

## Calendar

### Northern Nevada Schedule

**SEPT. 13** - Northern Steering Committee meeting - 6:00 p.m. at NWHP office at 770 Smithridge. Bring a treat to share.

**SEPT. 18** - Martin-Wier Exchange. Washoe County Courthouse - noon to 1:30 p.m.

**SEPT. 26** - NWHP and AAUW fundraiser at the Benna Home honoring Governor and Dema Guinn. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**OCT. 15** - Western History Conference presentation by North members in Las Vegas.

**OCT. 16 & 17** - Tentative Rhyolite trip.

**NOVEMBER** - Book signing author's dinner.

**DEC. 12** - Tour and Fundraiser at the Santa House of Mary Anne Convis.

### Southern Nevada Schedule

**SEPT. 11** - Fall Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., location TBA.

**SEPT. 27** - The Biographical Encyclopedia group will meet at the home of Joan LeMere - 10:00 a.m. Call 456-9242 for information.

### State Committee Schedule

**OCT. 16** - State Board Meeting - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Home of Joan LeMere. Lunch provided.

## NWHP State Committee President's Message

It is a great honor to serve as your State President for the 2004-2006 administration. Our work of researching and writing about our Nevada women will enhance our knowledge of the present and past. When we as volunteers share generously of our time and talent, we will accomplish the goals set out for us.

When our founder Jean Ford began this organization, she had no idea that one day we would have such an impact on our state. With the determination of our members and help from Assemblywoman Marsha de Bragga, we were able to have our Nevada State Assembly pass Bill No. 267 which supports Sarah Winnemucca as the subject of the state's second statue to be placed in the United States Capitol's Statuary Hall. Our members, both northern and southern, banded together and raised in excess of \$150,000 needed to pay for the sculpture. Now, I call that teamwork. During March of 2005, all of us will have the opportunity to travel with Sarah and celebrate in Washington, D.C. when she is placed, with a great deal of fanfare, in her place of honor.

I am looking forward to working with both the Northern Region and the Southern Region. We here in the south hope to participate in some of the interesting programs that happen up north. In addition, I thank all of the members who have agreed to take positions on both state and local boards.

*In friendship, Joan M. LeMere, NWHP State President*



Joan LeMere

## NWHP Awarded \$10,000 John Ben Snow Memorial Trust Grant

Word was received in early June that the NWHP's request for a \$10,000 grant from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust had been approved. We are delighted that this amount will be forthcoming as it will enable our organization to continue working on our goal of making the history of Nevada's women available to all both via our Web site and in our Jean Ford Research Center collections.

The Jean Ford Research Center files will be enlarged considerably. In

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## *NWHP Awarded \$10,000 John Ben Snow Memorial Trust Grant*

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addition to funding the maintenance of our Web site, part of the funds are designated for the hiring of university students to assist in the ordering and cataloguing of the boxes of material that we currently have housed in the state office. Since the award check will not arrive until December 2004, we are looking at beginning the training and supervising of the part time workers in January 2005.

Thanks to this award, researchers and writers whose interests are Nevada women's history will be enabled to work with a greatly increased collection of information. We extend our thanks to the Trustees of the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust for approving our grant request.

Lisa-Marie Lightfoot and Kay Sanders

Co-Chairs, Northern Region Communications Committee

### *NWHP Leadership*

#### **NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Kathleen Noneman: Chair  
Cherry Jones: Vice-Chair  
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Treasurer  
Jeanne Larson: Secretary  
Kay Sanders: Communication Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor  
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair  
Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair  
Kathleen Allred and Carrie Townley Porter: Membership Co-Chairs  
Mary Anne Convis: Project Review Chair  
Cherry Jones and Carleen Ernest: Program Chairs  
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Past Chair

#### **SOUTHERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Anne Reck: President  
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Kaye Gray: Second Vice President  
Eva Stowers: Third Vice President  
Pat McNutt: Recording Secretary  
Jean Baker: Corresponding Secretary  
Su Kim Chung: Treasurer  
Joan LeMere: Nominating Committee Chairwoman

#### **NWHP STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Joan LeMere: President  
Cherry Jones: First Vice-President  
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Mary Anne Convis: Third Vice-President  
Mitsi Johnson: Treasurer  
Mary Gafford: Secretary  
Carleen Ernest, Northern Region Representative  
Joyce Marshall, Southern Region Representative  
Fritsi Ericson: Nevada Women's Fund Representative  
Kay Sanders: Editor for State Newsletter  
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Webmaster  
Mary Anne Convis: State Project Review Chair

### *Women in Military Service for America Memorial Site of NWHP 2005 Conference in Washington, D.C.*

Tentative plans have been made to hold the NWHP 2005 Conference at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Theater. This one day conference will include a catered lunch in the Gallery and a private tour of the Memorial. The tentative date of the conference is March 10, 2005 which would be the day after the Dedication Ceremony for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol. These dates are dependent upon approval by government officials.

