

Our Mission

To provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every race, class, and ethnic background.

Introducing Holly Walton-Buchanan, Ph.D. NWHP New State Newsletter Editor

I am delighted to announce that Holly Walton-Buchanan, Vice-Chair for the North Region, has agreed to take over the editorship of the NWHP State Newsletter effective January 1, 2009.

She comes with an impressive background as a published author and has had experience with newsletter production in the past. Her most recent book is described in an article in this issue: *Mackay Memories, 1908-2008: The First 100 Years of the Mackay School of Mines*.

Holly worked for several years as a Director at the Nevada Department of Education in Carson City. Prior to that, she was a Spanish teacher. She earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2003.

So, I will be saying a fond "adieu" to



all of you readers and volunteers who were so good at turning in your assignments, sharing photos and items of interest. Many of you contributed over the years by helping with the label update and printing, preparing and

mailing the newsletter. Every one of you was appreciated by me. Our Newsletter Committee is a great asset to the editor and will continue to work with Holly next year. I plan to concentrate on the Web site biographies as I will remain as editor of that site.

It's been a rewarding 10 years! Thanks again for your dedication and support. You are a wonderful group to work with.

Have a Happy Holiday season.

Kay Sanders
Editor Emeritus

State President's Message

My head is still spinning from the fabulous meeting we had in Las Vegas on September 19, 2008. The officers and committee members who were able to attend addressed all the issues on the agenda and believe me there was a lot of heavy lifting. I extend my deepest gratitude to Joan LeMere, who was gracious enough to host the event in her home. I am also grateful for those members who made the trip to Las Vegas to insure the success of the meeting. Nevada Women's History

Project is rich in leaders who are willing to set aside their time and resources to advance the mission of NWHP. We are truly blessed to have so many committed and professional women guiding our efforts.

Members will appreciate that we made great strides to insure our organization will continue to be united statewide. Issues addressed at the meeting involved the state of several projects both North and South which

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Helen J. Stewart Statue Project Kickoff

Helen J. Stewart came back to her old home at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort on September 20th, humbled to be surrounded by her friends who were honoring her with a statue. Thus marked the kickoff for the Helen J. Stewart statue project which the Friends of the Fort launched along with the assistance of the Southern Region, Nevada Women's History Project and the Mesquite Club. The Friends of the Fort had discussed a statue for Helen at board meetings



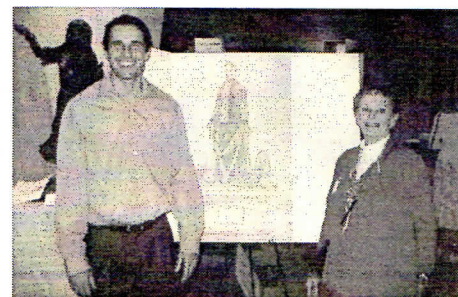
Diane Steel and Linda Miller enjoyed the fundraiser at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort.

for several years. The need for the statue was triggered by Helen Mortenson's inspirational presentation during the March

meeting of the Southern Region of the NWHP during my presidency.

About 100 guests attended the Wine and Cheese event. The Fort was filled with excitement as the Las Vegas Old Time Fiddlers played music of the past. They were sponsored by our own NWHP State President Dianne Steel's re-election committee. Others bid wildly on the silent auction and raffle. Appearing as Helen, I gave a 12 minute unscripted recollection of the events in Helen's life which earned her the name of the "First Lady of Las Vegas". The presentation received rave reviews; as one attendee said: "I don't know how anybody else but you could play Helen."

Benjamin Victor, sculptor for the Sarah Winnemucca statue and who will be the sculptor for Helen, unveiled his sketch of the statue. The sketch is on display at the Fort. James Martin, great grandson of Helen, who gave the picture of Helen that was used on the program, was also in attendance. The family is planning their family



Sculptor Benjamin Victor and Carrie Townley Porter with a sketch of the proposed statue and a bronze marquette of the Sarah Winnemucca statue.

reunion around the completion of the statue.

