

## WATSON CABIN OPENS

ON DECEMBER 31, 1989, BETTY AND JUDY LAYTON CLOSED THE DOORS OF THE 'POTTER'S WHEEL' TO ALLOW THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO RESTORE THE WATSON CABIN TO ITS 1908 COMPLETION LOOK SO THAT THE CABIN WOULD BECOME A 'LIVING MUSEUM', A LONGTIME DREAM OF THE LAYTONS.

NOW THAT THE WATSON CABIN IS RESTORED AND PARTIALLY REFURNISHED WE CAN INVITE VISITORS TO TOUR THE CABIN AND SEE HOW A PIONEER FAMILY LIVED AT LAKE TAHOE AT THE TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY. THE CABIN WAS OPEN FOR EASTER WEEK AND WILL REOPEN ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FOR THE SUMMER SEASON (HOURS: 11 AM TO 4 P.M. DAILY).

WHILE BETTY LONG AND LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO WORKED ON THE RESTORATION, ROSEMARY LINDSEY BEGAN COLLECTING DONATIONS OF FURNISHINGS AND BETTY HENDERSON BEGAN SEWING THE COSTUMES FOR OUR DOCENTS AND BEGAN PLANNING THE DOCENT SCHEDULE.

A DOCENT TRAINING DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1990 AT THE WATSON CABIN - 560 NORTH LAKE BLVD., TAHOE CITY FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM. PLEASE CALL BETTY HENDERSON (702) 831-1917 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THE FUN OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS NEW ENDEAVOR SHOULD APPEAL TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND WILL NOT REQUIRE MUCH OF YOUR TIME. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ORIENTATION AND A SUMMER OF NEW ADVENTURES.

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## WATSON CABIN DONATIONS

SPECIAL THANKS TO NONDA CHAMBERLAIN WHO DONATED A SPOOL BED FRAME AND HAND QUILTED BED SPREAD; JACK JACKSON WHO DONATED THE MOUNTED DEER'S HEAD AND ANTLERS; JAN EDMONDSON WHO DONATED CHINA; RUBY ORKOW WHO DONATED A COLLECTION OF FINE DEMITASSE; AND TO THE MANY MEMBERS, WHO OVER THE YEARS HAVE DONATED KITCHEN TOOLS.

WE WOULD LIKE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO GO TO BOB KELGARD WHO UPDATED AND ADDED TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND TO DENNIS HOFFMAN WHO REPAIRED THE PLUMBING SYSTEM. BOTH OF THESE GENEROUS MEMBERS DONATED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE. OUR GRATITUDE ALSO GOES TO SECURITY LOCK & ALARM FOR THEIR DONATION OF THE UPGRADED SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLATION, AND TO LARRY SEVISON WHO DONATED ROUGH CUT CEDAR PANELLING FOR THE INTERIOR WALLS.

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## WATSON CABIN NEEDS

EIGHT RAWHIDE SEAT CHAIRS WITH PINE  
WALL MOUNT BRASS FAUCETS  
COAT RACK  
SEVEN STRAIGHT CHAIRS  
ARROW HEAD COLLECTION  
TWO CROCHET STRING RUGS  
MIRRORS  
3 MIRROR DRESSER  
SMALL LAMP  
VINTAGE PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS  
VINTAGE FOOD PACKAGING  
WASHBOARD

NAVAJO RUG  
WOOD BOX WITH LID  
WROUGHT IRON HANGING RACKS  
CAPTAIN'S CHAIR  
UPRIGHT PIANO AND SEAT  
CHEST OF DRAWERS  
OIL LAMPS  
SMALL CHEST OF DRAWERS  
NIGHT TABLE  
VINTAGE COSMETIC ITEMS  
VINTAGE UTENSILS  
FLOOR LAMP

## EDITH MADELEY TURNER

Edith Madeley Turner, long-time summer resident of Lake Tahoe died on January 17, 1990 at the age of 91. Edith first visited Lake Tahoe in the summer of 1906. With her mother, Alice Foster Madeley and her sister Alice and brother Hughes, she traveled from Sacramento to the Thomas McConnell cabin at the mouth of Blackwood Creek. They traveled by street car to the Southern Pacific Depot, then overnight by train to Truckee and by narrow-gauge railroad to Tahoe City, and finally by horse and wagon to the cabin where they stayed for a month.

Preparations for such a stay were enormous. A trunk was loaded with ham, bacon, prunes, raisins, other dried fruits and vegetables, cereals, honey, sugar, flour, rice and canned milk. Straw hampers of clothes and household linens were also packed. That same year Edith's mother purchased 100 feet of lake front at Homewood for the price of \$150.

Later Edith traveled to Tahoe with her family in their Model T. To get gasoline to the engine it became necessary to back up on steep hills. Just picture the Madeleys in their Model T backing up Donner Grade. In the early 30's Edith came to Tahoe with her husband Arthur and their three children. It took them almost a full day driving from Sacramento up old Highway 40 with a stop for a picnic lunch on the way. For several years they rented cottages in the area of Sandy Beach.

In 1937 they finally built a summer cabin on half of the Homewood property. The family first rented a tent cabin behind 'The Hut', a pub owned by Ben and Jean Callendar and located across the highway from the Turner property near Madden Creek. They then moved into the house while it was still under construction. They cooked on the beach, bathed in the Lake, and slept under the roof before the walls and windows were installed. Later, cooking was on a wood stove, and refrigeration was in an ice box or a cooler made of a wood orange crate, covered with damp burlap and hung in a tree. From that time until the children were grown and on their own, Edith lived at Tahoe during the summer, arriving in June as soon as school was out and not leaving until September.

Summers during World War II were challenging. Edith and her husband drove their 1941 Buicks to the Lake in June. Her car was then put up on blocks so Arthur could use her tires as spares and her gas ration card to commute most weekends. The kids rode balloon tire bikes with no gears to Tahoe City for a soda or walked to Obexer's to get the mail.

In fact, waiting for the daily mail to be sorted was a social occasion. People watched for the mail boat to go by. Then they set off for Obexer's and gathered outside, standing in groups or sitting with their feet dangling off the porch of the old log building that used to stand across the street. A few had their own boxes, but most waited until all the mail was sorted. Then Mrs. Obexer opened the window in the upper part of the door in the tiny post office, and everyone lined up to see if there was anything for them.

With a flashlight in hand, Edith guided her children and their friends to Homewood Resort once a week to see outdoor movies on a sheet stretched between trees where the ski parking lot is now. Moths flew against the screen and the projector was guaranteed to break down at least once during the evening. Later, Edith took her family to the first-run movies that came to the Tahoe Tavern. They visited the bowling alley under the theater too, where real live boys set the pins by hand.

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Once each summer the family drove to Truckee to shop for school clothes for the children who had grown since June. They returned by the scenic route over the hill to Kings Beach carrying water bags hanging on the bumper in case of overheating and rarely passing a car on the one-lane dirt road.

During the 1960 Winter Olympics Edith made her one extended winter stay at the Homewood cabin which is not insulated and has no winter water or central heat. She brought in a hand pump and installed it on the porch with a hose running to the Lake for water. She had a hole dug in a group of trees out back, set up a chair that had lost its seat and had been fitted with a toilet seat, and hung burlap walls for privacy. She filled the bath tub with coal and kept coal burning in the fireplace and wood stove around the clock.

Edith then entertained a stream of visitors who came to view the Olympics. A bus ran regularly along the west shore transporting athletes to Squaw Valley and to the cross-country track by McKinney Creek. The bus drivers were kind enough to pick up anyone who stood by the road, so no Turner or guest ever had to drive to Squaw Valley.

July 17, 1987, Edith held a party to celebrate the 50th birthday of her Tahoe home. Since 1937, guests had been asked to write a poem when departing. Using these guest books she invited all who had ever stayed a night. The day of the party it hailed, but hundreds came and had a wonderful time. She was very proud of the certificate she received as a 50-year Tahoe resident.

Edith Turner loved Lake Tahoe. During her first visit she rode the steamer 'Tahoe' around the Lake. She remembered the Indians coming up from Nevada selling pine nuts and baskets. She remembered the days when the only pier near her property was Ed Wahl's rock crib structure and power boats were few and far between. She climbed Eagle Cliff and hiked to Ellis Peak and camped at Webber Lake. Occasionally the family drove to Fallen Leaf Lake to visit old friend Fritzi Craven or the Harper family at Bliss Beach. When the power-boat races were held at Tahoe Tavern and then at Chamber's Lodge, Edith's family was always present.

Edith's last days at Tahoe were last summer where at 90-years-young she continued to greet and entertain her guests and enjoy the sunshine and mountain air. She will be missed.

Mary Alice Carswell and Howard Madeley Turner  
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## **BOB DANERI**

North Lake Tahoe lost a good friend when Bob Daneri died last March. A member of the Historical Society since 1971, Bob was serving on our Board of Directors at the time of his death.

Bob served on the NTPUD Board for 24 years, was a volunteer fireman for over 20 years, served on the Lahonton Water Regulatory Control Board, Placer County Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, California Water Quality Advisory Commission, North Tahoe Business Association, Over 50 Club, Rotary, Elks and Friends of the Incline Library, TRPA Advisory Planning Commission and the Civil Service Commission. Bob Daneri was a very special friend to all of North Lake Tahoe, caring and giving. To Natalie we send our love and sympathy.

# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

FALL

NEWSLETTER

1990

## 1990-91 Board of Directors

YOUR 1990-1991 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT OUR 'DINNER & DIXIELAND' GENERAL MEETING ARE: ED & VIRGINIA BARNETT, BERNIE BECHDOLT, SHIRLEY DALE, RANDY FACCINTO, YOVANA GUTOWSKY, PAUL & BETTY HENDERSON, CAROLYN JOHNSON, LARRY & ROSEMARY LINDSEY, SARAH MALIN, BARBARA MULVANY, BUD & GLORIA NOVACK, BECCY SHONTZ AND CAROL VAN ETEN.

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT RUSS MULVANY, VICE PRESIDENT HOWARD PERRY, SECRETARY KATHY TAVERNIER AND TREASURER EARL MARR. DIRECTOR OF MUSEUMS: MIRIAM BIRO AND WATSON CABIN CURATOR BETTY LONG.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK RETIRING PRESIDENT, ED BARNETT; RETIRING TREASURER, PAUL HENDERSON AND RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS JUDY LAYTON AND CATHY GIBB FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

1990-1991 SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS: CHARLES DANIELS, RALPH & JOYCE GRUNAUER, DOROTHY INTORF, JOHN F. OTTO AND DON SWEET.

EACH NEWSLETTER WILL INTRODUCE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO OUR MEMBERS STARTING WITH OUT PRESIDENT ELECT, RUSS MULVANY.

RUSS MULVANY IS A RETIRED LT. COL. IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, HAVING SERVED IN THREE WARS: WORLD WAR II, KOREA AND VIET NAM. AFTER RETIREMENT FROM THE SERVICE, RUSS BECAME THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT NORTHRIDGE. NOW LIVING FULL TIME AT LAKE TAHOE, RUSS IS ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL - TRUCKEE SQUADRON. HE HAS A DEGREE IN ART AND IS A DEVOTED AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST AND HISTORIAN.

BARBARA MULVANY, RUSS'S WIFE, FIRST STARTED SPENDING HER SUMMERS AT THE LAKE IN 1944 WHEN HER PARENTS PURCHASED THEIR LAKEFRONT HOME, BUILT IN 1917 AS PART OF THE TAHOE VISTA LODGE. BARBARA IS A FINE PORTRAIT PAINTER AND STUDIED IN PARIS. SHE IS ALSO A TALENTED INTERIOR DECORATOR AND IS INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE, PAINTING AND HOUSE REMODELING. BOTH THE MULVANYS ARE CIVIC MINDED AND ACTIVE IN LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

## A House Tour To Remember

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER, OUR ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR NETTED THE SOCIETY OVER \$7,500, THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN GEYER, JIM AND MARIAN HEATON, DICK AND FRIEDA KLEIN, JOHN AND BARBARA OTTO, B.J. AND BEBE CASSIN, PETER AND CHRISTINA VAN DYCK AND DICK AND LEE JACKSON, WHO ALLOWED OUR GUESTS TO TOUR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL HOMES. ONCE AGAIN WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHUCK, CAROL AND PETER DANIELS, OWNERS OF REDWOOD VINTNERS, WHO DONATED THE FINE WINE TASTING; TO GRAHAM LUCE, WHO COORDINATED THE WINERIES AND TASTING AND TO THE PARTICIPATING WINERIES. TO OUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES AND THEIR TEAMS OF VOLUNTEERS: GLORIA NOVACK, JAN EDMONDSON, MARJORIE MARR, DOTTIE INTORF, ROSEMARY LINDSEY, VIRGINIA BARNETT AND SHIRLEY DALE; TO LARRY LINDSEY, WAYNE WELCOME AND HANK STEINBACH FOR HOSTING THE WINE AND CHEESE TASTING AND TO BETTY HENDERSON AND CAROLYN JOHNSON FOR PROVIDING THE FRUITS. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

# A Dollar A Day - And All You Can Eat!

I worked up there (Lake Tahoe) as a boy of 16 and 17 in the summers of 1919 and 1920, all of July, August and September, and at the last there was snow around, and it got pretty cold.

The job was at Fallen Leaf Lodge, a private enterprise then, not connected with Stanford University, as I believe it is now. Listen to the job: bus-boy, three meals a day (setting tables, carrying trays, clearing tables); assistant dishwasher (in charge of silverware, crockery, butter-pats and cream pitchers - but I had a separate sink from the fellows who did the dishes and pots and pans); laundry (run flatware through the mangle from right after breakfast until 11 A.M.); play piano in the recreation hall from 8 P.M. to 10 P.M. For all this I got \$1.00 a day, meals, and a tent to share with another musician, a banjo player who could not remember the chords (I had to call them to him one change ahead). But we did get a day off once in a while, and the middle of the afternoon every day.

And here's how we got there. I took the Southern Pacific from Palo Alto to San Francisco; street car to the Ferry Building; Ferry to Oakland Pier; Southern Pacific Train via Sacramento to Truckee; stayed overnight in Truckee at a small wooden hotel by the tracks.

Next morning I took the narrow-gauge Lake Tahoe Railroad along the Truckee River to Tahoe City and ate an early lunch there. Two steamships were tied up awaiting passengers from the train; I think they were the 'Tahoe' and the 'Nevada'. They left in opposite directions, each making a complete circle of the shore, passing each other midpoint somewhere. Mine went down the California side, so I got to go into Emerald Bay. I got off at Tallac. Waiting there was an old decrepit open-air touring car, steam powered (they called it 'the stage'); it took me over a bumpy dirt road from Tallac south, finally along the east shore of Fallen Leaf Lake to the lodge at the southern end. What a trip! But it was beautiful, absolutely.

There was no highway, no road at all, around the lake then. There was a dirt road over the mountain south of Fallen Leaf to a town called Strawberry, up out of Placerville on whatever river goes along there (south fork of the American River) for those who wanted to brave it in their own car (now Hwy. 50).

My next visit was in the thirties. In about ten years the change was great. There roads were in, railroad and ships gone. Sort of heart-breaking.

So that's my Tahoe story. Top it if you can. Maybe it's more fun now, with easier access and casinos, crowds, and air and water pollution. But I saw it when it was just plain beautiful.

George A. Hackett  
dated December 21, 1978, from a letter written to Ray and Lois Linn. The Linns donated the letter to the Historical Society.



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## 1990 Raffle & Prizes

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### 1990 RAFFLE PRIZES AND WINNERS:

DINNER-DANCING CRUISE ON THE M.S. DIXIE FOR TWO: PATRICIA WOOD  
\$50 IN ALTERATIONS/DRESSMAKING FROM JO McDOUGAL: M. CHRIS SMITH  
DINNER FOR TWO AT WOLFDAL'S: JOAN MENSOR  
HAIR CUT/BLOW DRY FROM LA PETITE STYLING SALON: DOROTHY INTORF  
LUNCHEON FOR TWO AT CAPTAIN JON'S: SHARON FACCINTO  
IRON HORSE VINYARDS ESTATE BOTTLE OF PINOT NOIR FROM RALEY'S: MONICA MARCH  
\$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM SPORTS TAHOE: SHIRLEY DALE  
CRUISE ON THE SUNRUNNER FOR TWO: MONICA MARCH  
GOLF FOR TWO AT THE TAHOE CITY GOLF COURSE: GAIL SAMUELS  
CUSTOM KNIT SWEATER FROM BETTY HENDERSON: NANCY VITAICH  
BREAKFAST FOR TWO AT THE FIRE SIGN CAFE: BARBARA BRAKER  
WASH/BLOW DRY AT THE WHITE RHINO: GEORGEANNE BECKETT  
CUSTOM CARVED HOUSE SIGN FROM THE BIROS: MELINDA WULFF  
DINNER FOR TWO AT THE CRYSTAL BAY STEAK HOUSE: VAL WHITMYRE  
FISHING CRUISE FOR TWO ON THE BIG MACK: EMBREE CROSS  
DINNER FOR TWO AT THE TAHOE HOUSE: ROBERT BERNARD  
ALL DAY SKI PASSES FOR TWO AT SQUAW VALLEY USA: GAIL HUNT  
TRAM PASSES FOR FOUR AT SQUAW VALLEY USA: STEVE HECOX  
DINNER FOR TWO AT ZACKARY'S: ALBERT HYATT  
DINNER FOR TWO AT ZACKARY'S: MARION STEINBACH  
FOUR BOX PASSES & PREFERRED PARKING TO S.F. GIANT'S GAME FROM HOFFMAN, LIEN  
AND FACCINTO: GEORGE EDMONDSON  
DINNER FOR TWO AT CHAMBER'S LANDING: PEGGY HARTSHORNE  
SHOW FOR FOUR AT HARRAH'S TAHOE: DAVID ANTONUCCI  
OVERNIGHT STAY IN THE VICTORIAN ROOM OF THE GRAVENSTEIN INN FROM OWNERS  
DON AND JACQUE MIELKE: FRAN OLIVER  
CHARTERED FLIGHT TO THE WINE COUNTRY FROM DALE AVIATION: HOWARD PERRY  
CARRIBEAN ISLAND WEEK FOR TWO FROM TAHOE EDGELAKE RESORT: WALTER CRINNION  
OVERNIGHT STAY & DINNER FOR TWO AT HARVEY'S RESORT: JOAN CUNNINGHAM  
TWO NIGHT/THREE DAY STAY AT CAESAR'S TAHOE: MARGARET KELLER  
CRUISE ON THE THUNDERBIRD FROM BUZZ & JOAN GIBB: ED BARNETT

## Annual 'Dinner & Dixieland'

NETTIE SCHERMAN ONCE AGAIN INVITED THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL 'DINNER & DIXIELAND' MEMBERSHIP EVENT AT HER BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT HOME ON JULY 22ND. PERFECT WEATHER, A MENU THAT INCLUDED SALAD AND DESSERT BARS, BBQD STEAKS AND CHICKEN BREASTS WAS COMPLIMENTED BY THE FINE WINES DONATED BY CHUCK DANIELS' REDWOOD VINTNERS, A NO-HOST BAR, THE TERRIFIC AL SHAY COMBO, OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAWING AND ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

SO MANY VOLUNTEERS MADE THE PARTY A DELIGHT WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GRACIOUS HOSTESS, NETTIE SCHERMAN AND ED & VIRGINIA BARNETT, BERNIE BECHDOLT, LOU & MIRIAM BIRO, SHIRLEY DALE, DAN & YOVANA GUTOWSKY, STEVE & KAT HECOX, CAROLYN JOHNSON, LARRY & ROSEMARY LINDSEY, BETTY LONG, RUSS & BARBARA MULVANY, HOWARD & LINDA PERRY, BUD & GLORIA NOVACK, BECCY SHONTZ AND DON SWEET.



## Welcome New Members

HARRY & ANGELINA BRIX  
WILLIAM & GAIL DAWSON  
JOHN & JANE EDGINTON  
PATRICK & JANICE FLANAGAN  
MADGE E. FLEMING  
CHARLES & SANDY HAYWOOD  
JOHN & ANN HEALY  
JAMES & MARIAN HEATON  
JOE, KATHY & EVAN HOXIE  
MARGARET KELLER  
ELLEN S. LIFSCHUTZ

STEPHEN MARTIN  
STUART & CLARA NIXON  
LOU & KATHLEEN OHLSON  
JOHN & EDIE SCHALLER  
MICHELLE & JOHN SCHEI  
JACK & JUDY SEMMENS  
DANA SPENCER  
DAVID & LAURIE THOMAS  
PETER & CHARLOTTE VAN ETTEN  
ADAM VAN NORDEN  
STUART WEISS

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## Memorial Donations

IN MEMORY OF BOB DANERI FROM: MR. & MRS. EMBREE CROSS  
CHARLES I. DANIELS, JR.  
JUDGE & MRS. ROBERT FUGAZI  
BECCY SHONTZ

IN MEMORY OF EDITH MADELEY TURNER FROM BARBARA WALROND McCUE

IN MEMORY OF MACIE HENKE FROM EARL AND MARJORIE MARR

IN MEMORY OF TIM CULLEN FROM EARL AND MARJORIE MARR

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT J. BITTNER FROM ELIZABETH L. BITTNER  
MARTHA MacLAUGHLIN

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH VER BRYCK FROM ED AND VIRGINIA BARNETT

IN MEMORY OF RUBY DREYER ORKOW FROM: ED AND VIRGINIA BARNETT  
MIRIAM ORKOW BIRO  
CAROLYN JOHNSON  
DEWITT & CAROL KRUEGER  
EARL & MARJORIE MARR  
HOWARD & LINDA PERRY  
JACQUELINE TUNBERG, ELSIE TESHEMA

IN MEMORY OF OREL G. CRAWFORD FROM: CAROLYN JOHNSON

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## Happy Anniversary!

A SPECIAL DONATION HONORING THE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF LARRY AND ROSEMARY LINDSEY WAS RECEIVED FROM MILLER AND ELIZABETH JENSEN.

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OUR MONDAY EVENING SERIES OF LECTURES AND FILMS WAS ALWAYS STANDING ROOM ONLY, THANKS TO OUR TALENTED GUEST LECTURERS: JULIE CARVILLE, NORM NIELSON AND DAVID STOLLERY. THANKS TO MARION STEINBACH FOR GIVING AGAIN OF HER TIME AND TALENTS IN TEACHING THE PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS.

## BACK IN TIME AS A DOCENT by DIANNE FIX

It's a beautiful sunny Sierra summer morning. Wednesday, and no work for me today. This summer Wednesdays were MY days! No alarm, coffee and the newspaper on the deck, getting it together slowly! I really enjoy my time on the deck with the quietness of the trees, the calling of the Steller's Jays and grey squirrels scampering about.

At 11:15 I leave our Tahoe Donner home and head for Tahoe City. Traffic in Truckee, construction. Traffic at Alpine Meadows, construction. Traffic in Tahoe City, construction. Then I see the Big Tree and Watson Cabin. Once in the front door of this charming little house I am magically transformed back in time to 1908. The cabin has a spectacular view of the lake through the sunny dining room. The living room and kitchen are so homey!

For the next four hours I have the opportunity to greet visitors and give them the little knowledge I have of the house. What is so completely amazing to me is what I have learned of Lake Tahoe and of the early part of this century from so many of the guests.

Many days locals have arrived with donations of kitchen spice tins, articles to be displayed in the kitchen and other parts of the house and pieces of period furniture to be used in restoring the upstairs bedrooms. One Wednesday Mr. Jackson brought in some perfectly preserved National Geographics from 1909. What fun I had looking through them before displaying them on the wicker book shelf in the living room.