The Women's Memorial is located at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington Memorial Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. The Memorial houses an Exhibit Gallery, Hall of Honor, Gift Shop, Theater, Upper Terrace, Court of Valor, and a computerized Register containing 250,000 women's stories.

The 196-seat auditorium-style Theater features a film depicting the roles women have played in America's rich military history. The Exhibit Gallery is home to 16 exhibit alcoves featuring permanent and temporary exhibits on the history of American women in the military.





# *Nevada Women's History Project - Southern Region*

## *Speaker: Dorothy Huffey, A 4th Generation Nevadan*



Bernice Fisher and Dorothy Huffy at the Southern Region summer luncheon. Dorothy (right), Social Columnist for the Las Vegas Review Journal, was the honored guest speaker at the luncheon. NWHP member Bernice is an outstanding supporter of our organization's projects.

At the NWHP Southern Region's summer luncheon held at the Golden Steer on July 10th, Dorothy Huffey, social columnist for Las Vegas Review Journal for 24 years and resident of Las Vegas since 1965, spoke on Nevada and its changes. She proudly mentioned that her son is a fourth generation graduate from UNR. After sharing numerous historical events which transpired in Nevada prior to and since its inception, Dorothy was honored with an NWHP Certificate of Appreciation for her tireless efforts in recognizing those Nevada ladies who tirelessly serve their community. She was made honorary member of NWHP Southern Region, also.

Outgoing NWHP Southern Region President Joyce Marshall-Moore accepted a check for \$12,000 from Bechtel. The check is to go to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund.

Dr. Marlene Adrian, the NWHP Southern Region Committee Chair for Las Vegas Centennial 2005, gave quite a comprehensive overview of upcoming projects. Women of Diversity, Inc. and NWHP Southern Region are jointly working on a wall of pictures. Over 800 outstanding ladies of all ethnic groups are to be honored for their accomplishments. Photos and bios will be included. Women's social and political organizations are to be recognized also.

NWHP State President Joan LeMere spoke on the realization of the great dream of NWHP Southern Region: publication of NWHP Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol

I. On the date of August 2, at 10 a.m., final editing of the 100 biographies commenced. This book will contain not only the bios but also the pictures of the 100 deceased ladies of Nevada who were instrumental in making the arid desert of Southern Nevada a better place in which to live.

On Saturday, September 11th, at 11 a.m. at the Golden Steer, NWHP Southern Region's fall luncheon will be held. Be sure to put this date on the calendar, ladies! Come to hear about the progress of the Sarah Winnemucca statue. Come to learn when the Washington, D.C. dedication of the statue will be. Come to learn how YOU can be a part of Las Vegas Centennial 2005.

Come to partake of a wonderful meal while furthering the inspiring purpose of NWHP!

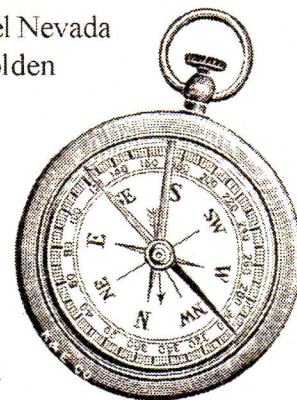
*Mary Gafford, Vice President of NWHP Southern Region*

## *News From The South*

A \$12,000 donation to the Sarah project is a great reason to celebrate -and we did. Bechtel Nevada made this welcome presentation during a special General Membership Luncheon at the Golden Steer on July 10th. Read all about it in Mary's article.

If any of our members feels the need to defend her honor the old fashioned way, give Marlene Adrian a call. Marlene, an NWHP member and director of Women of Diversity Productions, was on the U.S. Fencing Team in the late 1980s and was also a national sabre champion. She recently received the 2004 National Association for Girls and Women in Sports Honor Award.

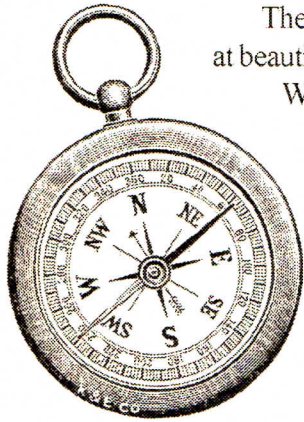
Twelve members attended the Biographical Encyclopedia meeting on August 2, at the home of Joan LeMere. Thanks for the lovely lunch, Joan. Our goal is to publish early next year; so, if writing, researching, etc. interests you, contact Joan at 702-456-9242.



*Anne Reck, President  
Southern Region Executive Committee*



# News From The North



The annual meeting for the north was held at beautiful Thunder Canyon Country Club in Washoe Valley on July 10th. Twenty-two of our members enjoyed lunch and our guest speaker, Susan Searcy, archivist at the Nevada State Archives who provided an informative and entertaining examination of some of the most notable documents and artifacts to be found at our state archives.

The membership then elected our new North Board. I will remain as chair for another year, Cherry Jones will return as vice-chair, as will Jeanne Larson as secretary. Our new board member for this next year will be Holly Van Valkenburgh as treasurer. I am so lucky as chair to have so many members who are willing to give their time and talents for NWHP. My thanks to Sarah Britt, our outgoing treasurer, for all her efforts these last two years.

