinics, recruiting for new teachers, and doing work as special education and counseling program advisor.

A Yerington native, Eleanor spent her early years in that community, graduating as valedictorian in her 8th grade class of about 14 students. From there she and her family moved to Reno where she graduated from Northside Junior High School, Reno High School, and the University of Nevada, Reno. She is a third generation Nevadan. Her mother was born in Yerington and her maternal grandmother in Virginia City where she was in the first graduation class from the Fourth Ward School.

Her husband, Robert (Bob) Gottschalk is a semi-retired rancher in Lower Valley, Lovelock. They have two children, Mike, who lives with his wife Mikie on their ranch in Lower Valley and Carolyn Espil who resides out of Susanville on a ranch with her husband John. Their family includes four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Ellie (as she is affectionately called) describes her ranching experience as being “a partner, feed wagon driver, bookkeeper, and general gopher.” She loved every bit of her life and remarks, “Although the so-called bumps in the road slowed me down a bit, I thank God for putting me where He did and giving me the opportunity to learn and to do all that I did in my life; for helping me while I helped others. What a great trip this has been. I’m sure glad I didn’t miss it.”

Jean Ford Research Center Taking Shape

Researchers take heart. Our state office in Reno is being transformed into a helpful place at which to do research on the internet, input information gleaned from our collections, and to scan in photos, old pictures and newspaper clippings. The equipment for our research center has been purchased and installed. We now have a Dell 4300S computer series Pentium 4 processor, a Hewlett Packard Office Jet G85 printer, fax, scanner, copier, and are connected to the internet via Great Basin Internet Services. Lisa-Marie and Bruce Lightfoot donated a work station which fit perfectly in the corner and was just the right size for our new hardware. The old desk was donated to a worthy charity. A new chair was purchased. We’re up and running and ready to go.

Our FAX number is 775-826-6865. Our e-mail address is jfresctr@gbis.com. Our webmaster Lisa-Marie Lightfoot’s e-mail address is: nwhp@nevadawomen.org.

In order to help train members on the use of the new equipment, which uses Microsoft Windows XP, Kay Sanders and Lisa-Marie are going to get some training on the software and the use of the scanner. They plan to train others soon. A schedule for this outreach will be developed and members will be informed when the training will be available.

In the meantime, if you wish to make use of the center, leave a message at our office, 775-786-2335, and we’ll make an appointment to meet you there.

Kay Sanders -Communications Co-Chair

Featured Historic Nevada Woman

Hazel Baker Denton

Born: June 25, 1887

Died: January 30, 1962

Maiden Name: Baker

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian (English, Danish, French, Scotch)

Married: Floyd Howard Denton

Children: Four (two daughters, both died in infancy; two sons)

Primary city and county of residence and work: Caliente (Lincoln)

Major fields of work: education (teacher, elected local school board member), state government (elected member, Nevada State Assembly), journalism, literature (author/poet), women's clubs (Business and Professional Women, Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs)

Other role identities: wife, mother, civic worker

Biography:

Hazel Baker Denton was born in Monroe, Utah on June 25, 1887. The following is drawn from Hazel's own sketch of her family and early life which she prepared in 1955 at the request of the publisher of her book, *Ironing Day*.

Hazel was the tenth and last child of Utah Pioneer parents, William George Baker and Nicoline Marie Bertelson-Baker (French, Scotch, and English blood through her father; Danish through her Mother.)

The French child who grew up to become her great-grandmother was an infant during the time of the French Revolution. Her parents, who lived in Paris, France, were on the "wrong side of the fence," and were sacrificed during the Reign of Terror. Her great grandmother was saved by a faithful servant who placed the baby girl in a wine casque and managed an escape with her across the Channel to England. The little girl grew up in England under the protection of her benefactor and moved later to Scotland where she married a Scot whose last name was Griffiths.

One of her daughters, Jean Rio Griffiths, who became Hazel's grandmother, left Scotland to live in England with the English gentleman she had married, Henry Baker. One of their children was William G. Baker, later to be Hazel's father. When Henry Baker died in London, Jean Rio Griffiths-Baker became

a convert to the Mormon Church. She kept a day-to-day diary of her journey to Salt Lake City from the day she left her London home ("near St. Paul's Cathedral," my father used to tell me) on January 4, 1851 until she reached Salt Lake City in September of that year.

She remained in Utah for eighteen years, then moved to San Francisco, California, where four of her sons had preceded her. Her last Journal entry is dated August, 1875.

Hazel wrote that her mother's parents were also converted to the L.D.S. religion. They sent their children to Utah from Aalborg, Denmark, before arriving themselves. According to Hazel,

"My mother was sent alone when she was seven. The friends who brought her to America left her at St. Louis, Missouri with a nice family who employed her as nurse-maid, taught her to speak, read, and write English, and paid her a small wage, out of which she saved enough in two years to pay her fare on the river boat up to Council Bluffs, Iowa. From there she walked most of the way to Utah beside the covered wagon trains.

"I grew up in Richfield, Utah, where I was in school until I was sixteen. Mother opened a little Millinery Shop after father died in 1902. I still love hats! My sister and I always had the most and the prettiest hats in the village. Mother never measured ribbon or lace or counted flowers when she trimmed hats for us.

"In 1903 (at age 16) I was appointed assistant teacher in an overcrowded first grade. I had always had a little-girl dream of being a school teacher. The experience of those two years as an assistant helped me later to get my State Certificate to teach in Utah.

"Mother died in 1905. All my brothers and sisters were married. I went

to Ogden, Utah, to live with brother Ralph and family and to finish High School with additional courses completed at the University of Utah.

"My certified teaching career began in Richfield in 1907 at \$50 per month. During the year another young teacher and I began to have some grand ideas about spending our summer in Europe. We figured to borrow money from the local bank to add to what we had saved, if you can imagine saving anything on \$50 a month? We did,



Courtesy Ralph Denton

and we borrowed, and we went to Europe. Taught four more years in Utah to pay it back.

"In 1914, one of my brothers, Nelson, and family were living at a new 'boom' mine, the Prince, over the mountains west of Pioche, Nevada. I was offered the school there, a one teacher, all grades deal, at \$85 a month. It looked a million to me. In the spring of 1916, I was told by the State Superintendent there was to be a vacancy in the First and Second Grade in Caliente next year; hoped I would apply for it. I did so and arrived in Caliente in September from my vacation in Utah. Was now to get the magnificent sum of \$100 a month."

Hazel Baker was married at Caliente on December 28, 1916 to Floyd Howard Denton, a native of Nebraska. She continued teaching until the first of four children was born in October, 1917, followed by three others in 1919, 1923, and 1925. However, she and her husband "became intimate with sorrow in the loss of two lovely little girls - Henrietta Marie at two years, Betty Jeanne at three."

In 1922 Hazel was elected a member of the Lincoln County Board of Education and in 1928 she resumed teaching in Caliente with the unusual distinction of being both a teacher and President of the Board of Education at that time. Again, from Hazel's writings:

"My husband's business suffered reverses in '29 and the early '30s, which gave us a few years of wondering where the next dollar would come from. It was during that time that we considered selling our home and moving to some other location. It was while we were trying to make up our minds about it that I wrote my first poem, 'Not For Sale.' We didn't sell. Later F.H. (the best man that ever lived) found employment with the State, and I went back to the schoolroom.

"Along with teaching, homemaking, and housekeeping, I found myself becoming interested - and enmeshed - in public affairs: town, county, and State-wise. Between times I took a correspondence in Creative Writing, took summer trips in the current car we happened to have paid for, sewed, gardened, and of course - ironed the weekly wash. Both our sons served in World War II. We lost our F.H. (the Papa Bear) in 1951. I retired from public teaching in 1952."

Hazel's interest in community can be traced back to her years of teaching at the Prince Mine, when she also conducted a night class for foreign adults to help some of the miners learn the English language. She was President of the Caliente Home Makers Club in 1921-22, and was President of the Caliente Parent-Teachers Association in 1926-28, adding the job of librarian of the Caliente PTA Library with its inception in 1928.

Hazel Denton was one of the few Nevada women profiled in a 1935 history by James A. Scrugham, *Nevada: A Narrative of the Conquest of a Frontier Land*. Scrugham described Hazel as "an unusually well read and informed woman in the field of politics and economics, and like so many students of

world affairs in these days, she is inclined to liberal, internationalistic and socialistic views."

