

**Our  
Mission**

To provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of all Nevada women.

**VIVIAN FREEMAN PASSES AWAY**



Former Nevada Assembly member and hospital trustee Vivian Freeman died December 5, 2013, at her home in Reno. She was 86 years old.

She was a 53-year resident of Reno, having moved here with her husband, Richard O. Freeman, in 1960. They were married in 1951. The popular Dick Freeman was both her lifelong partner and campaign manager. He died on the eve of election day, 2002.

She served in the Nevada State Assembly representing northwest Reno from 1986 to 2002. A registered nurse, she was elected to the Washoe Medical Center (now called Renown) Board of Trustees, serving from 1982 to 1986.

She was co-founder of the hospital's pregnancy center.

In the Legislature, she championed women's rights, mining reclamation and family resource centers in public schools. She served on the Glenn Duncan Elementary School Family Focus Center. During her tenure, she chaired both the Health and Human Services Committee and the Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining Committee.

She was instrumental in placing Question 7 on the general election ballot. On Nov. 6, 1990, Nevada voters overwhelmingly approved placing a woman's right to choose in Nevada law. (Nevada Revised Statutes 442.250)

She chaired the Anne Martin Women's Political Caucus and was appointed to the Reno Commission on the Status of Women and served on the Washoe County Parks Foundation. She was a member of the Reno-Sparks NAACP and the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society.

Longtime activist and Freeman associate Mylan Hawkins noted Freeman's push for recycling.

"Vivian was always a champion and fighter for all the causes from kids and women, to education, healthcare and the environment. Vivian is the recycle lady and stood with us on the frontlines of the Equal Rights Amendment

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**Join Us For a "Celebration of Life"  
For Vivian Freeman**

Bring a dish and a story to share and join us in celebrating the life of Assemblywoman Vivian Freeman who passed away on December 5, 2013.

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2014

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Democratic Party Headquarters  
1465 Terminal Way  
Reno, NV 89502

For additional information or questions call Mylan Hawkins 857-8777 (after Dec 27) or Martha Gould 747-0777

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<http://www.nevadawomenslobby.org/>

*Vivian Freeman, continued*

She worked alone. She moved mountains and hardly anyone ever even really paid notice. In her quiet way she changed our state. Despite ourselves and because of her we moved from the Mississippi of the West to becoming a better place," Hawkins said.

The American Association of Retired Persons named her Woman of the Year in 1990. Environmental Leadership honored her with its Environmentalist of the Year Pine Cone Award in 1989. The Truckee Meadows Human Services Consortium named her Politician of the Year in 1991. She was named Woman of Distinction for Environment by the

Soroptimist in 1991 and the Nevada Wildlife Federation honored her as Legislative Conservationist of the Year in 1993.

She was born Vivian Lois Ruff on August 18, 1927, in Ashton Idaho, daughter of Raymond A. and Julia G. Ruff. She was raised on a farm in Springfield, Idaho, and graduated from high school in Aberdeen, Idaho.

She began training as a nurse at St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City in 1945 and completed her education in the U.S. Army Cadet Nurse Corps in the spring of 1948, all before she turned 21. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Utah and worked as a registered nurse in several states.

She is survived by a daughter, Mitzi Watters (Tom) of Sparks, brother Raymond of Aloha, Ore., sister Grace of Medford, Ore., a son, Paul, of Reno and one grandchild.

Her family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Planned Parenthood.

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NWHP member Martha Gould took Vivian Freeman's oral history in October 2013 and had the first draft typed for her to check. Patti Bernard picked up the draft from Martha, took it to Vivian for her corrections, and is now in the process of making the final copy.



"The happiest people I have known have been those who gave themselves no concern about their own souls, but did their uttermost to mitigate the miseries of others."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, from *History of Woman Suffrage*

### NEVADA HUMANITIES AWARDS NWHP \$2,000 GRANT

The Nevada Women's History Project has been awarded a \$2,000 Grant from the Nevada Humanities Board.

This fund will be used to upgrade and redesign our website to highlight the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Equal Suffrage Amendment in Nevada giving women the right to vote.

A web development technician will be selected in January to begin work on this goal. The site will showcase Nevada suffragists who made this victory possible. Over many decades hundreds of women throughout our state worked tirelessly to win the battle for equal suffrage.

We have compiled the names of many of them and will recruit researchers and writers to work on producing their biographies.

As we progress, beginning in January 2014, we will publicize events highlighting and celebrating the suffragists' accomplishments. We plan to post stories about individuals and anecdotes about methods that were used in this equal suffrage campaign. Recognition of their male supporters will be made. The anti-suffrage point of view will be recounted.

NWHP officers and members are most grateful to Nevada Humanities for approving our request for grant funding. For a non-profit, all

volunteer organization such as NWHP, outside sources of funding are essential. 2014 will be an exciting year for Nevadans as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nevada's statehood in addition to the Nevada Equal Suffrage Centennial.

Thank you Nevada Humanities!

Kay Sanders  
Editor, Web site biographies  
Chair, Jean Ford Research Center  
Committee



## TREASURER'S POSITION

The NWHP is looking for a new Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for making deposits to the bank account and paying bills from the account. NWHP uses QuickBooks software to generate financial statements. These statements include a profit and loss and a balance sheet. Both the bill paying and receipts are coded in QuickBooks so that these statements can be created each month for the monthly executive meeting. The bank account must also be balanced on a regular basis.

QuickBooks is an easy program to learn to use. The chart of accounts is set up and the dues paying members are coded as customers. There is also a vendor list of people to whom we pay

regular bills. The book keeping has been done at the Treasurer's home rather than the office both for convenience and control.

The job of book keeping for the project takes some part of 4-5 days a month. This includes going into the office at least once a week for mail and attending the executive meeting which is held once a month and lasts about 3 hours.

The volume of coding and bill paying is not heavy. Dues are paid at the beginning of the year and the months with the most programs are May and September or October. The reports must be generated and the bills paid on a timely basis so the most important part of the job is not to get behind.

Attendance at most of the History project events is part of being the Treasurer. Sometimes people pay at the door for an event and often, if it is a lunch, the restaurant has to be paid.

So, if you can't go to an event you must make arrangements for these things to be handled. There are two signatures required on checks and this must be coordinated so the signatories should be reachable.

Contact Linda Wyckoff to talk about this position.  
lindawyckoff@sbcglobal.net

## WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE THEME FOR 2014 – COULD IT BE YOURS?



The South Lake Tahoe Soroptimist Club has chosen Women's Suffrage as their theme for the next year and will feature programs dealing with that theme. Their goal is compatible with NWHP: encouraging women to vote and run for office in 2014. They began this series with a look back at the history of women's struggles to secure the franchise.

In September, 2013, three members of NWHP, Kathy Noneman, Barbara Finley and Cyndy Houck presented a skit about the struggle in Nevada and California.

Their performances were well received and resulted in a much appreciated contribution to NWHP. If you belong to an organization or group that would like to have NWHP present a suffrage program this year, please contact Kathleen Noneman to arrange it. Part of our strategic plan is community outreach to encourage everyone to vote in 2014 and you can help us.

## Celebrate Chinese New Year

with the Nevada Women’s History Project



When: Saturday, February 1, 2014 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
 Where: 2 Guys Chinese Restaurant  
 6015-B South Virginia Street  
 (between Whole Foods and Office Max)  
 What: A delicious menu of Chinese delicacies and a Chinese cultural program  
 Cost: \$20.00 per person  
 Raffle tickets will be available – 5 for \$5 or \$1 each.

This event is the 2nd event of our series introducing the various cultures of Northern Nevada

Reservations: Call Marcia Cuccaro @ 883-1455

Send checks to: NWHP - 770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 300, Reno NV 89502

### HIGHLIGHTS IN US WOMEN’S HISTORY

From the National Women’s History Project

**January 7, 1896**—**Fanny Farmer’s** first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements.

**January 29, 1926**— **Violette Neatly Anderson** is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

**February 12, 1869**—The Utah Territorial Legislature passes a bill allowing women to vote.

**February 27, 1922**—U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote.

**March 4, 1917**—**Jeanette Rankin** (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of the US Congress.

**March 13, 1986**—**Susan Butcher** won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska.

**March 31, 1776**—**Abigail Adams** writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, “Remember the ladies ...”

**April 2, 1931**—17-year-old **Jackie Mitchell**, the second woman to play baseball in the all male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the NY Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day, the Baseball Commissioner voided her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban was not overturned until 1992.

**April 7, 1987**—Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, the first museum devoted to women artists.



## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, NEW AND OLD

Our Nevada Women’s History Project is planning new projects in order to gain recognition in the community and to provide information about Nevada women to schools, students, researchers and people who are just inquisitive about the accomplishments of women, past and present, in Nevada.

We have members who have been diligent in helping our organization out for many years but we really would like to see some of the newer members join us. Carolyn Runnells took on the organization of the Nevada Day Parade this year and it was a tremendous success. Christianne Hamel has attended board

meetings since the June 2013 Pink Tea and has accepted appointment to serve as our new Corresponding Secretary. They both bring new vision to the NWHP. Sally Wilkins, a member who has taken a few years from active membership, has offered to help on the Program Committee. She was welcomed with open arms.

We are always looking for individuals to help with research, to write biographies, to write lesson plans for use in Nevada’s schools, to work on grant writing, write newsletter articles, perform as Chautauquans, help with program planning and coordination, help with publicity and marketing and other

interesting and fun activities.