Kathleen Clemence our Czarina of the Washington D.C. conference and Sarah Winnemucca Statue presentation has once again worked her magic. She has spent countless hours these past two months putting together what promises to be a fun and educational conference. NWHP is so fortunate to have the benefit of her experience in two fields: as a retired USAF officer who was stationed in the capital and as a travel agent. Kathleen reported to the members at the annual meeting about her plans for the conference. You will receive a handout in this newsletter outlining the preliminary plans. I urge you all to plan to attend this conference with us next March. Kathleen has done a great job in planning this trip to keep the cost down. Three days of exciting activities and meals in Washington, D.C. for only \$200 is a real bargain! My sincere thanks to Kathleen for all she does for our organization.

Charlene Sprague, a member who is now in Spain, has generously donated her home in Carson City to NWHP so that we can provide a place for Benjamin Victor to live while he is in Carson City working on the statue of Sarah Winnemucca.

Have you checked out our website recently at [www.nevadawomen.org](http://www.nevadawomen.org)? Please take another look at it. Our committee is improving and updating it all the time. Kay Sanders applied for and received a John Ben Snow Grant to keep improving it. I hope that you will have suggestions of items of interest and new biographies of Nevada women that

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Northern Nevada members enjoying their lunch at the Thunder Canyon Country Club in Washoe Valley.



Guests and members enjoying the beautiful view of Slide Mountain.

## South Membership Report

Since our last newsletter the Southern Region has added the following new members to our roster. We are very pleased to welcome Charlotte Barnes, Lana Buehrer, Peggy Bostian, Margie Conway, Marianne Eggleston, Mary Ann Hantout, Susan Houston, Cynthia Dianne Steel and Ladelle Taylor. We would also like to welcome Dorothy Huffey as an Honorary Member.

Thank you to the membership for promoting the NWHP and encouraging new members to join. The more members we have the more we can accomplish.

If you have any questions or need a membership application, call me at 702-242-6622.

*Kaye Gray, Membership Chair*



## *Interested in a field trip to Rhyolite? Please Read and Respond*

Is anyone interested in a trip to Beatty and Rhyolite on October 16 & 17? The subject is the Goldwell Open Air Museum at Rhyolite. What is it? - check out the website at <http://www.goldwellmuseum.org/>

Here is a tentative schedule of events, based on traveling there on Saturday morning and returning on Sunday afternoon:

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

1 p.m. Film screening of DEATH VALLEY PROJECT: The Making of the Last Supper Sculpture

Beatty Community Center, 100 A Avenue South, Beatty

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Panel Discussion on Artmaking in the Desert

Beatty Community Center, 100 A Avenue South, Beatty

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. 20th Anniversary Last Supper Dinner and Silent Auction

Beatty Senior Center, Third and Ward, Beatty

9 p.m. E.J. Wells and the Haymakers Concert

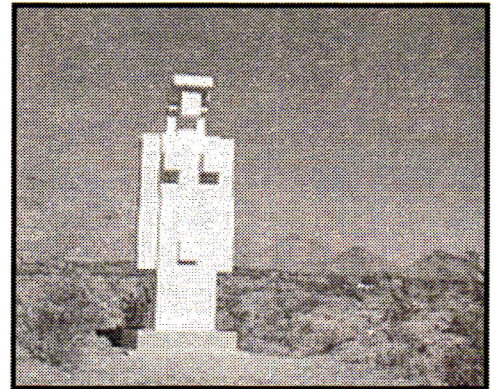
Exchange Club Lounge, Highway 95 and Main, Beatty

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

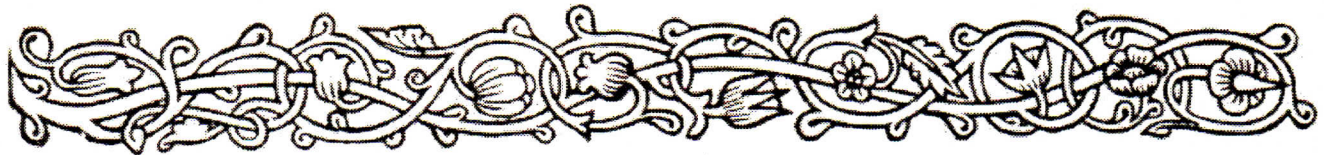
8 a.m. Walking Tour of Goldwell Open Air Museum and Rhyolite starts at Museum site

There are other options. This coincides with the History Conference being held in Las Vegas October 14-16.

If you are interested, contact me and we can arrange transportation, lodging, etc. Holly - 775-884-4246 or [hovava@juno.com](mailto:hovava@juno.com)



*Submitted by: Holly VanValkenburgh*



## *News from the North*

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you would like to see on our site. My thanks to Kay and her committee for all their hard work. Please call Website Committee Chair Nancy Oakley, Kay Sanders, Grace Davis or Carrie Porter with your ideas and comments for the website.

