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# Echoes From the Past

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TRUCKEE DONNER  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meetings 6:00 p.m.  
4th Tuesday of the Month

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

It will be an honor to serve as President of the Truckee Donner Historical Society for this next year. I have been a member of the Society since 1998 and have served on the Board as Treasurer since that time. I am looking forward to letting go of the duties of Treasurer (Thank you Bob Bell for stepping up!) and being able to focus on finding new and creative ways to serve the Truckee Donner Historical Society.

I would like to thank Gordon Richards for an outstanding job as President last year. We welcomed many new members during his tenure, and I hope that I will be able to continue to lead the organization in such a fashion that we will welcome many more.

Last month I mailed a survey to a portion of our Society's members asking for your feedback on how we are doing, and suggestions for improvement in several areas. Thank you to those of you who have participated in this survey. If you received a questionnaire and have not yet returned it, please take a few minutes to respond and return it in the self-addressed envelope. If you did not receive a questionnaire, but would like to give us your feedback, please call us or email and let us know, and we will send you a copy of the survey.

We have left our very busy summer season and are moving into the holiday season. We hope that many of you will join us for our annual Christmas at the Cabin event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for good food, fellowship and a little holiday cheer.

## JUST IN!!

Greg Franzwa, owner of Patrice Press, has completed "The Lincoln Highway: California", Volume 6 in a series of books chronicling the highway's history and route (with plots on USGS topo base). He is co-sponsored by the Lincoln Highway Association and Truckee Donner Historical Society and will be at the Research Cabin on Monday, November 27 at 7 PM to present a 45 minute slide show followed by a Q&A session and a book signing.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



### I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST SOCIETY MEMBERS

Since last May 2006

Susan Teeter Hall	Lorraine Free	Jim Holmes
Wes & Tonya Beyer	Janet Corriea	Bonnie Garcia
Nick Sassarini	Chuck & Karen Grigg	Louise McCallen
Mark Sutherlin	Carol B. Tougas	Lisa Wallace
Alan Gauld	Sierra Mountain Mortgage	Greg Hines
Dave & Carmen LeBlanc	Jeff Stitzer	Rich Fisher
Elizabeth Moore	Cathy Sova	Greg Palmer
Cheryl Shaffer	Katharine McCabe	Bob Morey
Terry Denton	Debbie Freeman	
Tahoe Donner Association		

**DUES CURRENT?** It is easy to tell... just look at the mailing label on your newsletter. It shows the month and year of your renewal.

**DID YOU KNOW?** *TDHS IS SELF SUPPORTING.* The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission:  
*To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.*

*Be assured that disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential. Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.*

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER And if you can, please help us recruit new members.

*Thank you!*

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## OLD JAIL MUSEUM

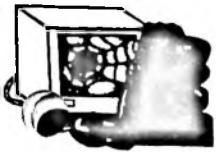
~Chelsea Walterscheid, Museum Curator



### End of the Season Report

I would like to thank all of our faithful volunteers who helped give tours down at the Old Jail Museum this season. We truly appreciate your time spent educating visitors on our rich history. With 13 active Docents we were able to keep the doors open for a good amount of the scheduled time. Unfortunately, we had to keep the doors closed on days we should have been open because we still don't have enough volunteers. We were extremely happy to welcome Jim Holmes and Carmen LeBlanc as new Docents at the Museum and look forward to working with them next season. Thank you both very much for your time and interest. As usual, we would like to welcome many more new Docents to help us out...any takers??

We were able to show the Museum to more than 1700 visitors this season and brought in over \$1500.00 in donations. The cost of operating the museum is covered 100% by donations taken at the door. We wouldn't be able to run the museum without these donations, which is why it is extremely important to keep those doors open! Be sure to watch out for our spring newsletter which will advertise the Docent training days to prepare volunteers for the 2007 season.



## WEB PAGE NEWS

~Billie Cornell~

If you have not seen the Truckee Donner Historical Society web page in awhile or have never visited it before, I ask you to please surf the web and click onto <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com>

We are in the process of upgrading our web page so you will no longer be hounded by those annoying pop-up advertisements;

We have been updating our Events Page, added additional event photographs including a picture of our newly restored Research Cabin;

We are currently in the process of updating our Publications Page to include a complete list of the books we sell including pricing and order sheets; also, look for the recommended Quarterly Book Selection beginning next year.

