

NWHP

NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY

Project News

Calendar

Northern Nevada Schedule

JUNE 18 - Steering Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM. Thunder Canyon Country Club, Washoe Valley, Nevada

JUNE 18 - Annual Meeting and Luncheon, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM at Thunder Canyon Country Club, Washoe Valley. Program: Bob Harmon and Gwen Clancy will show excerpts from the 7+ hours of videotape of the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project which they are compiling for NWHP. Please call Kathy Noneman if you need help with transportation. Lunch is \$25.00 and your choice of entrees is either shrimp and pasta or chicken pear salad. Please send your lunch choice and payment to the NWHP office prior to June 19, 2005.

Southern Nevada Schedule

MAY 14 - So. Region luncheon meeting at Golden Steer Restaurant, 308 W. Sahara Avenue, 11AM, Speaker Jan Cleere is coming to offer her book MORE THAN PETTICOATS. Luncheon selections include coffee or tea, house salad, and ONE of the following: steak/potato; lemon chicken or salmon with Minnesota rice. Price is \$23. Please make reservations with SueKim by Thursday, May 12, so an accurate seating count may be acquired. Her phone: 837-6584.

Sarah Winnemucca's Greatness Nationally Recognized



A fascinating human being lived in Nevada during the 19th century, a woman named "Shellflower."

This woman, to be later known as Sarah Winnemucca, was born a Paiute princess, daughter and granddaughter of Chief Winnemucca and Chief Truckee of the western Nevada Paiute Tribe. In her 47 years she became an army scout, linguist, translator, author, educator, lecturer, performer and political activist. She authored the first book ever written by a Native American woman -- *Life Among the Piutes: Their wrongs and Claims*. And she founded the first school for Native American children.

Sarah's greatest wish was to interpret the Native American to the White Man, enhancing communication between the two. She was a great

"uniter," teaching each of the dignity of the other. What a daunting task, given the hunger of the White Man for more and more native lands, under the "permission" of the Doctrine of Manifest Destiny!

At long last, and thanks to the tireless efforts of several of our members in fundraising, legislative lobbying and planning, on March 9, 2005 Sarah received nationwide recognition as a great woman. In Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol, a statue of Sarah was splendidly unveiled in flowing bronze, sculpted by artist Benjamin Victor. The Congressional leadership and many dear friends from Nevada and the Nevada Women's History Project honored her, thrilled by the triumph of the moment. Nothing could dim the joy of that special event, although a large portrait of Columbus meeting "Indians" upon landing in North America loomed behind Sarah, ironically foretelling devastation to Native Americans over the next four hundred years!

The triumph of March 9 evolved from the dogged hard work and spirited vision of many members and friends of our organization, the Governor and First Lady among them. Thanks to them, our "Shellflower" has taken her place in the national

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South Membership Report

The Southern Region has added seven new members to our roster since our last newsletter. We would like to welcome **Ann Abraham, Alice Eubanks, Irene Hammer, Edith Lee, Laurie Porter, Monica Simmons** and **Nora Wieland**. We are excited to have these talented ladies as members of Nevada Women's History Project. Please let us know if there is any particular area you are interested in helping with.

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

Kaye Gray, Membership Chair

NWHP Leadership

NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Noneman: Chair
Cherry Jones: Vice-Chair
Holly VanValkenburgh: Treasurer
Jeanne Larson: Secretary
Kay Sanders: Communication Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair
Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair
Carrie Townley Porter: Membership Chair
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
Mary Gafford: First Vice President
Kaye Gray: Second Vice President
Pat McNutt: Recording Secretary
Jean Baker: Corresponding Secretary
Su Kim Chung: Treasurer

NWHP STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Joan LeMere: President
Cherry Jones: First Vice-President
Kaye Gray: Second Vice-President
Mary Anne Convis: Third Vice-President
Elsa Torgerson: Treasurer
Mary Gafford: Secretary
Carleen Ernest: Northern Region Representative
Joan Fragakis: 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

State Committee Motions

The NWHP State Committee approved the following motions on April 7, 2005:

1. To pay Molly's Gourmet Catering \$7,650 for the food and beverages for the Carson City Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication Reception from the NWHP Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project account.