The North Board and committee members reported at the annual meeting that we have a healthy bank account of over \$10,000 and that our membership keeps increasing thanks to the recruiting efforts of our members. So keep up the good work.

Carlene Earnest reported on her plans for the fund raiser at the Benna House which will be a joint affair with AAUW honoring Governor and Dema Guinn. The members also learned that this Fall we will host events honoring two of our author members, Sally Zanjani and Patti Cafferata. Sally's book on Sarah Winnemucca has just been released in paperback so we will have a booksigning event for her in November. Patti Cafferata and her mother, Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, have written the Congresswoman's memoirs which will be published soon and have generously donated 5% of the profits to us. As soon as the book is released, we will be hosting an event in her honor.

Mary Anne Convis is planning a Christmas fund raiser in her home so that we can see her hundreds of Santas from all over the world.

As you can see we are planning many interesting activities for you, our members. Please come out and join us for any and all of them. If you have ideas, suggestions, questions or would like to be on one of our committees, please give me or any other member a call. This is a fun and stimulating organization, join us.

*Kathleen Noneman, Chair, Northern Region Steering Committee*



## Featured Biography

### Barbara Vucanovich



Patty Cafferata and Barbara Vucanovich

Barbara F. Vucanovich is a woman of many talents and accomplishments. She is known as a woman of "firsts". Barbara was the first woman to be elected to federal office from the State of Nevada and was the first Representative from the Second Congressional District. When she was elected Republican Conference Secretary, she became the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Her journey on the road to Congress did not begin until she moved to Nevada in the late 1940s. Barbara was born at Fort Dix, New Jersey in 1921, where her father was stationed. He was a civil engineer, who spent most of his life serving in the Army or serving the State and City of New York. Her mother, a native of California, was a member of prominent early California settlers, namely Jose Antonio Yorba, Benjamin Wilson, and James de Barth Shorb.

Barbara's three brothers and sister spent most of their early life in Albany, New York. Later, she attended Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in New York City. She came to Reno for a divorce, fell in love with Nevada and more importantly with Ken Dillon, a new attorney in town.

The couple became involved in local Republican politics and political campaigns. Later, she was elected President of the Reno Republican Women's Club and the National Federation of Republican Women in the 1950s. Barbara campaigned across the state for Cliff Young and Paul Laxalt. When Laxalt was elected to the U.S. Senate, she served as his Northern Nevada District Representative from 1974 to 1981. Then, she resigned to run for

Congress in 1982. Barbara served from 1983 to 1997, seven terms, the second longest of any Nevada member of the House.

She served on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and was Vice Chair of its Mining Subcommittee and the Oversight and Investigations Committees. After she acquired more seniority in the House, she served on the Appropriations Committee and chaired its Subcommittee on Military Construction.

Recently, she was appointed by President George W. Bush to the White House Commission to Select White House Fellows. And, she is a Trustee on the Board of St. Mary's Health Network.

Barbara is widowed. Her third husband, George Vucanovich, died in December 1998. She has five children, seventeen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

*Submitted by NWHP member Patty Cafferata, daughter of Barbara Vucanovich*





**Nevada Women's  
History Project  
Washington DC  
Conference  
March 2005**

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

**All scheduled dates are subject to change. The leadership of Congress will not confirm our requested date of March 9, 2005, for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication, until after the election.**

**Therefore, please do not commit to any expenses that are nonrefundable until the date has been finalized.**

***Nevada Women's History Project will not be responsible or liable for any direct or indirect loss of money arising in any way from the information contained in the conference materials.***



Nevada Women's  
History Project  
770 Smithridge Drive Ste 300  
Reno NV 89502

August 2004

Dear Nevada Women's History Project Member:

You are cordially invited to attend the Nevada Women's History Project Washington DC Conference in March 2005.

This exciting 3-day conference has been prepared especially for you, and your on-time registration will ensure you can participate in all the scheduled activities. This will include the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication Ceremony in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol and the Gala Reception. You won't want to miss a minute of our 3 days in Washington DC!

Travel to and from Washington DC will be on your own and at your own expense. Although the conference is scheduled for March 9-11, 2005, the actual Statue Dedication Ceremony date will not be confirmed by the Congressional Leadership until after the election. Therefore, at this time, do not purchase any nonrefundable tickets, or tickets with a high change fee, as Nevada Women's History Project will not be responsible or liable for any costs incurred by you that result in a loss due to a date change.

The **Courtyard Arlington Crystal City/Reagan National Airport** ([www.marriott.com/wasct](http://www.marriott.com/wasct)) has agreed to extend a limited number of rooms for conference attendees at the reduced rate of only \$149 per night (not including 9.75 percent tax) for single or double occupancy. Rooms with three occupants will be \$159 per night and rooms with four occupants will be \$169 per night, plus tax.

