

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.

Second Annual Authors' Luncheon - A Great Success

Two well-known authors on the New York Times Best Sellers List entertained a good crowd of fellow authors (mostly Nevadans) and NWHP members and guests at the second annual Authors' Luncheon on November 7th at the Atlantis Casino in Reno.

Henderson author Robyn Carr described her feeling of delight and surprise when, after 30 years of writing, her Virgin River series became a Best Seller. She started out intending to write only one book, but after six successful books in the series, she has now pledged to write 16 more, all based on several imaginary small towns in Northern California populated with fascinating characters. Her winning formula combines "men [who] are strong, sexy ex-military types [with] strong-minded, intelligent



Carrie Townley Porter as Helen J. Stewart, famous Las Vegas

women." Although she confessed that she doesn't know if writers should be discouraged or encouraged that she has finally found the winning formula after 30 years of trying, she remains very optimistic and enthusiastic about her chosen career.

Dale Brown, on the other hand, found his winning combination, high adventure and airplanes, almost immediately. Now a resident of Incline Village, he used his own experiences as an Air Force navigator in Sacramento as a foundation for his stories. He has written 22 military-political thrillers, and most of them have been best sellers. Visibly impressed by the life stories and personal successes of his fellow Nevada authors, he encouraged all to keep writing, despite the odds against being a Best Seller.

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Reno Cemeteries

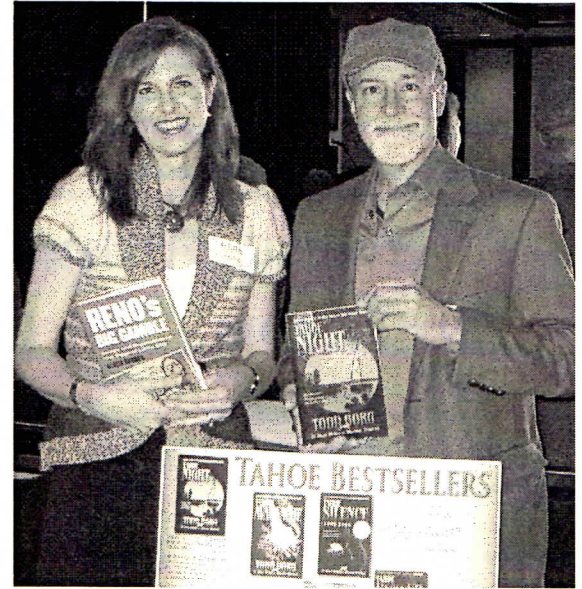
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Author's Luncheon (continued)



Former Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich and her daughter Patty Cafferata (former State Treasurer and current historian) meet children's author Karen Wilson, from Elko.



UNR Historian Alicia Barber and Tahoe novelist Todd Borg with their new books

Several genres were represented by the assemblage of authors, ranging from fiction writers Mike Alger, Todd Borg, Shawn Grady, Carol Davis Luce, Arthur Winfield Knight, Brad McClure, Susan Cummins Miller, and Stephen Sprinkel, to historians and biographers such as Alicia Barber, Bob Stewart, Patty Cafferata and Barbara Vucanovich, Sally Zanjani, Holly Walton-Buchanan, Michael Makley, James Hulse, Jack Harpster, Jerry Fenwick, Neal Cobb, Chuck Convis and Tamera Buzick. In addition, writers of children's and young people's literature included Linda Chambers, Frankye Craig, Fox Carlton Hughes, Bob Kahn, Mary Jean Kelso, Ken Ramirez, Karen Wilson and Susan Zerga. Bill Walker, Tim Mueller and Stanley Paher are specialty authors, representing the art and geography genres. Reno's well-known weatherman Dave Finley did his usual superb job as Master of Ceremonies. Carrie Townley Porter appeared dressed as Helen J. Stewart, known as "the First Lady of Las Vegas."

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our committee members, the event was very successful and raised over \$2,500.00 for NWHP projects.

Kathy Noneman



From left to right: Neal Cobb, Jerry Fenwick, Frankye Craig, Sean Grady show off their books



Caddie Duferena of Barnes & Noble holds Dale Brown's best selling novel

2010 NWHM Theme is "Writing Women Back into History"

The theme for 2010 is **Writing Women Back into History**. Next year is a landmark women's history anniversary and we are launching a special campaign to encourage celebrations in our nation's schools, communities, and workplaces throughout the year.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as the first National Women's History Week. Seven years later, the month of March was declared National Women's History Month.

To recognize this special 30th Anniversary, the National Women's History Project has selected **Writing Women Back into History** as the theme for 2010. All previous National Women's History Month Honorees will also be recognized.

This 30th Anniversary is an important time to recognize the decades of women's progress and to become acquainted with the individuals and organizations that have kept our history alive. We should acknowledge their ongoing efforts to never again let women's accomplishments be relegated to a foot-

note. Now, more than ever, the work of this movement needs to continue and expand. Each new generation needs to draw information and inspiration from the last. It has been an amazing journey and one shared with countless others.

In the early eighties, the topic of women's history was limited to college curricula and even there it languished. At that time, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women and when included, women were usually written in as mere footnotes. Women of color and women in fields like math, science, and art were completely omitted.

The essential role schools play as the major transmitter of cultural values made this omission all the more problematic. This limited inclusion of women's accomplishments served to reinforce the idea of women's secondary status and deprived students of viable female role models.

Today, when you search the Internet "women's +history + month" you'll find more than 40,500,000 citations. These ex-

traordinary numbers give testimony to three decades of the tireless work of thousands of individuals, organizations, and institutions to **write women back into history**.

In celebration of this 30th Anniversary, we are inviting women's history performers, authors, filmmakers, and other creative individuals, as well as organizations, historic sites, and museums, unions, and work groups, school groups, military units, universities and women's history programs as well as parents, grandparents, and interested individuals to join us in recognizing women as a force in history.

For further information, contact the National Women's History Project at www.nwhp.org

(A message from the National Women's History Project, forwarded by Holly Van Valkenburgh.)

Our Ladies Have a Dress for Every Occasion: The Governor's Mansion 100th Birthday

There they were, gracing the entrance to the beautiful Governor's Mansion, wearing precious dresses in honor of the many First Ladies who resided in Nevada's most important building. Wearing early 1900s gowns were Regina Smith from Winnemucca and Donna Clontz from Reno, while Mary Anne Convis and Isabel Espinoza from Carson City looked jazzy in 1930s outfits. Armed with stories told by



Left to right: Donna Clontz, Mary Anne Convis, Holly Van Valkenburgh, First Lady Dawn Gibbons, Regina Smith, Isabel Espinoza

author Jack Harpster, whose recently completed book chronicles the history of the Mansion, our NWHM members greeted people and then escorted them to various rooms for a little bit of story telling. (The Mansion Ghost remained silent this time but was no doubt listening..)

2010 Calendar

January 23 (Saturday), 10:00 a.m.: **Women of the U.S. Mint.** Speaker: Bob Nylen, Curator History at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. Admission: \$6.00, Seniors \$4.00. Lunch to follow at B'Spghetti's, \$16.00 (Soup, Salad, Chicken Caesar salad, Eggplant Parmesan, Spaghetti & Meatballs, beverage, tip). Contact: Holly Van Valkenburgh, 884-4246, or Mary Anne Convis, 888-9867.

February 20 (Saturday): Historic Reno Preservation Society members present their new film, "Literary Reno." Time and place will be announced in the February newsletter.

March 6 (Saturday): National Women's Day Celebration; joint meeting with AAUW and local women lawyers' groups. Details TBA.

