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Northern Nevada Schedule

AUG. 19 – Women's Works in Progress Workshop in Carson City. Call Cindy Southerland at 882-8956 for information.

AUG. 28 – North Steering Committee Meeting. NWHP Reno office, 6:00 p.m.

SEPT. 9 – State Board Meeting. NWHP Reno office, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SEPT. 16 – Women's Works in Progress Workshop. NWHP Reno office, 10:00 a.m. – noon. For more information e-mail tpareno@charter.net.

OCT. 21 – Women's Works in Progress Workshop. Location TBA. For more information e-mail cljnvquail@charter.net.

OCT. 28 - Nevada Day Parade.

NOV. 4 – Book signing reception honoring authors Sally Zanjani (*Devils Will Reign: How Nevada Began*), Cherry Jones (*More Than Petticoats - Remarkable Alaska Women*), and Chuck Convis (*The Outlaws of Nevada*) The reception will be held at Austin's Restaurant, 7671 South Virginia St., Reno, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Call Carleen Ernest at 787-8779 for more information.

NOV. 18 – Women's Works in Progress Workshop at the NWHP Reno office.

Southern Nevada Schedule

UNTIL SEPT. 1 – The Sarah Winnemucca Statue Exhibit will continue through the end of August. It is at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society at Lorenzi Park. The final three statues for the competition are on view. Call 702-486-5205 for more information.

AUG. 26 – Executive Committee Meeting. Details to be arranged.

SEPT. 23 – A General Luncheon Meeting will be held at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 4800 So. Eastern Ave. The social gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon will begin at noon. Cost is \$20. It includes salad, entrée, pie and beverage. Claytee White will briefly discuss some techniques for successful oral interviewing and will be followed by the program, The Las Vegas High School Rhythmettes in Review. It will be presented by former Rhythmettes. Contact Mary Gafford at 648-9415.

SEPT. 23 – The Executive Committee will meet immediately following the luncheon.

DEC. 3 – A Holiday Tea and Literary Soiree will be held at the home of Joan LeMere from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gafford at 648-9415.

In the Footsteps of Sarah Winnemucca Trip Highlights

This truly unique Silver State Sampler exceeded all expectations. Chautauqua performances, talks, sharing of experiences by Nevada Indian tribal members, reenactments of historic events, tours of Lovelock, Winnemucca, and vistas of our inspiring Nevada scenery, lifted us out of the 21st century to be transported back to the time when Sarah Winnemucca fought for her people and



Roland Westergard, former State Engineer and former Director of the Natural Resources Dept., speaking about the history of Derby Dam at the site

attempted to bridge our two diverse cultures.

Beginning in Reno early the morning of May 5th, our group of 33 men and women first visited Genoa, Nevada's earliest settlement, to be welcomed by Major Ormsby in a Chautauqua performance given by Chris Bayer. We could imagine Sarah as a young girl living in his house. She became fast friends with

the Major's daughter who was close to her age.

After viewing the Sarah statue in our state Capitol Building in Carson City, followed by lunch where we heard State Archivist Guy Rocha talk about early life in Carson City, particularly that of the Chinese inhabitants, we traveled to Virginia City. On the way we stopped at the site of Johntown and heard the saga of Dutch Nick given by Doug Southerland. Once in Virginia City, at the historic Piper's



Adrianne Wahnetah and Lisa Grayshield perform for the members of the tour at the Piper's Opera House in Virginia City.

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Billie Brinkman participating in the discussion at the North Region meeting.

Southern Region Membership Message

Do you have a friend who might be interested in the activities of our organization?

Why not invite her to one of our events and ask her to join Nevada Women's History Project. If you need a brochure or have any questions call Betty Miller at (702) 254-5875.

Northern Region Annual Meeting Report

Dr. Wendy Calvin was this year's speaker at the annual meeting luncheon for the Northern Region. More than 25 members were fascinated by Reno's own woman scientist who told of the challenges of her involvement in the Mars Exploration Rover Team. She described the obstacles which she had to overcome to become a scientist and how she was chosen as a member of the

Mars mission. She provided interesting and beautiful pictures of the surface of Mars and explained its topography. Members peppered her with questions about her experiments and what it is like to work in a field so dominated by men. We were heartened to find that although Dr. Calvin is one of the few women in her field, she has been mentored and assisted by both male and female scientists as she has advanced in her career.