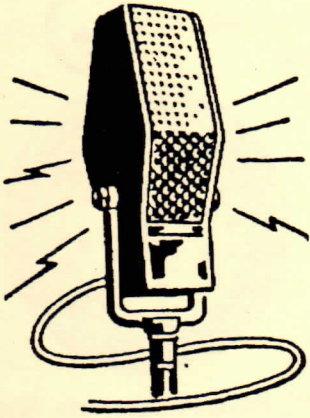
2. To accept the resignation of Mitsi Johnson as State Treasurer. (President LeMere has appointed Elsa Torgerson to the position.)

3. To complete the \$5,000 donation for the Nevada flag flange at The Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, DC from leftover NWHP Washington DC Conference money and other donations.

4. To support the printing of the second volume of another 100 biographies as a State Project with Joan LeMere, Mary Gafford, and Nancy Sansone serving as Project Coordinators and with a NWHP Northern Region representative to be appointed by the next State Committee meeting. Fundraising plans will be presented at that same committee meeting.

5. To approve that Benjamin Victor, at his discretion, be allowed to sell artist editions of the Sarah Winnemucca maquette to members of NWHP and these statue committee members listed: Bob Harmon, Sara Jones, Ron James, Guy Rocha, Holly Van Valkenburgh, Susan Boskoff, Dema Guinn, Steven High, Debbie Allen, Mary Lee Fulkerson, Carrie Porter, Richard Hooker, and Mary Anne Convis. (Discussion: Mary Anne Convis announced sculptor Benjamin Victor had offered maquettes to some individuals who had worked on the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project at a reduced price of \$3,300 or \$8,400, depending on the maquette size. Some of the above named individuals have taken advantage of that offer. The State Committee felt it was inappropriate for certain individuals, particularly if they are NWHP members, to benefit from a reduced rate, especially if they were involved in the selection of the artist or negotiating the contract for the maquette sales. Further, as all NWHP members are volunteers who work selflessly for the organization, without regard for compensation, no member should benefit financially just because they worked on one particular project when so many NWHP members work just as hard on other projects without receiving any type of benefit. Therefore, to settle this inequity, the State Committee felt all NWHP members should have the opportunity to buy a maquette at a reduced price if Benjamin would sell it to them directly, even if this reduces the commission NWHP will receive on the maquettes sold by Nevada Women's Fund at \$5,500 and \$14,000, depending on size.)

NWHP State Committee President's Message



The winds of March almost blew us over but there was nothing in the world that could stop us from enjoying that moment of triumph we felt as we saw the statue of Sarah Winnemucca unveiled in the rotunda of the United States Capitol in Washington, D. C. The members who were fortunate enough to be there cheered enough for all of our members. It truly was a privilege to take part in this historic event. The entire three day conference was planned from start to finish by our own Kathleen Clemence. Kathleen did a most professional and perfect job. Her attention to detail astounds me and I believe that there is a computer inside her brain. We are so fortunate to have her as a member of our organization. Thank you so very much Kathleen from Nevada Women's History Project, and most of all from me. You are one true volunteer.

April 6th as you all know we dedicated another statue of Sarah Winnemucca in Carson City, Nevada. This dedication was in conjunction with the Oasis Conference put on by the State of Nevada, and was funded by NWHP. This Statue is an exact replica of the one in Washington D.C. Dema Guinn our member, and Governors wife felt so strongly that Nevada needed a statue here in Nevada for all the people and children to see that she raised the funds for this second statue. Seeing it standing there in the center of our own capitol really is a thrill. I was fortunate to be able to say a few words at this dedication on behalf of NWHP and I hope that my words were your sentiments. When the dedication was over I happened to be the first one walking into the Capitol building. There was Sarah! It was just Sarah and I. What a moment! I shall never forget it.

