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Bonnie Belinda Fairchild Bryan Passes Away Former First Lady 1983-1989

At A Glance:

Born: 24 June 1939 (Lodi, CA)

Died: 30 August 2016

(Las Vegas, NV)

Maiden Name:

Bonnie Belinda Fairchild

Race/Nationality/Ethnic

Background: Caucasian

Married: 1 Sept 1962 (Lodi CA)

Children: Leslie, Blair, Richard Jr.

Primary City and County of

Residence and Work:

Las Vegas NV, Carson City NV

Major Fields of Work:

First Lady, Community Activist

Other Role Identities:

Wife, Mother, civic activist



Photo from *the Reno Gazette Journal* obituary

Las Vegas Review-Journal

June 24, 1939-Aug. 30, 2016, former first lady of Nevada and friend to all she met, died in Las Vegas Aug. 30, 2016, following a valiant battle with leukemia. She was 77. Born June 24, 1939 in Lodi, Calif., to Bonnie and Bailey Fairchild, Bonnie was a fourth generation Californian, a dairyman's daughter, and a Grape Festival Princess who graduated from Lodi High School in 1957. Upon her graduation, Bonnie followed her mother's footsteps and enrolled at the University of Nevada. As a student, Bonnie was active in a variety of campus activities, including as a pledge of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, she made many life-long friendships, and she met her future

husband as he was running for student body president. The 1958 campaign was a close race. Friends told Dick Bryan it might improve his chances if he took a Theta to the college dance. So, to lift his standing at the Theta house, Dick heeded his friend's advice and asked Bonnie to the Comstock Stomp. It was a decision that forever changed both their lives. Dick won the election by a slim margin but, as he quickly discovered, he won the prize of his life in Bonnie Fairchild. Bonnie graduated from the University of Nevada in 1961. She remained active in University affairs throughout her life, including serving on the Alumni Board and regularly attending University events. At the recently dedicated Richard H. Bryan Plaza on campus, a plaque was installed that pays tribute to her

significant contributions to the University. Bonnie and Dick were married on Sept. 1, 1962, in Lodi.

They lived in San Francisco for a short time as Dick completed his final year at Hastings Law School. After graduation, they settled in Las Vegas to start a family and begin their 40-year career in public life. After arriving in Las Vegas, Bonnie immersed herself in numerous local organizations. But, her primary focus during those early years was raising her young family. Bonnie and Dick were blessed with three children, Richard, Jr., Leslie and Blair, who remained the proudest accomplishments

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of her life. Bonnie was the quintessential mother, attending various school activities, games, ballet recitals, PTA meetings and school open houses. Even though Dick was required to be away from home on occasion due to his busy law practice and budding political career, Bonnie insisted the family sit together each night for a home-cooked meal - a family tradition she carried forward to their time in the Governor's Mansion. In 1982, Bonnie helped Dick achieve his lifelong dream - his election as Governor of Nevada. Although she was already recognized by many political observers as Dick's biggest asset in each of his campaigns, as first lady, the people of Nevada were introduced to a gracious and engaging hostess who went on to become one of Nevada's most admired citizens. In 1989, the Bryan's left Carson City for Washington, D.C. following Dick's election to the U.S. Senate. During her 12 years in Washington, Bonnie enjoyed all that Washington offered, including observing the Senate conduct its regular business, attending state dinners at the White House, joining the International Club and Senate Wives' Club and touring the many museums and historical sites in the area.

In 2001, Bonnie and Dick returned to Nevada. Home again for good, Bonnie relished the time she spent with her children and their families and her many friends across the state. She attended her grandchildren's sporting and school events, enjoyed weekly lunches with her many friends, traveled the world with Dick, and true to form, scarcely missed a social event in Las Vegas or Reno. Her fondest memories, however, over the past 16 years of her life were the annual family summer vacations which enabled the entire Bryan family to treasure their quality time together.

Bonnie's contributions to the people of Nevada will long be remembered. During her years in public life, she initiated the Bonnie Bryan Brown Bag lunch program in which Nevada pharmacists would visit homes of the elderly to provide prescription medicines to senior citizens on fixed incomes; she initiated Reno's Safe Ride program, which encouraged teenagers who had been illegally drinking alcohol to call sober friends who would drive them home safely; she traveled the globe boosting tourism in Nevada earning the nickname "The Official Ambassador for Tourism"; she introduced the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to Reno; she was a 40-year member of the Junior League of Las

Vegas and the proud recipient of its Lifetime Community Achievement Award; and she was founding Chair and Honorary Chair of the Great Basin National Park Foundation.



