



Historical Society of Dayton Valley

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HSDV's 501(C)(3)reinstated!

In February 2013 HSDV suddenly became aware that our 501(c) (3) was revoked by IRS for “not having filed tax returns for at least 3 consecutive years”, effective May 2012. To say the least, this was quite an unanticipated nasty surprise. Over the last 2 years we've worked diligently resolving issues surrounding its revocation & get reinstated.

Our findings verified HSDV's treasurer had indeed provided complete information yearly to the preparer doing our IRS filings. Bottom line: HSDV relied on an Enrolled Agent (who was doing them ProBono) to complete and file them for us. However, apparently he never forwarded our filings to IRS for several years. Nor did he inform us of any IRS communications about this addressed to him.

During 2013 HSDV directors filed copies of missing documents and a letter of explanation to the IRS. We paid various penalty fees, etc. A long WAIT then began.

April of this year the Board contacted **Representative Mark Amodei's** Office to solicit assistance in helping ascertain what was going on. (**Mark Amodei** is one of our LIFE MEMBERS!)

Our “desperation move” was productive. WOW! Thanks to Mark's responsive and wonderful resources HSDV now has its 501(c)(3) back *retroactive* to when IRS revoked it at 2011 year end. From the bottom of our hearts we certainly thank **Mark Amodei's** office for their willingness to get involved, as well as getting such fast results!

Note: In April 2013 HSDV established the following policy:
“.....going forward only a committee made up of the President, Vice President and Treasurer of HSDV will be responsible for the timely filing of any and all necessary reports due to the IRS whether or not the Society has sought the help of an outside agent....”.

Still on our minds.... Recent events!

2014 - Dayton History School Program

Each year **Barbara Peck, Chair of School Programs**, spends considerable time preparing & presenting lessons on Dayton history to local 4th grade school classes. The spring program consists of three phases starting with a 2 hour classroom session presenting *86 Facts about Dayton*. At the end of that session each 4th grade class is left with the historically accurate Dayton timeline constructed during this session. Next, **Barbara** arranges living histories designed to give a picture of early Dayton residents and presented at a general school assembly by our HSDV docents dressed in period clothing. Prior to students leaving for summer break they are given an all day walking field trip, narrated by **Barbara**. Group starts at Mill site, walks through streets of old town, stops at both the Museum and Firehouse/Jail where students are greeted by docents. Next they visit the C&C Depot and hike up the hill to the Cemetery. Then they stop and eat their sack lunches. This year, over 240 students participated! **Thank you Barbara for establishing this program and overseeing its implementation every year!**

May 17th – Official Nevada 150th Birthday Event

DISCOVER GOLD IN
DAYTON, AGAIN!



What a successful, fun filled, educational event!! The Historical Society of Dayton Valley, catalyst behind this official event celebrating Dayton's role as we celebrate State's 150 Anniversary. We were site of Nevada's first

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gold discovery in 1849, the site of Nevada's first permanent settlement, one of Nevada's original 9 counties... including the fact Dayton was Lyon County's first county seat.

By all standards this event, **Co-Chaired by Laura Tennant and Lauri Emerich**, was totally awesome!

Our event just happened to coincide with Armed Forces Day. As an honor to the Military we featured a special tribute to all veterans, as well as those currently active and serving our Country.

HSDV President, Mabel Masterman was Mistress of Ceremony for opening ceremonies which featured **Lyon County Sheriff's Honor Guard, Nevada Civil War Volunteers, Battle Born Civil War Re-enactors**, along with "In the Gap" group singing the National Anthem and the **Dayton Elementary School Choir, directed by Tim Nolte**, presenting a medley of 5 patriotic songs, each one representing a different branch of our Military Services.

Dayton's Justice of the Peace, Camille Vecchiarelli was recognized as *the very first woman elected* Justice of the Peace since the Dayton Township Justice Court was established in the 1850s!

Lyon County's first Sheriff was appointed by the Governor in December 1861. Lyon County's current Sheriff, our **21st Sheriff, Allen Veil**, gave the keynote welcome. **Sheriff Veil** also recognized existence of the original **Dayton Fire Department**, established in November 1863 by volunteers and noted both of these entities (or immediate successors) have continuously served Lyon County citizens for over 150 years!

