Calendar

Northern Nevada Schedule

NOV. 10, 2003 - North Steering Committee Meeting - 6 p.m. at the home of Lisa-Marie Lightfoot.

JAN. 12, 2004 - North Steering Committee Meeting - 6 p.m. at the NWHP Office.

Southern Nevada Schedule

NOV. 19, 2003 - Executive Board Meeting at the home of Jean Spiller at 9a.m.

JAN. 17, 2004 - Quarterly Luncheon at the Golden Steer on West Sahara at 11 a.m. More information will be sent out to members in December.



Southern Region Pink Tea A Huge Success!



Special Guest First Lady Dema Guinn and Pink Tea Hostess Jeanne Greenawalt

The Pink Tea, to benefit the Sarah Winnemucca Monument Project, is now just a memory, but what a wonderful memory it is. Once again, Jeanne Greenawalt graciously opened her beautiful home for this worthwhile event. There are not enough words to express the gratitude we have for Jeanne's kindness and dedication to the NWHP and to the Sarah Project.

The main floor of the house is where the tea and refreshments were served and the women could mingle and enjoy the day. Downstairs in the media room, Marlene Adrian took charge of showing the two videos about Sarah's life and the project. She took time to talk to everyone and answer questions. Also downstairs, the ladies from the DAR had a sales table set up to show off the beautiful Sarah Winnemucca jewelry. The DAR gives all proceeds of the sale of jewelry to the project and after the day was over, they added \$500.00 to the fund. Way to go, ladies!

Our special guest Dema Guinn, greeted many of the ladies as they arrived and chatted about the project. We are certainly blessed to have her and the Governor as such avid supporters of the NWHP and our goal of seeing Sarah in Washington, D.C. In large part, it is because of them that we are so close to realizing our vision.

About half way through the tea, Joyce Moore brought the ladies together and introduced the co-chairs for the event, Jeanne Greenawalt and Kaye Gray. Kaye in turn introduced everyone to Dema who took a minute to talk to the group about the project and reiterate how important it was to her. Carrie Porter, aka Helen J. Stewart, gave an update on where

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South Membership Report

Since our last newsletter the Southern Region has added four new members to our roster. They are Evelyn Bisek, Ruth Lillis, Peggy Wells and Claytee White. We are so happy to have these enthusiastic women in our group.

This is such an exciting time to be involved in the NWHP. We not only have so many monumental (pardon the pun) projects that we are working on, but we can see new projects on the horizon. Now is the time to invite your friends to be a part of this group. The more support we have, the more we can accomplish and the more positive changes we can make. So, give someone a membership application today.

Kaye Gray Membership Chair

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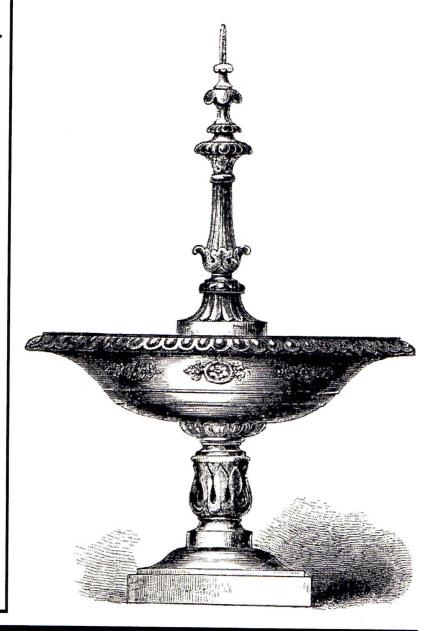
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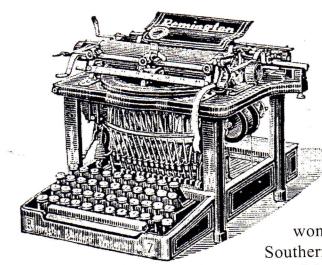
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Kay Sanders: Editor for State Newsletter Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Webmaster

Mary Anne Convis: State Project Review Chair



State President's Report



This edition is the last newsletter of the year 2003. Are any of you wondering where the year has gone, as I am? There never seems to be enough time to accomplish all the NWHP tasks we want to do. I continue to remind myself that we are all volunteers and have no paid employees. When I think of our accomplishments in that manner, I continue to marvel at how much NWHP members give of their time and talents to make NWHP successful. I thank all of you!