Many members of the NLTHS have contributed many hours to restore and docent the Watson Cabin. It has been one of the highlights of this past summer for me. I look forward to being a docent next summer and for special events throughout the year.

My thanks go out to Curator, Betty Long, for her long hours of work to get the museum ready and keep it open during the summer. More docents are needed!!! If you have a free afternoon every now and then, I would strongly recommend that you volunteer whatever time you can. You will find that you get a lot more than you give! It is easy and so enjoyable! I am just learning about Lake Tahoe. If this Truckee person can do it, so can you!

DIANNE FIX

Dianne has not only served as a docent for the first summer of the Watson Cabin museum, she has also volunteered her time and talents to planting and landscaping. She will have the Cabin open on September 29th to give special tours to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and the Church of the Mountains. From 12 P.M. to 4 P.M. Dianne would like to invite our members for tours of the cabin. Please do stop by for a special tour.

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If you are interested in becoming a docent or volunteer please complete and return this info sheet or call Betty Henderson (702) 831-1917/Betty Long (916) 583-4488/Miriam Biro (916) 583-1762/583-4976.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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I WILL VOLUNTEER TO BE A DOCENT \_\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

I WILL HELP WITH THE RESTORATION: \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL HELP WITH LANDSCAPING: \_\_\_\_\_

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# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1991, THE WAR IN THE PERSIAN GULF BEGAN AND ONCE AGAIN OUR HISTORY IS FOREVER CHANGED. MANY OF OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS HAVE LOVED ONES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE WAR. WE PRAY THAT ALL COME HOME SAFE AND SOON ALONG WITH ALL OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

## Lake Level At Alltime Low

EACH DAY AT LAKE TAHOE WE ARE SETTING NEW RECORDS AS THE LAKE LOWERS TO LEVELS BELOW ANY PREVIOUSLY RECORDED. ON JANUARY 30, 1991, THE LAKE LEVEL WAS 6221.70 (NATURAL RIM: 6223.0 AND LEGAL LIMIT: 6229.10). YOU CAN NOW WALK FROM WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK WHERE THE WATER WAS HIGH ENOUGH TO COME TO THE PARK BY BOAT ALL THE WAY TO LAKE FOREST, AND BEYOND. AS MORE AND MORE LAND SURFACES SO DO MANY ARTIFACTS. DAVE ANTONUCCI AND A CREW FROM THE T.C.P.U.D. HAVE COLLECTED MANY ARTIFACTS FROM THE COMMONS BEACH AND HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM TO BE SORTED AND IDENTIFIED.

## Meet Your Board Of Directors

VICE PRESIDENT, HOWARD PERRY AND HIS WIFE, LINDA LEWIS PERRY HAVE BOTH SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HOWARD WAS BORN IN CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS AND GRADUATED FROM THE BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY IN 1976. HE HAS BEEN THE PHARMACIST AT LONGS IN TRUCKEE SINCE IT OPENED. HOWARD IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, SIERRA PARKS FOUNDATION AND ACTIVE IN THE TAHOE WILDLIFE CARE ORGANIZATION ALONG WITH LINDA. HE IS AN AVID DOWNHILL AND CROSS COUNTRY SKIER AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE GREAT SKI RACE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE IS ALSO A HISTORY BUFF BOTH OF NEW ENGLAND AND LAKE TAHOE AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, HOWARD HAS BEEN THAT FRIENDLY BARTENDER AT OUR ANNUAL DINNER & DIXIELAND FUND-RAISERS.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FULLTIME BOARD MEMBERS AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR TWO YEAR TERMS. IF YOU ARE A PAID UP MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT RUSS MULVANY AT (916) 546-2083 OR WRITE TO HIM AT P.O. BOX 310, TAHOE VISTA, CA. 95732.

## Tour The Watson Cabin

ALTHOUGH THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM IS ONLY OPEN FROM MAY FIRST TO OCTOBER FIRST EACH YEAR THE WATSON CABIN LIVING MUSEUM IS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE TOURS YEAR ROUND. JUST CALL BETTY LONG (916) 583-4488 OR MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-4976 TO ARRANGE A DATE AND TIME.

## Help!

WITH THE LOSS OF FOURTEEN FIRS AND PINES AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK WITH THE ONGOING DROUGHT, WE ARE IN NEED OF TREES TO PLANT. IF YOU HAVE ANY TWO TO FOUR YEAR OLD SUGAR PINES, INCENSE CEDAR, WHITE FIR OR JEFFREY OR PONDEROSA PINES PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-4976.



## Welcome New Members

PEARL M. BLOOM  
LYN KAROL BLUMENTHAL  
BARBARA & OAKLEY HALL  
CHARLOTTE & ROBERT HIMSL  
BRENDA & BRYTE JOHNSON  
ELLEN & HUGH McBRIDE

KAREN McBRIDE & FIL AGUIRRE  
TRUDI LEE MADDOX  
FRANCES & GEORGE PICKETT  
DOUGLAS E. READ  
NANCY B. ROGERS  
SIERRA HERITAGE MAGAZINE

## In Memorium

WITH THE PASSING OF ROBERT WARREN ANGELL, ARCH ELLIOTT, VERNON MAYHOOD AND NORMA MILLER WE HAVE LOST FOUR LONG TIME TAHOE RESIDENTS AND SOCIETY MEMBERS. WE SEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO JANET ANGELL, ELEANOR ELLIOTT, LUCY MAYHOOD AND ROYAL MILLER.

## Memorial Donations

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WARREN ANGELL FROM CAROLYN ALLEN, DOROTHY AND ROBERT STARKEY, JOANNE AND ROBERT RICHARDS, DOLORES AND JOHN LOPER, BARBARA AND JOHN BELLAMY AND GENE AND ROBERT CLIFFORD.

IN MEMORY OF NORMA MILLER FROM CAROLYN JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED ALLEN FROM NANCY AND GERALD JOHNSON

IN MEMORY OF JACK DUTTWEILER FROM BETTY LAYTON

## The Watson Cabin

YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS A VERY SPECIAL AND URGENT NEED FOR DOCENTS TO MAN THE WATSON CABIN LIVING MUSEUM FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. WHETHER YOU CAN GIVE AS LITTLE AS FOUR HOURS A MONTH OR AS MUCH AS FOUR HOURS A WEEK WE NEED YOU. THERE WILL BE HALF DAY TRAINING SESSIONS AND WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO HAVE HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAMS OR TEAMS OF TWO FRIENDS.

LEARNING ABOUT AND SHARING LAKE TAHOE HISTORY WITH OUR VISITORS IS A MOST FULFILLING AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE. PLEASE GIVE US SOME OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS THIS SUMMER. WE THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND IT TO BE ONE OF YOUR BEST SUMMERS EVER.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A DOCENT OR OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL EITHER BETTY LONG (916) 583-4488 OR MIRIAM BIRO 583-4976.

## Special Events

THE 1991 HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH AND OUR ANNUAL DINNER & DIXIELAND WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JULY 14TH. OUR MAY NEWSLETTER WILL HAVE PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS FOR MEMBERS ONLY TO ASSURE THAT YOU WILL HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

## Need A Park?

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A FAMILY WEDDING OR SPECIAL EVENT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN RENT THE WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK FOR A DAY OR A FEW HOURS. ALL INCOME FROM PARK RENTALS IS USED FOR THE IMPROVED LANDSCAPING OF THE PARK GROUNDS. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND A DISCOUNT IS GIVEN TO MEMBERS ONLY.



## BARBARA SPITSEN REMEMBERS

Following are edited excerpts from an Oral History of Barbara Howrigen Spitsen taken by Carol Van Etten on August 4, 1990.

WE FIRST CAME TO LAKE TAHOE IN 1923. IT WAS WHEN MATT GREEN WAS BUILDING THE DRUM ESTATE (BETWEEN SUGAR PINE POINT AND MEEKS BAY), AND WE STAYED DOWN THERE AND LIVED IN THE TENT HOUSES. THEY WEREN'T TENTS ON THE GROUND. THEY HAD PLATFORMS AND SIDES UP TO ELBOW HEIGHT, AND THERE WOULD BE THREE IN A CLUSTER. AND THERE WOULD BE A BEDROOM AND A KITCHEN OR TWO BEDROOMS, I GUESS. BUT THEY WERE TENTS. AND I WENT TO MC KINNEY SCHOOL. IT WAS ON MC KINNEY CREEK. I JUST WENT FOR A SHORT TIME BECAUSE I DIDN'T LIKE IT, ANYWAY. I WAS TIMID, AND SO MY MOTHER GOT A JOB TEACHING CARLO AND REYNALDO VANNI. AND THEY WOULD COME - THEY WORKED FOR MATT GREEN AND THE FATHER WORKED FOR MATT GREEN, AND MY MOTHER WOULD TEACH THEM ENGLISH AND MATH. AND SHE TAUGHT ME, TOO, FOR THAT SUMMER. THAT WAS OUR FIRST TIME AT TAHOE AND WE LOVED IT. AND WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. I WAS A LITTLE KID. AND ROSE AND CHRIS BOYIARDES, WHO LATER WORKED FOR THE TAVERN AND THEY HAD 'HONEYBUNCHES' DOWN THERE, THEY WERE RUNNING THE COOKHOUSE AT THAT TIME OUT THERE.

IT WAS WONDERFUL FUN TO BE A KID AT THE LAKE IN THOSE DAYS. THERE WERE NO RESTRICTIONS AT ALL, BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS SO SAFE, AND THERE WERE SO FEW PEOPLE HERE. IN THE SUMMERTIME, YOU WERE BUSY - SWIMMING AND KEEPING OUT OF THE WAY, BECAUSE THE RICH PEOPLE WERE UP HERE, AND AS A CHILD, I WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO GO TO THE TAVERN IN THE SUMMER BECAUSE THAT WAS FOR THE RICH PEOPLE. BUT OUR LIFE HERE WAS WONDERFUL FROM LABOR DAY TO THE FOLLOWING FOURTH OF JULY. AND THE HORSES RAN LOOSE AND WE ALL HAD OUR OWN PET HORSE AND WE'D JUST GO OUT AND THROW A ROPE AROUND THEM AND GO ANYPLACE WE WANTED. AND THERE WERE SO FEW OF US THAT THERE WERE NO RESTRICTIONS. JUST LIKE ON HALLOWEEN.

NOW IT'S 'TRICK OR TREAT'. ON HALLOWEEN THEN WE WENT TO EVERY HOUSE AND THEY GAVE US HOT CHOCOLATE, DOUGHNUTS AND WE VISITED. YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T RUN UP TO THE DOOR AND BANG AND SHOUT "GIVE ME SOMETHING!" IT WAS A SOCIAL THING. OF COURSE, THERE WERE ONLY MAYBE TEN KIDS AT THE MOST. BUT IT WAS WONDERFUL. THERE WAS NO TV, AND NO RADIO THAT I CAN REMEMBER. AND IN THE WINTERTIME - I WAS HERE AT THE TIME THAT THE TAVERN WAS OPEN IN THE WINTERTIME, AND WE JUST WENT OVER TO THE TAVERN EVERY MORNING AND RODE BEHIND THE SLEIGHS ALL DAY AND CAME HOME WORN OUT AT NIGHT. IT WAS A GREAT CHILDHOOD.

FOR THE THREE YEARS THAT THE TAHOE TAVERN WAS OPEN IN THE WINTERTIME IN THE 1930S THEY NEEDED EVERYBODY TO WORK. AND SO IT WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE SUMMER. WE WERE ALLOWED TO SKATE AT THE SKATING RINK AND WE WERE ALLOWED IN THE TAVERN, AND THE HELP OVER THERE ALL KNEW US. YOU'D COME IN WRINGING WET AND FROZEN, AND THEY WERE REALLY KIND TO US. YOU KNOW, "YOU'D BETTER GET OVER THERE BY THE STEAM HEAT" AND THEY WOULD HAVE A FEW NIGHTS WHERE WE WOULD GO OVER TO DINNER. THEY DIDN'T HAVE BABYSITTERS IN THOSE DAYS. THE KIDS ALL WENT.

THERE WAS A DINNER CLUB - PROBABLY EIGHT COUPLES WOULD GO. THE SIMMONDS WERE IN IT, AND THEY HAD BIG DINNER PARTIES AT THE GATEKEEPER'S CABIN WHEN THEY WERE THERE. THAT WAS NO CABIN - THAT WAS A BIG HOUSE. AND THERE WAS LOTS OF VISITING, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TV AND NO RADIO. AND THE TELEPHONE, YOU KNOW - EVERYBODY WAS ON THE SAME LINE, SO THEY WOULD JUST ALL TALK ON THE TELEPHONE AT ONCE. WHEN YOU GOT SO MANY RINGS, YOU KNEW WHO IT WAS, SO YOU CAME ON TOO.



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## Gatekeeper's Museum

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK OPENED ON MOTHER'S DAY TO OVER 100 VISITORS. HOURS ARE 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY UNTIL JUNE 15TH. WE WILL BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM JUNE 15TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2ND AND FROM SEPTEMBER 3RD THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH WE WILL BE OPEN WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.

## Watson Cabin

THE WATSON CABIN MUSEUM WILL OPEN FOR THE SUMMER ON JUNE 15TH, DAILY FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2ND. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE DOCENTS. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DONATE ONE OR TWO DAYS A MONTH TO KEEP OUR NEWEST MUSEUM OPEN, PLEASE CALL CURATOR, BETTY LONG, AT (916) 583-4488 OR MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-1762/583-4976.

## INDIAN BASKETS AND DOLLS

WHEN YOU VISIT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM THIS SUMMER YOU WILL SEE TWO VERY SPECIAL PRIVATE COLLECTIONS ON LOAN FOR THE SEASON. LLOYD CHICHESTER HAS BROUGHT US ELEVEN SUPURB BASKETS NEVER BEFORE ON DISPLAY. ARTISTS ARE FROM THE WASHOE, KAWAIISU, MONO AND PANAMINT TRIBES. FROM HER PRIVATE COLLECTION, MARION STEINBACH HAS LOANED US MANY OF HER INDIAN DOLLS FROM MANY DIFFERENT TRIBES INCLUDING ZUNI, HOPI, WASHOE, PAIUTE, ESKIMO, ETC.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CAROL L. BURTON

EDWARD BRUNER & JUANITA WHIPPLE

JOAN & ALEX GRAHAM

JANE KEMP & ARMIN JUNG

KATHLEEN & KENNETH PEEL

DOROTHY & WILLIAM ROBINSON

JOAN & ROY WOOD

## IN MEMORIUM

WE WILL ALL MISS LONGTIME MEMBER DOROTHY CAULKETT, WHO SERVED ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR MANY YEARS. THIS DIMINUTIVE BUNDLE OF ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM LIGHTENED AND BRIGHTENED THE LIVES OF ALL WHO KNEW HER.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY CAULKETT FROM: BERNIE BECHDOLT, MIRIAM & LOU BIRO, MARGERY & DALE HANSON, DONNA & JACK MACEY AND MARIE SLUCHAK.

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE T. SCHLUMPF FROM: BERNIE BECHDOLT, STEVEN GLAZER, DONNA AND JACK MACEY, HELEN MILES AND NANCY AND GEORGE MONTGOMERY.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT W. ANGELL FROM: SUE & ROD PRICE AND RUBY SURNISON

IN MEMORY OF MILDRED W. COLLINS FROM: ANITA GRENNAN, BETTY LAYTON, JUDY LAYTON

IN MEMORY OF JACK DUTTWEILER FROM: EMBREE CROSS



# Ann Milton Wallis

Following are excerpts from an interview with Ann Milton Wallis taken by Carol Van Etten on October 19, 1989:

WHEN I WAS VERY TINY, MY MOTHER AND FATHER USED TO RENT A LITTLE COTTAGE IN TAHOE CITY WHERE JOE HENRY'S GARAGE WAS. THE TAHOE TAVERN WAS ALREADY OPEN, BUT MY MOTHER AND HER MOTHER AND MY AUNT WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE TO STAY IN THE TAVERN. THEY STAYED THERE FOR A WEEK BEFORE IT OPENED (IN 1901) BECAUSE THEY KNEW THE OWNERS WHO TOLD THEM THEY COULD STAY THERE.

WHEN I WAS ABOUT 3½ YEARS OLD, MY AUNT RENTED A PLACE DOWN BY HOMEWOOD. THERE WAS JUST ONE HOUSE IN THAT LONG, STRAIGHT STRETCH BEFORE YOU GET TO MAX DAY'S REAL ESTATE OFFICE. I REMEMBER COMING DOWNSTAIRS ONE STEP AT A TIME ON MY FANNY, BECAUSE THE INDIANS WERE OUT IN BACK. EVERY SATURDAY THE INDIANS WOULD SIT BACK THERE, AND CAMP FOR THE NIGHT TO PICK THE THIMBLEBERRIES AND GRASSES. THEY WOULD GET VERY DRUNK SATURDAY NIGHT, AND THEY WOULD HOOT AND HOLLER. THEY NEVER WOULD BANG ON THE DOOR OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. BUT MY AUNT WAS ALWAYS CALLING THE SHERIFF TO BE SURE THAT THEY DIDN'T. THE INDIANS NEVER SPOKE TO YOU. IF YOU WENT OVER, YOU COULD GO OVER AND STAND AND WATCH THEM WEAVING THEIR BASKETS, AND THEY WERE PERFECTLY NICE ABOUT IT, BUT THEY NEVER REALLY SAID ANYTHING TO YOU. AND WHEN WE FINALLY LIVED HERE, THERE WAS A COUPLE WHO USED TO COME BY EVERY YEAR AND STOP ON THEIR WAY - I GUESS TO BLACKWOOD - AND STOP AND TALK TO MY MOTHER, AND SHE WOULD GIVE THEM FOOD AND THEN THEY WOULD GO ON THEIR WAY.

MY MOTHER TOOK ME UP TO TAHOE CITY TO SEE DAT SO LA LEE, BECAUSE SHE WANTED ME TO REMEMBER. ALL I REALLY REMEMBER IS THIS PERSON SITTING, WEAVING A BASKET AND MY MOTHER TELLING ME TO PLEASE LOOK AND NOT FORGET, BECAUSE THIS WAS A VERY FAMOUS PERSON, WAS THE WAY SHE PUT IT. AND WHAT SHE WAS DOING WAS REPRESENTATIVE OF NOT ONLY HER SKILL AND HER CRAFT, BUT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT GOING TO BE HERE FOREVER. SO THERE WAS A LITTLE COTTAGE AS YOU WENT INTO TAHOE CITY - A LITTLE KIND OF A SHACKY SHANTY THING, AS I REMEMBER IT, AND THEY SAT ON THE FRONT PORCH AND DID THEIR WEAVING, AND EVERYBODY THAT WENT THROUGH STOPPED AND LOOKED. I ASSUME THEY SOLD THE BASKETS AND STUFF, THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER THAT PART OF IT AT ALL.

I WAS HERE THE DAY THE OLIVER'S BOAT 'HEY THERE' BLEW UP. MR. OLIVER AND HIS GRANDSON, OLIVER GREENLEY, WERE DOWN ON THE PIER AND THEY GOT INTO THE BOAT TO GO OUT ON THE LAKE. IT WAS A VERY WINDY DAY, SO THE WIND WAS BLOWING INTO THE SHORE. I HEARD THIS EXPLOSION, SO I WENT DOWN TO CHECK IT OUT. AND HERE WAS MR. OLIVER HANGING FROM THE METAL PART. I DON'T KNOW HOW OLD HE WAS BY THEN, BUT HE WAS NO SPRING CHICKEN. AND HE WORE LONG JOHNS. SO THERE HE WAS, WITH THE LONG JOHNS HALF-ON, HALF-OFF, SCREAMING AT HIS GRANDSON, WHO WAS IN THE WATER - HE'D BEEN BLOWN OUT, INTO THE WATER, AND HERE WAS THIS BOAT ON FIRE. WELL, THE FIRST THING I DID, BECAUSE SOMEBODY WAS GOING DOWN THEIR PIER, SO I KNEW THAT THEY'D TAKE CARE OF MR. OLIVER, WAS TO COME IN HERE AND CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE FORESTRY SERVICE - ANYBODY I COULD THINK OF, CAUSE I WAS AFRAID IF THE BOAT CAME IN AND THEN BLEW UP, IT WOULD CAUSE A FOREST FIRE. IT WAS THAT WINDY. YOU COULD HEAR THE SIRENS COMING FOR MILES. MRS. OLIVER PROBABLY COULD HAVE KILLED ME. SHE WAS VERY QUIET. AND SHE WAS STANDING, JUST WATCHING. SHE SAID, "I DON'T KNOW WHAT EDWIN THOUGHT HE WAS DOING." AND THEN SHE SAID, "YOU KNOW, HE DOES DO THE CRAZIEST THINGS." AND NEVER SPOKE ANOTHER WORD. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIM. HE WAS OLD ENOUGH THAT I THOUGHT HE COULD BE IN SHOCK OR ANYTHING. BUT HE WAS STANDING ON THE PIER TELLING EVERYBODY WHAT TO DO AND HE WAS BIG ON FOUR LETTER WORDS. IT WAS A VERY ENTERTAINING AFTERNOON. SCARY BUT ENTERTAINING.

THERE'D BE LOTS OF CHILDREN IN THE WHOLE AREA. WE'D ALL GET TOGETHER AT

SOMEBODY'S HOUSE FOR POKER, OR I REMEMBER MR. V. S. McCLATCHY WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAD A MOVIE PROJECTOR, AND HE HAD ALL THESE FELIX THE CAT KIND OF THINGS, AND ABOUT EVERY THIRD SATURDAY HE'D SEND THE WORD DOWN THAT HE WAS GOING TO HAVE A CARTOON SHOWING, SO WE'D ALL GO DOWN THERE. WE'D GO DOWN AFTER SUPPER, OR WE'D GO DOWN IN THE AFTERNOON, AND HE'D PULL ALL THE CURTAINS DOWN AND WE'D ALL SIT THERE AND HAVE A MARVELOUS TIME. SO THERE WAS ENTERTAINMENT. IF WE WENT AWAY, WE'D GO INTO THE BACK COUNTRY. I DON'T KNOW HOW MY PARENTS EVER DID IT. THEY WOULD TAKE 18 OR 20 KIDS, WITH PACK HORSES. THE COWBOYS, BOB SOUTHERS AND BILL WHEELDEN THAT DID HORSES AT THE TAVERN WOULD GO WITH US. IT MUST HAVE TAKEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PATIENCE IS ALL I CAN SAY. WE'D STRING OUT FOR MILES. WELL, IT WAS PRETTY SIMPLE FARE AS FAR AS WHAT WE ATE AND EVERYTHING. WE DIDN'T GET AROUND TO STEAKS UNTIL WE ALL GREW UP AND DECIDED THAT WE COULD TAKE STEAKS AND DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE BEANS. BUT IT WAS A LOT OF FUN.

MY MOTHER AND MRS. SCOTT USED TO TAKE US TO BIJOU'S EVERYTIME THERE WAS A BIG NAME BAND. THEY WOULD PILE UP IN TWO CARS AND TAKE US DOWN FOR AN EVENING OF LISTENING TO THE BAND AND DANCING. DICK JURGENS WAS THERE ALL THE TIME. THERE WAS TOMMY DORSEY AND EDDY DUCHIN, ALL THOSE. WE GOT TO SEE FRANK SINATRA - WE GOT TO SEE EVERYBODY THAT IN THOSE YEARS (AND THOSE YEARS WERE THE 30S) WAS A BIG NAME. THEY CAME TO GLOBIN'S. THEY HAD A HUGE DANCE FLOOR THERE AND THEN THEY HAD TABLES AROUND AND A SOFT DRINK BAR. I DON'T KNOW HOW MRS. SCOTT AND MOTHER STOOD IT, BECAUSE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THAT'S A LOT OF KIDS TO SIT ALL EVENING WATCHING DANCERS.