Other fundraising efforts include a special wine by Pahrump winery with a picture of Helen on the label. This is only the beginning of activities planned for the statue. If you would like to contribute to the statue project please send a check to the:

Friends of the Fort
PO Box 70895
Las Vegas, Nevada 89170

Dr. Linda Karen Miller
Past President of the NWHP
Southern Region

Southern Region Biography Writers' Message

Southern Region biography writers' creativeness is evidenced in the opening of the following biography of Doris Troy written by Barbara Davis: "In 1937, Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn in for his second term; Golden Gate Bridge in California was opened for travelers; Batman was introduced to comic fans; Amelia Earhart disappeared; Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs opened to adoring crowds and Doris Higgenson (Troy), was born in January." Barbara continues with a most interesting biography of Doris Troy who was a famous singer in the early 1980's in Las Vegas. As Chairman of the

Biography Committee and under the direction of our Southern President, Mary Gafford I had asked my Southern writers to begin their biographies with something other than just the "where and when" of the subject's birth. We wanted to pull the reader immediately into the life and times of the subject. Perhaps a glimpse into what else was going on in their world would make the story of their lives a little more interesting and more historic as well. Barbara's biography of Doris Troy is a perfect example of this and we applaud her for her fine work. The writers in the Southern

Region have a deadline for the first six months' work. I know many of them have already turned in the biographies that they were working on. Thanks to you for your hard work and dedication to NWHP. To those of you who are still typing away out there, I know that deadlines don't work. So don't stress yourselves out. We'll take that biography whenever you are done with it. The next meeting for Southern Writers will be on January 5, 2009 at 10:30 at my home. Please mark your calendars.

Joan LeMere

First Annual Readers and Writers Luncheon

All 115 attendees at the first annual readers and writers luncheon on Saturday, November 8th, at the Peppermill reported having a wonderful time. They were entertained by writer and raconteur, Frank X. Mullen, who portrayed the "last newspaper man". In keeping with the theme of Murder, Mayhem, and Mysteries, Frank recounted some of Reno's most lurid murders, both solved and unsolved.

Writers from Texas and California joined our local authors to present a forum on the difficulties of their profession, from the actual writing to publishing and marketing their works. Senior NBC Weatherman, Dave Finley, kept the affair lively and interesting as he presided over the forum and introduced our 25 authors, local celebrities, and historians.

Book sales were handled by Caddie Duferena of Barnes and Noble and Isabel Espinoza, with help from Mary Larson of the UNR Oral History Department. They reported that nearly 300 books were sold, for a profit of about \$2,000. Our writers autographed their

books and joined members and guests for table talk over lunch where they solved a local mystery created by Holly Walton-Buchanan.

Many thanks to our committee for making this event such a success. I could not have done any of this without their hard work. Committee members were



Author Laurie Samsel Olson exhibits her newest book, "Shooting Stars".

Pat Cuellar, Donna Clontz, Mary Anne Convis, Grace Davis, Patti Bernard, Caddie Duferena, Martha Gould, Lisa Marie Lightfoot, Carlene Ernest, Carrie Porter, Rose Stuart, Isabel Espinoza, Kay Sanders, Marlene Simpson, and Holly Walton-Buchanan.



Todd Borg, author and panel member, talks about his experiences as a writer.

Kathleen Noneman
Committee Chair

Three authors, Judy Taylor, Liz Moore, and Michael Vernetti proudly display their books.



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Grace Davis, Kay Sanders, and Theresa Navarro at the luncheon.

State President's Message

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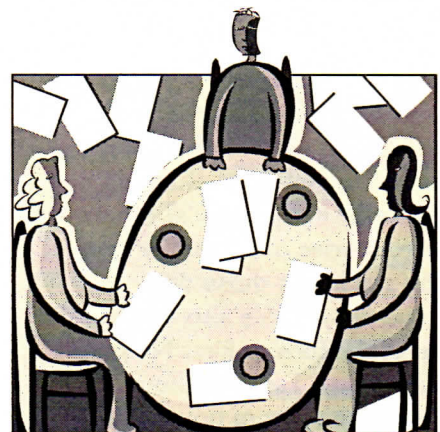
are very exciting. We are also looking at up-dating our guidelines and our membership pamphlet. If anyone has a question or suggestion, please notify your region's leadership team. As for me, I can't wait for our next State Board Meeting.