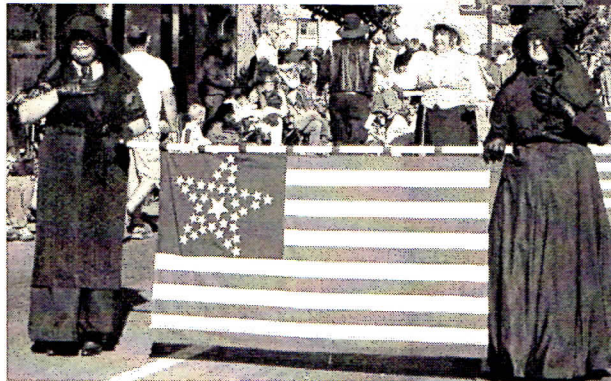
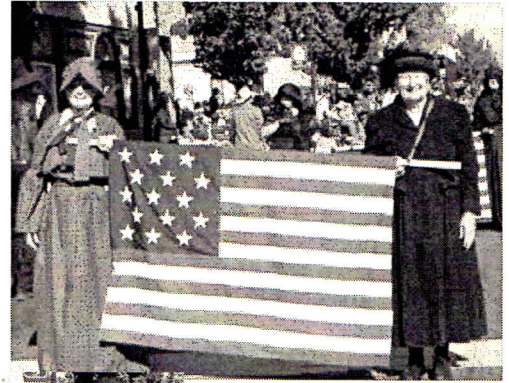
April 24 (Saturday): Barn and Ranch Tour in Douglas County, INCLUDING wine tasting! Details TBA.

May 8 (Saturday): Pink Tea, Governor's Mansion, Carson City. Details TBA.

June 6 (Sunday): Annual meeting and picnic, Crissie Caughlin Ranch, Garden House Nursery, Reno. Details will be published in the May newsletter.

Nevada Day Parade

Dressed in their finest 19th century dresses, six of our members marched in the Parade carrying three historic flags, in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Mary Anne Convis and Kathy Noneman carried the 1809 flag, while Lisa



Marie Lightfoot and Holly Van Valkenburgh, dressed in mourning, carried the Lincoln Funeral Flag. Behind them were Heidi Englund, and Elizabeth Rassiga, who carried the 1865 flag with the new star for Nevada.



July 10 (Saturday): Annual Wildflower Hike. Watch the May newsletter for time and trail description.

August 21 (Saturday): Women's Suffrage Movement Celebration, Capitol Building, Carson City. Details in the May newsletter.

October 23 (Saturday): Nevada Museum of Art luncheon and program, Reno. Details to be announced.

Articles for the February 2010 newsletter are due to Newsletter Editor, Holly Walton-Buchanan, Ph.D., no later than January 24, 2010.
E-mail her at: mtjudah@aol.com

Crissie Caughlin Ranch House to be Site of 2010 Annual Meeting

An exciting new venue for meetings of non-profit groups is the Crissie Caughlin Ranch House, just purchased by Ed and Jennifer Bath of the Garden Shop Nursery. This famous ranch is more than 125 years old, and is one of the few remaining 19th century ranches in the Truckee Meadows. Located on Mayberry Drive (once called Verdi Road), at the corner of West McCarran, the Italianate house was built in Virginia City and later brought down Geiger Grade on a wagon. The once-vast ranch extended for miles into the Sierra foothills and along the Truckee River.

Now the 3-acre site will host the 37-year old Garden Shop, which moved from Gentry Way, after negotiating an "adaptive re-

use" agreement with the Reno Historical Resources Commission. Because the house is a valuable historic structure, it is not part of the commercial establishment, freeing it for use by nonprofits for gatherings. The old outbuildings have been converted into green houses and other such commercial structures for plants and garden products. A little petting zoo has been added, to the delight of visiting children.

We plan to hold our 2010 Annual Luncheon in the Caughlin Ranch House on Sunday, June 6, 2010, either inside the ranch house or outside under a tent. The meeting will include a picnic and historic tour. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Holly Walton-Buchanan

State Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2009

The History project has \$23,304.50 in the bank as of the end of October. This includes balances in the north and the state account. These accounts will be combined into one operating account in 2010.

Dues for 2009 total \$4,907.50 and program service fees total \$4,970.00. The net income for the year is \$5,446.94.

Linda Wyckoff

We Really Need Your Books

NWHP will be participating in an ongoing book drive for the Washoe County School District's (WCSD) Read & Succeed Incentive Book Program.

If you have a new or gently used Kindergarten thru 6th grade level book you would like to donate, please drop it off at the WCSD Volunteer Services Office at 7495 South Virginia, from 8:00 AM. to 4:00 PM.

