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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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4th Tuesday of the Month

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# Echoes From the Past

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

It is officially summer and the busiest time of the year for the Truckee Donner Historical Society. Our Old Jail Museum is open for the season. Of course, we are always looking for docents who would like to spend a few volunteer hours welcoming visitors to our museum. It is a great opportunity to meet people who travel to Truckee from all over the world, as well as the members of our community who bring family and friends to show off our very special piece of Truckee history. Please contact Chelsea Walterscheid at 587-1877 or Don Colclough at 587-1343 if you are the least bit interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity.

Summertime also means that the Old Timer's Picnic and Truckee Reunion is just around the corner. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. More information on this event is inside the newsletter.

We are also planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Ice Cream Social at the Old Jail Museum and Community Memorial Garden. This event is a fundraiser for museum repairs. Ice cream sundaes are \$4 and Root beer floats, \$2. Each ticket includes a raffle for an Old Truckee Photo. Please come and support our museum.

Speaking of the museum, you may also notice some construction going on in the Community Memorial Garden this summer. The arch from the doorway of the Masonic Temple will be reconstructed in the garden. This beautiful historic structure, made from native granite will be a great addition to the beauty of our Community Memorial Garden. It is a piece of Truckee's history that will be preserved for future generations.

On September 11 we will be having another general membership meeting with a presentation by author Karen Wright on Mollie Forshay, one of the most notorious females in Truckee's history. Mark you calendar. It will be held at the Northwoods Clubhouse in Tahoe Donner.

Thank you for your support and please keep YOUR Truckee Donner Historical Society in mind if you would like to lend a helping hand in preserving and promoting the unique history of our community.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~

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

Sherwin-Williams Truckee (Business)  
 Laurel & Tom Lippert (Family)  
 Karl Pape (Individual)  
 Colleen Norby (Individual)

Mark Brown (Individual)  
 Kim Purcell (Sustaining)  
 David & Diane Gandara (Family)  
 Claire Noonan (Sustaining)

**New Member Benefit:** Some of you may have been receiving our latest member benefit, the TDHIS E-News. For everyone that has provided an email address with your member application or renewal, I have tried to incorporate you into our new subscribers list. This online format is intended to be another member benefit and service to help stay in touch by providing informational online news. Our recent editions have included 1) the yearly event schedule, 2) complete information on our events, who, what, where and when, 3) a featured book of the month, 4) notices on sale items (such as our 2007 calendar has been reduced to \$5 + tax & s/h) 5) updates on the Old Jail Museum, how-to and who-has booked private tours, and 6) special informative articles such as Who is Minerva?

If you have not been receiving your latest member-benefit, please contact us. You have a couple different ways to be included in our email subscribers list -- either sign up on our website <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> or by sending an email to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) and request to be added.

**Why Two Newsletters?** You may be asking yourself, is the monthly *TDHS E-News* replacing the quarterly *Echoes From The Past*? The answer is, no. We understand many members may not own a computer or have access to go online, or prefer not to receive one-more-email (!) so *Echoes* will continue as usual. They may contain similar news but there will always be differences.

The main difference between the two publications is the *E-News* will contain more-up-to-date information on what is happening and has the ability to reach people who currently are not (but, hopefully may become) TDHS members. At this time, there is no requirement to join the Society in order to receive our monthly *E-News*. The other difference is *Echoes* will continue to contain more member pertinent information such as the Presidents Corner and other board and chair reports, a list of our newest members and the year-end annual reports.

There is still the possibility *Echoes* may be available on-line. That is something else we would need to work through the logistics. We are interested in what you think. Should we investigate this option? Please let us know. Let us know if you would prefer to receive *Echoes* via email or if you prefer still to receive the paper version. Let us know if you think the new E-News is a valuable added member benefit. Let us know if there are any topics or other interests you would like us to cover in our newsletters. Write, call, or email us with your opinions.

Thank you, your feedback is important to us.

**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 if you are paying yearly dues.

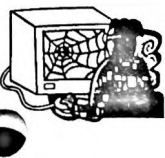
**DID YOU KNOW? TDHS IS SELF-SUPPORTING.** The Society relies solely on membership dues, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission: *To Preserve and Educate the Public about Truckee's Local History.*

*Disclosure of personal information from our membership records are kept confidential and are never shared or sold to outside sources.*

*Only current board members and committee chairs in the process of conducting Historical Society business have access to the Society's membership list.*

Please help us recruit new members by referring family, friends, and work associates. The easiest way is to forward an E-News or send them to our Website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## WEB PAGE NEWS

~Billie Cornell~

Don't forget to visit our web page <http://truckeehistory.tripod.com> for the latest updates.