To help expedite buying our books, photographs, and possibly your annual membership dues, we are investigating ways to allow your use of credit cards to make on-line purchases;

We are looking into the possibility of an opt-in / opt-out feature where you would elect to receive informational emails from the Society, so you will not miss out on any of our special events;

And in the near future you may even be able to access this quarterly newsletter, *Echoes from the Past*, on-line;

We will also be adding more of Gordon Richards' very popular historical articles that are published in the local Truckee newspaper *The Sierra Sun*.

We hope you will enjoy the new changes our volunteers are working on, so please check in from time to time to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by emailing me at:

[tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com)



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COCKTAIL HOUR

We would like to invite our wonderful volunteers to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Hour held at the Gateway Research Cabin on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM. Appetizers will be served and guests are invited to stay for our Annual Christmas Party to be held immediately afterward. This Cocktail Hour gives us a chance to say Thank You for all you have helped us accomplish over the last year.

Please RSVP to Chelsea at 530-305-4231

### Calendar of events



November 28	Board Meeting
December 1	1st TDHS 2007 Calendar available for sale!
December 2	Christmas At The Cabin/ Docent Appreciation Cocktail hour
January 23	Board Meeting
February 23	Board Meeting
March 27	Board Meeting
April 24	Board Meeting



Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Gateway Research Cabin. The festivities are open to the public and we invite you to bring along your friends to celebrate the holidays with us. Stay for spiced cider and homemade goodies. Our photos and books and *new* Truckee Calendar will be available for viewing and purchase.

We hope you can join us!

# TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT RECAP

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

Presented at the Annual Election Dinner held at The Lodge at Tahoe Donner  
By: Billie Cornell

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Our overall membership numbers increased by over 11 percent this past year. The largest increase in total numbers seen in many years.

We saw:

- An increase in Business, Complimentary, Family, In-Kind, and Individual memberships
- A decrease in Contributing, Junior, and Lifetime memberships,
- No change in total numbers for the Honorary and Non-Profit memberships

There were 47 new memberships within the past year. Twelve existing members elected to change their membership types.

The following members volunteered to pay annual membership dues in lieu of receiving a *non-fee* membership:

- Barbara Green paid for an individual membership in lieu of an *Honorary* membership as provided elected officials.
- Truckee-Tahoe Lumber Company paid for a *Contributing* membership after the board had voted to provide an *In-Kind* membership for roofing supplies donated at their cost for the research cabin in the 2005 summer.
- Moonshine Ink continues to pay for a *Business* membership in lieu of a *Complimentary* membership normally granted to local publishers.

The Society is very appreciative for their elective decision to help support the Society with their annual membership dues.

Complimentary memberships were granted to the Lahontan Community Foundation and the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation for grants made to upgrade the roof and exterior of our research cabin and In-Kind memberships were provided to individuals and companies who donated supplies and/or manpower for the cabin improvements.

On a sad note each year is the passing-away of members. I'd like to honor the memory of three of our members during the past year, Dennis Cowan, Tim Fix and Eva Besio. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families. The Society knows the positive impacts each member made upon our community, which will continue to live on.

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Member Type	Member breakdown as of Sept 27, 2005	Member breakdown as of Sept. 26, 2006
Business	9	11
Complimentary	29	32
Contributing	8	5
Family	60	72
Honorary	5	5
In-Kind	6	13
Individual	101	117
Junior	5	3
Lifetime	51	50
Non-Profit Organizations	7	7
Sustaining	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>317</b>



## 2007 Truckee Donner Historical Society Calendars

Available beginning the first of December, we will be offering for sale, a 2007 calendar published by the Truckee Donner Historical Society. The calendar will feature twelve vintage Truckee photos from our collection. The calendars will be available to purchase at our annual Christmas at the Cabin event, scheduled for December 2, as well as our website, and The Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce.

*A great stocking stuffer!*

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TDHS MEMBER  
APPLICATION

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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

~MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES~

INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR (18 YEARS & UNDER) \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SUSTAINING \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ CONTRIBUTING \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL GARDEN (CIRCLE ONE) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND/OR COMMENTS: