

Historical Society of Dayton Valley

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An AGE Barometer!

How many of these do you remember?

- ? *Blackjack chewing gum?*
- ? *Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water?*
- ? *Candy cigarettes?*
- ? *Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles?*
- ? *Home milk delivery in glass bottles?*
- ? *Phone numbers that started with a "word" prefix?*
- ? *S&H Green stamps?*
- ? *Hi-fi's?*
- ? *Metal ice trays with levers (or the "ice man")?*
- ? *Blue flashbulbs?*
- ? *Roller skate keys?*
- ? *Wash tub wringers?*
- ? *Studebakers?*
- ? *RPM records?*
- ? *Mimeograph paper?*
- ? *Cork popguns?*
- ? *Beanie and Cecil?*
- ? *Newsreels before movies?*

If you remembered 0 to 5 you're still young. If you remembered 6-10 you're getting older. If you remembered 11-15 don't tell your age. If you remembered more than 16you're older than dirt!

Still on our minds.... recent events!!

May – Dayton History in Schools

Vicki Kinney reports our Spring Dayton History presentations to 4th grade classes at all three elementary schools went very well. Dayton and Riverview had presentations on May 2nd followed by Sutro on May 3rd. Pat Neylan was narrator and also played Manly Johnson, Gloria Manning was Lucena Parsons, Al Lucero was Assistant Superintendent R. S. Raw from Sutro Mines, Julia Lucero was Bertha Scott and Vicki was Fanny Hazlett. Barbara Peck's time line from past years events was used. In early March Barbara met with Gloria and Vicki to share some of her experiences of past years. Gene Kinney helped with setup preparations. Laura Tennant commented on her history presentation to the 8th grade class noting they did not express the same interest as the younger students!

HSDV's May 2016 Historical Lecture Series

This year the theme for HSDV's State of Nevada's May Archaeological Awareness Month was "Historic Legacy" and how it leads to the Future. Special Thursday evening lectures, inviting the public to join us, were held at Dayton Valley Community Center and were very well attended. The first lecture was presented by **Steven Saylor** on two well known local Indians; the second was given by **Laura Tennant** on Dayton's Cemetery. For the third, a panel composed of retired **Judge Edward Johnson, Margaret Maloney, and Lois Storrs**. Dayton's sitting **Judge Lee Vecchiarelli** gave an informative presentation on the 1862 Bluestone Building which today houses Dayton's Justice Court; and another presentation on the 1870 Union Hotel, said to be the most endangered historic building in Nevada, was given by **Linda Clements**. A special thank you to all who baked home made cookies for *each and every* lecture!

Additionally, **Stony Tennant** and **Pat Neylan** loaned special exhibits that were also displayed at the Museum. A BIG thank you to **Docents** for keeping the Museum open daily.

HSDV's 9th Annual June Rummage Sale

A hearty thanks to "all & sundry" for finding and donating all the hidden treasures that had been lurking in closets, kitchen drawers, garages... and elsewhere! All-in-all we got a wonderful variety of items donated to sell at the June 17th and June 18th Annual Rummage sale held on the Carson & Colorado Depot property! A grand total of **\$3,060.85** was received for items we sold. Not a shabby sum, especially considering that sadly, Rummage Sale Chair, **Gretchen Arndt**, became sick and was hospitalized just as we started collecting items for the Rummage Sale in late March. Whereupon **NUMEROUS** of our members stepped forward and carried on. **Lynne Ballatore** suddenly became the "head lady" and **Duncan Lee** also found himself becoming significantly involved... both of them lasted all the way from the "beginning to the very end"! Thanks for being so steadfast and determined. Also assisting with rummage collection, sorting, pricing... thus making the sale itself so successful... include **Pamela Abercrombe, Bernie Allen, Elaine Bergstrom, Linda Clements, John Crowley, David Dukleth, Sheila Hodach, Phyllis King, Diane Kyllingstad, Gene & Vicki Kinney, Marty Lewis, Barbara Madison, Gloria Manning, Mabel Masterman, Pat Neylan, Carol Oehler, Gene Ray** and **Stony & Laura Tennant**. With a special acknowledgment to **Phil Cowee** for all the support and courtesies he extended to us for storage space and to the **store at Sinclair Gas Station** for donating water and ice.