As usual the Thunder Canyon Country Club provided us a delicious luncheon in



Dr. Wendy Calvin speaking about the Mars Exploration Rover Mission.



Jeanne Larson and JoAnn Booth enjoying the luncheon in beautiful Washoe Valley.

a beautiful setting. Members were introduced to their new board and were informed of our upcoming events and programs. Everyone enjoyed the setting, getting to know new members and meeting our interesting speaker. Arrangements for the luncheon were made by Lisa Marie Lightfoot who really outdid herself this year.

Kathleen Noneman

Book Committee Planning for Future



Carol Turner and Jill Stovall at the Book Committee Meeting.

Volume II of Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor has caused a flurry of excitement. The Book Committee in the South is looking forward to collaborating with NWHP biographers throughout the state. Our first meeting was held June 26, 2006 at the home of Committee Coordinator Jill Stovall. In attendance were: Carol Turner, Nancy Sansone, Mary Gafford, Joan LeMere, Jean Spiller, Grace Medeiros, Betty Miller, Doris Drummond, Carol Turner, Dorothy Bokelmann and Jill Stovall. The errata sheet was discussed. Volunteers are needed to place the sheet in books to be distributed to the schools. Jean Spiller is coordinating this effort and has contacted the State Department of Education for figures and is working out the details for this project. Jill has compiled a database of subjects from the Southern archives and hopes to coordinate with the Website

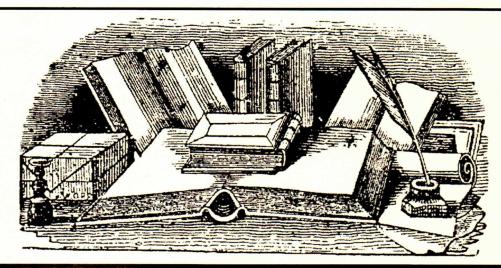
committee to post these names in an effort to prevent duplication of biographies. If you are working on a biography or conducting an oral interview, please contact Jill Stovall at infosourceress@aol.com or 702-877-5645 so that she can update the database. Jean Spiller has also volunteered to be the interim *obituary archivist* until another member who may not wish to write but still wants to be involved in the project contacts Jill by phone or email. This is an important job and advice and support will be given to make it an easy one as well.

Suggestions for Research and Writing. When writing the biography think about how you can make your subject come to life. Including quotes from the source and people who knew the woman is a good way to capture the reader's attention. Deciding what the focus or theme of your biography early on can be important as you conduct your research. Each of these women has accomplished something notable and their journey has seldom been easy. Look for information in libraries, museums and oral history collections that provide personal insight and primary sources such as letters, photos, etc. A good place to start is the Women's Research Institute of Nevada. http://www.unlv.edu/cgiwrap/wrinunlv/index.php?page=Nevada_Womens_Archives.

Guidelines for Writing and Documenting Sources can be found on the NWHP website at http://www.nevadawomen.org. There is an excellent example of a biography and all the details necessary for completion. A link to the *Chicago Manual of Style* has been added as this is the format we will use.

Review Procedures are being developed. A good suggestion has been to post completed biographies on the Website so that persons knowledgeable about the subject and the historical framework can make suggestions and we can catch any errors before the book goes to press.

Jill Stovall



News From the North

I noticed that the last newsletter's "News From The North" opened with the note that we would be "welcoming the summer

weather"! I am thinking now that we will be more than welcoming to fall—even winter!

Although I was lucky enough to be in Alaska for most of the summer, where we would have been happier with a little warmer temperature, I heard from so many of you about the heat

everyone experienced this summer. It brought to mind again how the early pioneer women in Nevada must have suffered in the summertime with the extreme weather conditions. Imagine having to perform all the "normal" household duties, not to mention the farm, ranch or mining work, without the benefits of our modern conveniences such as air conditioning, sprinklers, or even electric fans! So we may complain about our weather—be it too hot or too cold—but we must consider ourselves lucky to be living in this time when we can avail ourselves of "climate control", at least when we are indoors!