Senator Harry Reid's office presented HSDV with a certificate of appreciation for our contribution to the State's Sesquicentennial Celebration activities.

Highlighted activities occurring during the day included gun slingers, Dutch oven cooking, historical photo exhibits, old fashioned kids games, panning for "real" gold, blacksmithing, old time music, swirling to the Virginia Reel and square dancing, wagon rides, hayrides to Dayton's 1850s Cemetery which passed by Gold Canon (where gold was discovered) and dredging pit, single jack, railroad spike driving, bucksaw log cutting demos, horseshoe toss, Pony Express rider mail exchange, quilting exhibit and handiwork, Adolph Sutro and Mark Twain Re-enactors, tours of the old 1860s Bluestone Building, Old Dayton High School (built on site of original Courthouse location), 1865 Schoolhouse Museum, 1875 Firehouse/Jail, and 1881 Carson & Colorado RR Depot.

MANY, MANY, MANY KUDOS to the following HSDV members who spent countless hours before, during and after helping out.... in all kinds of weather! In alphabetical order these hard workers were: **Linda Adams, Gretchen Arndt, Lynn Ballatore, Elaine & Donald Bergstrom, Margy Bethers, Melanie, David & Levi Cooper, Linda Clements, John Crowley, Tim Crowley, Colin Crowley, Jenny Dodds, Lauri & Ron Emerich, Lyon County Commissioner Ray Fierro, Alice & Jack Folmar, Judy Harris, Sheila Hodach, Shirley Kagel, Phyllis King, Vicki & Gene Kinney, Marty Lewis, Mabel Masterman, Gary McElroy, Carol**

& Keith McKim, Dave Moore, Pat Neylan, Diane & Tom Parcels, Douglas Parcels, Barbara Peck, Ron & Sharon Rowe, Andy & Mary Ann Sichak, Steve Laura & Stony Tennant, and (last but not least!) Albert Torres.

Others from the community participating include: **Knights of Columbus, Ron Bell & Pony Express Association- Nevada Division, Mason Valley Boys and Girls Club, Wild Horse Association, Virginia City Gun Slingers and M.C. Silkscreening, Dayton Inn, Soroptimist International of the Comstock, Kiwanis Club of Dayton, McAvoy Layne (portraying Mark Twain), Benson's Feed & Tack, Dayton Valley Ranch & Feed, Fred Andreason, Dayton Materials, Dayton Inn, Ken Roberts (Announcer) Jannette Hoffert (Dutch Oven Cooking), Susan Stornetta, Jim Alexander, and Tom Zachry (Musicians), Tobin Rubert & Adon Garcia (Working World participants), Virginia City Living Legends, Marius & Iris Kendall, Gold Panning Club, Renegade Radio, Leader Courier, S&S Market, Smiths, Jerry & Terry Myers, and Mayfield Gang Battle Born Re-enactors.**

Lyon County Room Tax funding

In May **Vicki Kinney** prepared two grant requests seeking funds. One to reprint our existing Walking Tour Brochure and another for miscellaneous advertising expenses associated with HSDV's Rail Road Days Event. This is the second year we've held our RR event in conjunction with September's Dayton Valley Days Both **Tom Parcels** and **Vicki** attended the June 11th Room Tax meeting in Yerington. HSDV was awarded **\$800 towards Railroad Days** and **\$3,000 towards cost of reprinting more brochures**. Good job.... Thank you so much for all the good work!