Courtesy of Bonnie Bryan

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Bette Fairchild Albrecht. She is survived by her husband, Richard; her son, Richard, Jr. (Karen) Bryan; daughters,, Leslie (Johnnie) Marvel and Blair (Tom) Butler; and the lights of her life, her six grandchildren, Conner, Jack, Will, Emilee, Allison and Grace. Private family service was held earlier in the week. Celebration of Bonnie's life will be scheduled in Las Vegas in the near future. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Bonnie Bryan, donations can be made to the Richard H. and Bonnie B. Bryan Scholarship Endowment, c/o The University of Nevada, Foundation, Mail Stop 0007, Reno, NV 89557. The Bryan family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Bonnie's physician, Dr. Ed Kingsley, and to the physicians, nurses and staff at Rose de Lima, San Martin campus, for their extraordinary compassion and care for Bonnie.

<http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=181288537#sthash.joixiVLL.dpuf>

Some Thought on Bonnie Bryan from Jean Carbon

Bonnie Fairchild Bryan, Nevada's First Lady, will not be forgotten as her incredible legacy will be carried on through the many wonderful accomplishments she made to make Nevada a better place to live and raise families. She touched the hearts of so many including me.

She was a pillar of strength and courage to her husband, Richard, their children, Richard Jr., Leslie and Blair and grandchildren, Nevada, the nation and beyond. She was a superb role model to all of us.

She was extremely kind and generous and she greeted everyone whether she was meeting with a foreign diplomat or a student attending the university with kindness and appreciation.

She was very considerate of other people's feelings and that is what made her so special.



*The Board of Directors of the NWHP
Thanks the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation and its Directors
Donald Bernard, Sr. and Carolyn Bernard
for the \$5,000 grant for the new NWHP website.*

*The Board also thanks the NWHP members
who donated \$4,000 in additional funds
to complete the website project.*

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Profiles of Members

Elizabeth “Nell” Fozard



Nell, as she is better known, was recruited to the Nevada Women's History Project in 2007 by Patti Bernard and Marcia Cuccaro. She didn't know what she was getting into. Since 2007, Nell has participated in many of our programs – setting up, taking down,

bringing food, modeling, whatever she has been asked to do. She has also served on the Jean Ford Research Committee for at least seven years – maybe more.

Nell graduated from Saint John's School of Nursing in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and had worked in surgery for 15 years in the Emergency Room and as a Critical Care psych RN in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She then worked as a psych nurse at the Woodville State Mental Hospital in Pennsylvania. In 1980 her husband, Ron, lost his employment in trucking when the company he worked for closed down. He had a brother in Nevada and they had visited Nevada previously so they decided to sell their home in Pennsylvania and “start over” in Carson City, NV. In 1981, Nell began working as a Health Care Specialist (RN) at the Nevada

Industrial Commission (worker's compensation) and it was there she met Marcia Cuccaro. In 1995, she went to work for Saint Mary's Hospital as a worker's compensation specialist and in 2001 she began work at Physician Managed Care in Carson City doing case management of worker's compensation claims, utilization and review. She retired in 2007.

Nell fills her time by going to the gym 3 times a week, reading, going to movies, attending plays in Reno and Carson City, gardening, snow shoeing in the winter, visiting with friends and with Nevada Women's History Project activities. She is a supporter of the lymphedema foundation as a bout with breast cancer four years ago left her with this condition. She wears a compression sleeve and which (depending on the day) the various tattoo designs often cause comments and stares when she meets someone new. That person always leaves with an increased understanding of the possible side effects of breast surgery. It is estimated that 2 to 3 million Americans – maybe more – suffer from lymphedema.

Nell enjoys meeting new people so if you haven't met her, please introduce yourself at the next opportunity.