NWHP North Region will have its steering committee meeting on August 28 at the office in Reno. On September 9 we will host the State Board meeting in the same location. If any members have suggestions of something which they would like to have discussed at either of these meetings, please contact me by phone at 775 267-3410 or by e-mail at cljnvquail@charter.net.

We welcome, in fact, we need, input from our members to help us keep our organization moving ahead and furthering our purpose. For instance, what topics would you like to see addressed at state conferences? Would you like more programs with speakers, other than just the annual meeting get-togethers? Or, if there is an event which you think would be interesting to our members, would you like to see our group provide a way to get the information around quickly?

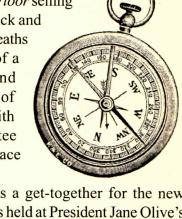
What do you think? Let's keep connected!

Cherry Jones Chair, No. Region Steering Committee



News From the South

With the Sarah statues all in place and Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor selling well, it felt like time to sit back and relax, catch our collective breaths and enjoy what we could of a hot, muggy summer. And that's what we did - for all of about two weeks. Then, with a new Executive Committee and Book Committee in place the e-mails started flying.



First on the agenda was a get-together for the new Executive Committee. It was held at President Jane Olive's home and included both a light luncheon and a very long meeting. Mary Gafford, Betty White, Doris Drummond, Jean Spiller and Su Kim Chung attended. Many details of organizational procedures and management were discussed. Most importantly we started planning for the year. The following activities are already in the works and should make for some exciting events. Do put them on your respective calendars. Also feel free to invite friends to join us.

Our first General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at Marie Callender's on Tropicana and Eastern. The social hour will begin at 11:30 AM and will be followed by a luncheon at noon. As for the program, UNLV's Claytee White will spend a few minutes reviewing the procedures involved in doing oral interviews and transcriptions. She will be followed by a presentation featuring former Las Vegas High School Rhythmettes. Several of the members will be there to reminisce with us. This marching group was very popular in the 1950s and 1960s. The girls represented Las Vegas at inaugural parades and on the Ed Sullivan Show. More importantly these talented and beautiful young women were weekly regulars at Las Vegas High School football and basketball games as well as the Helldorado Parades. They were community favorites and their leader, Miss Evelyn Stuckey gave much of her life to the lives of the girls and the quest for excellence.

Our next general meeting will actually be a Holiday Open House and Literary Soiree. On Sunday, December 3rd, we will meet at the home of Joan LeMere from 1PM until 4PM for a lovely buffet and socialization. In addition we will be inviting published members of NWHP to join

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us in Las Vegas to meet our members and guests as well as sell copies of their books. It is a great opportunity to buy gifts for friends and family while supporting the women authors who are members of NWHP. They have done much to put Nevada's women on the "maps" of history.

Our local branch of the "Book Committee" met on June 26th. Jill Stovall is the new chairman of the group. Outgoing committee members Joan LeMere, Mary Gafford, and Nancy Sansone reported that there have been more than sufficient sales to cover the costs of publication. We are so grateful to them for this beautiful book and their diligent efforts selling it. Now we are busy making arrangements to place the books in school libraries throughout the state. We hope to accomplish this by the end of summer. Our next "Skirts" publication will be a combined effort of northern and southern chapters of NWHP. Both groups will work under the direction of the Website Committee. E-mails are already flying between the parties. Please feel free to join us in the research for our next one hundred women of Nevada deserving of recognition and remembrance.

Did I say that we were finished with Skirts and Sarah? Obviously, volume II is underway and, as for Sarah, her story goes on. On August 9th Mark L. Fine & Associates will have an unveiling and dedicatory session to honor the placement of a small Sarah statue at the Hills Center North Business Park in Summerlin. A few members of NWHP Southern Region have been asked to attend the small gathering.

This is one more reminder of the wonderful, if not amazing, accomplishments of our small organization; all of which have occurred within a very short span of years. Our thanks are extended to each and every one of you who helped and led in those undertakings.