WHEN MY DAUGHTER WAS GROWING UP, THEY HAD THE GOOD SHOWS AT CAL-NEVA, AND WE'D TAKE OUR KIDS TO THE DINNER SHOW, AT 7 P.M. - THE FIRST SHOW. AND SO THEY GOT TO SEE SPIKE JONES AND FRANK SINATRA AND DEAN MARTIN AND JERRY LEWIS. I CAN REMEMBER TAKING THE KIDS TO SEE LENA HORNE. I CAN REMEMBER ERROL FLYNN USED TO BE THERE A LOT. WE'D ALL DRIVE UP THERE JUST TO LOOK AT ERROL FLYNN DRINKING OR EATING AT SOME COFFEE PLACE WHEN I WAS A TEEN-AGER.

I WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF RED ANDERSON'S DAUGHTER, KATHLEEN. THE YEAR THEY HAD THE TAVERN OPEN IN THE WINTER TIME, RED HAD A TEAM OF HORSES, AND HE WOULD TAKE EVERYBODY FOR SLEIGH RIDES. AND KATHLEEN AND I WOULD SIT ON THE BACK AND WE HAD BOBSLEDS, AND HE'D TOW US ALONG. AND WE GOT TO BE FRIENDS BECAUSE WE WERE THE SAME AGE, AND I GUESS I MUST HAVE STOOD LOOKING PITIFUL WHEN ALL THE ADULTS WENT TO GO OUT IN THE HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE, AND SO HE JUST SAID, "WELL, HITCH UP YOUR SLED WITH KATHLEEN," AND SO WE BECAME FRIENDS THAT WAY.

WE HAD A VICTROLA. WE DIDN'T HAVE A RADIO. I CAN REMEMBER MY MOTHER HAD A FRIEND WHO WAS AN AVID OAKLAND FAN FOR BASEBALL, AND SHE'D BRING A BATTERY RADIO TO TAHOE WHEN SHE VISITED MY MOTHER AND STAND IN A DOORWAY, HOLDING IT OVER HER HEAD, TO GET THE RECEPTION, SO SHE COULD HEAR WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE GAME. WE HAD A PLAYER PIANO THAT PUMPED - WE STILL HAVE IT. THAT WAS AS MUCH FUN AS ANYTHING ELSE. WE HAD A NEIGHBOR WHO HAD SEVERAL HORSESHOE PITS, AND AT 4 O'CLOCK THEY WOULD RING THE DINNER BELL, AND ANYBODY WHO WANTED TO PLAY HORSESHOES FROM THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD COULD COME AND PLAY.

SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRAVELLED THE GLOBE WILL SAY, "YOU KNOW, THERE'S JUFT NO PLACE LIKE TAHOE". THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT IT - IT GRABS YOU, I THINK.

# Meet your Board Members

OUR BOARD SECRETARY, KATHLEEN OLSEN TAVERNIER, FIRST CAME TO LAKE TAHOE IN 1960. HER INTEREST IN OUR LOCAL HISTORY BEGAN IN 1965 WHEN THE OLSEN FAMILY PURCHASED ONE OF THE CLASSIC WOOD BOATS FROM THE EHRMAN ESTATE.

KATHY RECEIVED HER PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC IN 1977 AND MARRIED BRUCE TAVERNIER AT THE GAZEBO AT SUGAR PINE POINT IN 1984. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE TAHOE YACHT CLUB AND SERVES AS A JUDGE FOR THE ANNUAL CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE. SHE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SOCIETY. SHE HAS JUST RECEIVED HER GRADUATE DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM SIERRA NEVADA COLLEGE.

THIS YOUNG WOMAN HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FOR SNOWFEST, N.T.F.A.C., THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AUTUMN JUBILEE & FAN CLUB. HER SPECIAL INTERESTS INCLUDE CLASSIC WOOD BOATS, GARDENING AND ENJOYING THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY OF LAKE TAHOE. SHE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE TAHOE TREE COMPANY.

WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY DONATIONS FOR FURNISHINGS FOR THE WATSON CABIN MUSEUM. WE STILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

EIGHT SIMPLE STRAIGHT BACK DINING CHAIRS, PREFERABLY MADE OF PINE  
WALL MOUNT BRASS FAUCETS  
VINTAGE PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS  
VINTAGE FOOD PACKAGING  
WOOD BOX WITH LID  
WROUGHT IRON HANGING RACKS  
SMALL CHEST OF DRAWERS  
NIGHT TABLE  
VINTAGE COSMETIC ITEMS

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## APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

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## Dinner & Dixieland at Rubicon

MARY LOUISE AND DICK JOHNSON OPENED THEIR HOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER & DIXIELAND ON JULY 14, 1991. A PERFECT AFTER-NOON AND EVENING INCLUDED THE MUSIC OF THE AL SHAY QUARTET, BBQ STEAK AND CHICKEN BREAST, SALAD AND DESSERT BARS AND A NO HOST BAR. OUR 250 GUESTS ENJOYED THE ESTATE AND THE HOME. THANKS TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THE PARTY A SUCCESS, INCLUDING ROSEMARY AND LARRY LINDSEY, CAROL BURTON, BERNIE BECHDOLT, BETTY LONG, KAT AND STEVE HECOX, KATHY AND BRUCE TAVERNIER, YOVANA AND DAN GUTOWSKY, BARBARA AND RUSS MULVANY, BECCY SHONTZ, MARY LOUISE AND DICK JOHNSON, SARAH MALIN AND LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO.

## Storm ends - House Tour begins

AT 1 P.M. ON AUGUST 15th, THE RAIN STOPPED, BLUE SKIES APPEARED AND OUR HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR BEGAN, ONCE AGAIN A SELLOUT. WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO SHOW THE HOMES OF MARILYN AND ROSS BEWLEY, MURIEL AND HUGH HARRIS, JAMIE AND JAMES CASEY, GINGER AND JIM WALSH, MARILYN AND LEO WINTERS, CAROL AND BERNIE ATKINSON AND JOAN AND ALEX GRAHAM. WINE AND CHEESE TASTING AT NETTIE SCHERMAN'S HOME WAS PRESENTED BY CHARLES I. DANIELS OF REDWOOD VINTNERS AND INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING WINERIES: GUGLIELMO, MT. MADONNA, ROBERT MONDAVI, GUENOC, VIANSIA, KONOCTI AND SPENCER. A SPECIAL THANKS TO NETTIE SCHERMAN WHO ALLOWED US TO MOVE OUR TASTINGS INTO HER HOME. TO ALL WHO WORKED ON THE TOUR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT. OUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES INCLUDED MARJORIE AND EARL MARR, RAY AND BARBARA JONES, ALICE STONE, BARBARA AND RUSS MULVANY, KATHY TAVERNIER, JEANNE AND DON DAVIS, ARLENE KOENIG, MONICA MARCH, BETSY FABER, LIZ BEVIS-FRITSCH, RANDY WALLIS, MARY KANE, YOVANA GUTOWSKY, JANE KEMP, EVIE CHANDLER, WENDY BURNHAM, DOTTIE INTORF, JAN EDMONDSON, NORMA PARSON, FRAN DOBBINS, BERNIE BECHDOLT, MARYANNE CONNERS, BECCY SHONTZ, TAT AND WAYNE WELCOME, JO AND AL SPERRY, MARTHA AND HARRY BERNARD, SARAH MALIN, FRAN DRURY, LYNN FLAGG, BETTY LONG, GLORIA NOVACK, DIANNE AND TIM FIX, LARRY LINDSEY AND LOU AND MIRIAM BIRO.



## Watson Cabin Museum

OUR FIRST OPERATING SUMMER AT THE WATSON CABIN SAW OVER 6,000 VISITORS. MORE DONATIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CABIN INCLUDING AN UPRIGHT CARVED PIANO, CIRCA 1900 WITH A CLAW-FOOTED STOOL, DONATED BY CATHERINE AND JACK JACKSON, A HANDMADE RAWHIDE LEATHER STRAP CHAIR FROM THE HOME OF 'IDYLVILD' ERNIE POMIN, DONATED BY EDWARD S. IRVINE, JR. AND MR. AND MRS. R. RANDOLPH WALKER.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CURATOR, BETTY LONG, WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THE FIRST YEAR A SUCCESS, AND TO OUR WONDERFUL DOCENTS: DIANNE FIX, BETTY LA RUE, KATHLEEN PEEL, JEANNE AND DON DAVIS, YOVANA AND DAN GUTOWSKY, PAT BERNARD, ARLENE KOENIG, ALICE STONE, BEVERLY WATSON, MARGE FELLOWS, ROSEMARY LINDSEY, JOAN MENSOR, RUTH HOLT, DOROTHY INTORF AND CAROL BURTON.

### Edward B. Scott

EDWARD BUNKER 'BUD' SCOTT DIED AT AGE 81 ON MAY 28, 1991. AUTHOR OF THE TWO VOLUME 'SAGA OF LAKE TAHOE', SCOTT LEFT A LEGACY TO ALL WHO LOVE THE LAKE AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH HIS SUPURBLY RESEARCHED AND WRITTEN HISTORY OF LAKE TAHOE.

A GRADUATE OF UC BERKELEY AND A THIRD GENERATION CALIFORNIAN, HE SERVED AS A CAPTAIN WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN WORLD WAR II. FOR SOME YEARS HE HAD THE BOAT CONCESSION AT THE TAHOE TAVERN. SCOTT WAS A NOTED AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN. AMONG HIS OTHER BOOKS WERE 'A HISTORY OF SQUAW VALLEY', 'THE SAGA OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS', AND 'A TIME FOR RECOLLECTION'.

TO HIS WIDOW, PATRICIA, AND HIS CHILDREN, BRUCE, EDWARD AND SEANEEN, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

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## Thank you Donors - Congratulations Winners!

OUR RAFFLE DRAWING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 15TH. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE GENEROUS DONORS AS LISTED BELOW AS WELL AS EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS. THE NET INCOME WILL BE USED FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE WATSON CABIN.

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LAKE TAHOE IN THE HIGH SIERRA OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA, WRITTEN BY GEORGE WHARTON JAMES AND FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1914 COMMUNICATED THE "INFINITE VARIETY OF CHARM, DELIGHT, AND HEALTHFUL ALLUREMENT" OF LAKE TAHOE. JUST REPRINTED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR GIFT SHOPS AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST, 273 pages, 1 map, 100 b/w illustrations/Hard back: \$35/Paper \$24.95

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## Horses, Sleighs & the Tahoe Tavern - 1928

Excerpts from a letter to John Otto from his friend, Dorvan Johnson

THE DATE IS JANUARY 9, 1928. I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE LAST YEAR THE TAHOE TAVERN WAS OPEN IN THE WINTER. THE HORSES ARE ALL OWNED BY HARRY OGDEN OF SACRAMENTO, WHO SHIPPED HIS HORSES IN EACH WINTER BY TRAIN AND THEY WERE UNLOADED DOWN BY THE TAVERN MACHINE SHOPS (LATER KNOWN AS MAY-FIELD'S BOAT WORKS.) HARRY BROUGHT HORSES TO TAHOE CITY AND KEPT THEM IN THE STABLES THAT WERE ACROSS FROM BOB AND STELLA WATSON'S LOG HOUSE WITH THE BIG PINE TREE IN BETWEEN. THE SLEIGHS WERE ALL OWNED BY THE TAVERN. HE HAD SEVERAL FOUR AND SIX HORSE TEAMS PLUS SOME TWO HORSE TEAMS WITH SLEIGHS THAT CARRIED SIX TO EIGHT PEOPLE. HE ALSO HAD SEVERAL SINGLE CUTTERS THAT THE MORE VENTURESOME WOULD RENT AND DRIVE THEMSELVES.

AS KIDS WE WOULD WAIT OUTSIDE THE TAVERN ENTRANCE TO GET TO DRIVE ONE OF THE CUTTERS (SINGLE HORSE SLEIGHS) BACK TO THE BARN IN TAHOE CITY. AS USUAL, I AM GETTING LOST IN NOSTALGIA. THE SPECIFIC TRIP IN THE PICTURE WAS FORMED AT THE TAVERN LAUNDRY EARLY IN THE MORNING. ALL OF THE TAVERN GUESTS AND THE LOCALS WERE TAKEN TO TRUCKEE FOR LUNCH AND AFTER THAT WENT TO THE DONNER MONUMENT AND THEN ON BACK TO THE TAHOE TAVERN AFTER DARK. THE LUNCH WAS, AS I REMEMBER, A BIG CELEBRATION.

McIVER, I THINK WAS THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO HAD A LARGE STABLE AT THE END OF THE STREET IN TRUCKEE AND HE, WITH HIS TEAMS, TOOK MANY OF THE TRUCKEE PEOPLE OUT TO DONNER FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICES (IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, IT IS THE SAME FAMILY THAT HAS THE TOW TRUCKS AND THEY HEADQUARTER IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THEIR STABLES USED TO BE.) HE ALSO HAD A PLACE JUST AS YOU ENTERED TRUCKEE. THAT IS WHERE HE KEPT HIS HORSES THAT WOULD HAUL THE MAIL TO TAHOE CITY WHEN THE TRAIN WAS NOT RUNNING. ANYWAY, THEY WERE WHITE HORSES, AND I DO NOT REMEMBER WHETHER HE WAS DRIVING SIX OR EIGHT, BUT THE DRIVER WAS RED ANDERSON WHO WAS THE MASTER OF ALL TEAMSTERS. ONE OF THE DARK FOUR HORSE TEAMS WAS DRIVEN BY MY DAD AND THE OTHER BY A FELLOW BY THE NAME OF McCORKLE. I DO NOT REMEMBER WHETHER THE PICTURE SHOWS IT OR NOT, BUT MOST OF THE TEAMS HAD SLEIGH BELLS AND THE TRIP HOME BY THE TRUCKEE RIVER WAS SOMETHING I WILL NEVER FORGET.

DORVAN JOHNSON NOV. 24, 1990



HORSE TEAMS AT THE TAHOE TAVERN  
JANUARY 9, 1928

The following article was written by Archaeologist and Historical Society member, Susan Lindstrom and printed in the July 11-17, 1991 'North Tahoe Truckee Week'

### ANCIENT SUBMERGED FOREST EVIDENCE FOUND

Lake Tahoe is currently below its rim, the second time in two succeeding years. However, this may not be such an unusual circumstance. Thirty-two droughts have been recorded over the past 91 years, during which time the level of Lake Tahoe dropped below its natural outflow rim at Tahoe City 12 times. In the 1930s, the level dropped below the rim for six consecutive years.

However, some of the most compelling evidence of substantially lower lake levels comes from an ancient submerged forest, which was first observed when Lake Tahoe's water level was at a record low during the drought of 1931. Since then, many other drowned stumps have been located in the South Lake Tahoe area between Emerald Bay and Stateline. These stumps are at elevations ranging from 6,225 feet down to 6,210.8 feet, the deepest being rooted nearly 13 feet below Tahoe's natural outflow rim (at an elevation of 6,223 feet) and over 18 feet below Lake Tahoe's normal high water level for this time of year!

Radiocarbon dates from these submerged stumps, at or below Tahoe's rim, range between 4,800 and 6,300 years ago. Most of these stumps are in an excellent state of preservation, with one of the deepest stumps so well preserved as to remain over seven feet tall and three-and-one-half feet in diameter. The stumps farthest below Tahoe's rim have probably not been exposed to air for any continuous period since they were first submerged. Otherwise, they would have since decayed and disappeared.

It is possible that a prolonged drought may account for the presence of these submerged stumps. Lake Tahoe may have ceased to overflow into the Truckee River and may have remained below its rim for at least a period of 1,500 years, between about 6,300 and 4,800 years ago.

The extent to which Tahoe's lower lake levels truly represent "mega-drought" conditions here in the Tahoe Sierra are currently under study by a team of scientists who need your help. As you are boating or swimming in Tahoe's nearshore zone this year, keep an eye out for any indication of well-rooted submerged stumps, not to be confused with sawn-off pier pilings or sunken logs lost during historic logging activities. We are especially looking for submerged stumps along Tahoe's north or west shore.

If you think you may have found a well-rooted submerged stump, please contact Susan Lindstrom in Truckee (916) 587-7072 or Marty Rose at the Desert Research Institute in Reno (702) 673-7439. Your input could provide very important information towards a better understanding of the potential drought situation which all of us may face in the future.

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WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK NOW HAS A BICYCLE RACK FOR 20 BIKES, DONATED TO THE SOCIETY BY GLORIA AND BUD NOVACK IN MEMORY OF THEIR PARENTS. WE ALSO HAVE THREE NEW PARK BENCHES, PURCHASED WITH MONEY DONATED IN MEMORY OF DOTTIE CAULKETT, MILDRED AND GEORGE COLLINS, AND ROBERT ANGELL.



AS THE NEW YEAR BEGINS WE SAY GOODBYE TO SO MANY SPECIAL FRIENDS AND MEMBERS, EDMUND S. BARNETT, MARION STEINBACH, DAVID STOLLERY, ROSINA AND BASIL KEHOE, DON BECK AND VELMA COMSTOCK EDEN.

EDMUND S. BARNETT, CHARTER MEMBER, BOARD ATTORNEY, PAST PRESIDENT WAS OUR ROCK OF GIBRALTER, ALWAYS SO SUPPORTIVE, WISE AND WARM DIED ON OCTOBER 17, 1990. A NATIVE OF EL PASO, TEXAS, HE GRADUATED PHI BETA KAPPA FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN 1938, RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM BOALT HALL AT UC BERKELEY IN 1941. AFTER SERVICE AS AN ARMY CAPTAIN, ED PRACTICED LAW IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THEN IN WALNUT CREEK FOR 20 YEARS. IN 1966, HE BECAME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TO THE PEACE CORPS IN BOLIVIA AND IN 1968, HE BECAME ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PEACE CORPS IN INDIA. IN 1971, HE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO PRACTICE LAW IN KINGS BEACH AND INCLINE VILLAGE.

AN ACTIVE CIVIC LEADER, HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WALNUT CREEK AND INCLINE VILLAGE LIONS CLUBS. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE WALNUT CREEK RED CROSS. ED WAS A FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY THERAPY CENTER AND OF ITS SHELTER WORKSHOP. HE WAS THE FIRST FUND-RAISING CHAIRMAN FOR THE JOHN MUIR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WALNUT CREEK AND NORTH LAKE TAHOE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION.

MARION STEINBACH DIED LAST SEPTEMBER AFTER A LONG BATTLE AGAINST CANCER. SHE WAS A WOMAN OF MANY TALENTS AND SHE GAVE SO GENEROUSLY OF HER TIME AND EXPERTISE TO THE SOCIETY. WHEN THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM OPENED IN 1981, MARION SET UP MANY OF THE DISPLAYS AND THROUGH THE YEARS LOANED PARTS OF HER BASKET COLLECTION FOR DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM AND TAUGHT OUR PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES. SHE WAS A TALENTED ARTIST AND AN EXPERT ON WILDFLOWERS. JUST BEFORE HER DEATH, MARION HAD COMPLETED THE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR A WILDFLOWER BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED THIS YEAR - 'WILDFLOWER WALKING IN LAKES BASIN'.

WITH ALL OF HER INTERESTS, HER PASSION WAS THE COLLECTION OF INDIAN BASKETS, DOLLS AND ARTIFACTS. THIS COLLECTION OF OVER 800 BASKETS HAS BEEN DONATED TO THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE BASKETS, VALUED AT OVER \$500,000 WILL BE HOUSED IN A STRUCTURE ANNEXED TO THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM. THIS BUILDING WILL HOUSE THE ENTIRE COLLECTION AND IT WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO THE PUBLIC. UNTIL THE BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED, THE BASKETS ARE IN SECURE STORAGE AND PORTIONS OF THE COLLECTION WILL BE SHOWN AT THE MUSEUM.

THIS MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION WILL BE A GREAT ASSET TO LAKE TAHOE AND A MOST FITTING MEMORIAL TO MARION. THE STRUCTURE WILL BE NAMED IN HONOR OF ED BARNETT AND WILL BE THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING AND THE MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM. THERE IS NO FINER SITE TO HOUSE THE NEW MUSEUM THAN WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK, ONCE A WASHOE CAMP SITE WHERE OUR LOCAL WASHOES WOVE THEIR UTILITARIAN AND FANCY BASKETS FROM THE WILLOWS ALONG OUR SHORE LINE.

INCLUDED IN THE NEW MUSEUM WILL BE AN EXTENSIVE RESEARCH LIBRARY ON INDIAN BASKETRY, DONATED BY THE STEINBACH FAMILY AND ALSO INCLUDING THE HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUST RAISE CLOSE TO \$200,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING OF THE NEW MUSEUM. FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DONATE \$1,000 OR MORE, ONE OF THE BASKET DISPLAY CABINETS WILL BE IN THEIR HONOR WITH A BRONZE PLAQUE. EVERYONE WHO DONATES WILL BE HONORED ON AN ITEMIZED BRONZE PLAQUE.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ENLISTING A COMMITTEE FOR THE MUSEUM AND BUILDING. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SERVE IS WANTED. PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-1762/583-4976.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, HELP BRING ONE OF THE FINEST PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD TO OUR LAKE TAHOE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS AND GIVE THE SOCIETY THE HELP WE NEED TO PRESERVE AND PRESENT THIS SPECIAL PART OF OUR AMERICAN HISTORY.

## **DONATIONS**

RECENT ACQUISITIONS INCLUDE SIX FINE INDIAN BASKETS DONATED BY LINDSAY TOWNE CLEGG; A SILVER 'BALDWIN TALLAC LAKE TAHOE' TEAPOT FROM NANCY AND JERRY JOHNSON; TWO TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY OIL BEDROOM LAMPS AND A TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY HAND QUILTED BEDSPREAD FROM ROSEMARY OSWALD.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND PARK WILL OPEN FOR THE SEASON ON MAY 15TH AND THE WATSON CABIN MUSEUM WILL OPEN ON JUNE 15TH. OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND DINNER & DIXIELAND PARTY WILL BE HELD ON JULY 12, AND THE HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH. ALL OF OUR FUND-RAISING EVENTS AND THE ANNUAL RAFFLE WILL BENEFIT THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING AND THE MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET COLLECTION. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE THIS OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON EVER.