Books are distributed three times a year to children who are reading below grade level and working on their reading. Students take home a book to keep and share with their families. For some students, it is the start of a home library.

Questions, directions?
Please contact Lisa-Marie Lightfoot, 851-5655,
llightfoot@washoe.k12.nv.us



Attention all NWHP Members!

Please note that all members, Southern Region included, are considered cherished members of NWHP until their dues have expired in December 2009. You will continue to receive a NWHP newsletter and are welcome to participate in any NWHP events or publications. All current (and former) members will have the opportunity to be a member of NWHP. Those in the Southern Region who join the new organization currently being set up in the South are invited to also continue being members in NWHP and renew their membership in January 2010. Thank you for your support and love of women's history in Nevada.

Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Libbie Conover Booth

Born: April 12, 1856, Monterey, California

Died: June 27, 1948, San Jose, California

Maiden Name: Mary Elizabeth Conover

Race/Nationality/Ethnic Background: Caucasian

Married: George A. Booth

Children: None

Primary city and county of residence and work: Reno, Nevada

Major Fields of Work: Educator. Teacher and Principal. She taught at various levels in early Reno schools (Southside, Whitaker School, Orvis Ring).

Other Role Identities: Past Matron of Adah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; a founder, past president and lifetime member of the Twentieth Century Club-Reno; active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. The Libby Booth Elementary School, Reno, Nevada, was named in her honor.

Washoe County has named thirty-one schools after early women educators. Sadly, some of the schools are now gone and with them the memories of those women who dedicated their lives to the pursuit of educating Reno's youth. These ladies and their contributions to the Reno/Sparks communities should not be forgotten.

Mary Elizabeth Conover Booth, an early Reno educator for whom Libby Booth Elementary School was named, is one of those pioneer women. Most evidence points to a birth date of April 12, 1856, for Libbie Conover in the Monterey, California, area where she and her three siblings (two sisters and one brother) grew up. The early deaths of her parents necessitated that she begin her teaching career in nearby Hollister, California, in 1873 at the age of fifteen. Eleven of her first students were older than her. On her twentieth

birthday in 1876, she married brick mason George Booth. She continued to pursue her academic proficiency credentials while teaching and earned her California Life Teaching Certificate in 1885. This certificate was also honored by the State of Nevada. Three years later, in 1888, the couple decided to move to Reno. Libbie immediately obtained a teaching position while George became engaged in the brick and contracting professions.

Reno had only one school and a staff of nine teachers at the time Mrs. Booth was hired. For the next twenty years she taught at the Central School. In 1904 she left that school to become the first principal of the new Southside School. There is some uncertainty as to what her professional status was during the years of 1908-1909. The Reno Evening Gazette's (6-28-1948) obituary states, "In 1908 and 1909 she was principal of the Whitaker School on Ralston Hill, which previously had been a seminary and was operated later as a public school."

The Nevada State Journal (6-29-1948) states, "She left the public school system for a time in 1908 when she was principal of Whitaker's seminary which was then operating here."

No additional information has been found to clarify these statements, however. The Episcopal Church owned Whitaker Women's Seminary. Later referred to as the Whitaker School, it closed its doors in 1894. It then was rented out and

later leased for a hospital in 1902. The Church Diocese completed the sale of Whitaker School to the hospital in 1910 and this land was later sold in 1922 to the City of Reno. The Washoe County School District then used Whitaker Hall for a period of time before the city developed Whitaker Park on the parcel. It is unclear if the district used one of the school buildings for a school during the earlier years of 1909-1910 before the school property was sold to the hospital.

What is an undisputable fact is that Libbie Booth was involved in the planning and then was appointed to the position of principal at the newly constructed Orvis Ring School in 1910. She remained in that position for the next twenty-five years. Libbie was instrumental in the naming of that school and also of the Mary S. Doten School. Both of those individuals had been her early teaching peers.