Jane Ellsworth Olive President, NWHP Southern Region

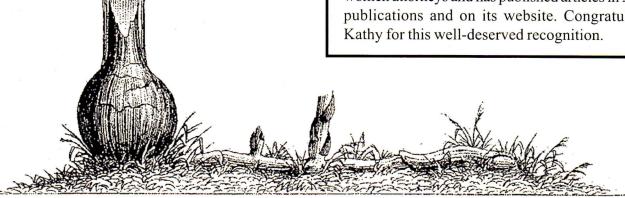
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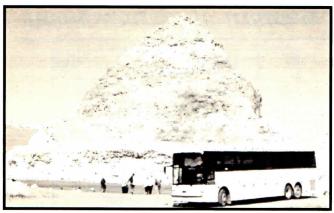
Kathy Noneman - Nevada Women's Fund "Women of Achievement" NWHP 2006 Honoree

The 2006 NWHP honoree for Woman of Achievement at the annual Nevada Woman's Fund event in Reno is our past State and Northern Region Chair Kathleen Noneman. The luncheon was held on May 16th at the Reno Hilton. Mary Anne Convis was her escort. Kathy was one of the founding members of NWHP who started the organizational planning in November, 1994 together with Jean Ford and 21 others. Kathy has taken several leadership roles over the years and continues to be an active member. Currently she serves as Past Chair of the Northern Region and is a member of the Website Committee.

She enjoys researching and writing about pioneer women attorneys and has published articles in NWHP publications and on its website. Congratulations Kathy for this well-deserved recognition.



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Famous pyramid formation and NWHP bus at Pyramid Lake.

Opera House, Lisa Greyshield and her daughter Adrianne Wahnetah performed readings of Sarah's lectures.

On the final lap of day one, our bus turned off at Derby Dam where Roland Westergard talked about the history of the Dam, the plight of the Native Americans in this development, and the politics involved. Later that evening, at dinner in Fernley, he elaborated on water issues facing our state. We all felt that we learned a lot about this vital resource.

Leaving Fernley the next morning our bus took us to Pyramid Lake and the Stone Mother, a tufa formation on the north side of the lake that is both mysterious and beautiful. The Nixon Indian Museum was our next stop. Paiute tribal members Ralph Burns

and Ben Aleck welcomed us to Nixon. We were treated with stories and legends given by Ralph as well as a chance to hear from Gladys Hicks and her daughter Della John. Their stories were inspiring and positive.

Following lunch we traveled to the Marzen Museum in Lovelock where Elly Gottschalk, Virginia Rose, and Rosaline Mateas acted as guides through this most interesting collection of memorabilia, photos, special exhibits, and historical artifacts. That night we were treated to a Basque dinner at the Martin Basque Hotel in Winnemucca and a reenactment

of an event that occurred in Winnemucca on March 26,1875. Tables were given assignments to explore how a pioneer Nevada community in 1875 might react to the news of an attack upon Sarah and how she handled the situation. Our travelers did a marvelous job by getting into the spirit of the times and either defending or rejecting Sarah.

The outstanding Humboldt County Museum in north Winnemucca was the scene of a dialogue with prominent Native Americans from the Fort McDermitt Reservation in northern Humboldt County. The discussion began with tribal members sharing their personal biographies. The immense changes in Native American culture from the 1920s and 30s to today were brought out as each one spoke. Issues facing tribal members were discussed followed by questions from our members. Karen Crutcher, chairperson of the Fort McDermitt Reservation Tribal Council, emphasized the horrific problems facing tribal members in



Eleanor Gottschalk led a tour to the Lovelock Post Office, Library and downtown area.

regard to the serious crystal methamphetamine abuse amongst the younger generation. Additionally, preservation of

Roger Mancebo and Rosaline Mateas welcome tour members to the Pershing County Court House in Lovelock.

Native American language and culture is of primary importance to the tribes.

Our final stop in Loyalcak boson with a tour of the Possbing County.

Our final stop in Lovelock began with a tour of the Pershing County Court House and Library. Roger Mancebo joined Elly Gottschalk, and Rosaline Mateas as our docents. They told us about the history of the area. Elly showed us where the site of Sarah Winnemucca's school was thought to have been southeast of town.