This AAA 3-diamond hotel has newly renovated guest rooms, on-site restaurant, room service, and cocktail lounge. The hotel also offers complimentary transportation to and from Reagan National Airport and the Crystal City Metro station, just 3 blocks away.

Rooms have been blocked from March 5 to March 15 to accommodate those that may arrive earlier or depart later than the actual conference dates. To reserve your room, either call the hotel direct at 703-549-3434 or the Marriott Courtyard main reservation number at 1-800-321-2211. Be sure to ask for the **"Nevada Women's History Project"** group rate when making your reservation. Make your reservations now as these rooms will quickly sell out. If the conference dates change, there will be no penalty for room cancellations.

Transportation to and from scheduled events will be via the highly efficient and very safe Metrorail system in the Washington DC area. Therefore, it is not recommended that you procure a rental car or have a car at your disposal. The Washington DC area is quite difficult to drive around in and parking, when available, is very expensive.

A Tentative Schedule of Events can be found on the reverse of this page and your Registration Form is attached. As space is limited for all events, Registration Forms must be returned with a deposit no later than September 20. Completed forms received after that date will be confirmed on a space available basis. Conference attendance will be confirmed, and attendees will be kept informed, via separate mailings.

**Kathleen Clemence**  
*Chair, NWHP Washington DC Conference*





# Nevada Women's History Project Washington DC Conference March 2005

## Tentative Schedule of Events\*

\*All dates, times, and events are subject to change

Date/Time	Event	Other Information
<i>Wednesday March 9, 2005 10 am—noon</i>	VIP Tour of the United States Capitol, including National Statuary Hall	<i>This informative and unique tour will be led by Staff Members of our Nevada Congressional Delegates.</i>
Noon—2 pm	Lunch on your own.	<i>There are a number of restaurants in the various Capitol buildings and surrounding area.</i>
2—3 pm	Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication Ceremony	<i>Invitation-only event in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol (paid conference registration includes an invitation).</i>
3—6:30 pm	Free time	<i>An opportunity to rest and relax or enjoy some of the many sights of Washington DC.</i>
6:30 pm	Gala Reception hosted by The Honorable Shelley Berkley, Representative in Congress	<i>Invitation-only event at the United States Government Printing Office (paid conference registration includes an invitation).</i>
<i>Thursday March 10, 2005 10 am—4 pm</i>	"Women in the Military" NWHP Conference	<i>Conference will be held at The Women in Military Service for America Memorial and includes lunch.</i>
10 am—4 pm	Spouses/Guests VIP Tour of the Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum	<i>A private tour prepared especially for those spouses and guests who will not be attending the "Women in the Military" Conference.</i>
6:30 pm	A Capital Feast	<i>Drinks, food, and fun!</i>
<i>Friday March 11, 2005 9 am—noon</i>	Tourmobile Sightseeing of Washington DC	<i>Our chartered 3-hour tour will take us through Arlington National Cemetery and to the major sights of Washington DC.</i>
1—4 pm	"Tracing the Life of Sarah Winnemucca through the National Archives" and the National Archives Experience	<i>A hands-on program prepared especially for the Nevada Women's History Project.</i>
4 pm—????	Free time to explore the sights and sounds of Washington DC on your own.	<i>Time to dine in a fabulous restaurant or attend a performance at one of Washington's many theaters—or maybe both!</i>

Nevada Women's History Project  
Washington DC Conference  
March 2005

An activity of the  
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For more information, contact  
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775-849-3665 or via Email to:  
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# Nevada Women's History Project Washington DC Conference March 2005 Registration Form

☐ Yes, as a **member** of Nevada Women's History Project, I will attend. Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as you would like on nametag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, my **spouse** will be attending with me. Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as he/she would like on nametag)

☐ I will have the following **guest** (non-NWHP member) attending with me. Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(as guest would like on nametag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONFERENCE FEES (subject to change):**

NWHP Member: \$200 Includes conference registration fee and all events

Spouse: \$175 Includes conference registration fee, events of March 9,  
VIP Tour of Udvar-Hazy Center, A Capital Feast,  
and events of March 11

Guest: \$250 Includes conference registration fee and all events as NWHP member  
(includes 1-year \$225 Includes conference registration fee and same events as Spouse  
NWHP 2005 membership)

**A \$100 per person deposit is required** to confirm attendance. Please make check or money order payable to **NWHP** and enclose with this registration form. Advance registration closes **Monday, September 20, 2004**. Registrations received after that date will be confirmed on a space available basis. Final payment will be due by December 15, 2004.

I have made a reservation at the Courtyard Crystal City for the dates of March \_\_\_\_\_ 2005.  
(insert dates)

Return this form, along with deposit to: NWHP Washington DC Conference, 770 Smithridge Drive Suite 300, Reno NV 89502 to arrive no later than **September 20, 2004**.