1917 saw Libbie and staff member Jennie Logan start a tradition of fundraising at Orvis Ring that remained a popular Reno community activity into the 1970's. Some of the money generated from this fundraiser was used for upgrading school playground equipment and the purchase of new technology such as movie cameras and projectors. However, the fundraising also had a more serious component. Well aware of the needs of some of her less fortunate students, profits were allocated towards one of the first school district hot lunch pro-

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Libbie Conover Booth
Portrait Credit - Lew Hymers

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grams. A fund dedicated to aiding needy children and their families was also kept. Both of these activities were financed, in great part, by this annual Orvis Ring Pet Parade. Each fall students paraded down Virginia Street with their costumed pet animals in tow down to Powning Park, where booths had been set up for the traditional spaghetti feed and games. This immensely popular event generated much community support.

Mrs. Booth twice served as a representative to the National Education Association (NEA) conventions and was a two time appointee to the post of Nevada State NEA director. In recognition of her teaching service, Libbie was awarded the "American Youth and American Teacher Award" at the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in 1926. She was selected for this honor by a group of Nevadans as the teacher who had, "accomplished the greatest good for the greatest number of pupils of her state." After accepting this award in Philadelphia, she traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive her medal and meet with President Calvin Coolidge at the White House.

Libbie's activism extended into the community as well as to her profession. She initially joined the Hollister, California, "Athena" Chapter of Eastern Star and transferred to Reno's "Ada" chapter soon after moving to the community. In addition to serving in the highest offices of both of those chapters, she served one year as the "Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nevada." She also filled the position of "Acting Worthy Grand Matron" when the "Martha" chapter of Wadsworth, Nevada, was instituted in 1906. This chapter was later moved to Sparks. Other major areas of civic involvement

included being an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church and one of the founders, a past president and lifetime member of the Reno Twentieth Century Women's Club.

Senator Pat McCarran, on the eve of his election to Congress in 1933, wired Libbie, "I have been elected United States Senator. For all the honors that come to me, I am indebted to you for your good and careful training and guidance in the years when my life was in the making." He not only acknowledged his gratitude to her by telegraph message, but he also included his admiration for his former teacher in remarks read into the U.S. Congressional Record. She was quite proud of this honor and rightly so.

In a tribute paid to Libbie upon her retirement, it was said that she had an almost unbroken record of attendance at Orvis Ring and perhaps a little known fact about this dedicated educator best illustrates her passion to education. For many years Mrs. Booth tutored Reno's academically talented boys for their West Point and Annapolis military entrance exams, but she also taught "Americanization" (citizenship) classes to Reno's immigrant population in their quest to obtain U.S. citizenship.

Although Libbie Booth officially retired in 1935, she remained involved in many educational and civic affairs until her health became a factor. Husband George had previously died in 1907 and they had no children of their own. In 1944, and in ill health, she moved to San Jose, California, to be closer to extended family members. Libbie died on June 27, 1948. Her body was returned to Reno to be buried beside her husband in Reno's Mountain View Cemetery.

The Washoe County

School District named a school after Libbie Booth in 1955. The Libby Booth Elementary School remains a vibrant center of student learning to this day. Although, unbelievably, the school district misspelled her name, that tangible honor to her memory still successfully carries on her lifetime commitment of educating Reno's youth to the best of their abilities.

In 1936 the Nevada State Journal described Libbie Booth as having, "executed her duties with the firm dispatch of an unquenchable spirit and there are those who say she has whipped a rowdy boy on occasion; kept perfect discipline in the schoolroom and always carried herself with the vivacity of youth, which she still does." This article continues, "Her heart will always be with the youth of America." Although she and most of her former students have passed on, her life's passion continues to mold future generations. What a wonderful legacy!

Researched and written
by Patti Bernard.
September 2008

Answers to "Test Your Knowledge of Women's History" on Page 9

1. Charlie Parkhurst;
2. Susan B. Anthony;
3. Queen Liliuokalani;
4. March Fong Eu;
5. Nellie Bly;
6. Elizabeth Blackwell;
7. Romana Bannuelos;
8. Sojourner Truth;
9. Anne Hutchinson;
10. Sarah Winnemucca.

