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ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Judy Dunlap

As the year of the current Board of Directors comes to an end, please allow me to share with you some of our accomplishments.

We had another successful Old Timer's/Truckee Reunion picnic in July. The month coincided with the 40th anniversary of the Truckee Donner Historical Society and we celebrated with a beautiful cake from the Treatbox Bakery.

In August, we held our 4th annual Ice Cream Social. This year was the most successful so far, both with amount of money raised and attendance. We were able to hire Doc-O and Squeeky the clowns with donations from several community business; Dr. Mark Brown of Truckee Local's Chiropractic, Rexel Electrical Supplies and Datacom and Skincare by Judy. Mayor Barbara Green was also able to attend and presented the Society with a beautiful framed Town Proclamation acknowledging our 40 years of service to the community.

Over the past several months I have been working with the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) and Oxford University. They are developing a documentary series on the history of immigration in America. One segment of the series covers the history of Chinese Americans. They came to Truckee to discuss the contribution of the Chinese immigrants in the building of the transcontinental railroad, which was followed by the successful Truckee Boycott which was designed to "rid the town of the Chinese." We received a donation from the BBC which allowed us to purchase three new bookshelves for our Research Library as well as periodical and map storage systems. We are excited about the improvements and expansion of our Research Library.

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4th Tuesday of the Month at 6pm

Also this year we learned that in addition to the need for a new roof and some structural repairs needed for the Old Jail Museum, we also have the need for considerable repairs to the 75 plus year old plumbing and pipes underneath the building. Since the extent of building repairs is beyond the scope of our organization's budget, we are in the process of forming a task force in the community to put together a fundraising plan. I will keep you posted as we continue the journey of taking care of our precious and historical building and museum.

I am pleased to introduce our newest Board Member, Katie Holley. She will be serving as Recording Secretary. Katie has considerable experience with historical organizations in the Bay area, and we are lucky that she has decided to participate with us at the board level. Carmen LeBlanc did a fabulous job this past year, and has taken on the remainder of the Publication Chair duties for the New Year, as well as coordinating additional projects and special events. I would like to acknowledge and thank our outgoing Publications Chair, Judy Williams for her many, many years of hard work and service to our organization.

We did receive resignations from two committee chairs this past year. Due to time constraints and other obligations, Pat Gibbons-Johnson has stepped down as our Publicity Chair and Gordon Richards also stepped down as Research Historian, although he remains as Photo Archive co-chair along with me. Thank you Gordon and Pat for all that you were able to do on behalf of TDHS.

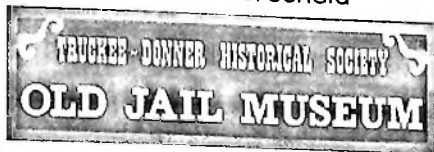
I have done my best to keep up with small research projects, but we are looking for a team of research historians to help us keep up with the many requests we receive on a weekly basis.

We received a grant from the Truckee Rotary Club to purchase software so that we are able to manage our website. Billie Cornell has done a phenomenal job with our web pages. She has been able to upgrade our ability to offer credit card payment options for books, photos, membership dues and donations through PayPal.

I was able to re-do and upgrade our panorama photo catalog, and also add several new photos to our selection. We have not gotten the new catalog loaded onto the website, but look forward to accomplishing this very soon. Our panorama photos are now being reproduced locally, which allows for a much quicker turnaround time than when we had to take our business to Reno.

We were able to accomplish an addition to the Hilltop Master Plan which will allow TDHS to have a more active role in the interpretation of the history of Hilltop by having a permanent display in Kiosk form in the proposed retail village.

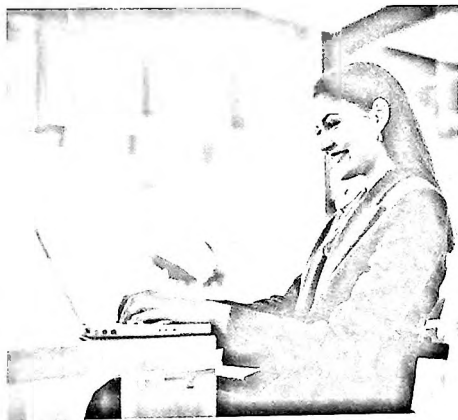
I look forward to another term as your President and hope to continue to work to preserve and promote the history of our community and surrounding area.



This year at the Old Jail Museum 2,761 visitors came through for tours. This included all of the local Truckee 3rd grade classes who study local history throughout the year at school. We took in \$2100.00 in donation money. This money is used for the upkeep of the building, as well as the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. We rely on these donations every year to pay for electricity, water, trash removal and property taxes.

We do not have paid staff giving tours at the Museum. Instead, we rely on volunteers to keep the doors open. We had 30 docents graciously give us their time to help us show people from around the world our historic town through displays of lumber, railroad and ice harvesting industries as well as local town life. Although 30 volunteers sound like a lot, it was still not enough to keep the doors open for the whole season.