## **A Little History —**

HARRY O. COMSTOCK, OWNER OF THE BROCKWAY HOTEL AND HOT SPRINGS DIED IN 1954. TWO CLASSIC PASSAGES FROM THE PEN OF MARK TWAIN ARE RECALLED AS FAVORITES OF MR. COMSTOCK, KNOWN AS "MR. TAHOE". THEY EXPRESS THE SAME HUMOR THAT HARRY COMSTOCK EXPRESSED WHEN HE ENTHUSED ABOUT THE LAKE OF THE SKY WHICH HAD BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF HIS LIFE FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY. WROTE MARK TWAIN IN "ROUGHING IT": AT LAST THE LAKE BURST UPON US - A NOBLE SHEET OF BLUE WATER LIFTED SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE SEA, AND WALLED IN BY A RIM OF SNOWCLAD MOUNTAIN PEAKS THAT TOWERED ALOFT FULL THREE THOUSAND FEET HIGHER STILL! IT WAS A VAST OVAL, AND ONE WOULD HAVE TO USE UP EIGHTY OR A HUNDRED GOOD MILES IN TRAVELING AROUND IT. AS IT LAY THERE WITH THE SHADOWS OF THE MOUNTAINS BRILLIANTLY PHOTOGRAPHED UPON ITS STILL SURFACE I THOUGHT IT MUST SURELY BE THE FAIREST PICTURE THE WHOLE EARTH AFFORDS." TWAIN FURTHER ASSURED THE SKEPTICAL: THREE MONTHS OF CAMP LIFE ON LAKE TAHOE WOULD RESTORE AN EGYPTIAN MUMMY TO HIS PRISTINE VIGOR AND GIVE HIM AN APPETITE LIKE AN ALLIGATOR". AFTER PONDERING HE ADDED THOUGHTFULLY, "I DO NOT MEAN THE OLDEST AND DRIEST MUMMIES, OF COURSE, BUT THE FRESHER ONES." HE CONCLUDED: THE AIR UP THERE IN THE CLOUDS IS VERY PURE AND FINE, BRACING AND DELICIOUS. AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE? - IT IS THE SAME THE ANGELS BREATHE."

excerpt from E. B. Scott's "The Saga of Lake Tahoe"





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DICK MUNDAY, AIA AND HIS EMPLOYEE, RICHARD TICHNER DESIGNED THE BUILDING, WORKING WITH GARY DAVIS OF VAIL ASSOCIATES FOR THE PROPOSED NEW MUSEUM. THIS ORIGINAL WORK WAS DONATED BY THE ABOVE.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THEIR GREAT GENEROUSITY, SUPPORT, INTEREST AND TALENT.



EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING  
MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM

**DAVID STOLLERY**, CHARTER MEMBER, PAST PRESIDENT AND HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER, DIED ON OCTOBER 1, 1991. ALTHOUGH DAVID AND HIS WIFE, MITZI, MOVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOME YEARS AGO, HE RETURNED EACH SUMMER TO GIVE A SPECIAL LECTURE AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM, DELIGHTING US ALL WITH HIS 'TALES OF TAHOE'.

DAVID WAS THE HISTORIAN OF THE 'TAHOE CITY WORLD', AND A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAHOE CITY AND ACTIVE IN LAKE TAHOE REAL ESTATE. HIS POPULAR 'TAHOE CITY WORLD' COLUMN IN TIME BECAME TWO MUCH LOVED BOOKS 'TALES OF TAHOE' AND 'MORE TALES OF TAHOE', FILLED WITH STORIES OF OUR PIONEERS - TALES BOTH TALL AND TRUE. WE WILL NOT FORGET HIS WARMTH, LOVE OF TAHOE AND GENEROUSITY TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND OUR COMMUNITY.

**VELMA COMSTOCK EDEN**, BORN IN 1900, SPENT MOST OF HER YOUNG LIFE AT LAKE TAHOE. HER FATHER, HARRY O. COMSTOCK, LEASED THE TALLAC HOUSE FROM LUCKY BALDWIN FOR SOME YEARS BEFORE PURCHASING THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS RESORT. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HIKE INTO DESOLATION WILDERNESS FROM THE WEST SHORE THE "VELMA LAKES" YOU PASSED OR CAMPED AT WERE NAMED FOR MRS. EDEN. WHEN HER FATHER PURCHASED THE BROCKWAY SPRINGS RESORT, VELMA WAS THE HORSEBACK RIDING INSTRUCTOR AS WELL AS A SECRETARY FOR HER FATHER.

UNTIL HER DEATH ON JANUARY 8, 1992, HER CLEAR AND VIVID MEMORIES OF THE LAKE WERE OF GREAT HELP TO THE SOCIETY IN PRESERVING OUR HISTORY. MRS. EDEN GAVE CAROL VAN ETEN AN ORAL HISTORY WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN OUR ELLEN ATTARDI LIBRARY. OVER THE YEARS, OUR NEWSLETTER FEATURED MANY OF HER LETTERS AND EXCERPTS FROM HER ORAL HISTORY.

**ROSINA AND BASIL KEHOE** DIED WITHIN 2½ MONTHS OF EACH OTHER AFTER LIVING IN TAHOE CITY SINCE 1946, WHEN THEY PURCHASED ATHERTON GROCERIES. BASIL WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TAHOE CITY. BOTH ROSINA AND BASIL WERE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS. MR. KEHOE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE TAHOE CITY ALL-VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, SERVING AS ITS PRESIDENT AND THEN AS A FIRE COMMISSIONER. THE KEHOES LATER OWNED AND OPERATED 'KEHOE'S APPLIANCE AND REPAIRS'.

**DON BECK** DIED IN A PLANE CRASH IN SEPTEMBER, 1991. HE WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL REALTOR ON THE NORTH SHORE, BUT WE ALL WILL REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS FANTASTIC FLYING FEATS. HIS LOOP-THE-LOOPS AND DEATH SPIRALS OVER THE LAKE SENT US ALL FLYING OUTSIDE TO WATCH HIS PERFORMANCES WITH OPEN MOUTHS AND BUTTERFLIES IN OUR STOMACHS. A FLYING INSTRUCTOR IN ENGLAND, HE BECAME A COMBAT FLYER IN KOREA. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE AIR FORCE HE PARTICIPATED AND WON THE CLEVELAND AIR RACES AND THE RENO AIR RACES, AND WAS KNOWN AS A 'PILOT'S PILOT'. SEVERAL YEARS AGO OUR MUSEUM FEATURED PHOTOS, ARTICLES AND TROPHYS OF HIS CAREER.

ALL OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE WE HAVE LOST HAD AN ABIDING LOVE OF LAKE TAHOE AND ALL CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO OUR COMMUNITY. THE DONATIONS THAT THE SOCIETY HAS RECEIVED IN THEIR MEMORY WILL BECOME PART OF THE NEW MUSEUM, A FITTING MEMORIAL TO THEM ALL.



# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

SUMMER

NEWSLETTER

1992

YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE NEW MUSEUM TO HOUSE AND DISPLAY THE MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET COLLECTION HAS BEEN MOST GENEROUS. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE ONE OF THE FINEST PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD BY YOUR DONATIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM TO SEE A SMALL PART OF THE COLLECTION AS WELL AS PLANS FOR THE ANNEX MUSEUM. YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE LLOYD CHICHESTER COLLECTION OF WASHOE BEADED BASKETS, THE LINDSAY TOWNE CLEGG BASKETS DONATED TO THE SOCIETY IN 1991, AND MANY OTHER NEW ACQUISITIONS, INCLUDING A SILVER STEIN FROM THE 'TALLAC HOUSE', DONATED BY JERRY JOHNSON, A SET OF 'TAHOE TAVERN' GLASSES, DONATED BY PATRICIA SCOTT, A BELLMAN'S JACKET FROM THE 'TAHOE TAVERN' DONATED BY BETTY JORGENSEN, THE ORIGINAL DRAWING OF THE SAUNDERS & TAYLOR TRACT-1910(HOMEWOOD) DONATED BY DICK AND PAT BALDREY AND FRAMING DONATED BY JERRY JOHNSON, MAP AND ORIGINAL BILL OF SALE OF THE WOODVISTA GOLF CLUB ESTATES FROM 1927, DONATED BY DENNIS AND ROSEMARIE FERRANTI, THE NAMEPLATE OF THE 'MARION B' WHICH WAS ALL THAT REMAINED INTACT AFTER THE EXPLOSION THAT BLEW UP THE LAST OF THE MAIL PACKETS AND ALL ABOARD, DONATED BY BECCY SHONTZ, THIS AND MUCH MORE TO BE SEEN AT THE MUSEUM.

## Welcome New Members

PAT AND DICK BALDREY  
HELEN AND RICHARD BIBBERO  
BARBARA AND KENNY DANIELSON  
BRENDA DEGEORGE  
SUSAN AND ANTHONY JACKSON

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# The 1992 Summer Schedule of Events

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- MONDAY, JUNE 29 - JULIE CARVILLE WILDFLOWER SLIDE SHOW AND LECTURE 7:00 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM. SPACE IS LIMITED. FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- SUNDAY, JULY 12 - ANNUAL DINNER & DIXIELAND MEETING FOR MEMBERSHIP DONATION \$15 PER PERSON/SPACE LIMITED/MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS BEFORE JULY 5TH. 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
- THURSDAY, JULY 16 - JULIE CARVILLE WILDFLOWER HIKE UP BARKER PEAK TO BENEFIT THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING. DONATION \$25 PER PERSON/SPACE LIMITED TO 25
- SUNDAY, JULY 19 - PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK. INSTRUCTORS: BETTY AND PEGGY LONG. 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. DONATION: \$12.50/PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
- MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK. INSTRUCTORS: BETTY AND PEGGY LONG. 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. DONATION: \$12.50 PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR/FINE WINES AND CHEESE TASTING 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. DONATION: \$30 PER PERSON/SPACE LIMITED/PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 - DEGIKUP FESTIVAL DAY AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK TO CELEBRATE OUR WASHOE HERITAGE. ADMISSION FREE 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. WITH WASHOE WEAVERS DEMONSTRATIONS, WASHOE BEADERS, WASHOE CHILDREN'S THEATER PRESENTING A WASHOE LEGEND/INDIAN DANCES/INDIAN TACO LUNCH/ASADA BY OSVALDO ANCINAS/FACE PAINTING/HAMBURGERS/HOT DOGS/SOFT DRINKS/BEER/WINE/CHILDRENS GAMES AND PRIZES AND MUCH MORE! PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THIS SPECIAL DAY TO HONOR THE WASHOE AND RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM.

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➤ DUE TO THE EXTRA SPACE USED IN THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM FOR PORTIONS OF THE STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET COLLECTION WE DO NOT HAVE ROOM FOR OUR MONDAY NIGHT SUMMER LECTURE SERIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING SMALL GROUPS OF UNDER 10 TO VIEW OUR EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF VINTAGE FILMS ON LAKE TAHOE. JUST CALL A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AND ENJOY OUR VCR COLLECTION. NO CHARGE

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➤ FOR MEMBERS ONLY: OUR GATEKEEPER'S AND WATSON CABIN GIFT SHOPS WILL GIVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON ALL PURCHASES. PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SAVINGS AND SUPPORT OUR MUSEUMS BY YOUR PURCHASES

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➤ FOR MEMBERS ONLY: ALL JAMES BELL VINTAGE PRINTS WILL BE SOLD AT A 20% DISCOUNT

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BEVERLY & NORMAN WATSON  
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detach and return

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE DEGIKUP FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22. COULD YOU GIVE US A HAND FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M. AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM AND WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK? ALL INCOME FROM THIS SPECIAL DAY WILL BE USED FOR THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM. WE NEED HOSTS, COOKS, CLEANUP, PARKING CONTROL, FACE PAINTERS, STORY TELLERS AND MUSEUM DOCENTS FOR THE DAY.

YES, I WILL VOLUNTEER FOR "DEGIKUP DAY". NAME:.....

DAYTIME PHONE: ( ).....

JOB THAT I WOULD PREFER:..... HOURS AVAILABLE:.....

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detach and return

WISH TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH MUSEUM.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

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THE WATSON CABIN LIVING MUSEUM WILL OPEN FOR THE SUMMER ON JUNE 15TH AND BE OPEN DAILY FROM 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. THROUGH LABOR DAY. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE DOCENTS AND HOPE YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DONATING ONE OR TWO DAYS PER MONTH. PLEASE CONTACT BETTY LONG, CURATOR AT (916) 583-4488/583-3382



# A Little History —

MARCH 4, 1992

DEAR HISTORIANS:

JOHN OTTO'S LETTER FROM DARVIN JOHNSON (FALL, 1991 NEWSLETTER) BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES OF MY FAMILY AND TRIPS TO TAHOE IN THE EARLY 1930'S.

MY HOME IN SACRAMENTO (IN THE 20'S) WAS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HARRY OGDENS ON PORTOLA WAY. THEY WERE OUR GOOD FRIENDS. I BELIEVE IT WAS 1931 OR 1932 THAT WE WERE IN TAHOE FOR THE SKI JUMPING TRY-OUTS FOR THE OLYMPIC TEAM HELD AT GRANLIBAKKEN. THE HORSES PULLED SLEIGHS FROM TAHOE CITY TO THE JUMPS. WE STAYED IN THE TAVERN, AND, I THINK, WE ARRIVED THERE ON THE TRAIN - BUT MY MEMORY IS HAZY ON THAT POINT. I VIVIDLY REMEMBER THE HORSE SLEIGHS, AS GLEN OGDEN TOOK MY SISTER, YVONNE, OUT AND PULLED MY BROTHER, HARDIE, AND ME ON SKIS AT NIGHT WITH ROPES BEHIND THE SLEIGH. HE SCARED US BY TALKING ABOUT TIMBER WOLVES ROAMING THE FOREST IN THE DARK. WE FILLED GARBAGE CANS FULL OF SNOW, AND CARRIED THE SNOW TO SACRAMENTO WHERE WE THREW SNOWBALLS AT THE CROWD FROM OGDEN'S HORSE DRAWN STAGECOACH IN THE PARADE DOWN JAY STREET AND 'K' STREET.

I TALKED WITH MY SISTER, YVONNE, AND SHE TELLS ME THE PARADE THAT WE WERE IN WAS THE INAUGURAL PARADE FOR GOVERNOR ROLPH, AND SHE WAS 'MISS TAHOE' AND RODE IN A DOG SLED WITH SCOTTIE ALLEN AND HIS DOGS FROM ALASKA FROM WHICH SHE ALSO THREW SNOWBALLS. SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE HIT GOVERNOR ROLPH AS SHE PASSED BY THE REVIEWING STAND AT THE CAPITOL.

JUST A FEW REMEMBRANCES BROUGHT ABOUT BY JOHN'S LETTER. GREAT MEMORIES OF MY YOUTH.

SINCERELY,

CAL SETZER

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The photograph to the right is of Scottie Allen at the Tahoe Tavern circa 1931.

It was Allen who taught Harry Johanson the fine art of dog sled making and racing.



# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MID-SUMMER

NEWSLETTER

1992

## DEGIKUP DAY

THIS EXTRA SUMMER NEWSLETTER IS BEING SENT TO YOU TO ANNOUNCE OUR "DEGIKUP DAY" ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1992 FROM 10AM TO 5PM TO BENEFIT THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING AND MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM. THERE IS A FLYER ENCLOSED. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ATTEND AND BRING YOUR FAMILIES AS THIS IS A DAY FOR EVERYONE. IN COOPERATION WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF OUR WASHOE HISTORY IS BEING PRESENTED BY OUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB, KIWANIS CLUB, LIONS CLUB, SOROPTOMISTS, TAHOE CITY P.U.D. PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, INCLINE VILLAGE ROTARY CLUB AND MANY INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS ALONG WITH SPONSORS FULTON PLUMBING COMPANY AND WESTERN NEVADA SUPPLY OF RENO. DEGIKUP MEANS "FANCY BASKETRY" IN WASHOE!

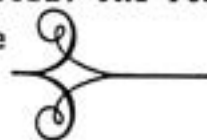


## A PARTY & RAFFLE

OUR ANNUAL "DINNER & DIXIELAND" PARTY WAS HELD ON JULY 12TH AT MARY LOU AND DICK JOHNSON'S RUBICON LAKEFRON HOME. WHILE MOST OF THE LAKE WAS HAVING HEAVY RAIN STORMS WE ENJOYED PERFECT WEATHER, GREAT FOOD AND DRINK AND LISTENED TO THE MUSIC OF THE AL SHAY QUARTET. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HOSPITABLE HOSTS, ALL OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS WHO WERE SUCH GREAT HOSTS AND HELPERS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS:

1. DINNER FOR 4 AT DESPERADOS - INCLINE VILLAGE: BERNICE MALTBY
2. PAIR OF EARRINGS FROM IRENE YORK AT THE KNITTING BASKET, BOATWORKS MALL IN TAHOE CITY: MARY KAY FRAZEE
3. HAIR CUT AND BLOW DRY FROM JERI GRABB AT LA PETITE STYLING SALON IN KINGS BEACH: RON PATTERSON
4. \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM HAIR CARE FROM VICKIE AT LA PETITE STYLING SALON IN KINGS BEACH: \*\*PICKED UP AT PARTY AND WE DID NOT WRITE DOWN NAME.
5. ONE 5-GALLON ASPEN FROM THE TAHOE TREE COMPANY IN TAHOE CITY: PAT CROSS
6. \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM SPORTS TAHOE IN THE BOATWORKS MALL, TAHOE CITY: BECCY SHONTZ
7. HAIRCUT FROM CINDY WILLIAMS AT THE WEST SHORE HAIR COMPANY, HOMEWOOD: MENGIA OBERMULLER
8. TWO \$15 GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR DINNER FOR TWO AT KLEV'S STEAK AND SEAFOOD GRILL-INCLINE VILLAGE: HELEN HOWE
9. DINNER FOR TWO AT HACIENDA DEL LAGO IN THE BOATWORKS MALL, TAHOE CITY: SHIRLEY WHITE
10. DINNER FOR TWO AT PISCES FRESH SEAFOOD RESTAURANT AT CAESAR'S TAHOE: NORMA WATKINS
11. \$40 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR DINNER FOR TWO AT WOLFDAL'S RESTAURANT IN TAHOE CITY: RICK OLIVER
12. \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR DINNER FOR TWO FROM GRAHAM ROCK AT THE CHAMBER'S LANDING RESTAURANT: BECCY SHONTZ
13. TWO GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR ALL DAY LIFT TICKETS FROM SQUAW VALLEY, USA: MARION MUELLER
- 14, 15, 16: TWO ALL DAY LIFT TICKETS FOR THREE WINNERS FROM ALPINE MEADOWS: BOB McCLINTOCK, CAROLYN JOHNSON AND JULIE MOLLOY
17. SHOW FOR FOUR IN THE SOUTH SHORE ROOM, HARRAH'S LAKE TAHOE, TO SEE "NAME" STARRING JULIET PROUSE: PAT FOX

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RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS (continued)

18. FRIDAY NIGHT SEAFOOD BUFFET FOR TWO AT CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BAY: JEANNE MURR
19. SUNDAY BRUNCH FOR TWO AT CAL NEVA LODGE, CRYSTAL BAY: STEPHEN BAUER
20. SWEATER FROM JEUNESSE, INC., RALEY'S SHOPPING CENTER, INCLINE VILLAGE: E. NEUSTADT
21. LAKE OF THE SKY FROM THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM GIFT SHOP: STEVE GLAZER
22. DINNER FOR TWO AT HUGOS FROM THE HYATT, INCLINE VILLAGE: PICKED UP AT AT PARTY, NAME NOT RECORDED
23. WILDFLOWER WALKING IN LAKES BASIN FROM THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM GIFT SHOP: MARCE TYLER
24. FRAMED ORIGINAL PENCIL DRAWING OF "ECHO SUMMIT" BY CAROL MATHIS AND DONATED BY MARY AND FARADG GILANFARR AND MR. AND MRS. STEVEN HIGGINS: CLAUDIA AYMERIC
25. FRAMED ORIGINAL COLORED PENCIL DRAWING OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC ENGINE AT CISCO GROVE BY GEORGE MATHIS, DONATED BY MARY AND FARADG GILANFARR AND MR. AND MRS. STEVEN HIGGINS: CONSTANCE KOCH
26. TWO NIGHT COMPLIMENTARY LODGING FOR TWO AT THE EMBASSY SUITES OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE(just opened, next door to Harrah's): BOB McCLINTOCK
27. OUR GRAND PRIZE OF THREE NIGHTS COMPLIMENTARY STAY AT THE RESORT AT SQUAW CREEK: ROBERT E. BERNARD.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE GENEROUS DONORS OF THE ABOVE LISTED PRIZES AND TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS WHO OBTAINED THE PRIZES.

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OUR ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH FROM 1PM TO 5PM WITH COMPLIMENTARY WINE AND CHEESE TASTING. WHILE THE TOUR IS FILLING UP, IF ANY MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TICKETS, PLEASE CALL MIRIAM AT (916) 583-1762 BETWEEN 11AM AND 5PM. THIS IS A SPECIAL TOUR FEATURING SOME WONDERFUL "OLD TAHOE" HOMES, NOT TO BE MISSED!

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## A LITTLE HISTORY

FROM THE "TAHOE TATTLER", WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1881:

THERE ARE TWO HOTELS, POSTOFFICE, TWO SALOONS AND STABLE AT TAHOE. THE GRAND CENTRAL, A. J. BAYLEY PROPRIETOR, GENERALLY OPENS EARLY IN MAY, AS EARLY AS THE SEASON WILL ALLOW, AND CONTINUES OPEN UNTIL THE FIRST OF OCTOBER. IT IS A LARGE FIRST CLASS INSTITUTION AND WILL BE ENLARGED AND IMPROVED FOR THE NEXT SEASON. THE TAHOE HOUSE, WILLIAM POMIN, PROPRIETOR, IS A SMALLER BUT COMFORTABLE HOUSE, ALWAYS OPEN, BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER, ALSO THE SALOON OWNED BY THE SAME PARTY NEAR BY.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE SALOON ON THE WHARF, OWNED BY J. B. CAMPBELL IS ALWAYS OPEN. THIS PLACE HAS FOUR LARGE ROOMS, TWO ON EITHER SIDE OF THE WHARF. ONE CONTAINS THE POSTOFFICE, ANOTHER THE SALOON AND THE OTHER TWO ARE BILLIARD PARLORS. STORE AND WAREHOUSE HERE, ALSO THE PROPERTY OF MR. CAMPBELL.

J. M. SHORT HAS A STOCK OF GOODS HERE, AND ALSO A VERY LARGE STOCK AT GLENBROOK.

THE TALLAC HOUSE AT THE HEAD OF THE LAKE IS A LARGE FIRST CLASS HOUSE, OWNED BY E. J. BALDWIN, LEASED BY SHARP BROS. NEWLY REFITTED THIS SEASON AND LARGE ADDITIONS WILL BE MADE ANOTHER.



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A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS HAS OFFERED TO MATCH ANY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$100 OR MORE MADE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 1992, UP TO A TOTAL OF \$2,500 - THIS WOULD MEAN A TOTAL OF \$5,000 FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 OR MORE WILL BE DOUBLED IF IT IS SENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1ST (UP TO A TOTAL MATCHING DONATION OF \$2,500.) THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING AND MARION STEINBACH MUSEUM.

PLEASE DETACH BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR DONATION

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I WISH TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE EDMUND S, BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH MUSEUM.

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Every donor will be listed on a bronze plaque in the new museum. Display Cabinet Donors of \$1,000 or more will sponsor a cabinet and will have special recognition on the cabinet. Your support and generosity are essential to the success of this extraordinary project. To preserve these baskets, dolls, artifacts and research library intact and to display them to the public in a building designed for that purpose and to honor two such fine people as Ed Barnett and Marion Steinbach is an honor and an obligation to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society.

Presented by The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

# DEGIKUP DAY

Native American Festival • August 22, 1992

10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

William B. Layton Memorial Park

130 W. Lake Blvd., Tahoe City

- Children's Games • Indian Dances • Food & Beverage Stands • Indian Tacos
- Recognition of Tahoe Pioneers
- Indian Story Telling
- Washoe Indian Children Legend Presentation
- Tahoe Tales
- Indian Basket Weaving and Beading Demonstrations
- Family Relays • Barbecue and Asado



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## JUST TWO HOURS A WEEK!