As I write this, I have been thinking of the wonderful day I spent last month with our members in the Southern Region at our fourth Pink Tea. This was the first one

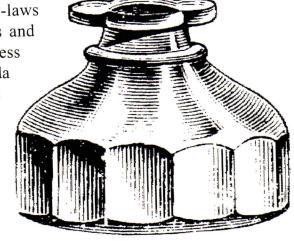
held in Las Vegas. We are extremely grateful to member Jeanne Greenawalt who opened her beautiful home for this special event, a fund raiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. I thank all of our members in southern Nevada who worked to make this a very special day. An article on the Pink Tea is featured on page one.

The Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project is continuing to progress. We have raised over \$70,000 to date. The Statue Selection Committee met in September and chose four sculptors as finalists. Each will meet with the committee and make a presentation in February. At that time, the sculptor will be chosen. The finalists are: Gareth Curtiss of Olympia, Washington; Ed Dwight of Denver, Colorado; Sarah Sweetwater of Elko, Nevada; and Benjamin Victor of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Several local governments have jumped on the bandwagon. NWHP members made presentations in Lovelock and Winnemucca. The City of Winnemucca and Humboldt County have made donations. Winnemucca City Councilwoman Joyce Sheen made a presentation on the project at the joint meeting of Nevada Cities and Counties in Elko. Tri-folds were placed in all attendees packets. The City of Fallon is making a donation as well. The City of Las Vegas has asked NWHP to make a presentation at its meeting on November 19.

I have asked Joyce Marshall Moore, Kathy Noneman and Kathleen Clemence to work on a committee to take NWHP's latest by-laws which were approved and to reformat them into Policies and Procedures. Our current Policies and Procedures do not address many areas contained in our By-Laws. Programs of the Nevada Women's Fund, of which NWHP is one, legally cannot have by-laws. The same information we had in our latest By-Laws can be in Policies and Procedures. If you would like to work on this project, please let me know.

Carrie Townley Porter NWHP State President



News From The South

I just returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. where I was treated

to a tour of the Capitol Building by Catherine O'Mara from Reno, who is an intern at

Reno, who is an intern at Representative Jim Gibbons' office. Knowing I was interested in the statues, she made sure I saw all that were on display. What a thrill it will be to have our Sarah join them!

Through the continuing efforts of our members, especially Carrie Porter, Mary Anne Convis and Carol Clanton, we now have over \$70,000 toward our goal. The sculptor applicants have been narrowed to 4 finalists, and the committee is close to choosing the winner of the commission.

Although there was a lot of interest in our Silver State Sampler, we just didn't get enough signups to make the trip financially feasible so we had to cancel it. My thanks to Billie Brinkman and Carrie Porter for all their hard work. Some of our members did fly to Las Vegas for the Pink Tea and pronounced it great fun and a success.

Our group again participated in the Nevada Day Parade with a float honoring the women veterans of Nevada. Holly Van Valkenburgh and Cherry Jones headed that committee. The float featured current veterans as well as some of our members representing deceased veterans.

The holiday season is approaching and so is the New Year. Our 2004 historical calendars are now at the office ready for your purchase for yourselves and also as gifts. I also urge members to renew their memberships for 2004 and also consider NWHP memberships as gifts for your friends and relatives this holiday season. I will be enjoying friends and family for the season and hope that you too are surrounded by love and good fortune.

Kathleen Noneman Chair, Northern Region Steering Committee I just bought a new winter suit and now I'm afraid I'll never be able to wear it. Although, I did hear on the radio this morning that the temperature is dropping all the way down to 88 degrees today. Can you still wear white shoes in December if it's 100 degrees out? I don't

it's 100 degrees out? I don't know!

Anyway, this is a 'take a deep breath and smile' week for those of us who worked so hard on our wonderful tea. As all of you know, it requires many people working behind the scenes, volunteering their time and effort, to make an event like this one so successful. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Maria Finney and her staff at Nevada Power Company for the outstanding job they did on our invitations. We were running short of time with one glitch after another, but once she got the information, they all went to work and delivered the printing ahead of schedule, beautifully done. The entire staff was wonderful to work with. Another THANK YOU goes out to Linda Baxter for the lovely flower arrangements. What an incredible

The holidays are just about upon us. Ladies, where did the year go?? It has been a fruitful one for the NWHP. Joan has over 100 biographies completed for the Encyclopedia, the events to raise money for the Sarah project have been very successful and we have had three great luncheons with informative speakers. As you will notice on the Southern Calendar, our next luncheon is January 17th, so mark your calendar, day planner, hand or whatever else you can find and plan on attending.

talent she has in being able to create such amazing

centerpieces. Flowers add the elegant touch to any

affair and Linda certainly did that for us. So, thank

you, thank you.

I am interested in feedback on the working lunch we had up in Special Collections in September. I thought it might be fun to do it again and everyone

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Tree Planting Honors Jean Ford

A tall, stately, Scarlet Oak, reminiscent of elegant, creative, colorful Jean Ford was dedicated at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Del Monte Lane on the 12th of October, 2003. Not only did Jean initiate the Nevada Women's History Project, she was also the president and an innovative member of the U.U. congregation for many years.

It was a beautiful Jean kind of day, the sun shining, the air clear, just right for a wildflower hike. Instead, there are perennials at the base of the tree. Thirty to forty people attended, including daughter Janet Spelman and Bev Hubbard who came up from Las Vegas, as well as several folks from Carson City. There were memories shared about the different ways in which Jean had touched our lives. It was also a time for 'reconvening' for many of us who had not seen 'Jean-friends' for several years. There were actually more contributions than the tree and planting cost. The balance is being held for a time when U.U. is able to implement the building of the patio which our Jean Tree will shade. Many thanks to all who participated in memorializing a truly special lady.

Bobby Talso and Beverly Hubbard 'Jean Tree' Co-Chairs

Jean Ford Memorial Hike

On Saturday, August 30, which was a beautiful, sunny day, several of us met at Park and Ride on Highways 50 and 395. We carpooled to the Spooner Summit Tahoe Rim Trailhead to participate in the Jean Ford Memorial Hike in honor of the 5th anniversary of the passing of the founder of the Nevada Women's History Project.

We hiked to the area where Jean Ford's ashes were scattered five years ago. It is a beautiful area with breathtaking views of both Lake Tahoe and Spooner Lake.

Again we scattered wildflower seeds and found evidence of flowers that had bloomed earlier in the season. We exchanged fond memories and experiences we had shared with Jean. Participant Penny Fairfield recited a beautiful poem, "The Dash", which was very appropriate for Jean.

Some of us returned home and others continued on a much longer hike led by Eileen Cohen. Although we were few in numbers, we were high with remembrances and spirit.

Isabel Espinoza

News from the North

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attending could take a tour of the Library. For any of you who have not been in the Lied Library at UNLV, it is quite an experience. Be thinking about it and we'll discuss it in January.

I will see many of you often before the end of the year, but to those of you who I will not see, have a wonderful holiday season, starting with that turkey that we will all eat too much of. As long as we're not still eating 'turkey noodle surprise' in the middle of December, we'll be fine.