It is my preference that Nevada Women's History Project be an inclusive organization. Every person who has made the commitment to join our group is a valuable asset. I believe each voice should be heard and all meetings

should be open to all members who wish to attend and observe or lend input to our successes in the future.

Remember to check out our website at www.nevadawomen.org
Have a wonderful holiday season.

Judge Diane Steel
State President



Northern Region Calendar

Jan. 5, 2009 (Monday)

North Region Steering Committee meeting. 5:30 p.m. at 2185 Court-side, Carson City - home of Mary Anne Convis. Dinner will be provided. Call 775-888-9867 for directions.

March 2, 2009 (Monday) North Region Steering Committee meeting. 5:30 p.m. at NWHP office, 770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 200.

News From the North

We have had two wonderful history walks in Reno this fall and a fall colors hike on the Mt. Rose Trail. The valleys are beautiful. I always look forward to these golden days.

We have been busy planning our fundraising event – “Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem”. We were thrilled with the number of authors who came. We will need to continue holding fundraising events in order to have the funds to continue our Web site and expenses related to the Jean Ford Research Center after 2009.

Seven members from the north flew to Las Vegas for the semiannual State Board meeting. We were thrilled to meet our new State President, Dianne Steel. She did a great job covering a lot of material.

Happy Holidays!

Mary Anne Convis
North Region Chair

NWHP Prohibition Alley Walking Tour

Saturday, September 13th, turned out to be a beautiful fall day for the NWHP Prohibition Alley tour. Tammy Buzick led two groups of interested individuals through the back alleys of downtown Reno.

The tour began at the Virginia Street Bridge with the story of the vigilante hanging of Luis Ortiz on the bridge. We then walked to the old Washoe County Courthouse to hear a bit of local history regarding the effect on Reno resulting from the 1931 legalization of “quickie divorces” in Nevada. From there the groups proceeded to the site of the old George Wingfield house on Court Street. Urban legend says this is where Reno banker Roy Frisch might have been buried after his unsolved murder in 1934.

We ducked into the 2nd Street Grill and down into the underground tunnels (site of an old speakeasy in the 1920's), where we heard stories of a ghost or two who still live in those dark passageways. We also went to the site of the former First National Bank where Tammy recounted a fascinating story of how bank owner Richard Kirman kept his bank from closing in 1934 while

George Wingfield's bank directly across the street went bankrupt. Kirman subsequently went on to become Governor of Nevada.

We trooped across Virginia Street and down Douglas Alley to the refurbished Railway Station, with more prohibition and divorce stories told along the way. We ended our day with a wonderful dinner at the historic Santa Fe Basque restaurant. During and after dinner, tour participants entertained the group with interesting stories and recollections about Nevada's intriguing history and characters.

Those participating included NWHP members and friends: Margaret Barthel, Patti Bernard, Pat Blanchard, Suzanne Cameron, Marcia Cuccaro, Andrea Daily, Grace and Ken Davis, Betty Clontz, Mary Anne and Chuck Convis, Diane Enewold, Carleen Ernest, Isabel Espinoza, Betty Ihfe, Lisa-Marie and Bruce Lightfoot, Marty Matles, Kathy and Charlie Noneman, Carrie Porter, Kim O'Reilly, Diane Smith, Jane Foraker-Thompson, Penny Whalen and Holly Van Valkenburgh.

Marcia Bernard Cuccaro

Articles for the February 2009 newsletter are due to Newsletter Editor, Holly Walton-Buchanan, Ph.D., no later than January 23rd, 2009. E-mail her at: mtjudah@aol.com

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News From the South

Thus far NWHP-Southern Region has had a rewarding year. The group's partnership with Mesquite Club and Friends of Old Mormon Fort to erect a statue of Helen J. Steward, known as "First Lady of Las Vegas," has been successful. The Raise a Glass!-Raise a Statue! Extravaganza on September 20, 2008, at the Fort included Southern Region's own past president Dr. Linda Miller, who did a Chautauquan presentation of Helen. Benjamin Victor, sculptor who sculpted the Sarah Winnemucca statues and is to sculpt the life-sized Helen J. Stewart statue, was present to unveil his preliminary sketch of this great lady. Prior to this event, the NWHP State Committee meeting was held at the lovely home of Joan LeMere. It included a continental breakfast, a delicious lunch, and a well-attended meeting presided over by State President Dianne Steel.