June Rummage Sale

As in past years' this annual fundraiser, helps pay for our insurance!! Many thanks to **Vicki Kinney** who chaired the 2014 event, **along with an untold number of helpers** who picked up merchandise, sorted it, set up tables, displayed the wares, helped beforehand, during and then cleaning up afterwards. Nice group effort! Helpers included: **Marty Lewis, Diane Kyllingstad, Carol & Keith McKim, Diane & Tom Parcels, Phyllis King, Mary Epperson, Carr Sandell, Lynn Erickson, Gretchen Arndt, Sheila Hodach, Kathy Lee, Mary Ann & Andy Sichak, Gene & Donna Ray, Elaine Bergstrom, Pay Neylan, Sharon & Ron Rowe, Gary McElroy, Vicki & Gene Kinney, Laura Tennant, Gloria Manning (Laura's sister), Jenny Dodds, and Steve Schwen.**

\$ 2,449.30 worth of donated items sold during the rummage sale! **AWesome!**

Oodles of Noodles

It appeared attendance was down this year compared to previous for this June event sponsored by Dayton Valley Chamber of Commerce. Unfortunately a scant 170 visitors went through the F/J (*we don't count infants*

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in strollers!). However, the good news is, HSDV's first time venture, an authentic working demonstration of old fashion Blacksmithing, presented by **Andy Sichak** and **Stony Tennant**, drew a lot of interest and was quite popular....VERY POPULAR! Visitors also showed much interest in Dayton history and enjoyed scanning the scrapbooks of HSDV's early year activities that were displayed at our booth.

Thanks to those manning HSDV activities at the C&C Depot, F/J, JohnD Workshop, Museum and HSDV booth: **Lauri Emerich, Alice Folmar, Bernie Allen, Steve Knowles (Bernie's friend), Diane & Tom Parcels, Sharon & Ron Rowe, Vicki Kinney, Pat Neylan, Phyllis King, Judy Kent, Gretchen Arndt, Stony & Laura Tennant, Andy & Mary Ann Sichak and Mabel Masterman.** Thanks **Mary Ann** for basically coordinating activities occurring at HSDV venues!

C&C Depot's new flag(s) & flagpole!!

Have you driven by the C&C Depot (Hwy 50 & Main St) lately? If so, we hope you noticed the *newly installed flag pole* proudly displaying our Nation's and State flags. Railroad Working Group Chair, **Phyllis King**, relates the pole, installation and flags was donated to HSDV by members of a local group, **Ghost Riders Motorcycle Club!** This donation really enhances the C&C grounds. We send them our heartfelt thanks!

First daytime general mtg. in 2014!

HSDV's first 2014 "daytime General Business Meeting" was held July 16th, 12:30pm at Dayton Valley Community Center. Member attendance was stupendous! It was nice to see so many members! Several topics were vetted; including member's overwhelming desire to return to several practices previously followed such as BOD meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month with a daytime General Membership *Business* Mtg. held on 3rd Wednesday of the month, and follow long standing policy of board election nominations opening at the September mtg. and closing at October mtg. with voting done at November mtg. Members brought forward a variety of thoughts, suggestions and ideas for consideration.

Our President made a surprise presentation to member **Jack Folmar!** During accession/inventorying this past winter at the Museum, our possession of two "extra" numbered limited editions of letterpress prints, including Certification of Registration and Authorization of ADOLPH EINRICH JOSEPH SUTRO 1880-1898 were found. One was put for sale on e-bay, and, at our *member's request*, the other was given to **Jack!**

For 5+ years **Jack** has actively participated in HSDV's living history program as *Adolph Sutro*, in period clothing and all! Not only has he done this yearly as part of HSDV's *Dayton History – School Program* for 4th graders.... when requested, he accommodates

performances for other groups. Last, but not least, a couple of years ago **Jack** offered to take over and maintain our computerized historical photo library started by the late Morgan Webber. Additionally, **Jack's** now become heavily involved with video recording for HSDV archives. It was indeed heartwarming to see **Jack so stunned** when called upon to receive the framed letterpress print! Thank you "daddy" **Jack!**

Did ya'all realize.....?????

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CHECKED OUR WEB PAGE??

.....and,
did you know that for over the past 5+ years
our HSDV web site

www.daytonnvhistory.org

has been completely maintained... including
all monthly usage fees, by

NEVADA COMPOSITES??

For this we send heartfelt thanks to long time members
Dr. Linda Clements and **Dr. John Crowley!**

Linda is our web-master, assisted by son,
Colin Crowley.