On a final note I want to congratulate you all on a fine job done on this project. We set out on the Sarah Winnemucca Project 5 years ago and we now have brought it to completion. What a team, North and South. My thanks to every one of you for your part however small it may have been. In Friendship

In friendship,

Joan LeMere, State Committee President

National Archives File 268



The photocopies of the materials in the National Archives File 268, presented to NWHP in Washington, DC, are now at the Nevada State Library & Archives. Librarian Mona Reno is excitedly perusing the contents and finding many marvelous documents about Sarah Winnemucca and created by her.

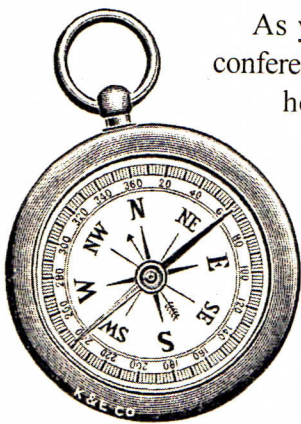
I saw the notorious Malheur Reservation paperwork and petitions that Sarah carried with her whenever she gave a public presentation. Mona is planning to attend our Annual Meeting and I am sure will have other wonderful bits of information to offer.

NSLA also plans to purchase the microfilm of the U.S. Office of Indian Affairs. "The Case of Sarah Winnemucca." Nevada Superintendency. Special files. Roll 74, File 268. National Archives, Washington, D.C

Mona is preparing that wonderful bibliography of Sarah Winnemucca that I shared in Washington, DC. It has grown quite extensively since then - now over 30 pages! Hopefully, it will someday be online for all to use.

Holly Van Valkenburgh

News From The North



As you all probably know by now the conference in Washington, DC was all that we hoped it would be and then some.

Charlie and I were privileged to have our eleven year old grandson, Sean Noneman, with us for a week in the capital. Seeing Washington, DC and the statue ceremony through the eyes of an eleven year old boy was a special treat for us.

His tumble down the stairs afforded us an interesting backstage tour of the Capitol building and its medical facilities. Congressman Jim Gibbons gave Sean a private history lesson about the famous people who had walked the very halls where we had walked that day. I am sure Sean will never forget that conversation and his first trip to Washington, DC.

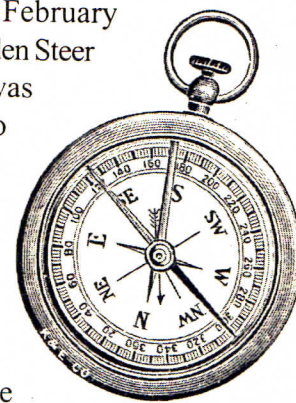
Our conference day at the Women in Service to America Memorial was truly inspirational. We all learned so much that day about the dedicated women who have served our country in both military and civilian capacities. I learned that I am eligible for membership through my years in Civil Air Patrol and our founder Jean Ford for her service as a "doughnut dolly". I am sure that many more of our members have similarly served. To honor that service, NWHP has purchased the right to inscribe the stanchion that carries the Nevada flag. We welcome all ideas for a suitable inscription that honors all Nevada women who have served our nation.

Now that we have two statues enshrined, one in Washington and one in Carson City, and one more dedication planned for Las Vegas this summer, I think that we can look back with pride on everything the organization has done to make sure that Sarah Winnemucca is properly honored. We weren't the first people to think that Sarah had been slighted by history. For almost twenty years before we became involved, people such as Georgia Hedrick and others had tried to bring the story of Sarah Winnemucca and all she had done to public attention. This time Nevada was ready to recognize her life and accomplishments. Communities and citizens throughout the state helped to make this statue a reality. My thanks to all of you who have contributed so much to make all this possible.