*Upon receipt of a written request, the following cancellation fees will apply: Refund of 75 percent from time of deposit to October 15; 50 percent from October 16 to November 15; 25 percent from November 16 to December 15; and 0 percent after December 16.*







Nevada Women's History Project  
and  
American Association of University Women  
Presents  
Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project

Reception to honor Governor Kenny and First Lady Dema Guinn  
Sunday, September 26 - 4 to 8 p.m.  
Steve and Karen Benna House  
13330 Rancho Verde  
Reno, Nevada



Food by Molly's Gourmet Catering  
Entertainment Complimentary beverages  
Frank Lloyd Wright Style Concrete Home Tour (Reno Magazine)

Cocktail Attire encouraged  
\$35 per person

Proceeds to benefit Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund and  
AAUW Wings Scholarships and Pine Middle School Tutoring Program

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_ tickets for me @ \$35.00 each. No later than September 20, 2004.

I cannot attend the event, but please accept my gift to AAUW in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Check enclosed for amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
Carleen J. Ernest  
NWHP/AAUW  
4790 Caughlin Parkway #194  
Reno, NV 89509  
(775) 787-8779







## Special Event - Martin-Wier Exchange - September 18th



Dr. Jeanne Elizabeth Wier

Photo credit: Nevada Historical Society

Join Anne Howard portraying Anne Martin and Holly Van Valkenburgh as Jeanne Elizabeth Wier as they exchange remarks ... and whatever else grows out of the discussion. The meeting will be Saturday, September 18, 2004 in Judge Breen's courtroom at the Washoe County Courthouse, 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm.

Recreated time: April 15, 1947

Occasion: Nevada Native Daughters' Dinner in honor of Dr. Jeanne Elizabeth Wier.

Although not a Native Nevada Daughter, Dr. Wier was being honored for her continued efforts to collect and preserve Nevada historical documents and articles. Anne Martin "decided to be magnanimous and go, and sit at the speakers' table."

Drs. Martin and Wier were both students at Stanford University, where they had a friend in common, Lou Henry (Mrs. Herbert Hoover). Anne Martin returned to Nevada in 1897 to start the History program at Nevada State University; Jeanne Elizabeth Wier came in 1899 to substitute for Anne Martin while she was on a leave of absence.

What happened when Anne Martin returned? That and the subsequent years as these two women dealt with their lives will be shared in the Martin-Wier Exchange. The Nevada suffrage movement, the founding and continuation of the Nevada Historical Society and other aspects of life in Nevada in the first half of the 20th century will be some of the topics discussed.

### *"Letters from Nevada's Daughters" Project Update*



The Letters from Nevada's Daughters Project of the Nevada Women's History Project was started in 1999 with the instigation of letters written by Barbara Vucanovich to her children and grandchildren. She spoke of her life and ramifications of being a wife, mother, widow and Congresswoman.

Her autobiography will be published this fall by UNR Press, but not in the letter format which was determined to be too informal for an autobiography of Barbara's public and private life.

The "Letters from Nevada's Daughters" Project has taken a back seat to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project for the past three years. After the statue dedication ceremony in March of 2005, it is planned to resume the "Letters" Project with greater emphasis.

The purpose of the "Letters" Project is to have first-person materials about life in 20th Century Nevada on file in the Jean Ford Research Center in Reno and in the Jean Ford Center at the Clark County Library. When a researcher is writing about the history of Nevada in the 20th Century, first-person information will be available. Never again will the history of Nevada be written about its male citizens only.

NWHP members are encouraged to look at the format online at [www.nevadawomen.org](http://www.nevadawomen.org) and be composing their "letters" for the

Project. A contributor may be a Daughter of Nevada by either birth or choice

*Holly Van Valkenburgh, Past Chair, Northern Region.*



# Featured Historic Nevada Woman

## Anne Henrietta Martin

### At A Glance:

**Birthdate:** September 30, 1875, Empire City, Nevada  
**Death:** April 15, 1951, Carmel, California  
**Maiden Name:** Baptized Anna Henrietta Martin; aka Annie  
**Race/nationality/ethnic background:** Caucasian/American/  
Irish and Bavarian  
**Married:** no  
**Children:** none  
**Primary city and county of residence and work:** Reno,  
Washoe County  
**Major Fields of Work:** Women's suffrage movement,  
international peace, rights of women and  
children.

Anne Henrietta Martin was the daughter of a very traditional Bavarian mother and an exceptionally open-minded Irish father. Christened Anna, she was called Annie in her youth and from about 1900 on was known as Anne. Her mother, Louise Stadtmiller Martin, cherished the most conservative of Victorian ideals, and taught a nursery school at home. Anne was well educated throughout her entire life and enjoyed physical comfort and intellectual stimulation.

At the age of eighteen, she wrote: "Will I never have any ambition, will I never accomplish anything...? O, I must do something. I suppose I should live more for others, but I don't understand how. I must do something."

Her father was a member of the Nevada Senate 1875-1879. He was involved in a mercantile store in Empire City, but moved the family to San Francisco in 1880 when the town declined. They returned to Reno in 1883 and built a house at the corner of Mill and Lake Street. He later became president of the Washoe County Bank, the Reno Water Company and the Reno Flour Mills.