Oodles of Noodles Event



This Annual festival, sponsored by Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, was blessed with perfect weather. On June 25th and 26th we celebrated Dayton's Chinese and Italian heritage with Cook-offs and a noodle tasting event on Saturday. A variety of pastas and special sauces were presented for judging by competitors. Competition among cooks was energetic!

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HSDV showcased both Museum and Firehouse/Jail.

During the 2 day event the F/J welcomed a total of 342 guests, with a majority coming thru on Saturday. The Museum's blacksmith demonstration proved to be quite popular. Parking (for a donation) was offered by the Railroad Depot Committee on Depot property. Thanks to the following HSDV members who volunteered their time before, during and after the festival:

Gretchen Arndt, Lynne Ballatore, Linda Clements, John Crowley, Sheila Hodach, Marion Holton, Phyllis King, Vicki Kinney, Duncan Lee, Marty Lewis, Mabel Masterman, Carol McKim and Pat Neylan.

Historic Marker Placed at C&C Depot in July



Around 175 folks were present on Saturday, July 30th at the 1881 Carson & Colorado Depot when the **Snowshoe Thompson** and **Slim Princess Chapters of E Clampus Vitus** unveiled a historic marker. It certainly was a happy and enthusiastic occasion! Under "historical guidance" provided by **Linda Clements**, the large marker done by the **Clampers** does a fine job of recognizing the historic importance of both the Carson & Colorado railroad and the Dayton depot. Interestingly, Dayton's Depot building is one of only 3 that survive today and **the only one in Nevada!**

HSDV is in preliminary stages of restoring depot to its original 1880s footprint and appearance. The whole town was revitalized when the train started transporting ore to mills. Dayton got access, through the V&T to California, the West, and the nation.

Light refreshments consisting of ice water and cold sliced watermelon were served after a brief ceremony on the hot July morning! Guests meandered along the historic buildings in old town. Museum and Firehouse/Jail were opened for their pleasure.

Thanks to the following for all their help in making the event so memorable: **Railroad Depot Committee** (including) **Duncan Lee, Lynne Ballatore, Linda Clements, John Crowley, Phyllis King** plus a "gaggle" of RR volunteers, **Kathy Lee, Gloria Manning and Mabel Masterman.**

Annual Membership Appreciation BBQ!



Thanks to **Stony and Laura Tennant** who hosted the annual August event in their nice big shady yard on a lazy Saturday afternoon! It's was so nice to have such a congenial group of "long-timers" & "newer-timers" all enjoying each other's company... thankfully, the song of the day was not "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"! Beverages and meat were provided by **Laura and Stony**..... with the rest of us bringing our favorite side dish to be sampled and enjoyed by all. Thanks to "**Bert**" for providing our afternoon entertainment!!



Yep...elections are coming up!

2017-2018 Board vacancies & 2016 Award nominations

Prior to nominations opening on September 21: Members will receive via email (or US mail) an informational synopsis outlining *Detail for Board of Director positions, parameters of Board Member responsibilities plus HSDV Award Parameters* including an updated list of previous recipients. Award recipients are honored at our Annual Christmas party.

Wednesday, September 21 – 2017 BOD nominations open for Vice Pres, Secty. and one Director. HSDV also has 3 Award categories with those nominations also opening Sept 21st.

Wednesday, October 19 – All nominations close.

Friday, October 21 – BOD voting Ballot packages will be sent by US Mail to "members in good standing" a/o October 14, 2016.

Saturday, November 12 – **Last day for HSDV to receive ballots back via US mail.**

Wednesday, November 16 – **ELECTION DAY** "Secret ballots" tallied by Election Panel during meeting with results announced. If, for some reason, you forgot to mail ballot your last chance to cast it will be at this meeting. Voting on Award nominees is by those who attend the meeting.

BOD staggered terms – During 2015 the board approved staggered terms. For 2016 all 7 positions were elected; however, Vice President, Secretary and one director position currently have terms expiring end of 2016. Terms for the 3 who are elected will expire at year end 2018. Terms for the 4 new directors elected next year will be for 2018-2019, expiring year end 2019.

Upcoming "this-n-that".....