The North Annual Meeting and election of officers will be at Thunder Canyon Country Club on June 18th. Gwen Clancy and Bob Harmon will present a program of highlights

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News From The South



NWHP-So. Region, at its February meeting held at the luxurious Golden Steer Restaurant on W. Sahara Ave., was honored to have two speakers who had met the challenges of being female African American entertainers during the 1950's and '60's. D. D. Cotton, an entertainer at the Cotton Club for many years, shared her experiences of being the first female African American dealer at Caesar's Palace on the strip. She brought for display numerous nostalgic items from Vegas. Also, a biography about her exciting life which was written by So. Region's own Claytee White was on display. The bio can be viewed at the Women's Studies section at Lieds Library, UNLV.

DeeDee Jasmin spoke on her experiences entertaining at the famous Moulin Rouge located on West Bonanza Ave. She described in detail the rigid guidelines of conduct expected of entertainers, shopping in luxurious shops at the Rouge, and working at other casino showrooms. She mentioned how it was to look out in the audience and see such famous person: as Jack Benny, George Burns, Milton Berle, Bob Hope, Lena Horne, Esther Williams, or Sammy Davis and Dean Martin in the audience. Dee Dee brought numerous articles and nostalgic items for display. She is in the process of writing her memoirs, also.

NWHP-So. Region's upcoming luncheon is slated for Saturday, May 14 and is being held at the exquisite Golden Steer Restaurant located at 308 W. Sahara Avenue. From 11AM until noon is the social hour and a MEET THE AUTHOR opportunity. Yes, our speaker Jan Cleere is coming early to offer her softbound book MORE THAN PETTICOATS for sale. Discount price is \$10. Her autograph is FREE! That offer is extended to persons who previously have purchased her book!

Golden Steer Restaurant's luncheon selections include coffee or tea, house salad, and ONE of the following: steak/potato; lemon chicken or salmon with Minnesota rice. Price is \$23---up \$3 due to cost of living! The \$23 is to be paid to Treasurer Sue Kim Chung at the door on the 14th! Please make reservations with SueKim by Thursday, May 12, so an accurate seating count may be acquired. Her phone: 837-6584.

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Thanks to Many for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue in our Nevada State Capitol

The celebration of the unveiling of the statue in Carson City was truly beautiful. First Lady Dema Guinn deserves credit for helping to raise the money for the second statue. I hope all of our members will remember to thank you for her support of this project. The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs did a magnificent job planning the celebration. Please make a special effort to thank those who work in that department for all their help over the years of this project.

Last, but certainly not least, a big hug and thank you for all our members have done to make this dream a reality. Every one of you played a part sharing the responsibility of raising funds. As co-chair of this project, I cannot find words to express my appreciation for all you did.

We have been asked "What's next?" We know that success brings success. We have long standing projects that always need your help. If you ask me what's next, I'll find a project for you!

Thanks again for being such a wonderful organization.

Mary Anne Convis

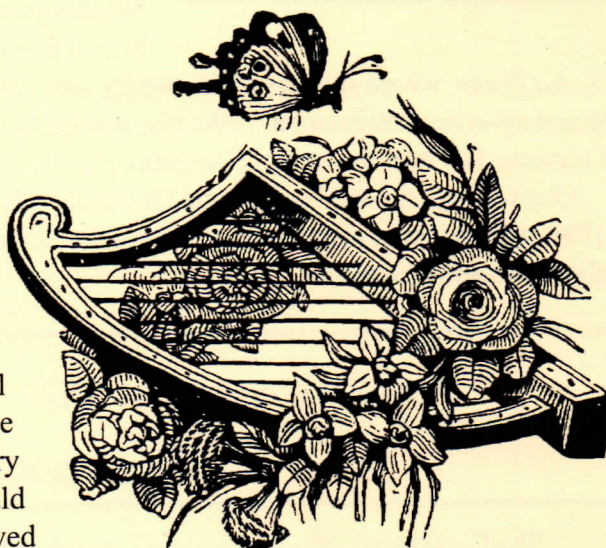
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from our 7 hours of video tape of all the activities involving the creation of the Sarah Winnemucca Statue. Congratulations to Rose Stuart who won the maquette of Sarah that was raffled off.