THE WATSON CABIN IS OPEN FROM JUNE 15TH THROUGH LABOR DAY FROM 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. WE HOPED THAT THIS WOULD BE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET ENOUGH DOCENTS TO KEEP THE MUSEUM OPEN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

PLEASE IF YOU HAVE AT LEAST TWO HOURS A WEEK TO DONATE CALL BETTY LONG (916) 583-4488 OR MIRIAM BIRO (916) 583-4976.

YOU WILL BE REPRESENTING THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO VISITORS, LEARNING A GREAT DEAL ABOUT OUR HISTORY AND ENJOYING THE MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE WHO COME TO LAKE TAHOE. DO HELP US NOW!

## A SAVINGS JUST FOR MEMBERS

A REMINDER TO OUR MEMBERS ONLY - ALL OF THE GIFT SHOP ITEMS IN BOTH THE GATEKEEPER'S AND WATSON CABINS ARE DISCOUNTED 10% THIS SUMMER AND, AT THE GATEKEEPER'S CABIN, ALL JAMES BELL MATTED PRINTS OF VINTAGE TAHOE PHOTOS ARE DISCOUNTED 20% TO MEMBERS ONLY!

WE NOW HAVE A LIMITED SUPPLY OF THE 1915-1930 LAKE TAHOE VCRS FOR SALE AT \$29.95 AND ALSO A FASCINATING VCR OF BODIE AT \$24.95, HAND-CRAFTED WOOD VASES BY LOU BIRO AND A VARIETY OF PINE NEEDLE BASKETS BY MANY DIFFERENT ARTISTS. NEW BOOKS INCLUDE THE TONI FAUVER - MARION STEINBACH BOOK "WILDFLOWER WALKING IN LAKES BASIN" AT \$14.95: JUST REPRINTED "LAKE TAHOE LAKE OF THE SKY" BY GEORGE WHARTON JAMES (PAPERBACK: \$19.95/HARDBACK: \$32.50). WE EXPECT THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF "TAHOE HERITAGE - THE BLISS FAMILY OF GLENBROOK" BY SESSIONS S. WHEELER AND WILLIAM BLISS IN AUGUST, PRICED AT \$19.95. THE CITY OF TREMBLING LEAVES, WRITTEN BY WALTER VAN TILBURG CLARK WAS RECENTLY REPUBLISHED AFTER ALMOST 45 YEARS. IT IS AN EXCEPTIONAL NOVEL FULL OF CLARK'S LOVE FOR RENO AND THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY AROUND IT WHICH ILLUMINATES THE ENTIRE BOOK. (MR. CLARK WAS THE AUTHOR OF "THE OX-BOW INCIDENT" AND GREW UP IN RENO IN THE 1930S.) PAPERBACK: \$19.95. THERE IS A GREAT VARIETY OF CHILDRENS' COLORING BOOKS OF THE WASHO, LAKE TAHOE, SIERRA WILDLIFE AND NEVADA HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY GUIDES AND SO MUCH MORE.

## JULIE CARVILLE,

MEMBER AND WILDFLOWER GUIDE AND TEACHER DONATED A SLIDE LECTURE ON OUR LOCAL WILDFLOWERS WHICH WAS HELD AT GRANLIBAKKEN ON JUNE 29TH TO A FULL HOUSE AND A HIKE TO BARKER PEAK ON JULY 16TH TO BENEFIT THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING AND MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK JULIE FOR HER TREMENDOUS SUPPORT OF OUR NEW PROJECT AND HER GREAT GENEROUSITY AND TALENTS.

ED BRUCE ("MAMA DON'T LET YOUR BABIES GROW UP TO BE COWBOYS") SONGWRITER, AND NOW NATIONAL TELEVISION HOST OF "TRUCKIN" U.S.A." VISITED TRUCKEE AND NORTH LAKE TAHOE THIS PAST WEEK. HIS CREW FILMED IN TRUCKEE AT THE "OLD JAIL MUSEUM" AND AT THE GATEKEEPER'S CAIN MUSEUM IN TAHOE CITY. HIS TRAV- ELOGUE TELEVISION SHOW IS SPONSORED BY GMC. THE LOCAL SEGMENT WILL AIR ON THE NASHVILLE NETWORK ON A SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER. (Thank you to North Tahoe Truckee Week newspaper for letting us know when it will be aired.).



# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

FALL

NEWSLETTER

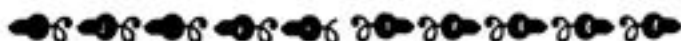
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Thanks to you, our Members —

The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society now has over \$140,000 of the \$250,000 estimated to construct and furnish the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum thanks to the enthusiastic and generous support of our members and friends. To our Members who donated matching funds in the amount of \$2,500 (and who wish to remain anonymous) thank you for this gift which brought in immediate response.

The Society has, in several instances, received matching funds from our Members employers after the member has made a donation. If anyone might have this program available through his or her employer please check the possibility out and let us know if a letter, etc. is needed from us.

We are now in the process of applying to various Charitable Foundations for matching funds and should we have a response anything like that of our members, it might even be possible to break ground for the new museum as early as next Spring.



Welcome New Members!

Alice & Forrest Anderson  
Helen Lapin Arpin  
Mary & Al Babayco  
Phyllis & Bruce Bassett  
Malvine & Ray Bickerstaff  
Pamela & Robert Black  
Cheryl & Dietrich Boskie  
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We are planting trees

With the funds donated to the Society in memory of George Schlumpf, Lillian Vernon Farr, Basil & Roe Kehoe and Mary R. Blass we have started a re-planting program in William B. Layton Park to replace the 25 trees lost to the combination of beetle blight and drought. To date we have planted an Incense Cedar, two Sequoias, a Ponderosa and eight Aspen. All of the trees are over 8' and will have appropriate plaques next summer (when we know that the trees are healthy and growing.)



## In Memorium

Since our last newsletter, the Society has lost two beloved members, Barbara Campbell Fulton and Lindsay Towne Clegg.

A Service was held at Corpus Christi Church on October 5th in memory of Barbara Fulton, who died September 30th. Barbara and John Fulton moved to Tahoe City in 1969 and Barbara became an active member of the Tahoe Sierra Board of Realtors and served as President in 1991. She owned and operated Barbara Fulton Real Estate Company for the past ten years. Barbara and John were very active in the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Boy Scouts of America and the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce. Full of vitality and a sense of fun, Barbara enjoyed her family-husband John, daughter Mary, son-in-law Craig and her three grandchildren, her many friends. She always had a great time on her trips with John and seldom missed a Jazz Festival in Sacramento or a Shakespeare vacation in Ashland.

Lindsay Towne Clegg, although bed-ridden for some years, had just completed her memoirs 'Life of a Woman Born in 1912' and had them printed when she died on August 22nd. As her daughter, Lindsay Clegg Pierce, wrote when she sent a donation "In joyous celebration of a remarkable woman, my mother", she was a charming and humorous lady and loved Lake Tahoe. Our library not only has several copies of her memoirs but also an oral history by Carol Van Etten and a collection of fine Indian Baskets donated by Mrs. Clegg.

## Donations In Memory of Barbara Fulton

Betty & Gustav Ahlstrom  
Dave Anderson  
Bernie Bechdolt  
Emily & R. C. Biagi  
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## Donations In Memory of Lindsay Towne Clegg

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Barbara & William Wright  
and  
Lindsay Clegg Pierce

All donations in memory of Barbara Fulton and Lindsay Clegg will go to the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian



# A Little History

(Excerpts from 'Life of a Woman Born in 1912' by Lindsay Towne Clegg)

I recall a trip to Tahoe via Folsom and Placerville where we stayed overnight then on to Strawberry, Slippery Ford, Echo Summit, Emerald Bay and to Cousin Sally's place a mile or less south of Tahoe City.

The high points of this trip include one just outside of Folsom. It was late afternoon just as the sun was about to go down and the wind was blowing fiercely. The top of the car was down. Aunt Joe's hat blew off but far more important, her valuable "Hat Pin". At that time a "Hat Pin" was a fairly expensive piece of jewelry. Well, we stopped the car and all got out to search for it. I'm sorry to say we never found it. A real major disaster.

The other thing I remember is the trip around Emerald Bay. I think it was a one way road at that time with only a few places where you could pass. That, and the fact that I was on the outside edge of the cliff coming from the south as we were, scared the daylights out of my 4-year-old soul. However, we got to Cousin Sally's as planned about mid-afternoon in time to take the shutters off, make the beds, make the dinner and go to bed.

At least twice more we came to and from Cousin Sally's place via Donner Summit. Most cars could not drive up in the ordinary way, they had to back up the Donner Summit where the road went in those days. Our 1916 Cadillac could manage this marvelous feat because of that little pump you always had to push to blow air into the gasoline line. We had a marvelous time as we traveled along at 45(?)m.p.h., honking at blind curves because it said to, and stopping to have a picnic when hungry.

There was another marvelous thing that Cadillac could do. I remember one afternoon when we were on our way from Tahoe City to Carnelian Bay and then by way of Martis Valley on a very dusty road to Truckee. In the middle of Martis Valley we got a flat tire. There was of course no one around and since my mother was the only adult present, she had to get out and change the tire. She jacked up the car, removed the metal rim, then undid the bolts and removed the tire and wheel. A new tube was put in the tire, the tire put back on the wheel, a few pumps given with hand pump (like a bicycle pump today). Then the miraculous Cadillac gadget was attached and the tube fully blown up. The rim was back on, the bolts fixed, the whole thing in place, and we were on our way to our destination, Truckee for ice cream sodas. So on we drove to Truckee for no other purpose than a chocolate ice cream soda.

Don't ask me why one would spend an afternoon on such a strenuous trip just for fun.

In those years at Tahoe there were lots of ways of having fun for us children and grownups too.

Now to mention just a few of those fun things for us children. Once in a while the cattle from Blackwood Creek dairy got loose and got on the footpath along the Lake that lead to the Tavern. Then myself and a friend could engage in the to us very dangerous sport of chasing them. There was also the pleasant pastime of walking on this same path to the Casino at the Tavern. There is nothing more fun to a child than scuffing up the dust especially if asked not to. When we got to the Casino we often bowled duck pins with my mother and always had an ice cream soda.

Note: This delightful book was privately printed by Mrs. Clegg and is available in the Ellen Attardi Library at the Gatekeeper's Museum.

# NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WINTER

NEWSLETTER

1993

## THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT

Since February, 1992, the N.L.T.H.S. has received over \$150,000 in donations for the Barnett Building/Steinbach Museum. The estimated cost to construct and furnish the future museum is now \$338,000.

We have received approval for construction from the T.R.P.A., Placer County Building Department and the State of California Parks & Recreation Commission. We are now applying for grants from various charitable foundations and planning extra fund-raising activities for the summer season in addition to our Dinner & Dixieland Annual Meeting on July 18th and our House & Garden Tour on August 12th.

We ask you, our members, to continue your generous support. In addition to your membership renewal in 1993, please consider making an extra donation to this very special project. You will be an important part of the successful preservation of an irreplaceable part of our American Heritage in the Steinbach Collection, keeping intact the 800 Native American Baskets, 100 Native American Dolls, an extensive research library and step by step examples of the various styles of weaving.



### MEMORIAL & SPECIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Theresa Clara Denton, longtime Tahoe Vista resident and realtor, who died December 18, 1992 -

Carolyn & Carl Ahlstrom  
Marguerite J. Ashton  
John Fulton

Wes Howell  
Marian L. Mueller  
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In Memory of Barbara Fulton from:

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In Memory of Lindsay Towne Clegg from:

Alice B. Larkin; Susan & David Ramus; Ann M. Wallis

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In Memory of Robert Moore from Henry A. Steinbach  
In Memory of Marion Steinbach from Virginia Bing; The Placzek Family  
In Memory of Dr. Claude Herman from Bobbi & Herb Wiltsek  
In Memory of Ruth McDougall from Noel & Lloyd Hanford  
In Memory of Charles Cross, Jr. from Rosemary & Larry Lindsey

A special memorial donation to plant Aspen in the park in memory of Robert and Roberta Christine Usinger from Martha Usinger

In memory of David B. Berelson from his wife, Clarice and daughter, Bobbi Berelson Wiltsek for patio and landscaping of the new museum.

Honoring Catherine and Wayne Welcome on their 50th Anniversary from Beverly and Dave White

Honoring Clarice Berelson's birthday from Noel Hanford

## "AROUND LAKE TAHOE ON SKIS"

An excerpt from 'Tales of Tahoe' by David J. Stollery, Jr.

It was a day in late February, 1934. The weather was clear, and the sun had been up a couple of hours. A young man, 27 years old, stepped out of the door of a house on the shore of the lake near Tahoe City. He had just finished his simple breakfast, and as he sunned himself on the steps of the house, he was thinking: "What shall I do today?" There were no ski lifts operating anywhere on the lake. There were probably not more than twenty-five people within five miles of where the young man stood.

As far as the young man could see there was snow, five or six feet deep along the shores of the lake, and becoming deeper as the land rose up toward the mountain ridges and peaks. He looked at the sun and the sky. There were no clouds; there was no wind. It should be a nice day.

He thought of the cross country skis he had just recently finished. Made of good sound birchwood, nine feet long. That was it! Why not ski around the lake? The weather was good, he had the skis, and he was an expert cross-country skier.

His preparations were simple! Three cans of corned beef and a half dozen hardtack biscuits. A windbreaker over his heavy woolen sweater. Gloves. Oh, yes, and a few matches to start a fire when he stopped to rest or to sleep.

A little after nine o'clock he was on his way. Cross-country skiing is an art in itself, and our man was an expert, having learned in northern Europe, where skiing first started. A swing of the body forward, first one side, then the other, and the skier covers ground very rapidly.

So our skier trekked on down the West Shore, following the road, which was covered with about six feet of snow. Past Sunnyside, past Homewood, past Chambers, Moana Villa, Meeks Bay. Everything was quiet except for the sharp crunch of the skis on the crushed snow. There was not a mark on the snow, except an occasional coyote track, or the round imprint of a snowshoe rabbit's hind foot.

Past Rubicon, and then the long pull up the grade to circle Emerald Bay. Then down the switchback on the other side.

At the bottom of the switchback he left the road and skied over to the lakeshore. By this time it was 12:30, and the warm sun had started to melt the crust on the snow. With the soft snow, the man's skis were breaking through the crust and making skiing much more difficult. So our skier decided that now was a good time to stop for lunch, and to wait for the snow to crust again.

He found a couple of logs that made a comfortable seat. Out came a can of corned beef and a couple of pieces of hardtack. A fire wasn't necessary as the weather wasn't that cold, so he ate the corned beef cold out of the can, washing it down with a drink from the lake.

By 2:30 a little wind had come up and the weather had turned colder. The snow had hardened and our skier started on his way again. On he went, past the Taylor Creek marshes, past Tallac, past Camp Richardson, Al Tahoe, Bijou, Stateline, then back to the road as he started up the east shore of the lake.

In all this time, since he had left his house that morning he had not seen another human being, not another ski track. By this time it was getting pretty late in the afternoon, and the sun was down behind the mountains on the West Shore. Our skier started thinking about where he would stop for the night, and Glenbrook came to mind. He knew that there should be a caretaker at Glenbrook. If there were none, he would simply stop and build a fire in front of a rock or a tree and sleep in the reflected heat from the fire.

Just about dusk he skied down the slope into Glenbrook, and sure enough, there was a light in one of the cabins. Needless to say, the caretaker was glad to see our skier, because he had been snowbound for several weeks, and had not seen another human being during that time.

The next morning our skier started out again, following the road from Glenbrook up to Spooner Summit, and then following the road down through the trees to the lake's edge at Sand Harbor. Around Crystal Bay he went, down the hill past Brockway, Agate Bay, Carnelian Bay, up over Lousy Point (Dollar Point today) and along the road into Tahoe City.

As he skied into Tahoe City about noon, Estella Watson was walking up the road. "Hello," she said, "where have you been, Harry?" "I've been around the lake," replied the skier. "Around the lake!" exclaimed Mrs. Watson. "Harry, you're crazy!" Our skier just smiled and shrugged his shoulders, and kept on going. By one o'clock he was back at his house. He felt fine, for the trip had given him a chance to stretch his muscles.

By now you might know that our around-the-lake skier was Harry Johanson, once our local Constable. Seventy-five miles of cross-country skiing in a day and a half. All by himself. Crazy? No, just an energetic young man who didn't have anything to do and wanted to stretch his muscles.

By the way, Harry celebrated twenty-nine years as a Constable here in Tahoe City on March 11, 1966.

(We lost the wonderful story teller, David J. Stollery, Jr. in 1990, but his 'Tales of Tahoe' and 'More Tales of Tahoe' have been reprinted and are available at our gift shops.)



## Welcome New Members

Clarice M. Berelson  
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## Six Summer Events

This season we offer six special events to raise funds for our present museums and the future Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum. If ever we needed your support and participation it is now. With your help we will meet our goal of raising \$338,000 to construct and furnish our new museum for completion in 1994.



## Raffle

Our 1993 Raffle will offer many fine prizes and our drawing will be held at our House and Garden Tour on August 12th - winners need not be present. Tickets are enclosed - Good Luck!



## Gift Shop

Our gift shops at the Gatekeeper's and Watson Cabin Museum are filled with many special books and gift items, including the beautiful petroglyph drawings of John Betts in a very limited and numbered set of prints. There are some fascinating new books including the Then and Now photographic essay of Lake Tahoe (available in soft cover and hard cover), a new biography of Will James and pine needle baskets by local artists and Washoe-Paiute artist, Lorena Burns. For members only a 10% discount on all items.



## How About A Party In The Park?

While many of our weekend dates are reserved for graduations, weddings, receptions and parties we do have dates open. You can reserve William B. Layton Park for special parties and remember that your donation to the Society is tax deductible. For members only - a 10 percent discount.



## Reservations

Return your reservations for our Dinner & Dixieland and House Tour in the enclosed envelope. Remember that space is limited and our regular mailing will be sent in June.



## \$10,000 from Placer County

Our Fund-Raising Chairman, John Fulton, has requested and received a \$10,000 Grant from the Placer County supervisor's Tahoe Special Projects Fund to promote and stage our fund-raising events this season. This insures that all of the income will be profit for the new museum.



## An Ambitious Program

The Capital Fund Committee to provide the money for the addition to the Gatekeeper's Museum has adopted an ambitious program for the 1993 Summer Season.

In addition to the Dinner and Dixieland Evening and the House and Garden Tour which benefit the present museums, library and park, we have planned four other events to benefit the Barnett Building/Steinbach Museum.

On Saturday, May 29th from 11:30 to 3:30, there will be a picnic at the William B. Layton Park to celebrate the 'Truckee River Flows' for the first time in over two years. We need a volunteer who has influence with Mother Nature to help on this.

A Craft Fair and Show is planned for the weekend of July 23-25 to be held at St. Nicholas Church parking lot.

A Basketfull of Dreams Auction will feature many hard-to-find collectables. It will be held at the park on August 5th and our Auctioneers, Clark Young and Peter Thompson promise a great deal of excitement and funds for the new museum.

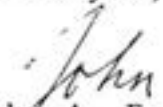
The Second Annual 'Degikup Day' will be held at the park on Saturday, August 21st. Dick Linkey is our Chairman again this year. The program will feature recognition of Washoe Indian Culture and Crafts. It will be a fun-filled day with many games for the children, food and drink.

Mike Howe, a professional fund raiser, has been contributing his expertise and talents to our Board of Directors, helping us prepare a letter and package to some seventeen charitable foundations who provide funds for museums and/or Native American Culture and Arts. It is hoped that matching funds will help the Society complete the project in 1994.

Carolyn Johnson, a member of our Board of Directors is putting together a satellite group in Sacramento and Barbara Richnak is doing the same in Reno to make it easier for interested donors in these cities to give to our project.

With all this going on, we need help from interested members. Donations of time and money are most welcome. Please contact either Miriam Biro at (916) 583-1762/583-4976 or myself, John Fulton at (916) 583-3644 or fill out and return the tearout below and we will contact you. WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.

Thank you,

  
John A. Fulton  
Capital Fund Committee  
Chairman

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NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
1993 SCHEDULE OF SUMMER EVENTS



- SATURDAY, MAY 29: TRUCKEE RIVER FLOWS PICNIC CELEBRATING THE DAY THAT LAKE TAHOE REACHES OVER THE NATURAL RIM. THERE WILL BE A LUNCH OF HOT DOGS, CHILI BEANS AND LEMONADE SPONSORED BY GRANLIBAKKEN. THE PARTY IS FROM 11:30 TO 3:30 AND A \$5 DONATION WILL GO TOWARD THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM.
- SUNDAY, JULY 18: DINNER & DIXIELAND ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS. DONATION PER PERSON IS \$20 OR \$40 PER COUPLE. NO HOST BAR. DIXIELAND MUSIC BY THE AL SHAY QUARTET. THIS YEAR THE PARTY WILL BE AT B. J. AND BEBE CASSIN'S MAGNIFICENT ESTATE AT FLICK POINT FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. BY RESERVATION ONLY.
- JULY 23-24-25: CRAFT FAIR AND SHOW AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH PARKING LOT BY AN INDEPENDENT GROUP WITH PART OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFITTING THE BARNETT BUILDING/STEINBACH MUSEUM.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 5: BASKETFULL OF DREAMS AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK AND WILL FEATURE MANY HARD TO FIND COLLECTABLES. AUCTIONEERS CLARK YOUNG AND PETER THOMPSON PROMISE A GREAT DEAL OF EXCITEMENT AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE BARNETT BUILDING/STEINBACH MUSEUM.
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 12: ANNUAL HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR WILL FEATURE HOMES FROM CARNELIAN BAY THROUGH INCLINE VILLAGE INCLUDING LAKE-FRONT, LAKE VIEWS AND TWO OF THE HOMES HAVE EXCEPTIONAL ART COLLECTIONS ON DISPLAY. THERE WILL BE A FINE WINE AND CHEESE TASTING PROVIDED BY THE CHARLES I. DANIELS FAMILY AND REDWOOD VINTNERS WITH MANY OUTSTANDING NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WINERIES PARTICIPATING. YOUR OWN CAR, FOLLOWING OUR ITINERARY. \$30 PER PERSON. BY PREPAID RESERVATION ONLY - SPACE LIMITED. 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. RAFFLE DRAWING 4:30 P.M.
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 21: THE SECOND ANNUAL "DEGIKUP DAY" WILL BE HELD AT WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AND WILL FEATURE WASHOE AND PAIUTE DANCE AND STORY TELLING GROUPS, DEMONSTRATIONS OF BASKET WEAVING BY THE WASHOE TRIBE ELDERS WITH WARES ON SALE. THE DAY WILL ALSO FEATURE GAMES AND FACE PAINTING FOR CHILDREN, A BBQ AND MANY OTHER SURPRISES. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE NEW MUSEUM.
- MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 1: THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION OF JOHN MUIR'S ORIGINAL WRITINGS, INSCRIPTIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS ON LOAN FROM THE RALPH AND JOYCE GRUNAUER COLLECTION AND FROM THE LLOYD CHICHESTER NATIVE AMERICAN ART COLLECTION AN EXHIBIT OF SOUTHWESTERN POTTERY, WASHOE BASKETRY AND THE MAGNIFICENT KACHINA DOLLS BY HOPI ARTIST, SAM OMAHOYA. BASKETS FROM THE MARION STEINBACH COLLECTION WILL ALSO BE FEATURED.
- JUNE 15 TO LABOR DAY: THE WATSON CABIN MUSEUM WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M. PRIVATE TOURS CAN BE BOOKED THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

## A Little History

HERE IS HOW JOHN MUIR VIEWED TAHOE:

### Along the Truckee River - Late June, 1888

"The road from Truckee is dusty, the ground strewn with fallen burned trunks or tops of trees felled for lumber, but the freshness of the young trees springing up and the chaparral and the beautiful river in sight redeem the view from all the destructive action of man."