Southern Region's first luncheon meeting was September 6, at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 4800 So. Eastern Ave. Around 50 members and guests attended. The infamous character of Julia Bulette of Virginia City was portrayed.

Membership is growing! Interest in writing biographies about famous Nevada ladies is overwhelming, according to Biography Committee Chair Joan LeMere.

The concluding event for 2008 shall be a catered Christmas High Tea, to be held at the luxurious Summerlin home of member Jeanne Greenawalt, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 20th. We extend our Happy Holiday wishes to everyone!

Mary Gafford
Southern Region President

Southern Region Calendar

Dec. 20 (Saturday)

Christmas High Tea will be held at the home of Jeanne Greenawalt, 9804 Mountain Grove Court, Summerlin. Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP by Dec. 15th to Bette Ault at 702-360-3233.

Mar. 7, 2009 – Saturday Southern Region luncheon at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 4800 South Eastern Avenue. Time: 11:00 a.m. to noon – social hour. Noon meeting commences with lunch and program to follow. Speaker: Evelyn Conastra will talk about her experiences while serving in the Foreign Service. Q and A follows. Call Bette Ault at 702-360-3233 for reservations.

Remember that March is Women's History Month and a time to honor our Nevada women for their accomplishments.

Barbara Senninger Appointed Southern Region Parliamentarian

Barbara Senninger has been appointed to the position of parliamentarian of NWHP-Southern Region by President Mary Gafford. Barbara comes into this position with much experience. Currently she also serves as parliamentarian of Towne Club and of the Nevada Women's History Project for the state. President Dianne Steel appointed her to the latter position. This busy lady served as parliamentarian for numerous organizations to which she belonged during her 40 years of previous residence in Michigan.

Christmas High Tea To Be Highlight of NWHP Southern Region Year

One of the biggest social affairs of the year for NWHP-Southern Region is the Christmas High Tea. It is to be held at the home of Jeanne Greenawalt. Located in one of the most scenic areas of Summerlin at 9804 Mountain Grove Court, this impressive event is to be held from 2PM to 4PM on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Jeanne is opening her home to other members so that they might have an opportunity to socialize while discussing the projected future projects of their organization. Reservations for this ca-

tered holiday event are to be called in to Bette Ault at 360-3233 by December 15, 2008.

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Carol Marshall Clanton - Roll of Honor Awardee

Long-time Nevada newspaper editor, publisher, and educator Carol Clanton has contributed a wealth of information about the history of women in Nevada. She facilitated four projects, mostly in Pershing County, which were: videotaping women from Lovelock; researching and writing biographies for the NWHP Web site; videotaping the inside of Felix's Bank Club in Lovelock, two-thirds of whose employees were women; and preparing a timeline for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project slide show scheduled for completion next year. The videotapes of Lovelock women will be available at the Pershing County Museum (Marzan House) and Pershing County Library, as well as the Jean Ford Research Center in Reno.

Video content on women in

Lovelock included the four major industries in that area - mining, ranching, government (including education), and gaming. These were published in the *Lovelock Review-Miner* and the newsletters of Lovelock Soroptimist International and Nevada Women's History Project. This is an ongoing project.

Her writing career began in Columbia, Missouri, where she worked as a reporter for the *Columbia Missourian*. For 20 years she was the Editor-Publisher of the *Lovelock Review-Miner*. She also was the owner of the *Lovelock Tribune, Inc.* The Nevada State Press Association awarded her the Community Service award for weekly newspapers in 1974, 1976, and 1978.

In addition to teaching and working in the computer education

field, Carol volunteered over the years for numerous governmental, civic, and educational groups. She served as the Official Printer for the City of Lovelock and Pershing County. She was appointed by Senator Richard Bryan to the advisory committee to the Nevada State Legislature on revision of Open Meeting and Open Records legislation.

Currently, Carol and her husband Russ divide their time between their home in Winnemucca and their winter retreat in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. NWHP is proud to include Carol in our Roll of Honor.