We now hope to get back to writing our biographies for the website and the encyclopedia of Nevada Women. There are so many to do that we need all of you to help. Please remember the "Letters to Nevada's Daughters" project too. Look for events starting this Fall where you will have the opportunity to meet many of our authors. Vicki Ford will have two new books, one about Chrissy Caughlin and the other an oral history of Sue Wagner. Barbara Vucanovich and Patty Cafferata's book should also be published soon. The Jean Ford research center is being improved thanks to a generous grant from the John Ben Snow Foundation. Our project has accomplished so many things this year and continues to pursue its mission. I hope that all our members will continue to volunteer their time and talents in support of that mission.

Kathleen Noneman, Chair, Northern Region Steering Committee



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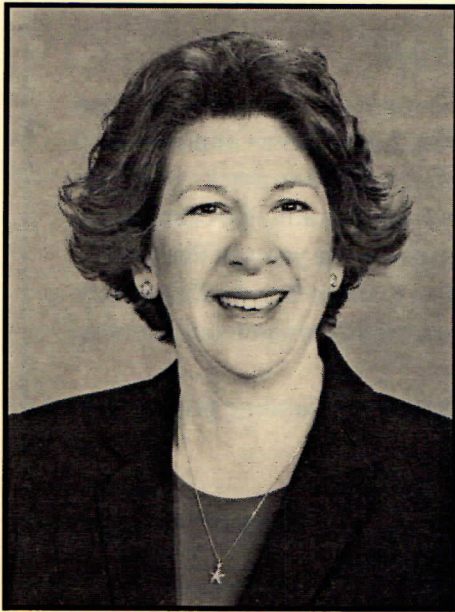
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After leader Anne Reck calls the meeting to order and the lavish lunch is devoured, authoress Jan Cleere is to speak on events leading up to her writing and publishing of *MORE THAN PETTICOATS: REMARKABLE NEVADA WOMEN* and to her second book *OUTLAWS IN ARIZONA*. Jan, a member of NWHF-No. Region, resides in Tucson, AZ. She totally is fascinated by the "old west" and those rugged pioneers who passed through and left their mark on the ravages of time!

Remember to call SueKim at 837-6584 for Saturday, May 14th reservations. See you at Golden Steer Restaurant where you can get Jan Cleere's FREE autograph and learn more about her writing experiences.

*Mary Gafford, 1st Vice President
Southern Region Executive Committee*

Featured NWHP Member: Kathleen Clemence



Our outstanding member Kathleen Clemence was honored at the fourteenth annual Nevada Women's Fund Salute to Women of Achievement Luncheon on May 10th in Reno. She was selected to represent the Nevada Women's History Project as their 2005 Woman of Achievement. Kathleen was unanimously chosen for this honor as she had spent more than a year volunteering her time and talent to work on the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication held in Washington, D.C. last March. Not only did she serve as the Chair of the Dedication Events, she also chaired and organized the NWHP Conference held in conjunction with the Dedication. Additionally, she was the Chair and money manager for the Sarah Winnemucca Fundraising Committee. She worked with Nevada state personnel, public officials, and the artist who created the statue in planning and executing the event. This was a draconian task. Kathleen proved to be admirably capable, and the result was a wonderful dedication and conference. The NWHP is grateful for her achievement.

Kathleen was born and raised in San Rafael, California. She graduated from California State University at Chico and Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma, Washington where she earned an M.A. in Social Sciences. She chose a career in the

U.S. Air Force, where she served for twenty years and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel upon her retirement in 1994. She was honored many times while serving in the military. Her awards would fill an entire page.

After retiring, she and her husband DeVonde, moved to Reno. She joined the NWHP in 1996 and has served as our Treasurer, State Secretary, Membership Committee assistant, and policies and procedures coordinator.



Announcement: History of the Comstock - Women on the Comstock

The Comstock Lode and Virginia City figure prominently not only in the history of Nevada, but also in the history of the Western United States and the history of the mining industry generally. This class will provide a brief overview of Comstock history, and then move to the subject of how Comstock history provides insights into the role of women in the creation of Western U.S. communities. A brief paper (with more extensive work required for graduate students) on students' areas of research interests relating to the Comstock and women will provide an opportunity to use interesting primary and secondary research sources. This two-Saturday class will entail a first lecture/discussion session and a follow-up walking tour of Virginia City area (students must provide their own transportation). Internet and email access are required.

Instructors: Ron James, MA, and Susan James, MA. Mr. James is the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer and adjunct faculty in the Historic Preservation program at UNR. Mrs. James is an author and local historian.

Tuition/Costs: For one credit: \$98 undergraduate/\$130.50 graduate. A \$60 university application fee may be required for students who are not graduates of UNR and have not taken a UNR course recently.

Meeting Dates: Two Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. July 16 and July 30.

Location: First Saturday at the UNR Redfield Campus, Room 213. 18600 Wedge Parkway, Reno. Second Saturday will be a walking tour in Virginia City (students will supply their own transportation there).

For more information contact Extended Studies at 784-4046.

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Sculptor Victor Benjamin with Governor Guinn and Senators Reid and Ensign.

consciousness and in our hearts.

We received many requests for the English translation of the blessing that Ralph Burns did in the Paiute language at the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Dedication. Here is that translation.

It is good that we are gathered here. This Woman (motioning to the statue) really makes us feel proud. This woman met the challenges of her time. Few people don't understand but the history of the things she did are what brought her to this great place. Avoiding any and all controversy we all pay tribute to her.

We now ask the creator to bless the people that brought us together here and that made this possible (NWHP, NV Political Representatives) mostly Tsome Todega herself.

Bless the people in higher places, Bless all the Numu people she helped. We show honor and respect for all things she did for Numu People. All the people that are gathered here bless them. Bless our Mother Earth, Bless All things that roam and grow on this earth, Bless our water and our Air. Bless and respect the relatives of Tsome Todega. Our Creator anything I forgot you shall fulfill.

Go in a good way.

Poowa Poowa (blowing blessing to creator)

Susan Paslov



Sculptor Victor Benjamin with Governor and Mrs. Kenny Guinn.



Nevada Paiute representatives with First Lady Dema Guinn.



NWHP members pose in front of Sarah Winnemucca.



NWHP members at the unveiling in Washington, DC.

Featured Historic Nevada Woman

Eva Bertrand Adams

Born: September 10, 1908

Place of Birth: Wonder, a mining camp in Churchill County, Nevada

Maiden Name: Eva Bertrand Adams

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

Married: No

Children: None

Primary city and county of residence and work: She lived in several mining camps in Nevada (Fairview, Buckhorn, Aurora, and Thompson) and also lived and attended schools in Reno. She taught several years in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada and lived and worked in Washington D.C.

Major fields of work:

- High school teacher and university professor
- Office administrator for Senators Patrick McCarran, Ernest Brown, and Alan Bible
- Director of U.S. Mint
- Assistant to Chairman of Mutual of Omaha

Biography:

Eva Adams was the daughter of Cora (Varble) and Verner Lauer Adams. Her father worked for George Wingfield, the mining magnate. Her father was hired to set up various facilities in mining camps for Wingfield, including hotels, commissaries, and bars. The family would go and stay until the camp was running and then move on to other locations. Therefore, the Adams family moved around the state of Nevada frequently.

Picking up and moving throughout her childhood, she said, taught her independence, the ability to make friends quickly, and to be happy wherever she was.¹ She reported that this life ultimately became wearing on her mother, and the family settled in Reno.

Her early education was in various one-room schoolhouses in Nevada, which allowed her to advance at her own pace in her early school years. When the family settled in Reno, she was ahead of her peers, and was able to graduate from Reno

High School at age 14. Her first political interest was while attending Orvis Ring School in Reno where she passed out literature for the Reno mayor. She exhibited an early love for both history and political science in school.