Anne and her sisters attended Bishop Whittaker School for Girls. Anne was very spirited and in 1891 she and her classmates were told they would need an additional year

instead of graduating. Instead, Anne enrolled in Nevada State University, where she tested as a sophomore. Three years later she had earned her B.A. degree at the age of 19. In two years at Leland Stanford Junior University she earned a B.A. in history and a year later an M.A. in history. She returned to Reno to found the Department of History at Nevada State University and was on the faculty there from 1897-1901.

She took a leave of absence 1899-1901 and studied at the Universities of London, Leipzig and Columbia, and was a student at Chase's Art School in New York City 1899-1900. She traveled and studied in Europe and the Orient in 1904-1907 and 1909-1911.



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Anne Martin's ten years of travel and study brought her to the cause of feminism. In England she associated with the Fabian Socialists and affiliated with the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). She participated in political activism with Christabel and Emmeline Parkhurst and enjoyed the Lyceum Club activities.

In January 1910, she was arrested in Great Britain with 114 other women and four men. They were sent by the WSPU to the House of Commons to request the Prime Minister to give further facilities of the Conciliation Bill which would enfranchise British women to a limited extent. Herbert Hoover was sent by his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, Anne's friend since Stanford days, to pay her bail. However, her bail had already been paid by Frederick Pethick-Lawrence, WSPU Treasurer.

In 1910, the Nevada Equal Franchise Society was established with the aid of Professor Jeanne Weir and the first suffrage legislation was passed by the Nevada Legislature. Anne Martin returned to Nevada and was elected president in 1912, with Bird Wilson as vice-president. Anne Martin organized the campaign that won women's suffrage with the popular vote in Nevada on November 3, 1914, after passing the Legislature in 1911 and 1913.

She was a delegate to the Women's International League

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## *Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Anne Henrietta Martin*



for Peace and Freedom, member of the executive committee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and elected national chairperson of the National Woman's Party and the first Woman's Party national convention in Chicago in June 1918. She was the first female member of the Nevada Educational Survey Commission in 1915.

Anne Martin was president of the Nevada Women's Civic League. She was the author of numerous newspaper and magazine articles on political and economic subjects and women's equality. She was also the first state woman tennis champion.

Anne Martin was an Independent candidate for the U.S. Senate from Nevada in 1918 and 1920. She wrote magazine articles about women's equality. In 1919, in *Good Housekeeping*, she wrote, "The question we must have answered in the coming campaign is not "What shall women do for the political parties?" but "What shall the political parties do for women?"

In 1920, in *Good Housekeeping*, she wrote, "Last year our government spent \$47,000 to protect farmers against avoidable losses of hogs, corn and cattle. In the same period it spent, in an effort to prevent the avoidable loss of mothers and babies, just \$47,000 less. And we lost 250,000 babies and nearly 23,000 mothers died in childbirth. Such discrimination in favor of hogs and corn should cease." Her powerful rhetoric definitely supported the adoption of the Sheppard-Towner law for protection of maternal and infancy cases.

She and her mother sold the house in Reno in 1921 and moved to Carmel, California. She wrote magazine articles about women's equality and was an advocate for children. She participated in music club meetings, Democratic women's gatherings and daily walks

with her dog. She enjoyed physical comfort and intellectual stimulation.

Anne Martin advocated Farmer's Markets, which would eliminate the wasteful cost of handling by middlemen. She was a member of the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union. Her writings during the next thirty years championed the causes of women and children. She continued to be active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPD), and worked with Jane Addams on various issues. Her activities were curtailed for several years by a heart attack in 1930.

She campaigned for the Equal Rights Amendment. She wrote articles for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*; an article on Josephine Butler and one on the white slave traffic. In her later years, she spent much of her time in Reno, living at the Golden Hotel and using the Washoe County Library for research.

In recognition of Miss Martin's leadership in the fight for state and national suffrage and her work in other fields, the University of Nevada in 1945 conferred upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws. The citation read, "Anne Henrietta Martin... native daughter, distinguished alumnus, student and scholar, inspiring teacher, disciple of world peace, pioneer in the triumphant struggle for women's rights, leader of womankind... Doctor of Laws."

Biographical sketch by Holly Van Valkenburgh

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# *On The Scene: Nevada Women's History Project Members Gather for Luncheon*



Marlene Adrian, right, Nevada Women's History Project member and project director of Women of Diversity Productions Inc., distributes applications for The Role of Women in Shaping Las Vegas nominations. Mary Gafford, from left, and Joan LeMere review the applications. The three women serve on the 2005 Las Vegas Centennial Committee for the Nevada Women's History Project, Southern Region.



Joan LeMere, from left, and Joyce Moore-Marshall accept a financial donation for the Sarah Winnemucca Project from Kathy Vaselopoulos and Lana Bueher, both representatives of Bechtel Nevada.



Members of the Nevada Women's History Project gather for a luncheon at the Golden Steer on July 10th. Mitsi Johnson, from left, Jean Baker, Joan LeMere, Mary Gafford, Kaye Gray and Su Kim Chung are among the guests.