"A warbler was singing on a nest in a cottonwood close to the road. Going down to the river, I heard the singing bird and searched for him. Found him on the nest, where he seemed to court attention rather than to seek concealment."

### Lake Tahoe - June 30, 1888

"Wild rose abounds, and strawberry, spruce, alder, all pines are but little touched as yet by the ax. Libocedrus grows to a large size, reaching its greatest perfection along the west shores of the lake, on a gravel beach. I saw one a hundred and sixty feet long, five feet in diameter four feet above ground, 580 years old."

Muir's first camp was north of Rubicon point where he described snowy mountains in the background, heavily timbered, although the best wood was cut. A large cedar standing in front of the naturalist's bedroom on the lakeshore impressed him. "The flash and roar of waves on the shores begins suddenly, a hundred voices stirred by wind in the forest. Jays, ducks, gulls, yellow linnets...a lovely calm evening."

### Emerald Bay - July 1, 1888

"Arrived at Kirby's, 10 A.M. Talked with Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, both kind and intelligent. A charming lowland and a fine tangled canyon above, watered by Cascade Creek brawling along the rocks. Ferns, Allosorus, Pellaea, Cheilanthes, dogwood, alder, willows, Mentzelia, Penstemon Confertus, Spiraea, Pyrola, lilies very abundant - the white and small tiger."

"Emerald Bay is about two miles long. Its mouth is nearly closed by a terminal moraine; the sides are formed by lateral moraines. The left lateral is very striking, well formed, three or four hundred feet high where it joins the shoulder of the mountain, timbered with pine and spruce sparsely on the grayish slopes. As we look from the head of Emerald Bay the distant mountains are blue and the lake is blue with exactly the same tone, and the yellow summer sky is like the glow of a desert beyond the mountain rim. The trees - slender pines and firs - are firmly relimbed and inverted in the mirror blue of the bay. In the foreground a strip of meadow, reddened with castilleja and fringed with willows, is reflected with fine effect. Also the shore of washed granite sand, and the one island, a hundred feet high and a half-mile in circumference, adorned with pines and bossed with chaparral."

### Cascade Lake - July 2, 1888

"Snowy mountains and a fall and a grand glacier basin, and well timbered lateral moraines, make a fine setting for Cascade Lake. I saw a duck with her young sailing and running on the lake, a fine wild happy sight. Also young robins and young grouse.

# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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## 'Over The Rim' Picnic

The 'Over the Rim' Picnic was held at William B. Layton Park on Saturday, May 29th. About 250 guests watched our local 'gatekeeper', John Sutter, open the gates of the dam and a small stream of water flowed for the first time since September, 1990. Special thanks to Norma and Bill Parson and their Granlibakken Chef, Ron Eber. The Parsons donated all of the food and soft drinks. Chris Parks of the 'Bridgetender' Restaurant donated the wine and beer. Our volunteers included Rosemary and Larry Lindsey, Tat and Wayne Welcome, Hank Steinbach, Dotty Intorf, Fritzi and Bill Briner, Earl Marr, Dan Gutowsky, Anne Shipley and Kurt Carlstedt, Betty Long, Bernie Bechdolt and Beverly Watson. Special thanks to our event chairman, Wes Howell and to Gerhard Rossbach who played the accordion so beautifully. Our income for the future Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum was \$1,350.

## Raffle

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for the drawing will be held at our House & Garden Tour on August 12th (winners need not be present). Some of our prizes are: A stay at the Resort at Squaw Creek, a ride on the fabulous 'Thunderbird' with nineteen friends, a vacation at the Embassy Suites Hotel in South Lake Tahoe and numerous dinners and prizes. A very special prize will be a four day house boat vacation at the Emerald Cove Resort and Marina at the new Bullard's bar Reservoir. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 and may be purchased at the Gatekeeper's Museum, Watson Cabin Museum, Dinner & Dixieland Party on July 18th and the House & Garden Tour on August 12th.

## Poster Contest

A contest was held for the North Lake Tahoe school children to create a poster painting for the Historical Society. The winning painting was created by Daniel Herr, a seven-year-old second-grade student at Kings Beach Elementary School. Daniel's painting will be the focus of a poster listing the fund-raising events of this season. Posters are in a limited amount and will sell for \$6.00 and the income will benefit the new museum. We will have the posters for sale at our Gatekeeper's and Watson Cabin Museums, at our fund-raising events and other North Lake Tahoe locations. Our winner, Daniel, received a \$50 savings bond at our 'Over the Rim' Picnic. A special recognition award was given to North Tahoe High School Artist, Holly Madden.

## The LaRue Gift to Lake Tahoe

Remember the Champagne and Hors d' Oeuvres Reception at Granlibakken Resort on Monday, July 5th at 4 P.M. to meet the artist, Don La Rue. Mr. La Rue is a world famous artist and local resident. He has completed seven of an estimated 30 painting depicting the history and life of the Washoe Tribe and is donating these marvelous oils to the Historical Society. It has been his wish to give back to the North Lake Tahoe Community something for present and future generations to enjoy and this is what he will do at our July 5th reception. If you did not receive your invitation, please call or stop by the Gatekeeper's Museum. A \$25 per couple donation is requested with all income benefitting the Steinbach Museum. Norma and Bill Parson are sponsoring the party and the paintings will be on display at Granlibakken for this year, and will be displayed at our museums in the future.



## A Little History

From the 'Tahoe Tattler', Friday, July 5, 1935

### OCTOGENARIANS BOTH---Nick and Joe



### **FLICK BROTHERS LOOK BACK ON THIRTY YEARS AT TAHOE**

*Settled On Lake In '96—Claim  
It Best Move They Ever Made*

Imagine trying to cover 172 years of robust and eventful living in the space of one short column. That's what we're up against this week, after calling on the Flick boys over at Carnelian Bay, surely the two oldest residents in all Tahoe.

There they were, Nick and Joe, stowing away their evening meal in their roadside cabin, with the sun slanting its fading rays through the open door...the pine-lined shores and the blue Lake beyond.

"Come in...come in," smiled Nick, gracious spokesman for the two. Supper (it's 'supper' on the lake, as it should be) can wait. We only eat when we're hungry, and we're always hungry."

Eighty-four years young, the venerable Mr. Nicholas E. Flick, his lean features beaming, and his small brown eyes twinkling, had all the semblance of a mountain eagle. Again, with his long aquiline nose, his thin-lipped smile, and his friar's fringe of greying hair, he was suave George Arliss of the 'flickers.' Either will do.

Mr. Joseph Flick (not so easily dissuaded from his plate) still has remnants of his once-powerful build, despite his eighty-eight years. As we got acquainted, Joe confided that he has been suffering a mite and with the fishing season on, it's enough to sour a man, says he.

They were born in Ottawa, Illinois, some eighty miles from Chicago...and here's a point...of three brothers, all came into the world on Christmas Day.

Nicholas was a likely lad, home-loving and industrious, while Joe was the lively lad, performing stunts on the back fence for his playmates' applause. So Nick, like one of Horatio Alger's boys, went into the Ottawa mercantile store, while Joe ran away with a circus.

If any of our readers ever saw the New York Circus on its summer tours in the 'Seventies, you may remember that long, limber tumbling chap in the spangles and tights. Yes sir, that was Joe Flick.

Then misfortune struck the brothers, Joe, laid low by injuries, and Nick, running into a streak of hard luck in his mercantile business, harkened to Greely's "Go West," and wound up in Paradise Valley, in northern Nevada.

(a little history - continued)

Here we'll let them speak their piece for a spell.

"We had been hearing of the wonders of the Sierra and Lake Tahoe for so many years...Joe and I decided to pack up our kit and savings and hike down here to live out our days." Nick reminisced.

"That was back in '96, and we still think it was the wisest thing we've ever done. Neither Joe nor I have had a yen to go anywhere else, for it's the best climate in the world right here."

"You said something there..." chimed in Joe, "Yessir, we settled right here on Carnelian Bay, and outside of falling off wagons, we haven't had a sick day since."

"And as for fishing...say, I used to row from Flick's Point," (named after us," he added proudly) "across the bay over by Brockway, and these big Lake trout were so darned thick we could hardly swing an oar. 'S fact and we'd hook so many, our boat's so full we had to paddle back careful like, for fear we'd all go to the bottom. But that was nearly forty years ago, remember. Nowadays, I call it a good day when I can pull up a six-pounder at the 300 to 500 level."

Nick is the less talkative of our two Tahoe pioneers. He has always handled the business for the duo, and just recently disposed of most of their Carnelian Bay holdings to retire and rest at leisure.

So leading gently (in our gently curious way) we asked Nick the meaning of that imposing middle initial "E." "Ah...that!" and he winked whimsically as if 'that' was an ageless mystery, and - "Wouldn't you like to know?"

"That was just a passing fancy. Seemed all the boys I knew had their names parted down the middle. There was a girl in our town, and she had an unexplained middle initial, too. It was 'E.' but she'd demur when I asked her its meaning. So I took it for my own, brought it out West, and it's been with me ever since."

Which brought up the inevitable query applied to two dyed-in-the-wool bachelors..."and why did you never take wives?"

Nick spoke up in his quizzical way, "Well-I...Joe was too busy. Acrobats, wanderers and fishermen have too much on their minds. As for me," and here that swell grin of his, "It would have been plain murder for me to wed. You see, there were three girls after me, and if I'd married any one of 'em, the other two would surely have taken to poison or a rope. So I saw my duty and did it...thereby saving two...no, probably three, from a sad ending."

As a testimonial to longevity Nick declares that he hasn't smoked, chewed, drank or 'cussed' for nearly thirty years, and attributes his happy spirits and good health to these ascetic precepts. Joe is four years older, but he didn't mention any abstentions as reasons for his long and placid existence.

Two noble gentlemen of Tahoe...these Flick boys...and we trust they'll catch their limit of fish, and bask in the sunshine off Carnelian Bay, for many years to come.



## Welcome New Members

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## Steinbach Museum Donors

The following donations for the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum have been received since our Spring Newsletter:

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## Help!

BECOME A DOCENT AND HELP KEEP THE WATSON CABIN MUSEUM OPEN THIS SUMMER. WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR ONE FOUR HOUR DAY A WEEK FROM 12P.M. TO 4 P.M. YOU WILL MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE AND REPRESENT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP THIS SUMMER. CALL BETTY LONG AT (916) 583-4488/583-3382 OR MIRIAM BIRO AT (916) 583-1762.



## Memorial Donations

In memory of Bill Connors from: Marjorie and Earl Marr; Kevin C. Kehoe; Michael, Susan, Mike and Kim Kehoe; Marilyn and Bob Fugazi and Jean and Al Henry.

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In memory of Charlotte Moore Angell from Carolyn Johnson

In memory of Barnet Biro from Gloria and Bud Novack

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A donation honoring Robyn and Walter Genest was received from Virginia and Walter Crinnion

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## 'Degikup Day II

The Historical Society's second annual 'Degikup Day' will be held at William B. Layton Park on Saturday, August 21st from 10 AM to 3 PM. Come watch the Washoe Weavers demonstrate their art and some of their baskets will be on sale. There will be a Paiute Dance Group performing, a Washoe Children's Theatre, games and crafts, an Asada featuring BBQ lamb and chicken with salad and fresh baked bread. There will be wine, beer, soft drinks and desserts, music, crafts booths, face painting and story-telling. Admission is free and all income will be in support of our museums.

## Pine Needle Basket Weaving Classes

Two Pine Needle Basket Weaving Classes will be held at William B. Layton Park on Sunday, August 15th and Tuesday, August 17th from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Betty and Peggy Long will be your instructors and a donation of \$12.50 per student will benefit our museums. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Classes will be for beginning and intermediate students and each class will have a maximum of 20 students. Please complete and return the registration form below.

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I will attend the pine needle basket weaving class on: Sunday, 8/15 \_\_\_\_\_

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# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

FALL

NEWSLETTER

1993

## Welcome New Members

BETSEY & ROBERT BINGHAM  
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MARGARET & TOM VEITH  
JOHN C. WESTON  
HOLLY WILSON

## An Update On The New Museum

Since January 1, 1993, donations to the future Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum have been over \$41,000. With our previous donations, we have raised over \$175,000 of the \$300,000 estimated to build and furnish the new museum. We continue our applications to charitable foundations for matching funds and there is a possibility that a significant donation will be received before the end of 1993.

Our Building Committee of Rosemary and Larry Lindsey, Ray Jones, Fil Aguirre, Mary Gilanfarr, Bud Novack, Steve Glazer, Gary Davis and Miriam Biro have worked together throughout the year on cost savings on the plans and have made significant progress in cutting building costs without compromising the integrity of the architectural design by Dick Munday.

NLTHS member, archeologist, Susan Lindstrom and her associate, Linda Shoshone, will be completing an archeological ground survey on the site of the future museum in September. This is required by TRPA before construction can commence.

As of now, the plans are to break ground on May 1, 1994 and complete the building before winter, working on the interior furnishings and displays throughout the winter and planning a grand opening on May 1, 1995.



Since our tax increases in 1993 are retroactive to 1/1/93, and because we can now deduct 10 percent more than in 1992, you might wish to send a donation for the new museum before the end of the year.



"Another glorious Sierra day in which one seems to be dissolved and absorbed and sent pulsing onward we know not where. Life seems neither long nor short, and we take no more heed to save time or make haste than do the trees and stars. This is true freedom, a good practical sort of immortality."

JOHN MUIR

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Our annual Raffle netted over \$3,500 for our museums. The Drawing was held at the Haas Home during our House and Garden Tour. Following is a list of the Donors-Prizes and Winners:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Manicure donated by Tammy Vandewiele                                                                                     | Winner: Mrs. A. Matthews |
| 2. Embroidered sweat shirt from Kathy Tavernier                                                                             | Winner: Ginger Walsh     |
| 3. Hair Cut from the West Shore Hair Co.                                                                                    | Winner: Joan Richardson  |
| 4. Two cases of beer from Nor-Cal Beverages                                                                                 | Winner: Dick Linkey      |
| 5. Three cases of beer from Nor-Cal Beverages                                                                               | Winner: Dick Johnson     |
| 6. \$30 Dinner Certificate from the Tahoe House                                                                             | Winner: Tony Ryerson     |
| 7. Flowering Crabapple Tree from Tahoe Tree                                                                                 | Winner: M. MacLaughlin   |
| 8. Two 18 hole rounds of golf-Ponderosa Golf Course                                                                         | Winner: Rob Cassin       |
| 9. Gourmet Food Basket from Catherine Welcome                                                                               | Winner: Mrs. Ross Bewley |
| 10. One foursome of golf-Tahoe City Golf Course                                                                             | Winner: Sarah Malin      |
| 11. \$50 Dinner Certificate from Gar Woods                                                                                  | Winner: Martha Bernard   |
| 12. \$30 Dinner Certificate from Bacchi's                                                                                   | Winner: Suzanna Watson   |
| 13. \$55 Dinner Certificate from Swiss Lakewood                                                                             | Winner: Diane Fisher     |
| 14. South Shore Room Show for 2-Harrah's Tahoe                                                                              | Winner: Barbara Jones    |
| 15. Dinner for Two at Hacienda del Lago                                                                                     | Winner: Fred Kaaz        |
| 16. 14K Gold Pine Cone Earrings - Emeralds Plus                                                                             | Winner: Mr. Manville     |
| 17. 2-Night/3-Day vacation for two in a two room suite with cocktails, breakfast from Embassy Suites Hotel South Lake Tahoe | Winner: Mrs. A. Hyman    |
| 18. 4 day Houseboat Vacation-Emerald Cove Resort & Marina-Bullard's Bar Recreation Area                                     | Winner: Pat Vanni        |
| 19. 2 night/3 day delux room vacation at the Resort at Squaw Creek                                                          | Winner: Mr. Heinbucher   |
| 20. Cruise on the Thunderbird-Joan & Buzz Gibb                                                                              | Winner: Bob Cheesewright |

Congratulations to our prize winners and thanks to our wonderful, generous donors!

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## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- In memory of Vivian Milistefr from Carol and DeWitt Krueger  
 In memory of Marcelle Gayrard from Claudia and Raymond Aymeric  
 In memory of Ron Giannini from Betty and Ned Long  
 In memory of Barbara Fulton from Virginia, Caroline and Katherine Belz  
 In memory of Bill Conners from Liz and Les Simmonds; Betty and Ned Long and Mimi and James Lewis  
 In memory of Ed Barnett from Ruth and Ted Johanson; Deborah & Royce Johnson



## DONATIONS TO THE STEINBACH MUSEUM

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cheryl and Dee Boskie      | Harriet Henderson          |
| Judy Cunningham            | Kathie & Joe Hoxsie        |
| Lenore and Buzz Davis      | Urdene and Ken Newfarmer   |
| Reid Dennis                | Porter's Ski & Sport       |
| Francis and Robert Dobbins | Rhoma Jane and Bill Sumner |
| Paul Walker                |                            |



## Recent Acquisitions

Newspaper articles and maps of the Tahoe area, Vikingsholm, Emerald Bay and D.I. Bliss State Park brochure from Mrs. William P. Gardner

'Tahoe Lodge' laundry bag from Jon Faulk (Pomin)

Round bottom bottle used for soft drinks marked 'Cochran & Co/Belfast' and a green glass insulator marked 'California Power Company', both objects found by the Granlibakken stream by the Drozd Family

Two photographs: 1. "Many Happy Returns - D.R.D." probably of west shore of Lake Tahoe with Sugar Pine Point in far background taken between Sunnyside and Kaspian Point circa 1900. 2. Circa 1893 photo of the steamboat, Hattie Belle, launched June, 1890, built for Ralph Lewis Cowell in San Francisco, taken in front of Moana Villa donated by Gerald Bishop

Numerous original Robert Montgomery Watson letters written to his friend, James Moffitt (now being translated and will be available for research in 1994) donated by Mrs. Alice M. Gatterdam

From the Brockway Springs Resort: small oval plate, cup, cereal bowl, condiment bowl, cream pitcher, glass dessert dish and stationery donated by Jan DeForest Family

Two ski poles(bamboo and leather) from Walter Bailey donated by Bill Matthews

On loan a ceramic egg candy dish by Helen Beaverson from Don Bury

Electrical panel from the Tahoe Tavern donated by Pete and Pat Vanni  
Lantern found near Tahoe Tavern Pier donated by Mary Long

## Dinner & Dixieland

It was a beautiful day, Bebe and B.J. Cassin's lakefront home was the setting for our annual 'Dinner & Dixieland' party where we enjoyed the music of the Al Shay Combo, fine wines donated by the Chuck Daniels Family's own 'Trellis' label. Among our volunteers: Katlin and Steve Hecox, Kathy and Bruce Tavernier, Dan Gutowsky, Steve Glazer, Rosemary and Larry Lindsey, Tat and Wayne Welcome, Betty Long and Miriam and Lou Biro. The Cassins and their son, Ron, were gracious hosts and also provided valet parking for the guests. Ginny Barnett and E.J. Boulger sold lots of raffle tickets!

Our net income: \$2,650.

## House Tour

The House and Garden Tour was held on August 12 and a sell-out success it was. The generous homeowners: Bobbie and Bob Dolton; Veronica and Art Engel; Mandy and Ray Haas; Marsha and David Veiga; Ruth and Gene Glick and Bobby and Leonard Gang. Thanks to you all for allowing us to tour your beautiful homes. Special thanks to Dottie Intorf our Volunteer Chairman and to Rosemary Lindsey, Marjorie Marr, Monica March, Kathy Tavernier, Gloria Novack and all of their volunteers who hosted the homes - to raffle ticket sellers supreme: Peggy Hartshorne and Martha MacLaughlin; Cheese tasting by Betty Long, Katlin Hecox and Miriam Biro; wine tasting volunteers: Larry Lindsey, Wayne Welcome, Steve Glazer and Perc Fleming; wines donated by the House of Daniels' Redwood Vintners, Peter Daniels and Graham Luce. Our net income: \$9,000.



## A Little History

The following letter from Robert Montgomery Watson is part of a series of letters written to his friend, James Moffitt, between 1902 and 1932. These letters were donated to the Historical Society by Mrs. Alice M. Gatterdam.

Tahoe Dec. 18 - 1922

Friend James I reced your letter several days ago I am stopping at Mrs. Knights (around the Point awhile) Harkness went on a vacation but has just stormed all of the time since he left since the 4th the last two days nice. His big launch the Tam o Shanter sunk in the Storm from defective exhaust pipe. Had to get the Brave Crew and S.S. Nevada to rescue her. Capt. Hun-kin, Engineer Bert Watson and Fireman Janstin and no Big Head Lines in the San Fran Papers. There is no place this winter to stay here. Mrs. Bernice who did keep People went away so did everyone else who could get away, and I will be at Mrs. Knights untill after the Hollydays. James - don't come up to this God Forsaken Place in the winter you never know what you are up against. I kept my horse Intending to Ride out to Folsom. Rob, Stella and Edna are thare this winter. I wanted to go by Five Lake Creek, Grey Horse and Song Canyon but it snowed three ft. on summit first of Nov. Couldn't get across finally Dec. 4 another storm coming I rode the Horse to Verdi, 40 miles. Caught No. 5 S.P. got to Truckee same night and snowing. Started for home at 11 at night walked all night in the storm and got Here just before daylight. If I had waited for the stage would have had a much worse time of it as you have to get while you can up here. I have had so many of these trips, don't even like to look at snow up on the summit in the summer time, so James when you are comfortable at Home don't risk a trip to this Place in winter it is only fit for Coyotes. Then don't think I am a Crank but \_\_\_\_\_ the stage comes up Mondays, Wensdays and Fridays unless it storms when they don't - sumer is all right, but am not going to stay any more winters.

With Regards to Mrs. Moffitt and Hope yuo will Prosper and be Happy

am Sincerely

Your Friend

Rob Watson Sr.

Ed. note: the spelling and punctuation is as written in the letter, the blank space is word not yet able to translate. Translation by Kathy Betts

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The NLTHS Oral History Program, now in its 10th year, needs your support. To date, over 60 interviews have been conducted, and of these two dozen have been transcribed and are available for study in the museum library. Many worthwhile histories could be added to the Society's archives if funding were available, and so at a recent meeting, the NLTHS Board resolved to encourage the expansion of this program by inviting donations which are earmarked for use in the program. For further information please contact Miriam Biro at (916) 583-1762 or Oral Historian, Carol Van Etten (916) 583-5091

## Thanks to John A. Fulton & Don LaRue's Gift

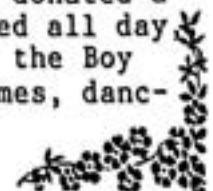
We know that all of our Members will join the Board of Directors in thanking our Fund-Raising Chairman, John A. Fulton, for the tremendous amount of time and effort he has donated for the past two years to raise funds for the Barnett Building/Mairon Steinbach Indian Basket Museum. From the 'Truckee River Flows' Picnic on May 29th to the Don LaRue Reception on July 5th, the special school poster contest and the printing of the Daniel Herr painting poster, the Arts & Crafts Fair on August 23-24 to Degikup Day' on August 21st, John never stopped to catch his breath. He also got sponsorship of all of the above events from the Placer County Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$10,000.