2016 Dayton Valley Days and HSDV's Railroad Days Event

This year's Annual event in old town Dayton will be Saturday & Sunday, September 17th and 18th. This event helps raise funds for continued restoration of our historical **Dayton Valley Community Center**, 170 Pike St., also and aids local non-profit organizations.

In conjunction with this event, **HSDV's Railroad Days** is being held on C&C Depot property (Main St @ Hwy 50). Event features Live Music, Rail Rides, and "Depot restoration" tours. Museum will be open and so will the Firehouse/Jail!

International Chili Cook-Off will be held in area leading up to the Museum. Parade on Saturday morning will honor all **First Responders** from our area.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED AND ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

HSDV contacts: **Railroad Days = Duncan Lee, 771-2960**
Firehouse/Jail = Mabel Masterman, 246-4457
Museum = Pat Neylan, 246-3527

2016 Halloween Haunted Event

HSDV's Annual Spirited Halloween family oriented event is held (...continued on next page)

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in old historic Dayton. It's quite popular and well attended, especially by families! Our members present short vignettes representing Dayton's Ghostly Pioneers, have old fashioned children's games (such as bean bag toss, etc.), other activities, plus refreshments are offered at the Museum. This year our event is Thursday, October 27th. Stay tuned for more information.



2016 Nevada Day Parade

Plans for our entry in the Nevada Day Parade are in the works. This year our float will depict how parts of our town evolved from **RURAL RANCHING TO COUNTRY CLUBS.**

If you are interested in being a part of the float committee (or just want to help out somewhere) please let **Gloria Manning** know. Gloria can be reached at **775-461-3829**.

2016 Annual Christmas & Awards Party

NOTE ABOUT December 3^d CHRISTMAS PARTY:

**If you'd like to be on Christmas Party
Committee (or help out) let Kathy Lee
at 246-0809 know!**



Keep upcoming events in mind!

SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 14TH - Wednesday: HSDV regular Board of Director meeting

SEPTEMBER 17th and 18th (Saturday & Sunday): DAYTON VALLEY DAYS. HSDV contacts: **Railroad Days, Duncan Lee, 771-2960 – F/J venue, Mabel Masterman, 246-4457 – Museum, Pat Neylan 246-3527**

SEPTEMBER 21TH - Wednesday: 2016 Board nominations and Award nominations *open* at General Meeting

SEPTEMBER 24TH - Saturday: Handcraft Workshop, Dayton Museum 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Instructor: **Gretchen Arndt 775-450-9607**

OCTOBER:

OCTOBER 12th - Wednesday: HSDV regular Board of Director meeting

OCTOBER 14th - Friday: Dues must be paid to be eligible to vote

OCTOBER 19TH - Wednesday: Nominations for 2017-2018 Board of Directors and 2016 Awards close.

OCTOBER 27TH - Thursday: ANNUAL "SPIRITED HALLOWEEN EVENT". Time TBD.

OCTOBER 29TH - Saturday: Nevada Day Parade
HSDV Contact: **Gloria Manning - 775-461-3829**

NOVEMBER:


NOVEMBER 9th - Wednesday: HSDV regular Board of Director meeting

NOVEMBER 12th - Saturday: Last day for HSDV to receive ballots mailed back

NOVEMBER 16th - Wednesday: Last chance to turn in ballots. Board election votes counted at General Mtg. Awards close/results announced. Last meeting for 2016!

DECEMBER:

DECEMBER 3rd - Saturday: ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER and AWARDS CELEBRATION – **Chair: Kathy Lee - 246-0809**

Volunteers... they're the very  of our organization!

A hearty welcome to our newest members!

**Dirk and Midge Vander Laan
Ernie and Bonnie Bertocchi**

Members get a 15% discount on gift shop purchases!

In our thoughts.....

Gone but not forgotten...

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

C. Coe Swobe

Grace E. Ricci



**Memories are very precious.... God
Bless both.**

2016 Board of Directors

Gloria Manning, President

Mabel Masterman, Vice President

David Dukleth, Secty. – Lynne Ballatore, Treas.

**Directors: Duncan Lee - Stony Tennant – Phyllis King
Historian, Laura Tennant - Museum Curator, Pat Neylan**

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