New *EVENT PHOTOS* from our 2007 summer presentations, jail tours, docent training day and memorial garden should be added by the time you read this.

Our *Publications Page* includes a complete list of the books we sell together with an order sheet making it easy to order. Just follow the instructions on the order sheet, which will automatically calculate your total purchase price, then write a check and mail it. If email or telephone is easier for you, send your order information to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com) or leave a message at (530) 582-0893. We can let you know how much it is and once we receive your check your order will be promptly shipped out.

Pay Pal may be coming soon. We hope to have Pay Pal services available through our Website and possibly the E-News so you will be able to make donations and/or membership payments online. We are not contemplating using this service for retail purchases yet.

Are you available to volunteer your time? Since your board and chair positions are 100% volunteer based, we would feel more comfortable waiting to add Pay Pal for retail purchases until we had a volunteer dedicated to fulfill on-line retail orders for our publications and photographs. If you happen to be a member who may want to take on this responsibility, please let us know. We could always use another pair of helping hands to help us expand our capabilities.

ShopforMuseums.com, has anyone heard or used this service before? Stay tuned, we are looking to become a member of [www.shopformuseums.com](http://www.shopformuseums.com) so when you go online to make purchases from participating retail stores you can choose TDHS as your museum of choice to receive donations from your purchases (all at no added cost to you or to the Society—a win-win). More details will follow once our membership to this service is up and running.

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Would you like to receive this quarterly newsletter, *Echoes from the Past*, on-line? Please let us know. Don't forget to read the *HISTORY* articles located on our web site. The last articles added were three *AVIATION ARTICLES* by Gordon Richards, our research historian.

We hope you enjoy the new changes, so please log-on to our web site to see our updates and increased services. If anyone has any ideas, suggestions, or comments please let us know by sending an email to [tdhs@inreach.com](mailto:tdhs@inreach.com).



## 27th Annual Old Timers' Picnic and Truckee Reunion

Saturday, July 21st from 10:00-2:00  
Rain or Shine!

Hosted by the Truckee-Donner Historical Society at the Regional Park, our annual picnic is a good opportunity to see and chat with old friends and family and to meet new people.

Bring your own lunch, blankets or chairs, sometimes the benches are limited. TDHS will have old photos on hand to look at or purchase, along with books for sale on local history.

We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones! Tell all your friends and family!

Questions about the event can be directed to  
Chelsea Walterscheid at 530-305-4231.



Long-time resident Daniel Joseph Horman of Donner Lake passed away peacefully in his sleep at St Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev., on Jan 11, 2007. He was 88 years old.

Dan was born in Paterson, N.J. on June 18, 1918. He joined the Army Air Corps during WWII and served with his five brothers, although they were never stationed together. Dan met his future wife Laura while dancing at the USO in San Francisco. After a one-week engagement, they eloped and were married on Jan. 1, 1947 in the Reno courthouse.

With help from the family, the Hormans bought the Donner Lake Trading Post in 1950. For more than 35 years, the Horman family and Dan's two brothers, Paul and Dick, ran the trading post and sporting goods center. They also ran gift shops at King's Beach, Crystal Bay and South Lake Tahoe for many years.

Early on Dan realized there was more money in real estate than donuts (even though he made the best cake donuts on old Highway 40). He earned his broker's license in the early 1960s and his successful career touched many over the years.

Dan was active in civic matters, including membership in the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce, several planning and utility commission and the Truckee Donner Historical Society. Dan and Laura love to play bridge and played in a couple of bridge groups in Truckee and Tahoe.

Dan and Laura were lucky enough to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary together on Jan 1, 1007. In addition to Laura, Dan leaves two daughters, Pam Fry and Donna Metz; three grandchildren, Matt Fry, Robert Bodeen and Michelle Shinstock and two great-grandchildren, Nicole Shinstock and Benjamin Fry.

The family requests that donations be made to Tahoe Forest Hospice, P.O. Box 759, Truckee, CA 96160.



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~MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES~

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

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