Contributed by Marcia Cuccaro

John Ben Snow Progress Report by Patti Bernard

Work towards completion of the John Ben Snow grant is progressing steadily. The grant had two main components. The first part was to interview founding members of the Nevada Women's History Project and Nevada Women's Fund in regards to the founding of both organizations. Lynn Bremer Fritsi Ericson, Kathy Noneman, and Linda Wyckoff were interviewed for the NWHP this past January and Lynn Atcheson, Fritsi Ericson and Barbara Thornton recalled their organization's founding in a May 2016 taping by Gwen Clancy and reported by Julietta Forbes. Both interviews were filled with interesting facts and humorous instances that were unique to founding members. Transcripts of the two interviews are also being made. The actual interviews are linked on our website in the Research Center, Media Center, from the new NWHP YouTube channel. There are two videos for each panel, a highlights video and a full length interview of an hour in length. The transcripts will be available at a later 2016 date, on our website, www.nevadawomen.org.



Back row: Gwen, Julietta, Lynn, Kathy
Front row: Linda, Patti, Fritsi



Back row: Patti, Gwen, Julietta
Front row: Fritsi, Barbara, Lynn

After, the two group interviews were finished; Mona Reno, Gwen Clancy and I interviewed the first three individuals in the process of completing the second part of the grant. This grant segment is geared to video-taping interviews of ten women who have made substantial contributions in the communities that they live in along US Highway 50, often been referred to as, 'the Loneliest Road in America.' The video interviews for these women are also at the Research Center, Media Center with a highlights and a full interview available.



Churchill County was represented by former banker, Fern Lee



Lyon County by former County Commissioner, Vida Keller



Ormsby/Carson City was represented by artist, Pat Holub

This is a heartwarming part of the project for me as none of these women are famous, or rich, but they represent women giving back to their communities without thought of ever gaining recognition beyond them. They represent Nevada women at their best. Seven more women will be interviewed from Lander, Eureka, and White Pine Counties by the end of 2016. Please let the NWHP know if you have suggestions for women to interview in these counties.

Up coming events for NWHP



Happy
Holidays!

Victorian Holiday Open House

Elizabeth Rassiga invites you to her home for a holiday event.
We have it on good authority that she throws a terrific party!

Sunday, December 11, 2016 2-5pm

\$20 for members, \$25 for guests

3487 San Mateo Circle, Reno, NV

Period costumes admired, but not required

Contact Christianne Hamel 322-4525 with

This year was lean on programs, as the NWHP was focusing on our new website and with the interviews for the John Ben Snow grant.

If you can help the NWHP as a Program Director it would be greatly appreciated.

We are hoping for a November event.

NWHP ROLL OF HONOR JON HAMEL

The Nevada Women's History Project Roll of Honor, honors individuals and organizations who have "made a difference" in the gathering and dissemination of Nevada women's history; who have shown commitment and creativity that resulted in tangible contributions of published works, video collections, accessible research data and special services.

Jon Hamel has made and continues to make substantial contributions to the mission of the Nevada Women's History Project.

Jon is currently the Treasurer for the NWHP. This is a critical elected position which he accomplishes with great accuracy. He has continued in the QuickBooks bookkeeping and has added new features which facilitate grant reporting. He is always quick to reply to questions related to the financial position of the NWHP.

In addition to his Treasurer skills, Jon brings the NWHP a great deal of technical expertise. Jon first saved several hundred dollars in annual internet and email costs by joining the NWHP to the Nevada Women's Fund wireless system. Next he researched the oldest computer in the NWHP office to retrieve the information stored on the system. He then advised NWHP to purchase the appropriate equipment to be able to read that computer and convert the documents to our current software. These conversions led to better identifying the files on the old system and converting them to usable files. This also led to cleaning the old equipment out of the office.

Jon has also researched converting the NWHP VHS and DVD collection to formats compatible with YouTube. This is a major contribution to the new NWHP website which includes a Media Center. Much work will need to be accomplished to gain access to the audio and video collections at the NWHP office. Jon's work has made it possible to consider such a project.

The amount of time and talent these endeavor take is very appreciated by the NWHP Board of Directors. Jon was voted into the NWHP Roll of Honor, on August 8, 2016, because he has shown he "makes a difference" in the viability of the NWHP to gather and disseminate information about the history of Nevada women.