Please consider helping us next year by volunteering to be a docent at the Old Jail Museum. Call Chelsea for more information. 530-305-4231



This was an extremely exciting year. We were able to accomplish all of our 2007-08 projects and then surpassed them with additional services. Here is a list of what we accomplished:

- 1) Obtained a domain name providing us with a unique website address www.truckeehistory.org (late October 2007).
- 2) Obtained free web hosting services from local Truckee business owner Robert Bousquet (November 2007).
- 3) Created numerous domain-based email addresses, such as:
 - a) info@truckeehistory.org for general questions
 - b) membership@truckeehistory.org for membership specific questions
 - c) bcornell@truckeehistory.org for individual board member correspondence (November 2007)
- 4) Created a PayPal account to accept online credit card payments for book sales and donations (December 2007); then was able to add payments for membership subscriptions and renewals (June 2008).
- 5) Purchased professional computer software to handle our website, publishing, printing and photo needs. Funding for this software was obtained from the Rotary Club of Truckee. (June 2008).

We still continue to offer:

- 1) Our email based newsletter, TDHS E-News with approximately 250 subscribers (May 2007)
- 2) The ability to make donations to TDHS *at no cost to the you* through the ShopforMuseums website www.shopformuseums.com (25 July 2007).

For the upcoming year our goals are to:

- 1) Add our update panorama photos to our website,
- 2) Add online credit card capability to purchase photos,
- 3) Continue to add more TDHS event photos,
- 4) Restructure and improve our web pages,
- 5) Offer TDHS Business members the option to add their link to our website Links page,
- 6) Create a printer-friendly membership application on our website for mail-in registrations,
- 7) To add a Research page to our website.

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 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 Billie Cornell

Our membership numbers decreased by only five (5) members. Our new memberships equalled last years' numbers. On June 17 the Membership Page on our website was setup to accommodate credit card payments for new and renewal subscription memberships. As of this report, we received four (4) new online members and had five (5) existing members request to *Go Paperless* for their next renewal.

A common question I have been asked is "How many local members do we have?" The answer is, we have 136 members from Truckee (43%) and an additional four (4) members one from Olympic Valley, Tahoe City, Soda Springs, and South Lake Tahoe (44%).

NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS

3	Contributing	\$100
3	Business	\$40
7	Family	\$30
1	Non-Profit	\$25
8	Individual	\$20
2	In-Kind	\$0
2	Complimentary	\$0
26	Total No. of Members	

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN TOTALS

Member Type	As of 9.25.07	As of 9.23.08
Business	13	14
Complimentary	32	31
Contributing	7	13
Family	75	73
Honorary	2	1
In-Kind	14	15
Individual	112	107
Junior	3	2
Lifetime	49	47
Non-Profit Organizations	7	7
Sustaining	6	5
TOTAL	320	315

We would like to honor the memory of our former members who have supported TDHS for many years: John Thomas Rablin, Alberta Wilmunder, Daisy Perino, and Thomas Nelson of the USS Donner Memorial Assoc. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families.



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 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
 Bob Bell

	As of 9.25.07	As of 9.23.08
Checking Account	\$14,088.03	\$10,754.75
Savings and CD Account - Jail Repairs	\$1,770.38	\$1,775.14
Certificate of Deposit - Fire & Ice	\$1,261.49	\$1,048.80
Memorial Garden Account	\$2,580.55	\$1,775.46
Photo Archive Account	\$1,501.75	\$1,506.74
Outstanding Invoices	(\$863.09)	(\$729.00)
Accounts Receivable	\$161.00	\$1,290.00
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$20,500.11	\$17,421.89
Income for prior 12 months	\$23,405.00	\$19,881.00
Expenses for prior 12 months	\$19,717.00	\$22,825.00

The Truckee Donner Historical Society

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Donner Party historian, author, and lecturer

FRANKYE CRAIG

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A Donner Party Story
Daughters of Destiny
2007



The Fateful Journey
Of Tamsen Donner
2006



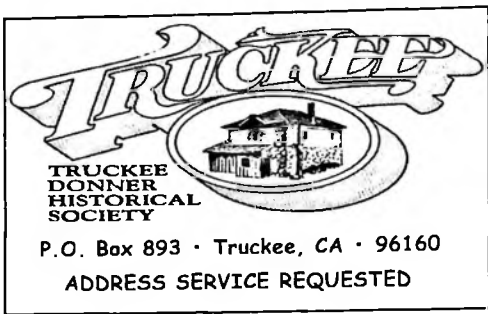
HOLD THE DATE
DECEMBER 6, 2008
CHRISTMAS AT THE CABIN

Our annual holiday Open House and Christmas at the Cabin, will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008. There will be food, fellowship and good cheer. Books and photos will be for sale and you will have an opportunity to see our new Research Library. We will also feature a vintage jewelry sale.



Hold the Date 12.06.08

More details will be announced in future issues of the TDHS-E-News and will be posted on our website at www.truckeehistory.org. For any questions please contact us at 530.528.0893 or email info@truckeehistory.org.



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 APPLICATION**

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NAME: _____

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Enclosed please find a check for:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (please check below)

Individual \$20 _____ Family \$30 _____ Junior (18 years & younger) \$10 _____
 Non-Profit Organization \$25 _____ Business \$40 _____ Sustaining \$75 _____ Contributing \$100 _____

SPECIAL DONATIONS (insert amount and names)

Community Memorial Garden \$ _____ In Honor of _____

Memorial Donation \$ _____ In Honor of _____

Gift Membership \$ _____ In the Name of _____

Areas of Special Interest and/or Comments/Suggestions: _____

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