Kay Sanders

STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There will be a \$5 increase in individual new member and renewal dues for 2009 due to increasing costs associated with the preparation and mailing of the newsletter. Individual member dues will be \$30 for 2009 and will be due January 1st. Dues for the year 2009 will be delinquent on January 31st. Fill out the membership application on the back of this newsletter and send it with your check to the appropriate address.

We are pleased to welcome 38 new and rejoined members this Fall. We are happy to have you as members and hope that you will participate in all the events that are planned this year.

Betty Miller
Membership Chair

New & Rejoined Members

Cheri Abbott

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"Legendary Women and Houses" Tour a Hit

The NWHP October 18 walking tour of Legendary Women and Houses was very enjoyable and educational as well. We started the tour with the Upson/Arrizabalaga house on Jones Street. Artist Joan Arrizabalaga gave us an interesting history of the various occupants over the years. We then walked down Jones Street to the former home of Laura Knight who



Charlie and Kathy Noneman pose with members of the 20th Century Club at their former headquarters.

also built the fabulous Lake Tahoe Vikingsholm estate that is now a California State Park. Mrs. Knight had a staff of 15 to attend to her home and several adjoining guest cottages where her visitors stayed on their way to and from Vikingsholm. She was a generous donor to the First Church of Christ Scientist/Lear Theater on Riverside Drive which was our next stop. This Neoclassical Revival structure was unique because it was designed by African-American architect Paul Revere Williams. The church was sold in 1998 and is in the process of being transformed into the Lear Theater, having been named after Reno resident and generous benefactor Moya Lear.

Tour guide Holly Walton-Buchanan walked us past other interesting homes such as the Gibbons/McCarran Mansion (former home of Senator Pat McCarran whose assistant, Eva Bertran Adams, later became first woman director of the U.S. Mint), and the Lake Mansion (Myron and Jane Lake's home). Then we toured Ross Manor on West Street, a rooming house that was the long time home of attorney Felice Cohn who was the fourth woman admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Her law offices were in the Mapes Building as well as Ross Manor. In addition to being involved in the women's movement (1917-1922) she also obtained a \$15,000 grant to establish a permanent home for the Nevada Historical Society.

Our last tour stop was at the Twentieth Century Club building on West First Street where we met members June Bohmont, Helen DeMarco, Evelyn Wagner and Helen Wallace. Present owner attorney John White gave us a tour of this impressive building that had witnessed so much women's history in our county. The Twentieth Century Club was started in 1894 with the idea of opening a kindergarten as its first proposal. The Reno Kindergarten Association was formally organized in 1895 with Reno's first kindergarten class beginning that same year. Two of the club founders Libbie C. Booth and Mary S. Doten had Reno schools named after them. Although the club sold their building in 1980, the group is still active and currently supports many civic causes.

The tour group adjourned to the nearby Daughters Café for a tasty lunch. In keeping with the theme, this café is in one of the

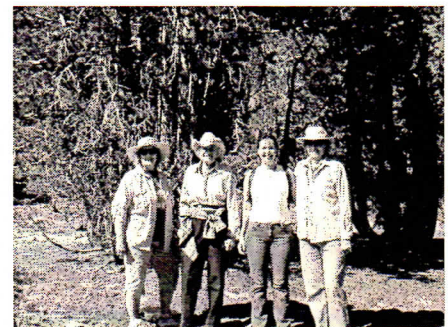


Holly Walton-Buchanan explains the history of the area during the "Legendary Women and Houses Tour".

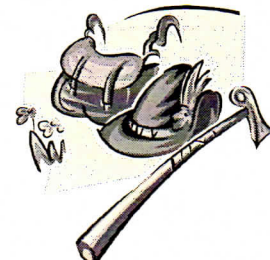
older brick residences so common to this quiet tree-lined neighborhood. Barb Giacomini purchased the house several years ago and, with her two daughters Skye and Brenda, has been renovating it into a combination home and downstairs restaurant. The delicious meal and interesting conversations provided a welcome respite for our tired feet and enormous appetites gained on the picturesque walk.

Patti Bernard

Fall Colors Hike



Fall Colors hikers on the Mt. Rose trail include: Carleen Ernest, Jan Walker, Cynthia Pickett, and Kay Sanders, hike leader. Perfect weather; lots of colors.



Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Teresa Knight

Born: June 19, 1891, Eureka, Nevada

Died: September 10, 1987, San Jose, California

Maiden Name: Teresa D'Alosio

Race/Nationality/Ethnic Background: Italian

Married: 1926 to Edward Arthur Knight

Children: 1928 – Son (premature) died at birth

1929 – Daughter (born breach) – died at birth

1930 – Daughter – Teresa Maria Knight (Bumgardner)

Primary city and county of residence and work: Eureka (Eureka County), Delamar (Lincoln County), Lane City, Steptoe Valley and Ely (White Pine County), California (San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties)

Major fields of work: Cowgirl, housewife

Born Teresa D'Alosio on June 19, 1891, in Eureka, Nevada, to Italian immigrant parents, Tracy was raised in some of the more remote areas of early eastern Nevada. She was nicknamed Tracy by an older brother, Maurice D'Alosio (nicknamed John). Her father had come over from Italy to Nevada first. Later, her mother and their two older children followed him.

When Tracy was two, her father was killed. He had been working as a sheep herder because the country was in a recession and the mines were not hiring. It was a time of conflict between the cattle and sheep owners. The cattlemen thought the sheep ate the feed in the grazing land so short that the cattle did not have anything to eat. Her father was found out on the range, shot by his own gun.

In a year or so the family moved with her mother's sister to the mining town of Delamar in the south-

eastern part of Nevada, near Caliente. In Delamar, her mother worked as the cook at her sister's new boarding house. As time passed and new miners arrived, a northern Italian man, John B. Lusetti, came to live in the boarding house. Her mother eventually married him. He bought the boarding house from Tracy's aunt. Tracy's



aunt and family then moved to California's Central Valley.

Later in Delamar, Tracy's mother gave birth to a baby girl. After a few years, the boarding house was sold and Tracy's family moved on to the small mining town of Lane City in Robinson Canyon, northwest of Ely. There the family ran a store, post office, dairy, and saloon.

In 1901, when Tracy was ten years old, the family moved to a ranch in Steptoe Valley, twenty miles from Ely (on the western side and across the valley from the smelter town of McGill). This ranch is called "The Lusetti Ranch", after her step-father, John B. Lusetti.

Tracy weighed 90 pounds and stood four feet and ten and one-half inches tall as an adult. She did the work of a hired man. She rode horses, rounded up cattle, and during haying, she rode the sickle-mower pulled by horses. She was

very proud of her horsemanship. She played the harmonica and had a beautiful singing voice. However, she was only able to go to the fourth grade in school because of the work she had to do on the ranch. Her Italian mother taught her to do beautiful embroidery, knitting, and crocheting after the ranch work was done. Tracy was feisty and quite ahead of the times for women of those days. She bought a split skirt and refused to ride side saddle.

She learned many things from the Shoshone Indians who lived nearby. They taught her how to braid horsehair into a rope, and skin rattlesnakes for making into belts. The Indians also taught her many things about the wild plants growing in that area, such as which were edible and which were poisonous. She especially loved prickly pear cactus fruit.

Tracy was not afraid of snakes. One time while riding on the range, she found a rattlesnake and killed it. Because it was early in the spring and rattlers usually did not come out at that time in the high mountains, she thought no one would believe she had killed one. She picked the rattler up and put it in her pocket, got back on her horse, and rode home. At home, a man was painting inside the house. When Tracy pulled the snake out of her pocket to show the family, the snake started to curl around her wrist. She quickly shook it off. The



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painter was so scared he threw a pillow at Tracy and it caused her nose to bleed. The next day the painter went to her stepfather and wanted his pay, for he was quitting. When asked why he wanted to leave, he said he was afraid that Tracy was planning to do something. Indeed she was; she was looking for a snake to put in his paint bucket.

One time during haying the work hands were sleeping in tents. Tracy had found a nest of little water snakes. She tied the snakes in a bunch to the tent pole where the men would grab them going into their tent. The men were not amused. They threatened to throw her in the pond and not come in to get her until she went down three times. (She did not know how to swim.) Fortunately, they never got around to that swimming lesson.

During prohibition, Tracy was at home alone when some government men arrived. She kept them busy talking outside until they left. Luckily so, because in plain view in the kitchen were barrels of fermenting wine.