Jon Hamel

Contributed by Mona Reno

Featured Historic Nevada Woman:

ALICE ALLEGRA DOVE LIST (1910-1997)

At a glance:

Born: March 23, 1910, Hamilton, Kansas

Died: March 27, 1997, Gardnerville, Nevada

Maiden Name: Alice Allegra Dove

Race/Nationality/ethnic background:
Caucasian

Married: Frank W. List, 1931-1997

Children: Robert Frank List, James Alan List
and Bonnie Alice List

**Primary city and county of residence and
work:** Carson City and Washoe County

Major Fields of Work: Homemaker,
Bookkeeper

Other role identities: Wife, Mother,
Grandmother, Gardner, Artist, Spiritual Leader,
Community Leader, Mother of Nevada Governor
Robert List



Courtesy of Bonnie List Sutphin private collection.

Alice Allegra List was born March 23, 1910, in Hamilton, KS, the second of four children born to Alonzo and Rosinna Proeger Dove. Her father graduated from Hillsdale College in Michigan and became a schoolteacher, postmaster, newspaper editor, self-educated attorney, and was elected to various local political offices. Her mother lived the life of a homemaker in the early 20th century, cooking, sewing, cleaning, gardening, reading, and raising her children.

After high school graduation at age 16, Alice began her business education at College of Emporia, KS. After two years, her family moved to California in 1928 to better their economic situation. They settled in Exeter, in the San Joaquin Valley, where she met her husband-to-be, Frank List, a local rancher. Only a year later, the Dove family moved to LaVerne, CA, where Alice graduated from Pomona Business College and worked as a bookkeeper for two years. Frank continued to court her, and on September 4, 1931, they were married in Glendale, CA. They made their home in Exeter for the next 20 years, where they began to raise their family of three children, Robert, Alan, and Bonnie.

During World War II, Alice served with the Aircraft Warning Service, spotting and reporting all aircraft which flew over her station in the hills

above Exeter. When the war ended, she and Frank hosted the town celebration. After the War, when her children were young, Alice was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts, where she taught crafts, wrote skits, played baseball, flew kites, and led and disciplined the boys.

In the late 1940s, the Lists bought a cattle ranch near Battle Mountain, NV, where the family spent several happy summers, returning to Exeter for the school years. In the summer of 1951, the Lists purchased and moved to a historic cattle ranch in Washoe Valley, formerly owned by Lord Christian Wellesley and his wife Elsie. The family plunged headfirst into community life in Carson City and eagerly adopted Nevada as their new home. In 1974 they expanded their holdings and purchased a ranch near Lovelock, NV, which is still in the family today.

When the Carson-Tahoe Hospital Auxiliary was formed in 1952, Alice became a charter member. She was active in the Republican Women's Club, and gave of her time and interest to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She joined that philanthropic organization in 1965, held numerous local offices, and was chairman of their State Convention in 1971.

In 1955 Alice and several other mothers of young skiers founded the Carson City Junior Ski

Program. She solicited donations from local businesses and city officials in order to make that program affordable for thousands of young skiers. She was the driving force behind the program, lining up transportation, getting all the volunteer ski instructors, and enlisting weekly chaperones. She served as director of the program for its first seven years. When the Carson City Parks and Recreation Board was formed in 1959, she was asked to serve, which she did with dedication and distinction for 20 years.

Alice was an accomplished artist, working in acrylics, oils and watercolors. Much of her inspiration came from the unique cloud formations formed over the Sierra Nevada Mountains behind the ranch. Her paintings were exhibited in homes and offices of numerous family members and friends. In 1976, six of her works were exhibited in Pahrump, NV, when she was honored at their annual Harvest Festival.

The First Presbyterian Church of Carson City was Alice's home of worship. For many years, she was a Sunday School teacher, an ordained Deacon and Ruling Elder. Her Christian outreach went beyond her own church and its missions to the community. She served as a leader in Bible Study Fellowship for ten years, giving of her time, talent and spiritual wisdom to the women in her classes.

In 1979, Alice organized an independent Christian "charm school" for seventh and eighth grade girls in Carson City. She conducted weekly classes in the arts of fashion, beauty, etiquette, manners, relationships, and leadership skills. All the girls developed the unique characteristics that make them the women they are today.

Alice was perhaps as well known for her achievements at home as within the community. She was a creative homemaker, gardener, artist, hostess, business partner to her husband, and caring mother to her three children, and a loving friend, teacher, and counselor to all her grandchildren. In tribute to her skills as a mother and grandmother, she was nominated and

recognized as one of two Merit Finalists in the 1983 Nevada Mother of the Year competition.