Joyce Marshall-Moore, President Southern Region Executive Committee

The Oral History Research Center at UNLV



Claytee White

Earlier this year, I received a phone call from friends that I had previously worked with at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas wanting to know if I would ever return to Las Vegas to live and work. It had been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day, so I said, "YES," immediately. Bertie County, North Carolina, the place where I grew up but left after high school, reluctantly released me again to return to the West where within the next few months I assumed the career position as Director of the new Oral History Research Center at UNLV. The Board of Regents agreed with Peter Michel, Director of Special Collections, and Dr. Kenneth Marks, Dean of Libraries, that Oral History is a vital, viable discipline, especially in a city as young and rapidly changing as Las Vegas. So, it was my great fortune to return to the city that I love to engage in a pursuit that I enjoy.

The governor signed the budget later than expected, so in addition to a great opportunity, I got a month's vacation. On September 1, 2003, the Center opened with goals that will include: designing projects that will orally capture the history of Las Vegas and southern Nevada; assuming clearinghouse functions for oral history projects throughout the UNLV campus as well as those throughout the Las Vegas Valley to enable the Center to provide information to patrons and to be a repository for certain projects; playing an active role in state, regional, and national oral history associations; teaching classes and seminars in the art of collecting oral histories; assisting Special Collections in securing collections of historical documents where appropriate; promoting oral history as a method of gathering and preserving historical information; and encouraging those who produce and use oral history to recognize certain principles, rights, technical standards, and obligations for the creation and preservation of source materials.

The first project that the Center is undertaking is the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. This collection will contain interviews with people who migrated here in the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s as well as many who were born here during those decades and earlier. First hand stories of the Boulder Dam, Basic Magnesium, the Joe W. Brown Race Track, the opening of the Moulin Rouge, and Helldorado Parades, allow us to learn about the past in a special way that adds faces and voices to Las Vegas history. The list of additional projects grows daily, so the Center will be functional for many, many decades to come.

Special Collections, on the third floor of the Lied Library, houses the Oral History Research Center. Do come up and see me sometime.

Claytee D. White, Director Oral History Research Center at UNLV



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the project is right now.

Speaking of Carrie!! What a wonderful surprise to have Carrie, Holly Van Valkenburgh, and Mary Anne Convis attend as women from our Nevada history past. Everyone loved it and learned a lot from talking to them. A wonderful time was had by all the ladies.

An article about the tea would not be complete, however, without giving a HUGE amount of credit to Kaye Gray who worked tirelessly for months to see that this event would not only be a success, but a resounding success. She dedicated herself to this tea totally and oversaw every last detail. She and Jeanne work well together and had the same vision of what they saw for the afternoon. Thank you, Kaye and thank you, Jeanne. We all appreciate your hard work.



Joan Braun, Mary Ann Hantout, and Linda Baxter pose in front of a beautiful medieval scene



Joan Fragakis ready to pour tea at the Sarah Winnemucca fundraiser.



Laurie Porter, SuKim Chung, and Joan LeMere focus on the speaker at the Pink Tea.

New Biographies on Web Site

Four new biographies have been added to our Web site this month. They are Edna C. Baker, Anne Henrietta Martin, Jennie Riordan and Helen J. Stewart. Awaiting editing are bios of Mila Tupper Maynard and Delphine Squires.

Several others are works in progress and should be forthcoming soon. We thank Dana Bennett, Holly Van Valkenburgh, Kay Sanders, Carrie Townley Porter, Nancy Oakley, and Jill Stovall for their research and writing of the new bios.

As was declared in the February, 2003 issue of the Newsletter, the goal to encourage our members to work on producing more biographies of Nevada women was a top priority this year. The Web Site Committee is pleased with the success of this emphasis and encourages researchers and writers to continue the effort.

Kay Sanders, Co-Editor Web Site Committee

Featured Historic Nevada Woman Frances Gertrude Friedhoff

Born: June 9, 1895 Died: March 8, 1958 Maiden name: Price

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

Married: George W. Friedhoff

Children: one son

Primary county and city of residence and work:

Yerington (Lyon)

Major fields of work: state government (appointed member, Nevada State Senate, state vocational

education board), civic affairs (Red Cross), politics (Democratic National Committeewoman), women's clubs (American Legion Auxiliary, Home Makers' Clubs of Nevada, Order of Eastern Star)

Other role identities: wife, mother, public speaker

Biography:

Frances Gertrude Price was born at Stockton, CA on June 9, 1895, and came to Carson City at an early age. When quite young, her mother died and Frances was raised as a member of the family of then Governor R.K. Colcord. She received her early education in the schools of California, Oregon, and Nevada and later attended the University of Nevada.

She married George W. Friedhoff in 1912 and moved to Yerington where her husband was active in the construction business and operated several ranch properties. They had one son, George, Jr., who also attended the University of Nevada and then returned to

live in Yerington.

Her public activities were numerous. For the entire duration of World War I, Frances served upon the Council of Defense, Red Cross and as secretary of the Lyon County Four Minute Men.

Friedhoff represented agriculture and home economics on the State Board of Vocational Education for twelve years. In 1921, she was appointed by President Harding as representative from Nevada and one of the sixteen women appointed throughout the

United States to attend the Agricultural Conference called by the President to be held in Washington, DC.

In 1924 she was elected as a delegate from Nevada to the National Democratic Party convention in New York. From 1924 to 1928 she served as Democratic National Committeewoman for Nevada.

Frances was elected the first State President of the Home Makers' Clubs of the Nevada State Farm Bureau, serving for two years and in 1928 was a member of the State Advisory Board for that organization. Later she was a member of the National Speakers' Bureau of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and attended several National Conventions.

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She was a charter member of the American Legion
Auxiliary, Lyon County Unit #9, serving the local unit and department in every capacity.



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Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Frances Gertrude Freidhoff

Friedhoff served many stations during her years of membership in the Order of Eastern Star, culminating in her election as Worthy Grand Matron in June, 1928. She later made some observations regarding that year of service:

"...I have a picture which time can never dim, of smiling friendly faces, of wonderful courtesies extended, of work well done, of friendships formed...In the past years since my illness, many people have asked me if it were worth all the effort I had put into it. Yes, I feel it was indeed worth the price I paid - not because of the plaudits of the multitudes but for the deep down inside me satisfaction of knowing that I had given of my best at all times. One can never expect for long gratitude and appreciation from the outside to compensate oneself for the things they do for organizational work, for time will inevitably dim the public's memories, new people will step in to take the place of old friends and one is bound sooner or later to find oneself on the outside looking in. It is only by counting your pearls of precious memories that one can gain comfort and satisfaction from public work."

"I have truly found it is never what one gets out of an organization but what one puts into it that really counts. If one puts in their best, then and then only can there be no regrets when day is done and one faces the setting of their sun."

In March, 1935, Frances' husband, in his third term as a State Senator representing Lyon County, resigned his position to accept a federal appointment as Nevada's Federal Housing Administrator. The following week, the Lyon County Commission appointed Frances to succeed him in his Senate post and she was sworn in on March 16 as the first woman to serve in the State Senate.

A March 22 article in the Mason Valley News stated: "The list of ladies who have been elected to the Nevada Assembly and who have made fine records in that legislative body is quite long...It will be up to Mrs. Friedhoff to prove that a woman can be every bit as good a Senator as a man - and she will."

Her particular interest that session was in the advancement and betterment of rural schools. On being asked her stand on the pending assembly bill regarding the state assuming the medical and financial care of expectant mothers, she stated she favored any legislation which was beneficial to the welfare of womanhood. She would not state definitely her stand on any pending measures, but promised to act as much as possible in the way the people would have had her husband act.

