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TRUCKEE DONNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Summer 2008

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

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~ Old Timer's Picnic ~

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~ Election Committee/

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

~ Judy Dunlap President & Panoramic Photo Chair ~

Happy summer! This is the busiest time for the Truckee Donner Historical Society. The Old Jail Museum is open for the season and we have already hosted several private tour groups. We are very proud of our very own museum. Please keep a visit to the museum in mind when you have friends and family visiting during the summer months.

The Fourth Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great day to visit the museum and Community Memorial Garden. Be sure to put it on your very busy calendars. There are usually so many activities going on during our short summer season, so don't forget.....*We need your support.*

September marks the time for our Annual Election dinner. There is a summary of the election procedure inside this newsletter so that you will be prepared to participate in this very important process.

And speaking of participating in very important processes, we need your help. There are so many opportunities to be involved with the Truckee Donner Historical Society in educating and preserving Truckee's history for our community and visitors. If you think you might be interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call me at the Research Library, 582-0893 and leave a message. I will return your call.

### Revision to Hilltop Master Plan

The Truckee Donner Historical Society submitted a request to the Town Planning Commission to expand the current Master Plan regarding the Cultural Resources portion of the Environmental Policies. As written, the Hilltop Master plan provides for a comprehensive historic interpretation program to identify and describe how historic characters, events, and themes were significant to the Hilltop area. The Historical Society submitted a letter requesting the policy be expanded to include "with guidance provided by the Truckee Donner Historical Society". Also included was a request for a "central location or focal point in the form of a covered or enclosed kiosk building, created and maintained by the developer so that ongoing interpretation of this history can be provided by the Historical Society and/or other community historical organizations."

The language in our suggestions was accepted by the Developer and adopted in the Planning Commission's recommended modifications to the Master Plan.

This addition is in keeping with the Truckee Donner Historical Society's overall goal to continue to preserve and educate the community and our visitors about our history. An opportunity to provide rotational displays and human interaction allows for a more rich and comprehensive understanding of the importance and value of the history of Truckee on this site and the contribution to the development of recreational winter sports in the Sierra.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

~ Billie Cornell, Membership Chair ~



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

LYNDA HENDERSON

In-Kind Membership

I'd like to share a story of our newest member. This past May, Lynda contacted the Society via email to ask if we would be interested to receive her transcriptions of some Reno Gazette articles relating to Truckee history. First I was amazed at her generous offer, since it is normally the other way around, but I soon found out some 20 years ago Lynda had received help from a kind TDHS member when she sought genealogy information about her ancestors. Lynda's never ending interest of the past stems from unearthing stories about her Vaughn and Marsh family members. She now finds herself spending endless hours researching any and all of Truckee history as she transcribes dozens upon dozens of newspaper articles from The Reno Gazette, Nevada State Journal, the Daily Nevada State Journal, Grass Valley Daily Union and some Truckee Republican articles. Lynda is donating her efforts to the Society so we can include this information in our research library and if all goes as planned, to be made available on our website for other researchers and genealogist to obtain easy access to the halls of Truckee history.

As Lynda wrote, "The historical and genealogical community have been so good to me throughout the years that I feel that by transcribing all that I can find pertaining to Truckee and the people who lived here I am somehow playing their generosity forward....."

Lynda, the words "thank you" are hardly enough to express the Society's appreciation of your efforts and paying it forward. Your generosity will be received by many. Thanks!

And on another thank you note, I want to thank all of our existing members for your consistent support through your annual membership dues and other volunteer efforts. Since we are a 100% based volunteer organization TDHS is only as viable as the members who help to support it.

- **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, revenues from our book and photo sales, grants, and private donations to enable us to pursue our Mission.

*Disclosure of personal information from our membership records are 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.*



### Election of Officers for 2008-2009

We are approaching the time to elect the officers for the 2008-2009 term. Last year the membership voted overwhelmingly to change the Constitution to allow for a vote by mail option.

Nominating ballots will be mailed to all voting members in the first week of August. The deadline to receive the completed nominating ballots is 30 days prior to the election dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. So once you receive your nominating ballot, please remember that it must be received by the nominating committee by August 23, 2008.

The nominating committee will contact the individuals who have been nominated for a board position to see if they are willing to serve should they be elected.

The first week of September, the numbered election ballots will be mailed. The deadline to receive the election ballots will be the start of the Annual Election dinner on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We have tentatively scheduled our Annual Dinner to be at the Lodge at Tahoe Donner. Please watch for your ballots to arrive as well as more information about the dinner itself.

*We encourage you all to participate in the election process.*

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Calendar of events



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## 4TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We will be having our 4th annual ice cream social on *Saturday, August 16th* at the Old Jail Museum and Community Memorial Garden. Mark you calendars!

Ice cream sundaes will be sold for \$4 and root beer floats for \$2. Each ice cream purchase includes a raffle ticket for our door prize drawing. This year we will raffle two matted, panorama photos from our collection; both are panorama views of old Truckee taken from the vantage point of Hill-top.

Additional raffle ticket will be sold for \$1 each.

There will be music in the garden and an opportunity to tour the museum! We will also have photo catalogs available to view in case you would like to special order some additional photos from our collection.

This event is a fundraiser for the museums upkeep and repair. This is a very old building and in need of continual repair-so please *come and lend your support!!*

**YUM!!!**



## 28th Annual Old Timer's Picnic

**FUN!**

Please join us for a picnic in the park!

Whether you consider yourself an "Old Timer" or just want to visit, bring your family & friends!

**FUN!**

**Truckee-River Regional Park**  
**Saturday July 19th from 10:00 am~4:00 pm.**

Pack your lunches and lawn chairs and relax for the day. There will be some picnic benches already set-up-and as always, the event is "rain or shine".

We will have copies of old photos and books on local history for sale. In preparation for an upcoming oral history project, Chelsea will be recording a short interview with those of you willing to participate.

3 simple questions will be asked:

- When did your family move to Truckee?
- What is one of your fondest memories living in Truckee?
- Do you have a favorite building or site in Truckee (be prepared to tell us why!)

If you have any questions, please visit our website or call Chelsea at (530) 305-4231





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### TDHS MEMBER APPLICATION

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