Her gardening skills were widely-known, not only to those who were fellow members in Carson City's Garden Club, but to all those who were beneficiaries of her generosity and hospitality. No visitor to her garden ever went away empty-handed. Her vegetable garden was featured in an article in the Spring 1979 issue of Nevada Magazine. She cultivated a full acre of vegetables, fruits, and colorful flowers. When gardening season ended in the fall, her basement and freezer were fully stocked with produce and preserves for the winter. She was for many years the sole caretaker of 5 acres of lush lawns and gardens around the family home in Washoe Valley, a place widely known for its beauty and tranquility.

Alice raised chickens and turkeys, collected the eggs, and butchered hundreds and hundreds of birds over the years. She was a good markswoman, not afraid to use Frank's 22 rifle to shoot the porcupines and other varmints that competed for her chickens and her vegetables. The family always had pet dogs, and in her later years, her Labrador, Sylvia, was her constant companion.

For many years, the List family and their closest friends cut Christmas trees on their private property in the Sierra Nevada Range behind their ranch; but in 1981 much of the old growth timber on their property burned along with thousands of acres surrounding their [undamaged] home. Undaunted by this disaster, Alice turned around and organized annual tree plantings in the blackened forest, ultimately contributing to the re-growth of her beloved forest.

Alice passed away in Gardnerville, NV, March 27, 1997, at the age of 87, and is interred with her husband Frank at the Genoa Cemetery. She had a legion of friends who loved her for her generosity, her good spirit, her wise counsel and her big heart. She was an ambassador for the simple life, the beauty of God's creations.

Alice Allegra Dove List (continued)

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Alice List continued:

Researched and written by Bonnie List Sutphin. April 2015. Posted to website April 2015.

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**New Biographies on Our Web Site**

We're pleased with the progress made towards achieving the goal of adding 20 new biographies to our Web site in 2016. Thanks to the researchers and writers who made it possible, so far we have added 11 new biographies. Those added to our Web site include the following:

Lois Thompson Allen	Katherine Lewers
Isabella Butler	Ellen Clifford Nay
Carolyn Carlon	Ferminia Sarras
Virginia Carothers	Lois Washburn
Clara Crowell	Mary Daisy Allen
Caroline Kelley	Williams White

Our hard-working, dedicated researchers and writers include Patti Bernard, Marcia Cuccaro, Janice Hoke, Arline Laferry, Shirley Allen Mink, Nancy Kelly Valiquette, Lois Deimel Whealey, and Sally Zanjani. Liz Riseden, who is deceased, was the author of the biography of Virginia Carothers.

We encourage our members to access the new additions. Included in this report is a short introduction of one of them—that of Ellen Clifford Nay.

A true Nevada girl, Ellen Clifford Nay was among the first to be born in the mining frontier of Nevada, (1879). She lived a life of adventure, residing in small mining towns and ranches for most of her life. Always a prospector, Ellen Nay eventually struck it rich in the Tonopah area; thus her persistence and enthusiasm was rewarded as her and husband Joe's lifestyle changed dramatically. Despite many hardships, she was able to successfully raise two daughters and purchase a ranch, Barley Creek Cattle Ranch, near the Monitor Mountain Range in central Nevada.

Sally Zanjani is the author of Nay's biography. Her story takes one back to the lives of early settlers and the harsh conditions for settlers in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A longer version of her biography is on file at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno and also at the Nevada Women's' History Project Office in Reno.

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Kay Sanders

April to August 2016

New and Renewing Members & Donations

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Donations-in-Kind

Dianna Maria de Borges - \$40 for (2) Sarah Winnemucca CDs

Gwen Clancy - \$890 for contributions of services for her work on the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust for the video panels of the Nevada Women’s Fund and the Nevada Women’s History Project.

Thank you All!

You are Critical to the Success of the Nevada Women’s History Project!

Christianne Hamel – Membership Chair
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NWHP – Membership Report August 8, 2016

NWHP currently has 95 current members with 4 in arrears. We have 7 organizations in good standing. Nevada Women’s Fund has become a member.

Membership is from January to December. When you join in November or December you will be credited for the following year.