The Southern Region chapter of the Nevada Women's History Project met for its quarterly luncheon on July 10th at the Golden Steer Restaurant.

The Nevada Women's History Project was founded in March 1996 with a Northern Region and a Southern Region. The nonprofit organization supports the gathering and dissemination of history of the contributions of Nevada women of every race, class and ethnic background.

The organization was spearheaded by the late legislator and activist Jean Ford, who discovered that a void existed in the knowledge of the roles women have played in Nevada's history.

The Southern Region chapter is particularly active in preparing biographies on women involved in the early history of Southern Nevada for the Las Vegas centennial in 2005.

During the lunch program it was announced that the Sarah Winnemucca statue to represent Nevada in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall will be created by South Dakota artist Benjamin Victor, 25. The 7-foot-tall bronze sculpture of the Paiute activist is scheduled for completion by spring 2005.

The Nevada Women's History Project initiated the effort to have Sarah Winnemucca approved as Nevada's second statue in the hall, and members have led the fund-raising effort, raising more than \$150,000 for the statue.

Honored at the luncheon was Bechtel Nevada for its recent Winnemucca donation. Representing the company at the luncheon were Lana Bueher and Kathy Vaselopoulos.

Among those attending were Dianne Steel, Bernice Fischer, Florence McClure, Maryanne Bollinger, Mary Latin and Pat McNutt.

Introduced were new officers for next year: Anne Reck, president; Mary Gafford, vice president of programs; Kaye Gray, vice president of membership; Su Kim Chung, treasurer; and Jean Baker, recording secretary.

As for state positions, which alternate every other year between north and south, Joan LeMere of Las Vegas will serve as president; Gray as vice president; Mitsi Johnson as state treasurer; and Gafford as state recording secretary.

Marlene Adrian, project director of Women of Diversity Productions Inc., gave an update on its role with the Nevada Women's History Project in identifying, organizing, and displaying and archiving information on the influence of women of all ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, political and other specific demographics who have impacted the growth and development of Las Vegas.

LeMere displayed a beautiful glass award shaped in a flame motif that Nevada Women's History Project Southern Region received from the city of Las Vegas.

Claytee White, director of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Oral History Research Center, explained that oral histories, especially those of women, are actively being sought, recorded and preserved here.

Also attending were Sally Wathen, Beth Stewart, Marianne Eggestat, Nadia Gamlin, Sandra Frank, Maryanne Hantout, Kelly Kim, Jeanne Greenawalt, Persia Golden, Susan Houston, Jean Spiller, Joyce Moore-Marshall, Ruth Lillis and Peggy Bostian.

Photos by Marian Umhoefer



## Thanks to:

- I would like to thank the many NWHP members for their support and many kindnesses I received as my husband, Keith, and I fought a long and difficult battle with his cancer. Although we lost him at the end of May, it was so helpful to know that so many people cared. His one request to me was that the NWHP finish the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. Thanks to so many of our members, that request is being fulfilled.

Carrie Townley Porter

## Congratulations to:

- Jeanmarie Simpson, who joined NWHP this spring, for her new play, *A Single Woman*, which is based on the life of Jeannette Rankin, (1880-1973), who was the first woman to be elected to the United States Congress. Jeanette Rankin served from 1917 to 1919 as congresswoman at large from Montana. Jeanmarie will be taking a sabbatical from her job as Nevada Shakespeare Company Artistic Director and plans to work as a visiting artist-in-residence at Great Basin College in Elko for the fall semester in addition to performing the play nationwide.

## Our Condolences to:

- Past State President Carrie Townley Porter on the loss of her husband Keith who passed away on May 24th after a long bout with pancreatic cancer. He will be missed by our members who enjoyed his delicious cooking, expert wine pouring, and wonderful sense of humor. He was a stalwart supporter of his wife and the NWHP activities with which he actively participated.
- Long-time member Bobbie Talso whose husband Rudy passed away on June 27th.
- The family and friends of Elmer Rusco, a retired University of Nevada, Reno Political Science professor, who was an active and long standing member of NWHP. He died in Arlington, Virginia on July 3rd. His last contribution to NWHP was to help edit one of our Web site biographies last spring.

Articles for the November 2004 newsletter are due to Newsletter Editor Kay Sanders no later than October 27, 2004. E-mail her at [ksanders@unr.nevada.edu](mailto:ksanders@unr.nevada.edu).

## Announcement:

- The Silver Sage Business and Professional Women's Club in conjunction with National Business Women's Week will host a women's forum and luncheon on the Status of Women in Northern Nevada on Saturday, October 23, 2004 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Location is: Belle's Tea Cottage, 1635 Marvel Way, Reno, NV. Cost is \$18 per person through August 31, \$20 per person thereafter. RSVP Muriel Branson at (775) 853-6074. Make checks payable and mail to: Silver Sage BPW, Attn: Muriel Branson, 59 Damonte Ranch Pkwy, #B-122, Reno, NV 89521.

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