We Explored the Old Train Tunnels on Donner Pass

With the expert guidance of local historian and NWHP Tammy Buzick, a couple dozen member train-lovers braved the eerie, wet darkness of old snow sheds and railroad tunnels on Old Donner Pass. A pleasant relief from the mid-August heat, the chilly air and magnificent views of Donner Lake below, through infrequent windows along the two miles of tunnels, were

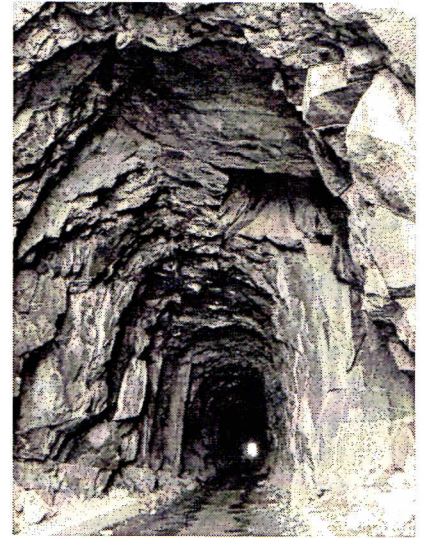


Tammy Buzick tells the story of the China Wall

a perfect backdrop to Tammy's tales of yore, when the Central Pacific Railroad was virtually blasted through the granite of the High Sierras in the 1860s. She pointed out old electrical lines and rusting iron reinforcements from later years, when the tunnels were widened and enlarged to hold bigger trains. She helped us appreciate the tremendous weight the hefty sheds must hold when piled high with heavy snow. We learned how the Chinese toiled to shore up the mountain with the China Wall. And we finally learned the truth about that rusting truck trailer dangling below old Highway 40: Some 30 years ago, filled with frozen turkeys for Thanksgiving, the truck slid off a snowy curve and tumbled down the hill. The icy birds quickly dispersed, however, as hardy

Truckee residents scrambled down to the wreck and spirited away as many turkeys as they could carry.

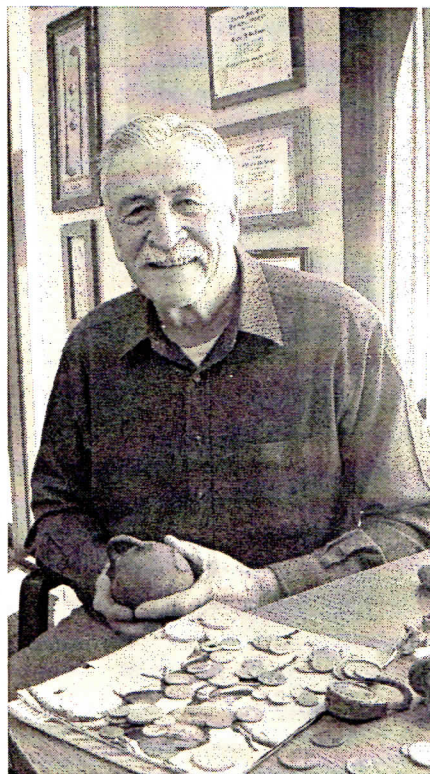
Holly Walton-Buchanan



Donner Pass Tunnel

The Final Word on Wedding Rings in the Truckee River

You know – you've heard it ever since you've lived in Reno: the so-called urban legend about divorcees throwing their old wedding rings into the Truckee River. Old-timers swore the story was true, while others denied it. Now we know that hundreds – perhaps thousands – of ex-spouses really did toss those rings over the railing, thanks to last year's NWHP program on the Reno divorce racket, which featured Historian Mella Rothwell Harmon and local resident Jerry Felesina. Jerry showed us a couple buckets of "treasure" that he and two of his friends spent three summers in 1976-78 dredging up. In all, they found over 400 rings, valuable old coins, suspicious pistols, rusty oxen shoes and other such artifacts from the gravel under the Virginia Street Bridge.