John Fulton was also responsible for contacting Don LaRue, local artist and working with him on the donation of seven large oil paintings, depicting the culture of the Washo. This beautiful gift to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society was received at a reception at Granlibakken Resort on July 5, 1993. Norma and Bill Parson have created a gallery space for the paintings at Granlibakken as the Society does not have the space to properly display the 'Wa She Shu' collection at this time. The Parsons hosted the delightful and delicious Hors d' Oeuvres and Wine Reception as their gift to the Society. Don LaRue's paintings can be seen at Granlibakken at no charge. Titles of the paintings are: 1. The Midnight Messenger at Steamboat Hot springs 2. The Pine Nut Harvest at Monitor Pass 3. Pine Nut Distribution Near Smith Valley 4. The Truckee River Fishing Village 5. The Abalone Diggers at Point Lobos 6. The Traders Return at Desolation Summit 7. The Coyote Hunters



## Degikup Day II

DEGIKUP DAY was held on August 21st and it seemed as if most of Lake Tahoe worked to make the event successful. Dick Linkey was our Event Chairman and the following organizations and individuals all participated in the planning and presentation: North Tahoe Chamber of commerce, Snowfest, Granlibakken, TCPUD Parks & Recreation department, Rotary club of Tahoe City, Rotary Club of Incline Village-Crystal Bay, Kiwanis Club of Tahoe City, Lions Club of Incline Village-Crystal Bay, North Lake Tahoe High School, Federated Womens Club of tahoe City, Kelgard electric, Tahoe City Electric, Bridge Tender Restaurant, Aleta Drake, Washoe Elders: Joanne Martinez, Theresa Jackson, Lucille Morris and Florene Conway, Lorena Burns, the Silent Auction Basket created and donated by Pat Forbes, the shield wall hanging created by Mary Lee Fulkerson and donated by Judy Topol, and the beautiful teepee commissioned and donated by Beth and Ed Grebitus. The Asada BBQ presented by Osvaldo Ancinas with Bob Bernard and helpers was sponsored by the Pfeifer House, Wolfdale's, the Soroptomist Club of Tahoe City, Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Company, Big Tree Cleaners, Tim Hauserman, Glen Poulsen, Pete & Peters, Porter's Ski & Sport, Tahoe City Chevron, North Lake Auto Parts, Ed Friel, Barbara and Lowell Northrup, Lemar Mazzocco, Otto Hub and Michael Dunsford. The Salad and Bread were set up and served by the Soroptomist Club of Tahoe City. The washoe Children's Dresslerville Theatre, Boy Scout Troup 99 of Sacramento, Ernie Fanning-Cowboy Poet, and erica Gocka were our entertainers, Peter Sterne our Master-of-Ceremonies, Ed Miller our Story Teller and Lolly Kupek our Face Painter and many members of the Society volunteered throughout the day. Mary Fox of the Fulton Plumbing Company was in charge of the Childrens' Games and Crafts with Debbie Schofield and volunteers giving the children great fun and Mary and Craig Fox even donated a pony for picture-taking. It appeared that everyone who came stayed all day enjoying the marvelous food, games, crafts and entertainment with the Boy Scout Troup 99 Dancers bringing waves of applause for their costumes, dancing and audience participation.



## Society Awarded \$125,000 Grant

A \$125,000 Grant has been awarded to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society by the Eva B. Buck Charitable Lead Trust to complete our funding requirements to construct the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum.

The Grant was given to the Society to honor the memory of Eva B. Buck, who spent sixty summers at Lake Tahoe and had an abiding love of the area, its beauty and history.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and the Members of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, we thank the Eva B. Buck Charitable Lead Trust for their generous support. Since March 1, 1992, the Society has raised over \$300,000 and we can now break ground for the new museum in the Spring of this year. The structure should be completed by Winter and the cabinets and basket displays will be ready for a May 1, 1995 opening.

### Eva B. Buck

Eva B. Buck and her husband, Congressman Frank Buck, purchased twenty acres on the Lake at Brockway/Crystal Bay in 1928 (ten acres in California and ten acres in Nevada at the State Line). From 1928 until 1938 they summered on this property in a small cabin. In 1938, the Bucks sold the land to the Hills Family and continued to visit the Lake with their two children. Congressman Buck died in 1942 while running for re-election to California's Third District.

In 1956, Eva Buck built a home in Crystal Bay and spent her summers there until 1988 when health problems prevented her return. Before her death in 1990, Mrs. Buck told her daughter, Carol Buck Plummer, how very much she missed her summers at Crystal Bay and how much she had loved her sixty years here. Mrs. Plummer completed her Crystal Bay home, adjacent to her mother's, in 1962 and has been a resident since that time. Mrs. Plummer's son now owns and lives in his grandmother's home.

We have been awarded a Grant from the BankAmerica Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 in support of the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum. This was awarded thanks to the efforts of our Fund-Raising Chairman, John Fulton and our Tahoe City Bank of America Branch Manager, Kenneth M. Jones.

Thanks to the efforts of our Co-Presidents, Rosemary and Larry Lindsey, and the support of William T. Fike, Acting President and CEO of the Truckee River Bank, the Society has received a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from the Truckee River Bank in support of the new museum.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bank of America	Iren & Edward Jenny	Gary McKelvey
David Bienert	Linda & Jim Kuraisa	Mary & Edmund Shea
Pearl & Howard Bloom	Virginia & Norman Livermore	Hildy Soule
Jane & Warren H. Higgins	Kathryn Gore McEntyre	Truckee River Bank

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of C. Don Huff, Sr. from: Carolyn Johnson; Betty Jane Roth; Kay & Howard Turner; Bill & Bernie Bechdolt

In memory of Robert Wulff from Kay & Howard Turner

In memory of Genevieve & Edward Chamberlain from Ann & Bob Birge

In memory of Ed Barnett, Sr. from Ed Barnett, Jr; S.B. & J.S. Yaryan

In memory of Bill Connors from Brenda & Bryte Johnson

In memory of Barbara Fulton from Neil R. Farmer

In honor of Lucile & Albert Johnson from Carolyn Johnson and Virginia & Burt Swartz

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SPECIAL DONATIONS for the David B. Berelson Patio Fund honoring the birthday of Jackie Feinstein from Bobbi & Herb Wiltsek/honoring the birthday of Bobbi Wiltsek from Jackie & Don Feinstein

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DONATIONS TO THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING/MARION STEINBACH INDIAN BASKET MUSEUM RECEIVED FROM:

Anonymous (\$2,000)	Martha & Thomas J. MacBride
Ann & Bob Birge	JoAnn Rossback-McGivern
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Dagmar & Ray Dolby	Ruth Ann Perry
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Carolyn Johnson	Henry A. Steinbach
Elsie & Ken Jones	Virginia & Burt Swartz
Barbara & Ray Jones	Petey Walsh
Mimi & James Lewis	Mrs. Robert E. Williams
Virginia & Norman Livermore	Dorothy B. Whitehead
	Marion & Charles Willin

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C. DON HUFF, SR. who owned and operated the Homewood Resort from 1939 to 1964, died November 19, 1993 in Woodland at the age of 95. He and his wife of 73 years, Bernice, continued to enjoy their summers at Lake Tahoe until his death. During the Huffs' 25-year tenure as proprietors of the Homewood Resort, it became one of the landmark family resorts on the lake, known for its hospitality and excellent food prepared by Wing, their renown Chinese Cook.

Mr. Huff served as a Yolo County Supervisor during the Depression and was a member of the Yolo Fliers Club, Sutter Club and Grandfathers' Club. He was a Lifetime Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, and served as president of the Woodland Rotary in 1930-31.



## A Little History~

This is an excerpt from an August, 1984 Interview with C. Don Huff, Sr. by Carol Van Etten.

- Don I came to the lake with my parents when I was six years old, in 1904, and we went to Brockway as summer resort guests. And then the next time we came to the lake, why, we were second night on our honeymoon and we stayed at Homewood.
- Carol I imagine you saw quite a few changes between the first and the second visits?
- Don Of course I was a kid, six years old. And it was our first trip out of the Pasadena area. I was thrilled with travel. And then after we went home it was everyday life in Pasadena again, and always wishing I could come back to Lake Tahoe.
- Carol What form of transportation did you use to come on your first trip?
- Don We took the steam train from Pasadena through Los Angeles to Santa Monica, and in those days it was a long wharf - that was before San Pedro or the harbor. Passenger ships would tie up at this long wharf at the mouth of Santa Monica Canyon. And then we came up on the Santa Rosa, a ship. And it stopped in Santa Barbara, Monterey and then San Francisco. And that was its annual run. Then we took the overnight train from San Francisco to Truckee, and went to Brockway by stagecoach and six head of horses.
- Carol That would have been over what is now Brockway Summit?
- Don Yes, but in those days it was just a dirt road, of course. Stagecoach road in those days. I don't know whether there were any automobiles up here at all in 1904.
- Carol I don't believe there were.
- Don My family had an automobile around 1904 or '05, and you had to have a state license. They were good for the life of the car, and we had license number 1500 and something.
- Bernice ( Don's wife) Tell her about when - you keep telling the grandchildren about when you rode on the stagecoach.
- Don Well, this was a kind of a tally-ho stagecoach with the seats about five or six abreast and four or five seats up on top of it. And everybody sat up there in the sun and you could see good. Of course, the old folks took those seats, and the stagecoach driver said, "Hey kid, you come on up and sit with me", and that tickled me to death and he said, "Here, I've got a gun, too, 'cause' he said "We're goin' through Indian country", and he said "You be on the lookout for Indians". So I looked for Indians all the way to Brockway. I didn't see any.

The transcription of the Huff Interview is available to read in the Ellen Attardi Library. We also have a 1939 interview with Bernice Huff in the Tahoe Tattler.



## Fashion Show to benefit Society

The Federated Womens Club of Tahoe City, longtime member and supporter of the Historical Society, is planning a luncheon and Fashion Show at the beautiful Granlibakken Resort on Saturday, June 4th. Fifty percent of the funds raised will be donated to our new museum.

We ask you to mark your calendar and plan to attend this elegant event. The donation will be \$20. If you wish to make reservations at this time, please make your check payable to the 'Federated Womens Club of Tahoe City' and mail it to the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, P.O. Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145. The Womens Club is also looking for models for the event including men and children. Those interested in participating as models or as hosts and hostesses please call Miriam Biro at (916) 583-1762.

## Summer Schedule

Our Summer Fund-Raising Events will include our annual 'Dinner & Dixie-land' Party and this year we will add an auction of antiques and Lake Tahoe Memorabilia. The date is Sunday, July 17th and it will be held at the Flick Point lakefront home of Mandy and Raymond Haas. If anyone has a special item to auction please call Miriam Biro (916) 583-1762. We want items of local historical interest.

Our annual House & Garden Tour will be held on Thursday, August 18th. Our Spring Newsletter will include invitations for our members and their guests only. Each year this event is a sellout and our major fund-raiser. Our members are assured of a reservation if they respond right away.

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 NEWSLETTER 

## It's our 25th anniversary, or is it?

From the first N.L.T.H.S. brochure comes the paragraph:

"The North Lake Tahoe Historical Society was founded in 1969 with the goal of preserving Lake Tahoe's historic structures as well as records and artifacts of our historical heritage. The Society assisted in purchasing the Watson Log Cabin which is now in the National Registry of Historic Places. All those interested in carrying on the work of the organization are invited to join."

From the 'Tahoe World' November 12, 1971, page 12 "Chamber Pot Shots" by Betty Layton is the paragraph:

(Gardner) Mein is also president of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society and announced last week that a final all-out drive for charter members will be held this month. It was just one year ago this month that the Historical Society was conceived by the Chamber and got its gigantic kick-off with Don Steinmeyer's contribution from the Brockway Hotel auction. All charter members will receive an individual certificate (appropriate for framing) and will have their name included on a charter member scroll to be hung in the Gatekeeper's Log House when it is converted into our local museum. Mein stated that the social meeting planned for November 26 will mark the first anniversary."

Our incorporation papers and stamp show that the N.L.T.H.S. was chartered as a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Corporation on January 26, 1971.

Our Board of Directors feels that our 25th Anniversary is very special and we would like to celebrate the occasion in a big way, but is our 25th Anniversary this year, 1994 or next year, 1995 or should we celebrate on the Anniversary of our Charter on January 26, 1996?

We would certainly like to hear from you, our members if you have any documented dates or any memories you can share. Please phone or write us at (916) 583-1762 or 583-4976(evenings only)/N.L.T.H.S. P.O. Box 6141, Tahoe City, CA 96145.

## Construction begins in June ~

Ground breaking for the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum will take place in June and construction will take place this summer. Our Building Committee of Rosemary Lindsey, Chairman Larry Lindsey, Raymond Jones, Fil Aguirre, Gary Davis, Mary Gilanfarr, Steven Glazer and Miriam Biro have been busy throughout the winter in working to cut building costs. Our General Contractor will be Syd Bartlett who will work with the Building Committee liason, Ray Jones. Larry Sevison will donate his services to dig our foundation. Nancy Sjursen of Sierra Planning and the Law Firm of Hoffman, Lien, Faccinto, Garnett and Lieberman worked on our behalf with T.R.P.A. to obtain our permit, also donating their services. Archeologist, Susan Lindstrom donated her time and expertise to do the pre-construction dig and will be present during the foundation digging, as required by the TRPA.



# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

1994 SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE

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- May 15 to October 1 - GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM OPEN  
May 15 to June 15 and Labor Day to October 1st, the museum will be open Wednesday through Sunday 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.  
June 15 to Labor Day museum open 7 days a week from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- June 15 to Labor Day - WATSON CABIN OPEN 12 P.M. to 4 P.M. daily (916)583-8717
- Saturday, June 4th - THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB OF TAHOE CITY PRESENTS "FAN FLAIRE", A LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW WITH 50% OF THE PROFITS BENEFITTING THE NORTH LAKE TAHOE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THIS SPECIAL EVENT WILL FEATURE FASHIONS FROM MANY OF OUR LOCAL STORES AND BOUTIQUES AND MANY DOOR PRIZES AND RAFFLE. DONATION: \$20 PER GUEST, AT GRANLIBAKKEN RESORT: 11 A.M. SOCIAL HOUR 12 P.M. LUNCH AND SHOW.
- Friday, July 8th & Saturday, July 9th - PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING CLASSES FOR BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS  
9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. each day. Cost of \$20 per student, per day, includes sewing kit, coffee, tea, punch and breakfast roll. Betty and Peggy Long are your teachers. SPACE LIMITED.
- Sunday, July 17th - DINNER & DIXIELAND AND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PARTY AND MEETING  
North Shore Lakefront Estate setting from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M., valet parking included. No Host Bar. Al Shay Combo. Donation: \$20 per person.
- Thursday, August 18 - ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR  
This year featuring homes on the West Shore from Tahoe City to Rubicon. Wine and Cheese Tasting by courtesy of Charles I. Daniels Family - Redwood Vintners. From 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. Donation of \$30 per person. By reservation only. SPACE LIMITED
- Monday, September 5 - DINNER CRUISE ON THE ALL NEW "TAHOE GAL"  
Dinner and Cruise donated by Judy and Merle Lawrence, owners, for the benefit of the Historical Society. Donation of \$35 per person. No Host Bar. SPACE LIMITED TO 60 COUPLES. First come first serve.

OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 4:30 P.M. AT OUR HOUSE TOUR WINE AND CHEESE TASTING LOCATION. TICKETS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GATEKEEPER'S AND WATSON CABIN MUSEUMS. PRICE \$1 each/6 for \$5.

BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL EVENTS IN WILLIAM B. LAYTON PARK THIS YEAR. PLEASE VISIT THE PARK AND MUSEUM AND WATCH US GROW IN 1994.

## Welcome New Members

Betty and Merritt Cutten  
Sue and Bruce Millar

Mary and Malcolm McConnell  
Mary and Harvey Sigler

## Memorial

In Memory of Mrs. Charles Hardy, Mrs. John Stephenson and Mrs. Wallace Breuner from Peggy and Dick Hartshorne

In Memory of C. Don Huff from Nancy and Jerry Johnson

In Memory of Rodney Overton from Henry A. Steinbach

In Memory of Kathryn Lehr from Beccy Shontz

## Basket Museum donations from ~

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews  
Helen Ford  
Merdene and Lewis Hess

Pat and John Kessler  
Sarah and Jacob Malin  
Jeanne and P.L. Schiedermayer

## A little history

The following letter from Robert Montgomery Watson is from the James Moffitt Collection donated to the Historical Society and in the Ellen Attardi Library. The punctuation and spelling are literally transcribed by Kathy Betts

Tahoe, Cal. Dec. 17 - 1924

Dear James, i Recd your letter and the Pictures a long time ago they were fine. I love to think of that trip up Dicks Peak on the 5th of July. also of the lone sentinel guarding the Pass now covered with snow. We have about 1½ feet here just good sleighing and ther at zero this morning are you and Mrs. Moffitt coming for the Holly Days as you spoke about when here last. Say James, I want to have you tell your father in law (the good old scout) about our Indian Rock. We have known of it for years. was about 150 yards from the outlet of the Lake near end of standard oil warf was never known in memory of white man to be out of water before. so Rob and myself with other Help jacked it up on Blocks. got it on His Truck (weighs about 2 tons) and carted up under the big Pine by Robs Log House it has three Deep mortar holes for grinding acorns. that Proves that at one time the Lake was for a long Period much lower than white men have ever seen it and it was the only flat Rock in the vecinity that they could use for mortar Holes.

I know it will Interest E.G. Schmidell and many others who come Here in the summer time. well it rests now overlooking whare for many Centurys it must have been emersed you will see it if you come up if not will send you Pictures of it

well James let me know if you are coming with Best wishes to all

Sincerely

RM Watson

ed.: The rock is in front of the Watson Cabin once again for all to see.

# North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

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On June 4, 1994, Ground-breaking Ceremonies took place in William B. Layton Park when Virginia Barnett, her children, Ed, Jr., Cooper and Mar-iam Barnett Sodergren and Cooper's children, Casey and Brady, dug a gold shovel into the dirt where the Edmund S. Barnett Building/Marion Stein-bach Indian Basket Museum is now under construction.

A Dedication Ceremony also took place with NITHS Co-President, Larry Lindsey presiding and an Invocation by the Reverend Guthrie Swartz, a Barnett Family friend, and some memories of their father by Ed, Jr. and Mar-iam and a few words by Robert Macomber, Superintendent of the Sierra Area District of the California Parks & Recreation Department. Bob re-membered Ed as follows:

"In today's ground-breaking we are honoring the memory of Ed Barnett. No person is ever honored for what he received. Honor is reserved as the reward for what he gave.

There is a saying: Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. Ed brought sunshine into the life of any person he touched.

He was a person who gave - to his family, his friends, his community and globally in the Peace Corps.

Ed lived his life in a full and robust manner. One of my favorite memories about Ed happened a few years ago in the middle of winter. We went into Bodie on a snow cat, and then went out on a snowmobile. This snowmobile was capable of doing over 80 miles an hour. Ed and I climbed aboard, and I proceeded to wind it up as fast as I could, and several times we literally became air borne. As we turned around, Ed asked me, "Can't we go any faster?". I think if Ginny knew of our outing she would have shot us both. Ed lived his life by going off the main road and by trying the untried.

I miss Ed's friendship, wise counsel and his great smile - kind words about Ed can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

After the ceremony, about 50 family members and friends enjoyed a buffet in the park.

Photo(from left to right): grandson Casey Barnett, sons Cooper and Edmund, Jr., Larry Lindsey, Mrs. Virginia Barnett, daughter, Mar-iam Barnett Sodergren and granddaughter, Brady Barnett.



## Welcome New Members

Harriet and Allen Adkins  
Martha H. Azevedo  
Kathy and John Betts  
Verna and Charles Bromagem  
Donna Coleman  
Nancy and Bob Cunningham  
Gary Donofrio  
Marjorie and Albert Huber  
Ruth and Theodore Johanson  
Cindy and Sam Livermore

Gail and Dana Miller  
Betty and Ken Mork  
Astrid Olson and Stanley Smith  
Betty and Guthrie Swartz  
Lehnoe and Francis J. Quillsnan, Jr.  
Mollie M. Sinclair  
Shilagh Stevick  
Sonja and George vukasin  
La Verna and Dale Wesenberg  
Cleolue and Dick White

## Special Donations

In Honor of David B. Berelson's birthdate from Bobbie Berelson Wilksek for the Berelson Patio Endowment Fund

From the California Heritage Council

For the Steinbach Museum from Mrs. Jane G. Scott

For the Barnett Building/Steinbach Museum from the Sierra State Parks Foundation

From Dolores Macrae

For the Steinbach Museum from Mandy and Ray Haas

## Memorial Donations

In memory of Marion Steinbach from Barbara and James Moore

In memory of Tom Nored from Marion and Andy Collins

In memory of James R. Lewis from Liz and Les Simmonds

In memory of Tom Nored, Sam Glazer, Kathryn Lehr and Marilyn Schultz from Marjorie and Earl Marr

In memory of Ed Barnett from June E. Rothe-Barneson

In memory of Ann Milton Wallis from Marion and Frank Hinman

In memory of Richard Marken from Bobbie and Bob Dolton

In memory of Sam Glazer from Carolyn Johnson

In memory of Ann Birge from Miriam and Lou Biro

## Recent Acquisitions

1. Photo of a Washoe weaver and her baskets donated by Susan Crawford
2. Edison Home Phonograph and cylindrical records which were once the property of Ernest Pomin donated by Virginia Zinn Balsdon
3. Nine color vintage postcards of Lake Tahoe from Dolores Macrae
4. Atherton family photos, abstract of Title of lots 13 and 14, block 4 in the center of Tahoe City from a 1/28/1904 sale from Scott Atherton
5. Vintage Lake Tahoe photos, Tahoe Tavern brochure, Tahoe Tavern blankets, set of china from the Bliss Tahoe home, Pitt River Indian Basket and a Washoe woven covered glass, spearpoint, S.S. Tahoe Nameplate, S.S. Tahoe swinging lamp, headlight from Engine #1 of the Lake Tahoe Railroad, silver from the Tahoe Tavern from Ellen Lifschutz

# HERB CAEN



## Goodbye to Summer

EVEN IF YOU'RE a San Franciscan, with no particular reason to believe in seasons, you could feel a change in the air last weekend. Forest fires drew an ugly curtain across the Northern California skies, and Smokey the Bear was once more in danger of being recalled; he had failed again. The kids were straggling back to school in snarls and snits, the opera countdown had begun in the dress salons (\$1000-\$900-\$800-\$700-blast!), and as for the Giants—well, the bright promise of Mays had given way to the Alvin Darkness of September. Finally, it was hot in San Francisco, a sure sign that icy rigors of Summer were over.

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WHERE BEST to watch the death of Summer? Why, Lake Tahoe, of course. Tahoe, with its memories of Bal Bijou and Globin's Al Tahoe, dancing under the stars with a fine sun-tanned girl (she wearing moccasins and white tennis socks), Dick Jurgens, Eddy Howard and all the faded Summer loves; far-away strains of "It Was Just a Summer Romance That Begins and Ends With a Dance," with the bass drum lighting up on every beat to show a couple drifting across the orange waters in a black canoe. One Coke, two straws and don't forget to write.

I tuned up the old banjo uke, threw my straw hat and striped blazer into a satchel and dashed out to what is known grandly as the Executive Airport (old Mills Field), there to board the mighty DC-3 flown more or less regularly by Golden Gate Airways.