Adams won a scholarship to Vassar but decided to stay in Reno to attend the University of Nevada. In addition to her academic abilities, she joined many campus organizations and became editor of the campus newspaper, the "Sagebrush". She became known as a real "workhorse", stating that many of the male students recognized her work ethic and allowed her to do most of the work.

After graduating from the University of Nevada, in 1928, she began teaching at age 19 at Las Vegas High School. While she was there, she became so annoyed with the makeshift city library, which had no card file on its contents that she persuaded local Camp Fire Girls to create the first index of books and other materials.

While she lived in Las Vegas, her landlady introduced her to political activists in the community including Ed Clark who headed the Clark County Democratic Party. She was introduced to Patrick McCarran on a holiday journey home, when a snowstorm stranded about 40 motorists at the Goldfield Hotel. "He came in and he bought drinks for everybody, and he wasn't running, and I thought what a nice man."²

After teaching high school in Las Vegas, she attended graduate school at Columbia University in New York.

She was on the English faculty at the University of Nevada in 1940 when Nevada Senator Pat McCarran asked her to join his staff in Washington D.C. She became his Administrative Assistant and remained in that position until

Senator McCarran's death in 1954. She quickly found herself to be in charge of the office and had the wisdom to know how to handle many difficult situations that arose.

"The Secretary of the Senate had an open bar," Adams

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recalls, "which created problems, frequently, and this night it was a great problem because Senator McCarran had been at this open bar. He came stomping into the office." He then dictated a number of rude telegrams to some of the most important people in the aviation industry, ordering them to be in his office at 10 a.m. the following morning. She stared at the telegrams, decided not to send them and cleaned out her desk for her pending discharge. McCarran didn't even show up till 10:30, and later recalled he had ordered something done. When she showed the telegrams, he gasped, "My God, did you send those?"

"No, and I'm resigning," said Adams.

McCarran laughed, "You don't have to resign and thank you for not sending them."³

Adams had a special relationship with McCarran. Many found his personality to be intimidating and sometimes frightening. She was able to intercede on his behalf to facilitate smooth working conditions with other dignitaries and citizens. She quietly protected McCarran from his worst character traits and let the best shine. The office developed a reputation as the most efficient in the Senate building, and she was called upon to teach other senator's staffs how to run their offices.

Adams attended law school while working in Washington D.C. for Senator McCarran. She received an LL.B. degree at Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C. and a Master's degree in law from George Washington University. She became a member of the Nevada and District of Columbia Bars and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1954.

Altogether, Adams received four degrees in addition to her University of Nevada degree:

Masters degree in English from Columbia University

Bachelor of Laws degree from American University

Masters in law from George Washington University, and

Doctorate in law from American University

After Senator McCarran's death she remained as Administrative Assistant to Senator Ernest Brown who was appointed to succeed McCarran. She continued as Administrative Assistant to Senator Alan Bible who was elected U.S. Senator from Nevada in 1954.

In 1961 President John F. Kennedy invited her to have lunch in the Senate cafeteria and asked her to be Director of the U.S. Mint. Her Nevada background helped give her an understanding of precious metals and the mining processes. While growing up in Wonder, she had watched the miners process silver ore until it was converted into small bars and sent off to the mint. She had been fascinated with this process her entire life.

Adams was reappointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 and remained in that position until 1969. Adams reported that she had no problem being accepted into this position. She was the second woman to have the position of Mint Director, following the May 1933 – April 1953 tenure of Nellie Taylor Ross. As director of the U.S. Mint for eight years, she had the highest public position ever reached by a Nevada woman.

When she took over the mint, it was in need of reorganization. New presses had not been ordered and there was a looming coin shortage created by coin-operated machines and an economy surging back from a recession.