Jerry Felesina and some his "treasures" from the Truckee River

Stunned by this surprising evidence, newsletter editor Holly Walton-Buchanan dug into the research about the ring-tossing practice, consulted with then-state archivist Guy Rocha, and finally assembled the known facts into an article for Nevada Magazine. Appearing as "Reno-Vated" on page 42 in the November-December issue of Nevada Magazine (which can also be accessed online at nevadamagazine.com), the story details the probable source of the practice and how it became a "tradition." This is just one more example of why you shouldn't miss ANY of our programs, because you just never know what you're going to learn!

Holly Walton-Buchanan

Test Your Knowledge of Women's History

The answers to the following ten questions include these women: Sojourner Truth (c.1797-1883); March Fong Eu (b. 1922), Nellie Bly (1867-1922), Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643), Sarah Winnemucca (c.1844-1891), Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1917), Charlie Parkhurst (1812-1879), Romana Bañuelos (b. 1925).

1. Who drove a stagecoach across the roughest part of the West without anyone's knowing until she died that she was a woman?
2. What leading suffragist was arrested and convicted of attempting to vote in the 1872 election?
3. Who was the last queen of the Hawaiian Islands, deposed because American business interests wanted to annex Hawaii to the U.S.?
4. Who was the first Chinese-American woman ever elected to hold a statewide office in the U.S.?
5. What journalist traveled around the world in 72 days in 1890?
6. What woman was turned down by 29 medical schools before being accepted as a student, graduated at the head of her class, and became the first licensed woman doctor in the U.S.?
7. Who was the first Hispanic woman to serve as U. S. Treasurer?
8. What former slave was a powerful speaker for the rights of women and Blacks?
9. Which woman was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for holding religious discussion meetings in her home?
10. Who spoke out for the advancement of Indian rights from speakers' platforms nationwide and before Congressional committees in the 1880s?

Holly Walton-Buchanan

Answers on page 7.

July Wildflower Hike Notes

We didn't find any Elephant's Head wildflowers on our hike to Winnemucca Lake, but we saw lots of Red Heather, several colors of Paintbrush, plus Lupine, Rocky Mountain Aster, Mariposa Lily, Blue Flax, Mountain Sorrel, Mountain Bluebells, Forget-me not, Wild Iris, various Columbine, as well as Prickly Currant bushes and White Bark Pine, Red Fir, and Ponderosa Pine trees. Gorgeous flowers greeted us everywhere we looked – too numerous to identify individual



species - as we made our way up the trail to Winnemucca Lake, near the Highway 88 Ranger Station. Early on our hike we diverged to Frog Lake for the views of Red Lake below and Red Lake Peak to the north. The sight was worth the extra effort.

Arriving at Winnemucca Lake,

one member enjoyed a swim; while the rest of us relaxed and took a lunch break under the shade of some old cedar trees. It was starting to warm up as we

hiked back, but all of us enjoyed the magnificent scenery - High Sierra peaks, views of Caples Lake, and of course, nature's beautiful display of flowers.

There were nine of us on the hike: Charlene Foley, Charlene Hastings, Bruce and Lisa-Marie Lightfoot, Charlie and Kathy Noneman, Kay Sanders, Jan Walker, and Holly Walton-Buchanan. Two members of the canine family, Wally and Sophie, joined us as well. Bruce and Lisa-Marie had both pets on leashes, so the squirrels and chipmunks were safe. We returned refreshed and looking forward to our next hike, hopefully next summer or fall.

Kay Sanders

Reno's Interesting Cemeteries

Our October event took place in two often-overlooked places of historical interest in Reno: Mountain View Cemetery and Hillside Cemetery. Historians Patti Bernard and Tammy Buzick showed us the graves of many women,



Patti Bernard at Mountain View Cemetery

some of whose lives and contributions have been largely forgotten. Although the headstones of First Ladies who shared the Governor's Mansion with their husbands are difficult to find at Mountain View, thanks to Patti's research, it was gratifying to discover their names

etched in stone: Ida Pittman, Vida Boyle, Idelle Balzar, Nora Sparks, Julia Scrugham, Mabelle Kirman, Mary Bell, and Marianne Griswold. One nameless headstone contained only this message: "Warm summer sun, shine kindly here. Warm southern wind, blow gently here. Green sod lie light, lie light. Good-night, dear heart, goodnight, good-night."