A fine flight. The DC-3 rose in the manner of all DC-3s—just barely—and headed for the hills. Miss "Sam" Pirrie, the famous stewardess, passed out coffee with a lavish if shaky hand, and I was pleased to note that the co-pilot was named John P. Kennedy. Everybody knows who HIS co-pilot is, and I must say it gives one a feeling of security.

An hour later, while you motoring wretches were barely sighting the Nut Tree, our sturdy craft heaved itself through a pine-topped pass in the high Sierra—gosh, those trees look close enough to touch—and skimmed across the incredible blue lake to a landing at Tahoe Airport. Race you to the bar.

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IT HAD BEEN YEARS since I'd visited Tahoe, and the warnings had come thick and fast. "You won't like it, it's changed, it's gone commercial, it's just one big honky-tonk," and so on, but the caveats were unnecessary. It hasn't changed THAT much.

For one thing, the weather was lousy on Saturday, and that seemed familiar. No matter when you get to Tahoe, it's always the worst day of the season and "You should have been here yesterday; DIVINE." The wind whipped the lake into black and ugly froth, and ocean-sized waves beat against the shores, driving even the hardiest back into the arms of Bloody Mary. Boats capsized and Frank Fuller's big seaplane lost a pontoon and sprawled in the water like a wounded bird, one wing deep in the sand, the other yawing skyward at a 45-degree angle. "Shoot it," suggested Warren Clark. "Put the poor devil out of its misery."

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But when the skies softened, Tahoe became its immemorial Summer self. At Meeks Bay resort the pretty young girls congregated on the wooden porch just as they had 20 years ago (and, by golly, still wearing moccasins and white tennis socks). Water skiers skimmed across the lake like bugs on a pond. Bud Scott, half-man, half-boat, roared around at 60 mph in his new Cadillac-powered speedster.

The stylish people, sheltered from The Mob behind their private beaches and roads, crouched over their bridge tables and domino sets in their big houses, with "The Unsinkable Ivy Brown," who caters every affair, tending to their needs. However, unalloyed elegance is slightly on the wane. Only the Summer Ehrmans still have a butler, plus 19 gardeners. Henry Kaiser's estate, which sleeps 85, and NObody has that many friends, is on the market (\$500,000 should swing it).

And The People Who Really Care About Tahoe, bless 'em, are fighting truth and hell to keep the State Highway Commissioners from building a bridge across Emerald Bay, one of the world's authentic wonders. "Don't let them bridge the Bay!" is the cry, and I join in it.

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WHEN THE OLD-TIMERS say "Tahoe has changed," they invariably mean Harrah's State Line Club, but I fail to see the problem. Mr. Harrah's South Shore Room, where Kay Starr is currently the attraction, is probably the finest room ever built shows; lighting, sound, comfort, air-conditioning. Leighton Noble's great band—everything is of the best. All this is paid for, of course, by the thousands of people outside, madly playing slot machines though the Russians were already in Virginia City but that's THEIR problem.

At the other end of the lake, Cal-Neva was going on in its unchanging way, its walls still lined with the skins of fallen gamblers. In the show room, Vic Damone was busily overpowering one innocent song after another, Comedian Dick Shawn was overpowering the patrons with sheer talent and pure ham, and at 3 a.m. Joe DiMaggio, the elder statesman of baseball, was to be seen overpowering a steak. Status was definitely quo.

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BY LATE Monday afternoon the last Mary had been bloodied, the last dance had been danced, and the vast lake lay still and blue, no longer scarred by skiers. The shutters were going up all over Tahoe as Summer, 1961, slowly faded away to the distant, cricket-like click of slot machines. See you next Summer, if there is one.

# A LITTLE HISTORY =

### FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB OF TAHOE CITY PRESENTS "FAN FLAIRE"

On June 4th, the Federated Women's Club of Tahoe City presented 'Fan Flaire' Fashion Show and Luncheon at Granlibakken to benefit the N.I.T.H.S. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful afternoon, delicious luncheon and the fashions of many of Tahoe's finest boutiques. Women's Club President, Edythe Miller presented the Society with a check for \$1,000.

### DINNER & DIXIELAND A SELLOUT ONCE AGAIN

Our 'Dinner & Dixieland' party took place on a balmy evening on July 17th at Mandy and Ray Haas's beautiful estate. Over 225 members enjoyed music by the Al Shay Quintet, wines were donated by the Charles I. Daniels family's Trellis Winery. Our many volunteers made sure that everyone enjoyed the evening with special thanks to Lou Biro, Steve Glazer, Dan Gutowsky, Betty Long, Carolyn Johnson, Bernie Bechdolt, Larry and Rosemary Lindsey, Elinor Boulger, Jeanne and Don Davis, Dorothy Intorf, Ray Jones, Bruce Tavernier and Mandy and Ray Haas, Al Sperry and Jacob Malin.

### NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Barnett Building/Steinbach Museum is well under way, framed to the roof. Steven Glazer donated the trenching and Larry Sevison donated his services to dig the trenches and foundation. Discounted fees were received from Steve Neft for the foundation, Truckee North Tahoe Materials-concrete, Truckee Tahoe Lumber Company, Atlas Heating, Gary Davis-engineering and Dick Munday-architect. Ray Jones represents the building committee, working closely with general contractor-Syd Bartlett and sub-contractors.

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THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING is right on schedule under the supervision of contractor, Syd Bartlett. Roofing is under way with a partial donation by Bill MacLean's Quality Roofing. Ken Kott has lifted enormous beams into place with a magic touch as his donation to the Society and master carpenters, Alan Roskos and Kirk Huizenga, are doing an exceptional job. We will be open Wednesday through Sunday throughout September and hope you will stop by the Gatekeeper's Museum and see the construction. Jack Emerson donated the stones and Lou Biro the masonry facia. Ray Jones is the liaison for the Building Committee.

In the museum you can see the name plate from the S.S. Tahoe, the headlamp from Engine #2 of the narrow-gauge Lake Tahoe Railway which traveled from Truckee to Tahoe City and many other recent acquisitions.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dona & Jim Affleck  
Annelise & Martin Anderson  
Joanne Blois  
Marilyn & Donald Bryant  
Doris & Hal Fox  
Terri & Doug Knutson  
Andrew Iapkin  
Peg & Ted Lewis

Elinor & Dale Lindberg  
Dean, Nancy & Mandy McKay  
Walter E. Owen  
Barbara & Douglas Reed  
Antonia & Paul A. Smith, Jr.  
Carol & Ned Spieker  
Mary Ann & Bert Tonkin  
Connie & Glenn Wilson

## DONATIONS

In Memory of Rose Lefkoff & Ted Wrede from Bobbie & Bob Dolton  
In Memory of Marion Steinbach from Jack McCabe

Special Donation for the new museum from Tom Veith - CB's Pizza  
Special Donation to honor Gloria and Bud Novack from Shirley & Leonard Frierman

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Longtime Member of our Board of Directors, Virginia (Mrs. Edmund S.) Barnett, has sold her Incline Village home and moved to Santa Rosa. Daughter, Mariam Barnett Sodergren, continues the Barnett Family Tahoe Tradition with a home on the West Shore, so we know that Ginny will be back at the Lake for many visits. In the meantime, we will miss you and thank you for your years of active participation and loving support of the Society.

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We are looking for a copy of the March, 1992 National Geographic magazine featuring an article about the Steamer Tahoe for our Ellen Attardi Library.

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Our Member, Ellen Lifschutz, who donated so many special Lake Tahoe artifacts to the Society (see our Summer, 1994 Newsletter) is seeking information about the original Deer Park Springs Inn(hotel) built in 1888, including brochures, post cards, articles, correspondence, etc. If you can help please call Miriam Biro (916) 583-1762 or Ellen Lifschutz (510) 849-0719

**THE HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR** on August 18th was once again a sell-out success and those on the tour enjoyed the beautiful lakefront homes of Robyn and Ned Gates; Betsy and Bob Bingham; Joyce and David Griswold; Celina and Hans Felsch and Carol and Ned Spieker.

The Spieker home was also the site of the Fine Wine Tasting, presented once again by the Charles I. Daniels Family, owners of Redwood Vintners and Trellis Vineyards. The featured wineries were: Alexander Valley Vineyards; Ferrari-Carano; Guenoc Winery; Ironstone Vineyards; Trellis Vineyards and the non-alcoholic drinks of Torani Italian Syrups. An assortment of cheeses, crackers and fruits complimented the tasting.

A very special thanks to our volunteers, chaired by Dorothy Intorf, and including, at the Gates home, Chairman, Rosemary Lindsey and Bernie Bechdolt, Tat Welcome, Beccy Shontz, Marge Fellows, Beverly Franceschini, Mary Anna Conners, Betty Jensen, Dody Scoville and Beverly Watson. The Bingham Home was chaired by Barbara Jones with Robert and Fran Dobbins, Betty Corison, Reva Huff, Lois Linn, Elsie Jones and Barbra Briggs. At the Griswold home was Chairman Marjorie Marr and Earl Marr, Steve Glazer, Shielagh Stevic, Marie Sluchak, Betty La Rue, Ruth Holt, Cathleen Peel and Edythe Miller. At the Felsch homes was Chairman, Gloria Novack and Bud Novack, Monica March, Mary Gilanfarr, Lynn Flagg, Ellen McBride, Wilma McPherson, Ann Penniman and Joan Richardson. At the Spieker home was Chairman Kathy Tavernier, Fritzi Briner, Jimalu Gott Davis, Karen McBride, Gary Davis, Laura Linkey and Jan Edmondson. Hosting the wine tasting was Larry Lindsey with Wayne Welcome, Al Sperry and raffle ticket seller supreme, Joe Sperry. Lou Biro and Don Henninger directed parking and food was prepared by Miriam Biro, Betty Long and Bernie Henninger and served by Kathy Hoxsie and Sarah Malin. Net income on the tour was \$8,500.

**OUR RAFFLE DRAWING** was held at the House Tour and following is a list of the prizes and winners:

Hair cut & set by Colleen's Hot Locks won by A.J. Lallo  
\$50 framing certificate from Heritage Graphics West - winner G. Beckett  
\$50 gift certificate from 'The Store' won by Ken Jones  
\$50 massage from Lucinda Sayre won by Constance Koch  
Dinner for Two at Graham's at Squaw Valley won by Bryte Johnson  
1 case of Sterling Wines, value \$175 donated by Jimalu Gott-Davis and the Gott Family and won by Dorothy Stenz  
Fishing trip with Bobbie Dolton (two Mackinaw guaranteed)-winner D. Raynor  
Dinner for Two at La Playa - winner Walter Crinnion  
Dinner for four at the Seedling Vegetarian Cafe-won by Loring Hanson  
Mackinaw embroidered sweat shirt by Kathy Tavernier won by Sharon Plomgren  
2-hour cocktail cruise for six from Barbara and Ray Jones-winner N. Vitaich  
\$15 nail care certificate from Tammy Vandewiele won by Gwen Cheeswright  
Breakfast or lunch at the Old Post Office for two - winner Patti P.  
Dinner for two at Hacienda del Lago - winner Donald Gibson  
\$25 gift certificate from Hemmings & Jarret won by Helen Levet  
Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Ponderosa Golf Course won by Trinkie Watson  
Dinner for two at Les Levine's Desperados won by I.A. Mize  
Brunch for two at AJ's Ristorante won by Donna Wallrich  
Two hour power boat rental including fuel from North Tahoe Marina won by Judy and Betty Layton  
Dinner for two at Caesar's Tahoe 'Pisces' restaurant-winner Lynda Nelson  
Dinner for two at Alpenhaus won by Leah Dobyne  
Emerald Bay daytime cruise for two aboard the Tahoe Queen-winner B. Daft  
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raffle prizes and winners (continued)

Harrah's South Shore Room to see 'Sugar Babies, Act II for two - winner

Betty Fineman

\$50 gift certificate for dinner for two at Swiss Lakewood won by the Tahoe City Womens Club

\$30 gift certificate for dinner at the Tahoe House won by K.A. Brown

14K Gold Snowflake Earrings (value \$50) won by Marilyn Taylor

Lunch for two at Captain Jon's - winner June E. Rothe Barneson

Bev Doolittle poster (value \$65) from Frames by Ryrie - winner Susan Teshera

Two 18-hole rounds of golf for two from the Tahoe City Golf Course - won by June Suzuki and Patricia Watts

Dinner for two at Sunnyside won by Coreen Bauer

One hour massage by Yovana Gutowsky won by David Allen

Fishing Charter for two from Big Mack Cruises - winners Mary Kay & Jack Frazee

Dinner for two at the Crystal Bay Club steak & Lobster House won by R. Hubacher

Hair cut from the West Shore Hair Company won by I. Rhodes

GRAND PRIZE of two round trip tickets anywhere that Reno Air flies, donated by Reno air and Lake Tahoe Travel and won by Alice and George Marquis

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#### NORTH TAHOE CRUISES HOSTS FUND-RAISER FOR SOCIETY

A three hour Dinner Cruise on the **TAHOE GAL** on September 5th was an evening of sight seeing along the West Shore with a spectacular sunset and fine dining - all donated by Judy and Merle Lawrence's and Ginger and Jim Walsh's North Tahoe Cruises. The cruise was donated to raise funds for the Historical Society's museums. Ninety six members and guests enjoyed every moment aboard the beautiful paddlewheeler and were catered to by a most agreeable and professional crew. It was a treat for all aboard and we all wish that it could be our annual 'Farewell to Summer' or Welcome to Fall' party.

Dinner included a beautiful and delicious garden salad which included edible flowers, melt-in-your-mouth prime rib or equally great Teriyaki chicken with scalloped potatoes, green peas, creamy cheese cake and coffee. A well stocked open bar was kept busy.

If you haven't yet enjoyed an afternoon or evening cruise on the **TAHOE GAL** MAKE IT A MUST FOR September and call (916) 583-0141 for reservations and be sure to thank these wonderful people for their generosity to the Society. The event netted \$3,250.

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Betty and Judy Layton's 'Potter's Wheel' has returned to Lake Tahoe and is located in their new 'Layton Building' across from the beach in Kings Beach. Among the fine artists featured is Betty Layton and her watercolors.

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Betty and Peggy Long donated their time and talents to teaching two regular and one private Basket Weaving Class as benefits to the Society, netting \$650 for our museums. Betty is also the curator of the Watson Cabin and Librarian for the Tahoe City Library and manages to volunteer for all of our fund-raising events - a really special member!



FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT FROM CAROL VAN ETTEN'S LONG AWAITED "MEEKS BAY MEMORIES":

(George) Kehlet and his wife Marjorie had persuaded their friends Clyde and Toots Hill of the Miller & Lux Ranch to accompany them, and the foursome had set off, following Hwy 395 toward the site suggested by Dr. Moodie. After days of driving, the group had arrived one late afternoon at the campground at Eagle Falls, high above Emerald Bay.

By the early 1920s, travel by private automobile was rapidly becoming an exciting new reality for the average American, who was eager to see what marvels his country had to offer. As the highway system grew, so did the number of vehicles following the white line to new horizons. Thus the campground at Eagle Falls was already overcrowded with a multitude of other travelers, and had the further disadvantage of being located some distance above the lake, allowing no convenient access to its beckoning blue waters.

The disappointment that all four had felt on discovering the conditions at this campsite had hardly been assuaged by their learning of another, less populated spot down the road. But they had nevertheless set off the next morning on the winding and narrow auto road which headed north, and soon discovered that every word of the glowing account of Meeks Bay was absolutely true. For weeks they continued to camp beside the Bay, George becoming more convinced with each passing day that this was the site of a wonderful future. From Martin Lowe he learned that the property was owned by two brothers, George and James Murphy, and he sought them out with the intent of learning whether they would be willing to part with some of their lakefront property.

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MEEKS BAY MEMORIES, THE SAGA OF LAKE TAHOE, VOL. I & II AND MANY MORE BOOKS AND GIFT ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR MUSEUM GIFT SHOPS AT 10% DISCOUNT TO OUR MEMBERS AND JAMES BELL'S VINTAGE TAHOE PRINTS AT 25% DISCOUNT. DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING NOW AND HELP YOUR SOCIETY.

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**THE EDMUND S. BARNETT BUILDING** is now closed in; the patio and handicapped ramp concrete is poured. Heat and dry sprinkler systems are installed in both buildings and the electrical systems are being installed. The flooring and dry walls should be completed this month. The display cabinets are designed and will be built over the next four months. The Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Collection is being cataloged, photographed and set up for the displays. The Steinbach Library is being cataloged by Betty Long, Kathy and John Betts and Miriam Biro.

## **THANK YOU, WATSON CABIN LIVING MUSEUM DOCENTS!**

This summer ended the fifth year of the Watson Cabin as a museum of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society. It is time that all members be made aware that without the work of the dedicated docents, none of this would ever have been possible. Many have served one summer and decided that they just didn't care for the whole thing (although, if you talk to the "regulars", they won't agree!). We get people from all over the United States, plus many from all over the world. It is really exciting and fun!

Cathleen Peel, Betty La Rue, Beverly Watson and Ruth Holt have been there from the beginning. Rosemary Lindsey always seems to be able to help out when we're in a bind, as has Helen Ford. Barbara and Russ Mulvany, Pat Crosbie, Gary Donofrio have been helping for the last year or so, and Marge Bartlett and Jan Edmondson joined us at the end of the summer. Without these wonderful, delightful people, the Watson Cabin Living Museum would be just another cute, old cabin on the bank of Lake Tahoe. With their help and the hours that they volunteer, Lake Tahoe history comes alive for hundreds of visitors, seven days a week, every summer.

from Curator, Betty Long

**MARJORIE MARR**, thank you for once again volunteering one day a week throughout the summer at the Gatekeeper's Museum, handling all of the tourists and customers of the gift shop. You are a very special, giving member! Special thanks, too, to Jeanne and Don Davis as they continue to catalogue our newspaper collections.

**BETTY JORGENSON AND BETTY CONNOLLY** donated their time and talents to the 3rd and 4th graders who toured the museum and we hope they will return next year to help, once more, lead tours for the school children. Marie Sluchak took the time to set up a day for the members of the Tahoe City Federated Womens Club to learn how to lead tours and many members attended. We hope they will join the two Bettys in 1995.

A 1916 LAKE TAHOE CALIFORNIA SHORE LINE PHOTO SURVEY ALBUM has been acquired by the Gatekeeper's Museum from Sierra Nevada College, thanks to the donations of Maryon Davies Lewis, Mary Lou and Dick Johnson, Bobbie and Bob Dolton and Miriam and Lou Biro. James Bell has volunteered to donate copies of any five photos in the album chosen by anyone who will make a \$100 donation to Sierra Nevada College. If interested, please phone Miriam Biro at (916) 583-1762/583-4976. The photographs are really outstanding and include never-before-seen pictures of the major resorts.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Birgitta & Richard Baker  
Joan Bohanon  
Elinore Jean Boulger  
Mary & Roy Ekrom

Rod Haulenbeck  
Darlene Lowe  
Mary Malcolm  
Judith & Scott Rodda

Mrs. Adrian (Mary S.) Thiel

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Thank you to Betty Long, Susan Lindstrom, Lynda Nelson and Rosemary Oswald for sending their March, 1992 National Geographics to us and thanks to all our members who called. This was great response!

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## DONATIONS

For the Marion Steinbach Museum from: Kathleen & Roland Kennedy  
Elinor J. Boulger

For Library Materials from Jeanne Davis

In Memory of James R. Lewis from Mr. & Mrs. Robert N. Symon

In Memory of Bessie Novikoff from Gloria & Bud Novack

In Memory of Ray Linn from Carol & DeWitt Krueger

In Memory of Alberta Tetrick from Bobbie & Bob Dolton

## **TRUCKEE-DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY SELLING THE 'ENTERTAINMENT BOOK'**

Our friends from the Truckee-Donner Historical Society are raising funds by selling the 'Entertainment Book'. Each book contains hundreds of "Two-for-One" discounts for fine dining, family dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions and hotels mostly in the Tahoe and Reno areas... 50% savings on almost everything! The 'Entertainment Book' is now being sold by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society for \$30 plus tax and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Entertainment Books will help fund the final restoration work on the historic Gateway Cabin.

To order your Entertainment Book, contact John Curtis of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at (916) 582-0893

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** has been working on a 'Mission Statement', Society History and a re-write of our By-Laws. All members will receive copies of the above in your Spring Newsletter. Approval of the By-Laws will be requested at our annual General Meeting and Dinner & Dixieland Party on Sunday, July 16th. We hope you will all mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We will need volunteers around March through May, 1995 to help setup the Marion Steinbach Indian Basket Museum displays. Now that our museums have heat, it should be a really interesting project. If you can spare some time, please call Miriam Biro at (916) 583-1762/583-4976.

**A LITTLE HISTORY:** Excerpts of an interview with Vivian Pomin Johnson on February 22, 1987 by Carol Van Etten.....

I have a list of questions. There is so much that's been in the newspapers about Tahoe City Ernie (Pomin), but there hasn't been so much about 'Idlewild' Ernie (Pomin), and most of what I know about him comes from Randy Walker.

VPJ: Yes. Well, Idlewild was originally built and owned by the Kohl family of San Francisco, and they lived there I don't know how many years. And my father was a caretaker for that estate and also the captain on their yacht, and a man-of-all-trades around there. And then, of course, in the winter-time there was the shovelling of those buildings. And he not only shovelled that one, but he did several buildings on up toward Homewood, and down the other way. And that was a long, tedious job, too, especially when the snows were heavy.

He was captain of the 'Mi Duena' at one time?

VPJ: Yes.

And was that kind of a party boat? A boat taken to the Tavern to pick up visitors to the.....

VPJ: Well, mostly like private parties. I can't remember who the 'Mi Duena' belonged to. But it was a smaller boat, I think, than 'Idlewild', and built lower to the water. Because the 'Idlewild' was quite tall. At least I think it was. Maybe in my early days, why, it looked that way to me.

I understand it was quite a large boat, compared to some of the others. George Schlumpf told me that the 'Idlewild' was damaged during the winter by snow or by a tree falling on the boathouse.

VPJ: Oh, yes. It was down at the boathouse, right off of the shore, and that was the year that we had the terrible winds. And it didn't do much damage to the boat, but it sure did wreck the boathouse. And that same wind - those kids and myself and my mother and my sister and my aunt and her two children - the oldest one was, I think, about two or three months old - a little girl. My father sent us over to their house, across Blackwood Creek, because there were very few trees around that house. Whereas our house was surrounded by big trees. So we went over there - and it was my grandfather's house. And we hadn't been there too very long when CRASH! - an old - it was a partially dead tree - fell on the house. And the only person that had a scratch on them was this baby. And there was a little corner shelf in the livingroom, and there had been a vase sitting up there, and it fell off and hit the baby in the head. She got a little scratch on her forehead. But we were lucky - real lucky. We had a heck of a time getting out, because the door was jammed. But my mother and my aunt finally got the door open and we went out and we saw that great big tree that crashed down on the middle of the house. That was quite an experience.

#### **HOW ABOUT DOING SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE GATEKEEPER'S MUSEUM?**

For our members convenience, we will be open on Friday and Saturday, November 25 and 26 and December 2, 3, 15 and 16 from 10:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. All members receive a 10% discount on all items. We have pine needle baskets, handcrafted wood gift items and a large selection of beautiful and fascinating books about Lake Tahoe, including the just reprinted Saga of Lake Tahoe, Vol I & II, Meeks Bay Memories, Tales of Tahoe, Lake of the Sky, posters and books on wildflowers and birds of the Lake Tahoe Basin, childrens coloring books and Indian Legends. Vintage Lake Tahoe photos are 25% discount to members.