After dinner at Louis's Basque Corner in Reno a tired but happy group said their goodbyes. Jane Olive and Doris Drummond, our southern region tour members, summed up their experiences. Doris wrote, "It was a great pleasure to meet the NWHP group from Northern Nevada. Their knowledge and expertise about Nevada history was most impressive. Their dedication to the cause of its women was outstanding." "Not only did we learn a

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great deal, but we had lots of laughs."

Jane added, "As a student of anthropology I was thrilled to listen to several sets of Paiute leaders, especially women elders, who described their lives and then told us about their current problems and efforts to solve those problems. Like Sarah, they believe education is critical to their success. Finally, I tried to carry Sarah in my heart and mind as we drove across valleys she crossed by horseback and wagon. Here it is green with new growth, a spring of flowering trees and lilac bushes in full bloom. Did Sarah find strength in the colors on the hillsides, the snows melting on mountain peaks, the clear blue of the sky?"

Our identification with Sarah and her life was enhanced greatly by the experiences afforded us on the tour. Kudos to tour organizers Isabel Espinoza, Patti Bernard, and Carrie Porter. Another job well done!

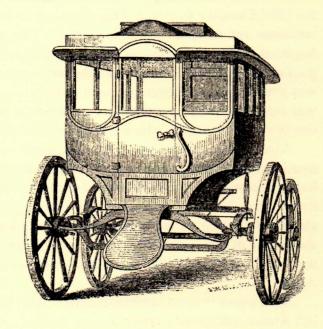


Beverly Brazanovich, of Pyramid Lake, Harold Miller, of the Walker River Paiutes, and Ernestine Coble and Karen Crutcher, of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation address tour participants at the Humboldt County Museum.

Kay Sanders



Mona Reno, Dixie Westergard, and Carrie Porter in Fernley ready for Day Two.



Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor Order Form

Send \$30.00 by check or money order to cover cost of book and postage and handling to: Joan LeMere, 4755 South Pearl Street, Las Vegas, NV 89121

Number of books ordered:		
Your Name:		our encour
Address for Shipment:		in Austra

Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Lillian Malcolm

Born: 1868

Died: date not available

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

(Scottish)

Primary city and county of residence and work: Rhyolite, Tonopah (Nye County), Goldfield (Esmeralda

County), Jarbidge (Elko County)

Major fields of work: mining (prospector)
Other role identities: actress, storyteller

Biography:

Lillian Malcolm was born in 1868, grew up in the eastern United States, and started a career as an actress on Broadway. But when gold fever struck the nation with the 1898 Klondike gold rush, Lillian packed up her show costumes and headed "North to Alaska." That was the beginning of her new career as a prospector searching for gold mines. Although she was not the only woman who was struck with gold fever and went prospecting, which was considered strictly a man's job at that time, she was one of very few women who did work in this field.

Alone, she took a sled and dog team over the treacherous Chilkoot trail to Dawson, a death-defying feat, but not the only adventure she would encounter. She also took a dip in the frozen Bering Sea while jumping between chunks of floating ice and came close to starvation when she ran out of provisions. She wore a pistol in her belt but was not able to fend off the men who jumped her claim in Alaska.

After a year in court battling to retrieve her claim, she left Alaska, completely broke but not discouraged. She continued to follow gold strikes for the rest of her life, always a little bit too late and never striking the big bonanza, and always aware that she was blazing a trail for other women to follow.

In her book, A Mine of Her Own, Sally Zanjani shares some of Lillian's own words: "The grandest and healthiest life known is this rough pioneer life. And I don't see why more women are not out in the hills. It ought to be as easy and natural for women to read rocks as it is for astronomers to read the stars. The day will come when they will not sneer at Miss Malcolm. They will not pick up their skirts when I come around. Disgusting conventionality must pay the penalty in any pioneer work Woman can endure as

much as a man. Comply with the law and you will have man's responsibilities and man's reward."