In 1925 she met and fell in love with Edward Arthur Knight, son of a Cornish mining family. They were married the next year on the ranch by a Catholic priest. They moved to Ely where Arthur worked for the Nevada Northern Railroad as an inspector. The couple's first two children died at birth – one a premature son, followed the next year by the stillbirth of a tiny daughter. Happily, in 1930, a daughter, Teresa Maria, was added to the family. When Arthur was out of a job during the Depression of the 1930's, a Shoshone woman friend of Arthur's showed him two mines in the mountains on the way to the ranch. One was a tunnel containing

gold and silver ore and one was a vertical-shaft lead mine. With their little daughter and one of Arthur's friends, they moved up in the mountains close to those mines. Later, the friend would leave for another job, leaving Arthur to do the mining tasks alone.

Arthur would ride a bucket down the shaft to bore holes and set and light the dynamite. Then, very fast, he would pull himself up before the dynamite exploded. In the meantime, Tracy would hear the blast and run up the mountain hollering, "Arthur, are you all right?" Then Arthur would run down the hill shouting, "I'm all right. I'm all right." After a while, the worrying and stress about the mine blasting became unbearable. They decided to make a change.

Arthur joined the government-run Civilian Conservation Corps. He moved Tracy and baby Teresa back to Ely. The CCC kept him away from home a lot, working as a carpenter in the mountain state parks. He had learned to be a carpenter in the Army in WWI. Tracy didn't like living alone, especially when the baby came down with whooping cough. She had her stepfather write a letter stating that Arthur could have a job on the ranch. (The CCC wouldn't let men go unless they had another job.) Tracy and family moved to the Lusetti Ranch.

After working on the ranch for a while, Arthur bid on and received a contract with the government to haul mail. They moved back to Ely. Arthur met the evening train from Cobre five times a week and took the mail to the post office in Ely. Then he delivered mail to Ruth and Kimberley before going home at night. The next contract he won was to carry mail down south to Pioche. By this time WWII was beginning. During

Christmas time there was so much mail that two pickup trucks were needed to haul it. So Tracy, in her 50's, learned to drive. She drove one truck and Arthur the other. When that contract ended, Arthur went to work as a carpenter in Ruth, and later McGill, for the rest of the war.

After the war, when daughter Teresa had graduated from White Pine High School (1948), they left Nevada and moved to Half Moon Bay, California, 50 miles south of San Francisco. Tracy was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in that community. She also had a green thumb. When she took you around her garden it was like she was introducing you to her friends. She remembered when and where she got each plant, how well it had grown, its beautiful color and smell, if you could eat it and how you would cook it, and her plans for its future.

In 1952, after selling their property in Half Moon Bay to the State of California to widen Highway One, they moved to Redwood City, California. They were still living in Redwood City when Arthur died in 1971. After his death, Tracy moved to Cupertino, California, with her daughter and husband and their four children. After a long illness, she died in San Jose, California, in 1987. She is survived by her daughter Teresa Maria Knight-Bumgardner and four grand children.

Researched and written by her daughter Teresa Knight-Bumgardner.

September 2008



Nevada Council for History Education Holds 4th Conference

The Nevada Council for History Education, under the direction of State Coordinator Dr. Linda Karen Miller, held its 4th annual conference at the Boulder Dam Hotel in Boulder City. The theme was "Boulder City/Hoover Dam: Then and Now: Teaching and Writing Local History". Speakers included Nevada Women's History Project member Gene Segerblom discussing Boulder City's yesteryear. Mimi Rodden's book, *Images of Boulder City*, was also discussed and given to each participant.

In the afternoon the attendees cruised down Lake Mead on the *Forever Earth* boat.



Linda Miller and Gene Segerblom

Other NWHP members in attendance were Mary Gafford, and founding Nevada Council for History Education members Joan Le Mere and Nancy Sansone.

Linda Miller



Mary Gafford, Linda Miller, and Joan LeMere enjoying the Lake Mead cruise.