Christianne Hamel, Membership

NWHP – Financial Report August 8, 2016

The August 8, 2016 Year to Date financial report shows a bank and PayPal balance totaling \$28,793.24 and a net income <loss> of <\$7,952.51>. With fixed assets totaling \$2,939.27 (for office furniture and equipment) the total assets of the NWHP is \$31,732.51.

It should be noted that we have an outstanding invoice from Tangerine Design & Web that represents the final 12.5% (\$1,086.25) of the existing contract that shall be due upon the web site being put up, and board approval.

It should be noted that we are now incurring expenses from the John Ben Snow grant, that we posted as a net income in 2015. the “net <loss>” we are seeing in 2016 needs to be tempered by this fact.

Jon Hamel, Treasurer

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2016 Annual Pink Tea & Member's Meeting Report

The Annual Pink Tea was held on May 28th inside the Governor's Mansion. This year we also had our annual member's meeting. There were 33 attendees at this year's Pink Tea. Several attendees wore period garments which added elegant ambiance to the event. Special guest was Emma George, a member of the Silver State Young Chautauqua group. She represented Anne Martin, Nevada's Suffragist who championed the "Women's Right to Vote" movement.



Left to right: Lois Kelly, Patty Downs,

will be a clearinghouse to the biographical work of other organizations and universities.

Mona Reno also updated the members on the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust projects. These projects include interviews of some of the founders of the Nevada Women's History Project and the founders of the Nevada Women's Fund. The second project will be to interview 10 ladies who live along Highway 50. (See page 6 report.)

Mona Reno – Chair updated members and guests on the Estelle J. Kelsey Foundation Grant for our new NWHP website. This new site is nearing completion and will focus on our research work and

The last order of business was for the members to vote for elected and appointed officers. Holly Van Valkenburgh made a motion to accept the new elected and appointed officers and Grace Davis seconded the motion. The only change was for Patti Bernard to be Chair for 2016-2018 and Mona Reno as Past Chair. (See Board of Directors on page 13.)

Contributed by Christianne Hamel

"Meet and Greet" Luau Report

A big "Thank You" to those who were able to attend NWHP's Meet and Greet event held at the home of Jon & Christianne Hamel on June 25th. We could not have asked for better weather, great company and good food.

Patti Bernard gave a presentation on how research can lead to the unexpected. (Look for her article in the December *NWHP News*.)



Thank you to Patti Bernard, Mona Reno, The Roy Family, Nell Fozard, Kay & Neil Sanders, Lisa-Marie & Bruce Lightfoot, Holly Van Valkenburgh and The Hamels for the delicious food.

Here is Mary Anne Convis who matches the beautiful fruit plates.

Contributed by Christianne Hamel

Tahoe Meadows Hike



Jeff, Catherine, Chuck, Jackie, Marcia, Patti

Saturday, July 9, 2016 and it's a beautiful sunny, breezy day at Tahoe Meadows near Incline Village, Lake Tahoe. The hikers are ready: Patti Bernard, Catherine Cuccaro, Marcia Cuccaro, Chuck and Jackie Falkenroth, and Jeff Milligan. They head out down the path and through the woods. The wildflowers are beautiful and abundant. It's spring in

Tahoe Meadows and the temperature reflects that – cool to cooler. In the Valley below, the temperatures are already nearing the mid-nineties. The intrepid NWHP hikers hike the 1.3 mile loop and upon their return to the parking lot remove their coats and jackets. The Tunnel Café and lunch beckons. The short drive is made, a table located and it's time for sandwiches, soft drinks and conversation. The Café is filled with other hikers enjoying the day. By mid-day the NWHP hikers were on their way home – mission accomplished.

Jean Ford, our founder, would be so happy to know that her love of the wildflower hikes was being continued in 2016. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a splendid hike and hopefully you'll be able to participate next year.

Contributed by Marcia Cuccaro

NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Membership Form

(Membership is for January thru December of each year)

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Nevada Women's History Project. Our new year is here and it is time to renew your membership. You are vital to maintaining our educational website of women's biographies and interviews, having special events and to offset the operational costs of the NWHP.

Please notice that we have added a lifetime membership category, Best Friend Forever. Membership comes with an event discount and a newsletter. All levels of membership may be tax deductible since NWHP is an educational non-profit.

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Individual	\$30.00	_____
Family of Two	\$55.00	_____
Friend	\$100.00	_____
Good Friend	\$250.00	_____
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2016 - 2018
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