At Hillside Cemetery, very few grave markers remain, due to years of neglect and vandalism. After digging into the records in



One of few remaining headstones at Hillside

search of the locations of the last resting place of several interesting women of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Tammy placed tall pink carnations on unmarked graves and told us their



Tammy Buzick at Hillside Cemetery

stories. As the sun set on the few remaining monuments standing in Reno's first cemetery, we gazed down at the lights and skyscrapers of downtown Reno and

pondered the sad fate of many of those women. As we slowly exited the hallowed ground, some of us were sure we heard the sound of clapping emanating from far below the ground.

Holly Walton-Buchanan



Headstone for Governor Balzar's wife

CORRECTION & ADDITION

In the first paragraph on page 10 of the August Newsletter, in the article "Among the Missing," First Lady Marjorie Russell's name was misspelled. We wish to add the names of the First Ladies whose biographies are being sought: Emma (Lee) Adams (1883-1887), Idelle (Sinnamon) Balzar (1927-1934), Mary (Poore) Bell 1890-1891, Sarah Jane (Cox) Blasdel (1864-1871), Vida Margaret (McClure) Boyle (1915-1923), Virginia Hode (Bradley) Belknap (1871-1879), Bonnie (Fairchild) Bryan (1983-1989), Irma Marie (Callahan) Carville (1939-1945), Mary Francis (Hopkins) Colcord (1891-1895), Una (Reilly) Dickerson (1908-1911), Dawn Gibbons (2007-), Marianne (Williamson) Griswold (1934-1935), Deema Guinn (1999-2006), Elizabeth (Weyburn) Jones Safford (1895-1896), Lizzie (Fall) Kinkead (1879-1883), Mabelle Jean (King) Kirman (1935-1939), Jacalyn (Ross) Laxalt (1967-1971), Kathy (Geary) List (1979-1983), Sandy (Searles) Miller (1989-1999), Ellen G. Oddie (1911-1915), Carolyn (Randall) O'Callaghan (1971-1979), Ida Louise (Brewington) Pittman (1945-1951), Marjorie (Guild) Russell (1951-1959), Louise (Zadow) Sadler (1896-1903), Bette Norene (Hoge) Sawyer (1959-1967), Julia (McCann) Scrugham (1923-1927), Nora (Knight) Sparks (1903-1908), Ellen M. Stevenson (1887-1890)

Volunteer Help Wanted!

We need someone to help pick up NWHF telephone messages. Can be done from your home. Please contact Kay Sanders at 747-1740 or Grace Davis at 853-3200.

Hannah Clark Johnston Bailey: Pacifist and Suffragette



"Unidentified members of the National Committee of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) in 1924" (Wikipedia)

Hannah Clark Johnston Bailey (July 5, 1839-October 23, 1923) was born at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, New York. She was the eldest of 11 children of a family of Quaker pacifists. Hannah Johnston taught for 10 years and then married Moses Bailey, a well-to-do Quaker factory owner. After he died in 1882, Hannah Bailey began her work in the Quaker schools, the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), and from 1891 to 1897 was president of the Maine Woman Suffrage Association. Her most important contribution to American social reform was spreading the pacifist gospel as superintendent of the Department of Peace and Arbitration of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union from 1887 to 1916. Working from her home, she published the *Pacific Banner* for adults and the *Acorn* for children, both monthly

periodicals. She distributed many thousands of leaflets at Sunday Schools. She traveled widely, worked with women's groups, ministers, editors and teachers. Her major target was war, but she also opposed prize-fighting, lynching, capital punishment, martial toys, and military drill in

schools. She also opposed conscription.

During the 1890s she and other WCTU officials strove to get Congress to use arbitration in international disputes. In 1892, she presented to President Harrison a widely backed protest against American military force in the Chilean crisis. Ms. Bailey was deeply saddened when the WCTU emotionally endorsed the United States entry into World War I. Ms. Bailey directed the greatest women's peace department of the 19th and early 20th centuries and spread doctrines of lasting influence. She died in 1923 in Portland, Maine, aged 84.

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