With the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs, Hazel served as state chairman of child welfare, state chairman of library extension, President of the First District, NFWC, for the term 1932-34 and State President during 1944-46. Hazel was also a charter member and first President of the Caliente Business and Professional Women's Club, organized in 1941.

Always active in education, she was President of the Lincoln County Classroom Teachers in 1948-49 and Treasurer of the Nevada State Classroom Teachers during the same years.

In 1952 Hazel Denton was elected as a Democrat to the Nevada Assembly and was re-elected in 1954. Maude Frazier, a Democrat from Clark County, also served during those same years and Republican Mabel Isbell of Washoe County joined them in the Assembly for the 1955 Session. While in the Assembly, Denton introduced several bills and resolutions aimed at improving the status of free public libraries and state parks.

Hazel's journalistic and literary leanings began in 1937 with a regular column in the Caliente newspaper; it was signed JMR in memory of her grandmother, Jean Marie Rio. Another regular feature in the paper by Hazel was "While the Toast Burns," carried in 1951-52.

Both poems and paragraphs from these years of writing were included in her book, *Ironing Day*, published in 1955 by Exposition Press of New York. The book's cover indicated: "Although she is a teacher, clubwoman, newspaper columnist, and member of the Nevada Legislature, Hazel Baker Denton classifies herself as a housewife who does her own ironing. It's while ironing, she says, that most of the ideas for her poems and essays run through her head - hence, the title *Ironing Day*."

Hazel Denton died in Las Vegas on January 30, 1962. Services were held in Caliente with Bishop Wesley Holt of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Governor Grant Sawyer delivered the eulogy, and burial was in the Caliente cemetery.

(Biographical sketch by Jean Ford)

Published Works:

Denton, Hazel. *Ironing Day*. New York: Exposition Press, 1955.

Sources of Information:

1. Hazel Denton papers, 1887-1957, Special Collections, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Obituary, Reno Evening Gazette, February 1, 1962.
2. Scrugham, James A. *Nevada: A Narrative of the Conquest of the Frontier Land*. American Historical Society, 1935.
3. Vincent, Bill. "The Dentons and Lincoln County," *Nevadan*, May 1, 1977.

Biographical Encyclopedia Information

The southern region is pleased to announce that our board has voted to publish the Biographical Encyclopedia after the first 100 deceased women are completed. We are halfway there with a little over 50 completed. Many of you are writing and completing biographies as this goes to press. I have had requests from several ladies in the north that want to help us in this venture, and a couple of northern ladies who have already completed bios. If you have any interest in writing a 800 - 1000 word biography on a woman that you know has contributed to our great state, please contact me and I can send you information that will help. Thanks a million to all of you ladies for all that you do.

Joan LeMere

What is a Pink Tea?

continued from page 1

social event for women? Thus, the term Pink Tea was born. If a man showed up intending to be disruptive, there would be no discussion of strategies for gaining the right to vote.

We will honor the achievement of women's right to vote with a Pink Tea at the Nevada Governor's Mansion on June 23, 2002 hosted by First Lady Dema Guinn. This will be a fund raiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project.

Admission will be a minimum donation of \$50.00 per person. Attendance will be limited to 150, so reservations will be taken in the order that checks are received. When the maximum number is reached, a waiting list will be generated. To ensure your reservation for this wonderful event, please send your check with the form below.

Mary Anne Convis



Pink Tea Reservation Form

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ person(s) attending the Pink Tea. (Admission is a minimum donation of \$50 per person – fully tax deductible.)

Please make checks payable to the Nevada Women's History Project. Receipt of your check is your reservation. Please mail your check to Mary Anne Convis, 2185 Courtside Circle, Carson City, NV 89703

If you cannot attend, a donation to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund would be most appreciated.

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail _____

Attendance is limited so please get your reservation in early. Thank you.

Congratulations to:

- Sally Zanjani for being chosen to receive the Evans Biography Award for her recent book, *Sarah Winnemucca*. On April 11, at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, Sally was awarded the \$10,000 prize.
- Jane Pieplow for being elected to the Nevada Humanities Committee Board.
 - Susan James for her new position as Historian In Residence at the Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, Nevada.
 - The Carson Valley Historical Society for its successful "2002 – Threads Through Time", Women's History Remembering Project. Twelve women were honored. NWHP member Cherry Jones gave the presentation on Dr. Eliza Cook. The NWHP will receive the biographies of the honorees for their archives at the Jean Ford Research Center in Reno.