It should be noted that during that session of the Legislature, two women were serving in the Assembly: Mrs. Hazel Wines of Humboldt County and Mrs. Glenn E. Grier of White Pine County. Friedhoff became a semi-invalid in her later years which stopped her public appearances, but her Red Cross record in World War II showed that "many hours were spent working to be of use to the world."

Frances Gertrude Friedhoff died on March 8, 1958 in Reno and was buried in the Masonic section of Mountain View cemetery.

(Biographical sketch by Jean Ford)

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We Honor Our Women Veterans

NWHP WINS SECOND PLACE IN HISTORICAL CATEGORY - 2003 NEVADA DAY PARADE



Winning 2003 Nevada Day Parade Entry

The 2003 Nevada Day Parade included an NWHP float with women veterans in person and others represented by NWHP members. It won second place in the Historical Category.

The float was planned by the committee of Holly Van Valkenburgh, Cherry Jones and Kathleen Clemence (who recruited the float riders). The signs were made at a gathering which also included Billie Brinkman, Isabel Espinoza, Kathleen Noneman and volunteer Lin Jones.

The day of the Parade dawned clear, bright but cold, although it warmed up as the day progressed. This was a welcome development, as it had snowed in Carson City the previous afternoon.

The truck and trailer were provided by Bing Materials from Gardnerville and the driver was Derik Haase. Both Derik and his wife Jenifer really went

above and beyond, doing a superb job of helping with decorating the float and then the driving (and honking the horn).

On the NWHP float, representing the 10,000 women from Nevada who have served in our nation's armed forces, were:

- Colonel Cindy Kirkland, USN 1973 1977 and USAF 1982 to present
- MSgt Shari Kinsley, USA 1986 1993 and USAF 1993 to present
- Kathleen Clemence, USAF 1974 1994
- Bette Jensen, USAF
- Mary Jane Evans, USAF, 1967 1971
- Helen Hohn, WASP, 1943 1944, represented by Carrie Townley-Porter



Women Veterans Honored on November 1st in Carson City.



Hard working volunteers prepare signs for Nevada Day float

- Louise Aloys Smith, WAC, 1943 1946, represented by Kathy Noneman
- Sarah Winnemucca, US Army Scout, 1878, represented by Kay Sanders

We thank these women for their service to our country and honor them!!!

Potpourri

Wanted:

One NWHP coverlet featuring the Women of Nevada is needed for a gift for the great-granddaughter of one of the featured women, Bertha Ronzone. Perhaps someone out there has one of those coverlets that they wouldn't mind passing along. Please leave a message at the NWHP office, (775) 786-2335. Reimbursement of costs guaranteed.

Update:

 Rose Irwin's daughter Mary reports that her Mom has moved to be with her son in Washington state. She still has trouble communicating but is making some progress. When she has a permanent address, we will be informed.

Thanks:

We thank Jeanne Greenawalt for hosting the Pink
Tea at her lovely home in Las Vegas. Her
graciousness and generosity are greatly
appreciated. A special thanks also to Kaye Gray for
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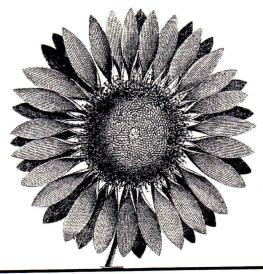
Tour Cancelled

The 5th Annual Jean Ford Silver State Sampler Tour scheduled for October 9 - 12, 2003, unfortunately had to be cancelled. The cochairmen, Carrie Townley Porter and Billie Brinkman, announced the necessity of aborting the tour due to lack of response.

There is a possibility the same four-day tour to Ely, Las Vegas and back to Reno via Tonopah, Walker Lake and Fernley, could be planned in the spring, perhaps April. Anyone who is interested in a tour at that time should phone the NWHP office (775-786-2335) and put your name on a "Yes, I am interested in a spring tour" list.

The co-chairmen thank those who did make reservations for the October tour and apologize for any inconvenience and disappointment.

Billie Brinkman



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