From Alaska, Lillian traveled to Nevada to join the new gold and silver strikes at Goldfield and Tonopah in 1902. Since she had no money, she paid for her room and board along the way by telling the stories of her Alaskan adventures. She missed the heydays of the strikes at Goldfield and Tonopah, but while there she also tried to locate gold near Silver Peak in Esmeralda County. She staked a claim, went to Pittsburgh to raise money from eastern investors and formed a company called "Scotch Lassie Gold Mining Company." When she returned, the Tonopah Bonanza reported her success in raising funds on November 2, 1907: "She is a hustler of no mean ability, and has done prospecting on her own account, both in Nevada and in Alaska. "Unfortunately, her Silver Peak claims did not pan out. The gold she was looking for was not there.

Lillian also lived for a time in Rhyolite, which served as a home base while she prospected in Death Valley. There she met Death Valley Scotty, an eccentric miner and scam artist. She took an option on a claim held by his partner Bill Key. When she became involved in defending Key against accusations that he was involved in a murder plot, she lost precious time and lost her option on his claim. When her Silver Peak property failed to show value, Lillian continued to travel in search of the gold she always believed she would find.

She spent some time in Mexico, then moved back to northern Nevada to work in the Slumbering Hills mining district. In 1911, she moved to Jarbidge in northeastern Nevada and continued her prospecting. Because Lillian had been scorned by other women and preferred the company of men, she told a newspaper reporter she had no close female companions. Some might have described her as having the "queen bee syndrome," which meant that she saw other women as rivals rather than friends. Sometimes she prospected with men, and often she wandered the Nevada desert alone.

We do not know what happened to Lillian after she moved to Nevada's rugged mountains around Jarbidge. She seemed to have disappeared, perhaps moving to another state or locating another stake to pay for her

Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Lillian Malcolm

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prospecting. While in Nevada, she attracted the attention of news reporters, because it was still unusual for women to choose prospecting as a career. She also voiced clearly her belief that women should be able to work as prospectors or in mining occupations. However, women were considered bad luck in underground mines, a barrier they were unable to break until the 1970s, more than 100 years after Lillian Malcolm's birth.

(Biographical sketch by Victoria Ford)

Sources of Information:

- Tonopah Bonanza, Nov. 2, 1907.
- Zanjani, Sally. A Mine of Her Own, Women Prospectors in the American West, 1850-1950. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Maya Miller – Longtime NWHP Friend and Benefactor Dies



One of NWHP's staunchest supporters died at her home in Washoe Valley on May 31st. She was 90 years old. Over the years she had been loyally supportive of our organization's efforts and encouraged us to keep going on our mission to educate people about the contributions women in Nevada have made. She generously contributed to NWHP as the organization struggled to meet expenses in its formative years.

She was the daughter of a Shell Oil executive who used her inheritance to further her passionate interest in women's issues, the environment, education, and peace. Always the activist, she ran for U.S. Senate in 1974.

Maya lost her son Eric a few years ago in a tragic drowning. She is survived by her daughter Kit and three grandchildren.

Telling My Story: Memoirs of Today's Woman

Telling My Story: Memoirs of Today's Woman is an exciting project for Nevada women who wish to preserve and share their family and life histories. The project was originally created as Letters from Nevada's Daughters. As the Twenty-first Century emerges, it is time to compile facts about Nevada women and their thoughts about their lives and times.

Each woman who participates will write a letter to her family regarding a certain area of her life. The first two topics, which will not be published but used for statistical purposes, are biological and genealogical in nature, They are to encourage women to think about their family and its roots as part of their background.

The topics are:

Basic Data Family Genealogy Important Issues/Events/Causes in my Lifetime Home/s Life Work or Career/s Daily Life and Activities Foods Religion **Fashions** Significant Medical History Recreation and Travel Impact of Technology "Famous" People I Have Known Music and the Arts in My Life Retirement Holiday Celebrations & Customs My Treatment as a Woman

If you are interested in obtaining the forms for the letters, to participate in the Project, you will find them at http://www.nevadawomen.org/ or contact the NWHP for printed copies of the forms.

Holly Van Valkenburgh

New Southern Region Executive Committee Meets to Organize for the Year



NWHP Southern Region Executive Committee members: Betty Miller, 2nd Vice-president; Mary Gafford, 1st Vice-president; Jean Spiller, Correspondence Secretary; Su Kim Chung, Treasurer; Doris Drummond, Recording Secretary; Jane Olive, President.