Get Well Wishes to:

- Holly Van Valkenburgh and Janet White, both of whom underwent surgery in March.

Thanks to:

- Carleen Ernest for her outstanding work in organizing the March 6th fundraiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Project, "Conversations with History." Over 130 people attended the dinner event held at the Siena Hotel in Reno. Thanks also to the American Association of University Women for co-sponsoring this successful affair. Sue Ballew, Cherry Jones, Dorothy Dolan, Cindy Sutherland, Kathy Noneman, Susan Paslov, and Carrie Townley Porter gave stellar performances in the "Conversations" production.

Correction:

- In the February issue of NWHP Newsletter, our featured Nevada Woman Bird Wilson was credited with two marriages and five children. This was an error (for some unknown reason the computer picked up the November Nevada Woman, Margaret M. Wheat's biographical information). As far as researchers can determine, Bird Wilson never married.

PLEASE INFORM THE STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND YOUR REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND/OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. JOAN LEMERE'S ADDRESS IS: P.O. BOX 12184, LAS VEGAS, NV 89112. IN THE NORTH PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY KATHLEEN NONEMAN AT: NWHP, 770 SMITHRIDGE DR., SUITE 300, RENO, NV 89502.

Jean Ford Annual Wildflower Hike

This year we plan to hike a section of the Tahoe Rim Trail beginning at the Tahoe Meadows Trailhead. We will meet at the Park and Ride area on the north side of the Mt. Rose Highway SR431 (from Hwy. 395 junction approx. ¼ mile) at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 13th. The Mt. Rose Meadows should have some wonderful wildflower displays that we will investigate before starting on the trail.

We can hike as long as we wish, but probably will be returning to our cars by 3 p.m. Wear layers, bring water, snacks, and your lunch. Hiking boots or good quality walking shoes are a must. We may try to be our own amateur botanists on this hike so bring a flower identification book.

Call Kay Sanders @ (775) 747-1740 or e-mail her at ksanders@unr.nevada.edu to sign up for the hike.

Articles for August newsletter are due to Newsletter Editor Kay Sanders no later than July 22, 2002. Email her at ksanders@unr.nevada.edu.

Some NWHP News Contacts

Carrie Townley Porter

Fax: 775-857-4447 • Email: tpareno@msn.com

Kay Sanders

Email: ksanders@unr.nevada.edu • Fax: 775-747-1642
Tel: 775-747-1740

NWHP - State Office

770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 300 • Reno, Nevada 89502-0708
Tel: 775-786-2335 • Fax: 775-826-6865

South: P.O. Box 12184 • Las Vegas, NV 89112-0184

The Nevada Women's History Project newsletter is published quarterly in Reno, Nevada. Annual subscription rate is included in dues. Non-member subscription rate is \$20 domestic, additional overseas. Copyright NWHP. All rights reserved. Under copyright law, this newsletter and the contents herein may not be reproduced, in whole or in part, by any means, electronic or otherwise, without permission from the publishers, except in normal use as provided by law. Opinions expressed by authors do not necessarily reflect official policy of NWHP. Unsolicited articles and photos and requests for Writer's Guidelines should be sent to the editor, NWHP • 770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 300 • Reno, NV 89502-0708.
Editor: Kay Sanders



News

770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 300 • Reno, NV 89502
NWHP is a program of the Nevada Women's Fund

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Reno, Nevada
Permit No. 568

Visit the Nevada Women's History Project Online at www.nevadawomen.org

Membership Application

Individual Membership • Dues \$25/Year

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Organizational Membership • Active Dues \$50/Year

Corporate Sponsor • \$250/Year

Organization _____

President or Director _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Representative to NWHP _____

Mail to: NWHP, 770 Smithridge Dr., Ste. 300, Reno, NV 89502

New Members North & South

Phyllis Noblitt

Joan O'Connor Braun

Mary Ann Hantout

Beverly O'Connor

Dale Meyer

Valerie Guillory.

As of April 2002, membersh,
statewide stands at 222.