Author Tamera Buzick Tells History of Hug High School in Reno

In celebration of Hug High School's 40th anniversary, teacher and author Tamera Buzick has written a book, *Birth of a Hawk*, documenting the school's history. The school, located in north Reno, opened in 1968. Included in the book is a history of the school's campus, the biography of former superintendent of schools Procter R. Hug, and a message from Hug's first student body president. It is available for purchase at Hug High School, 2880 Sutro St., Reno, for \$10. All proceeds will go toward the school.

Tamera is a long-time member

of NWHP and the head of the Mathematics Department at Hug High School. She has also done extensive research and writing on Eilley Orrum Bowers, an historic Nevada woman. Bowers Mansion, located in a county park in Washoe Valley, was originally the Bower's family's residence in the 1800's.



Kay Sanders

Nevada Women's History Project Teacher of the Year Award

The search is underway for the best lesson plans written about the contributions of Nevada Women. One teacher will be awarded \$500 for the best lesson plan. Details are provided on the Nevada Women's History Project website. The deadline is February 1, 2009.

Although the award is funded for this year, contributions are necessary to keep the award going. If you are interested in contributing, please contact your regional office.

Dr. Linda Miller

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Start Your New 2009 Year Off With a NWHP Program

Be sure to put Saturday, January 24, 2009, on your calendar as the start of our new program series highlighting women's issues in Nevada. Mella Harmon of the Nevada Historical Society will present a luncheon program on "Passion in the Desert: The Reno Divorce Racket." This historical perspective will address the Reno divorce market after Nevada liberalized its divorce laws. It will be both educational and entertaining. Look for additional information on the program in early December.

Patti Bernard

Mackay Memories, 1908-2008:

The First 100 Years of the School of Mines

Researched and Written by
Holly Walton-Buchanan

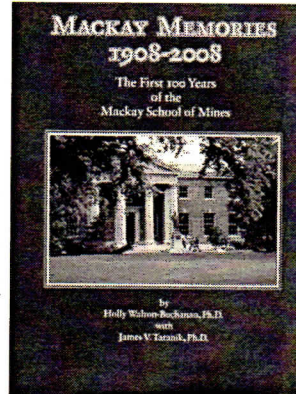
Dr. Holly Walton-Buchanan was chosen by the Mackay Executive Board as the author of the first-ever history of the Mackay School of Mines, partly because of her previous success with two historical books (*Education in Nevada: The History of the College of Education at the University of Nevada*, 2004; and *Historic Houses and Structures of Reno, Nevada*, 2006 and 2008). The book came out last spring during the celebration on the University of Nevada, Reno campus of this historic anniversary.

The Mackay basement, in which long-hidden boxes and file cabinets were stored, was one of Holly's interesting research sites where she pored through folders of news clippings and old photos. Alumni were interviewed (mostly by e-mail) and current and past instructors gave their input. The result is a

comprehensive history of this important school whose original benefactors, Clarence Mackay and his mother Marie-Louise Mackay, donated between 1907 and 1938 the equivalent of \$22 million for the Mines building and the John Mackay statue that dominates the Quad.

The book is available at the Sundance Bookstore in Reno for \$39.95. Holly's book on historic houses and structures of Reno is

also available at Sundance Bookstore, as well as on Amazon.com. Holly currently serves as Vice-Chair of the NWHP North Region and will take the reins as Editor of the NWHP newsletter in January.



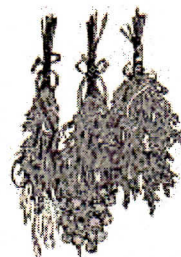
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Congratulations to:

1. The Nevada Women's Fund, our sponsoring organization, for their successful year. More than \$185,000 for scholarships was awarded to Nevada women this year. Since 1982, the organization has distributed more than \$4 million in scholarships to nearly 1,000 women and organizations.
2. NWHP member Gwendolyn Clancy, who has released a new documentary entitled "Paul Revere Williams: the Nevada Years." This program looks at several buildings in Nevada from the 1930's designed by the renowned African American architect Paul Revere Williams.

Recent showings have occurred on PBS stations in both Reno and Las Vegas as well as community access television in other areas.

3. Our State President Dianne Steel on winning in the November 4th election the position of 8th Judicial District Family Court Judge for Clark County. What a wonderful accomplishment that involved a long campaign, much hard work and dedication. We are so proud of your success!



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