On July 17th, 2006 members of the new NWHP Southern Region Executive Committee met at the home of President Jane Olive. Those attending were Mary Gafford, First Vice-President, Betty Miller, Second Vice-President, Doris Drummond, Recording Secretary, Jean Spiller, Corresponding Secretary, and Su Kim Chung, Treasurer.

Following lunch the group discussed plans for the upcoming year. First, they selected dates for activities and then they discussed various programs under consideration. Those possibilities include a September 23rd meeting, a December 3rd Holiday Tea and Literary Salon to be held at the home of Joan LeMere. Mary Gafford will investigate the possibility of speakers for the March meeting. Finally, suggestions were made for the May 5th Annual Business

Meeting.

Betty Miller reported that we now have 87 members in the region. Treasurer Su Kim Chung gave the report on the present financial situation of the region. Everyone was pleased with the account balance following sales of *Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor*. It was decided to return to holding White Elephant raffles in order to help defer the costs of meetings. General items of functional business were discussed and materials handed out for study including the NWHP Operations Guide.

Doris Drummond

Poets' Corner

Skirts That Swept the Desert Floor

Skirts That Swept the Desert Floor Unites our hearts forevermore With sisters brave and bold and true Our stories intertwined anew.

Skirts of buckskin, silk and wool
Of courage and strength their hearts were full
With women's hearts and women's hands
They blazed our trail through desert sands

Skirts fragrant with sagebrush and pinon pine
Heroines all their works sublime
Whether righting the wrongs of people subjected
Or Mothers and Wives our spirits connected

And so their stories we bring to dwell
Amongst those future books to tell
Our duty lies in words we hold
As scribes we write - their lives unfold

May 18, 2006 Jill Stovall

Our Presidents'

You rose above the rest, took the challenge, did your best. We saw your strength, admired it, you went the length.

Your face shines down from the wall, reminding us that you stood tall. And most content are you yourselves, to know you served and gave your all.

Joan LeMere

(Written by request for the Silver Tea at the Mesquite Club in 2006 honoring the past presidents of that organization)



Potpourri

Just Published:

• Announcing a new book on women's suffrage – Evolution Toward Equality: Equality for Women in the American West – by Teresa S. Neal. Her recent publication explores the many factors that led to national suffrage. Dr. Neal guides her readers through the stories and history of women's rights in the western United States during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Condolences to:

- the friends and family of Roslyn Merle Works who passed away on June 8, 2006 after a brief and unexpected illness. Roslyn was an early member of NWHP and directed along with Jean Ford "The Saga of Nevada Women's Suffrage: 1869-1920". The tour of Living History performers led them to many parts of our state including Carson City, Fallon, Winnemucca, Reno, Gardnerville, Austin, Eureka, and Ely. She worked for 14 years at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City in the Anthropology Division and was a professional actor and singer.
- Our sincere sympathy also to friends and family of Marian Bollinger. A memorial service was held for her in Las Vegas on July 6, 2006. She was an active supporter of NWHP.

Thanks to:

 Joan Dimmitt who has graciously volunteered for the job of Obituary Archivist for NWHP. Her phone number is (702) 242-9012 and address is: 2328 Brighton Shore Street, Las Vegas, NV 89128-7409.

News from:

 Frankie Williams who moved to Texas a couple of years ago. Mary Gafford visited her in July and reports that Frankie is recovering nicely from recent surgery. She has been greatly missed in the Southern Region where she was valued for her profound knowledge of the area, of fashion, and for her Living History presentations.

PLEASE INFORM THE STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR AND YOUR REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND/OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. BETTY MILLER'S ADDRESS IS: 2633 LEGEND DR., LAS VEGAS, NV 89134-8810. IN THE NORTH PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY GRACE DAVIS OR CARRIE TOWNLEY PORTER AT: NWHP, 770 SMITHRIDGE DR., SUITE 300, RENO, NV 89502.

Articles for the November 2006 newsletter are due to Newsletter Editor Kay Sanders no later than October 28, 2006. E-mail her at ksanders@unr.nevada.edu.

NWHP Leadership

NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:

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Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair

Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair

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