Because it was difficult to purchase new coin presses, workers had to modify existing machines to produce more coins. They raided government arsenals for machines, originally designed for making jackets for rifle bullets and turned those into coin presses. They even took the presses from the old Carson City Mint, still maintained for their historical interest, and refurbished them to be used in production.

At the same time Congress ordered that silver be taken out of coins. This was necessary because the price of silver tended to stay higher than the face value of the coins. The mint began issuing "sandwich money" made of common metals. Once that happened, the older silver coins were bought and hoarded by collectors and silver coins disappeared from common circulation. The short-term result was that coins were in even shorter supply. Under her direction, the Mint was able to find an adequate substitute for silver in coinage by employing copper-nickel clad composition.

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Adams was director of the Mint during its fastest-growing period, authorizing and supervising the construction of a new mint in Philadelphia, which was said to be her proudest and most lasting accomplishment of her career.

She was quoted in 1983 at a reception to honor the publishing of her oral history,

"You know, in my day in Washington, a woman administrative assistant was expected to:

Dress like a queen

Act like a lady

Think like a man

Work like a dog."⁴

She served on boards of directors of several corporations and foundations and was a consultant to the Chairman of the Board of Mutual of Omaha. In 1969 she resigned from the U.S. Mint when President Nixon came into office and wanted a Republican for the position. After retirement she continued working for Mutual of Omaha in Washington for a time, but ultimately retired to Reno.

In 1963 she received a Distinguished Nevadan Award at the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1966 she was presented with the Treasury Department's Exceptional Service Award. In 1973 she was named one of Nevada's Outstanding Women of the Century, and in 1985 was inducted into the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame. In 1982 she completed an oral history entitled, "Windows of Washington, Nevada Education, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. Mint."

She died in Reno on August 23, 1991. At her funeral, former Nevada congressman Ralph Denton spoke eloquently of Adams. "Pride and loyalty were the noble qualities that epitomized her life. In this 20th century, she was truly a pioneer woman, encompassed with binding family ties from her earliest years, yet liberated in the strongest contemporary sense."⁵

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10. "Biography Resource Center - Eva Adams", <http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BioRC> (11/29/2002)

Of Note:

- On April 15-16, the Oregon Historical Society and the Columbia Research Institute for the Arts and Humanities held a symposium in Portland on Sarah Winnemucca. Sally Zanjani gave an overview on Sarah's career. Linda Hathaway Bunza discussed the New England intellectual milieu that Sarah encountered while visiting Elisabeth Peabody. Louise Tannheimer also spoke and blessed the audience, which included several members of her family. (note courtesy of Sally Zanjani)
- On March 31, the Winnemucca branch of the US Post Office canceled letters and postcards with a special Sarah Winnemucca cancellation, denoting her recent dedication as the second statue from Nevada in the US Capitol Rotunda. Marlo Hubbard, postmaster, announced the special cancellation in conjunction with Women's History Month. A copy of the cancellation was also put on blue tee shirts, in white lettering, to symbolize the importance of Sarah Winnemucca to the community. The City was named after Chief Winnemucca, Sarah's father. (note courtesy of Carol Clanton)

Condolences:

- Our condolences go out to member Frankie Williams, whose husband recently passed away.

Thanks to:

- Nevada Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and Bruce James, Director of the Government Printing Office in Washington, for hosting a wonderful reception for NWHP members and friends on the evening of the statue dedication.
- We send our gratitude to member Patrick Simpson for the many fine photos he took at the Statue Dedication in Washington, DC. and provided for our Newsletter

Announcement:

- We are pleased to announce that Denise Yoxsimer has become the new Executive Director of the Nevada Women's Fund. Welcome Denise.



Members who attended the State Meeting in Reno on April 7th. L to R are: Kay Sanders, Kathleen Clemence, Anne Reck, Mary Gafford, Joan Le Mere, and Mary Anne Convis. Those attending but not included in the photo were: Kaye Gray, Kathy Noneman and Lisa-Marie Lightfoot.

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