HSDV still pays yearly domain registrations. However,
since **NEVADA COMPOSITES** pays monthly fees

for us, HSDV is able to save an "extra"
\$10-\$20 per month!

THANKS, Linda, John & Colin....

HSDV members are most grateful!

Still in process...!

Proposed "Fremont Lookout" site

Subsequent to our original Application (to name a mountain peak in the Dayton area for John C. Fremont, an early day area explorer) information not previously obtainable came forth. HSDV submitted an amended proposal in January this year for review by the STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES. They approved our amended request for naming a site near Dayton "Fremont Lookout". The State forwarded application for review by U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES!

It's not a "done-deal" yet, but outlook is very positive (excuse the pun)! If approved this *site would become the first geographic feature in the State named for explorer John C. Fremont!*

In April **Stony Tennant** and **Peter Lathrop** gave a lecture about this project at the Oregon-California Trail Assoc. conference held in Gardnerville. It was attended by several hundred people. There was a lot of interest and many questions were fielded by **Stony & Peter** both after and during the lecture. Stay tuned.....

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This year isn't over yet...!

Aug. 23rdAnnual pot-luck BBQ!



See attached flier!

Be sure to mark the date on your calendars.....

2015 Board of Director elections

Nominations for 2015 Board of Directors will start in September at the Board of Directors meeting and close with the October General Membership meeting. Voting will be conducted by **SECRET BALLOT** during the

November general membership meeting.
(Are your dues paid so you can vote?)

Dayton Valley Days – Sept. 21st & 22nd

This year's September event will focus on VOLUNTEERS within the community. A portion of festival funds will be donated towards restoration efforts within Old Dayton.

If you'd like to be on the committee call

Mary Ann at 530-391-6787 or masichak@gmail.com

2014 Award nominations

This year's 2014 Award nominations honoring outstanding contributions toward accomplishing our Mission Statement goals will be accepted during October. Voting will occur at our November general membership meeting. Recipients are honored at our Christmas Party. Award parameters are as follows:

Laura Tennant Award - Established in 2004 to honor Laura Tennant. Recognizes a member's outstanding efforts and devotion to helping preserve and/or promote Dayton history.

Gold Nugget Award – When appropriate, given to recognize exceptionally outstanding HSDV supporters, i.e., a way to honor over and above acts, long standing and/or notable backing whether or not the person nominated is a member.

HSDV Annual Halloween Event

We're planning another annual *family oriented* event. This year is our State's 150th Anniversary and "150th tidbits" will be incorporated into the festivities.
Stay tuned for more information.

Nevada Day Parade

Plans for our entry into the Nevada Day Parade honoring the State's Sesquicentennial Anniversary are in the works. If you're interested in being on the committee please let us know. Call **Mary Ann – 530-391-6787**

NOTE ABOUT CHRISTMAS PARTY:
If you'd like to on be on our Christmas Party Committee (or help out) let Mabel – 246-4457 know!

HSDV is *GROWING!*

9 new members this year!

HSDV has added a total of

18....since the last 2013 Newsletter!

A hearty welcome to our new members:

21ST CENTURY TAX CONSULTANTS, INC.

ERIC ARCHER

LYNN BALLATORE

KELLY CLAUSEN

TIM CROWLEY

COLIN CROWLEY

DAVID, MELANIE & LEVI COOPER

JOHN & LIZ HARTLEY

LINDA MERRELL

ALBERT TORRES & FAMILY

HAL TREACY

BLAIR VAN VLIET

LYNNE WHITSON

DAVID WILSON

In our thoughts.....

Gone but not forgotten...

Sadly, two historical society members who diligently sought to preserve Dayton history, historic integrity, heritage and local culture recently passed away.

Donna McElroy and Ray Walmsley



Their passing leaves a void.... We miss them immensely.

2014 Board of Directors

Mabel Masterman, President

Vice President – (vacant)

Mary Ann Sichak, Secty. – Grace Ricci, Treas.

**Directors: Tom Parcels, Jenny Dodds & Elaine Bergstrom
Curator – Dayton History, Laura Tennant**

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