We need a new Treasurer – please see the description on page 9.

If you’d like to attend Board Meetings to learn a bit more before you “step up to the bat,” please remember they are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at our office which is located at 770 Smithridge Dr., Ste. 300, Reno, NV 89502 – off of S. McCarran Blvd.

Please call Chair Mona Reno at 775-847-0577 or email [mreno@gbis.com](mailto:mreno@gbis.com) or

[NWHP@pyramid.net](mailto:NWHP@pyramid.net) and leave your name and your area of interest.

You’ll receive a call – promise!



“Life is easier than you’d think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.”

Kathleen Norris (poet)

## SUFFRAGIST BIOGRAPHIES NEEDED

The Nevada Women’s History Project newsletter has featured two suffragists, Frances Slavin Williamson and Sadie Dotson Hurst, in their past two newsletters and will continue doing so with this issue and others in 2014. Our mission in 2014 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Victory in Nevada can only be accomplished with your help. By volunteering to do research and write suffragist biographies, which will be uploaded to our web site, you will be honoring the memory of these brave, courageous women. Suffragists in every county in Nevada have been identified. We want to be able to publicize biographies of at least a couple of women from each county. Their stories deserve to be told.

Nevada legislators and voters made history when the amendment to the Nevada Constitution finally passed

in two consecutive sessions of the Nevada Legislature in 1911 and 1913 and was approved by male voters in the General Election of 1914. Nevada joined the majority of western states in giving women the right to vote. This was not an easy, short battle waged by suffragists and their male supporters. Instead the struggle, which began in 1869 when a suffrage amendment was introduced in the Nevada Legislature by Curtis J. Hillyer, Storey County Assemblyman, and passed that year but failed in the 1871 session by only a few votes.

A pattern of failed attempts continued until 1911 and 1913 when the Legislature approved a suffrage resolution in both sessions thus allowing it to go forward to victory in the 1914 General Election. History was made thanks to the unceasing hard work performed over the entire

state by dedicated suffragists and their male supporters.

In 1914 there were 16 counties in Nevada. Pershing County did not exist until 1919. Also, Ormsby County had not been renamed Carson City County.

To request more information, please email our office at [NWHP@pyramid.net](mailto:NWHP@pyramid.net) or call and leave a message at 775-786-2335. Please get in touch with us if you are interested in helping with our mission to identify and honor our historic suffragists. Your involvement is crucial to our success.

Happy New Year!

Kay Sanders  
Editor, Web site biographies

## *Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Mila Tupper Maynard*

### At a glance:

**Born:** January 26, 1864 in Brighton, Washington County, Iowa

**Died:** November 12, 1926

**Race:** Caucasian/American

**Maiden Name:** Mila Tupper

**Marriage:** Rezin Maynard

**Children:** one daughter (name unknown)

**Primary county and city of residence and work:** Washoe, Reno

**Major field of work:** Religion, Unitarian minister.

**Other role identities:** teacher, organizer of Twentieth Century Club in Reno, women's suffrage advocate, writer, wife, mother.



### Biography:

Mila Tupper Maynard only lived in Reno for a few short years, but her impact and influence on the community was noteworthy. She was probably the first female minister in Nevada.

Mila Frances Tupper was born in Washington County, Iowa, in 1864, as the Civil War was growing to a close.

Mila's sister, Eliza Tupper Wilkes, who was 20 years her senior had been active in the organization of many new churches. Mila assisted Eliza with church business during summers in her college years.

From this early experience, Mila developed her dream of becoming a minister. She became one of a group of women ministers who provided effective leadership to Unitarian and Universalist churches, largely in the Midwest.

At the time that Mila was interested in pursuing the ministry as a career, women were not admitted to professional seminaries, so several women considered building their own "ministers' training school."

Although the school did not materialize, she was able to pursue her education and become a minister. Mila was a graduate of both the state normal school in Whitewater, Wisconsin and Cornell University in 1889 with a Bachelor of Letters and a special diploma in philosophy. She was ordained as a Unitarian minister the same year that she graduated from Cornell. She then served as pastor of churches in La Porte, Indiana (1889-1891) and Grand Rapids, Michigan (1891-1892). During this time she received "small stipends" from the women's auxiliary of the Western Unitarian Conference to support her in a "part-time" pastorate. This group was also assisted by the head of the conference, Jenkin Lloyd Jones (the uncle of Frank Lloyd Wright) who believed in encouraging women to become ministers. When Mila was the minister of the Unitarian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she was called upon to counsel Rezin Maynard, who was a member of the board of trustees. He was said to have a drinking problem and marital difficulties. They formed a strong attraction, which led Mila Tupper to take a short leave to visit her older sister in Los Angeles

Following that visit, she then worked at Jane Addams' Hull House in Chicago, which administered programs to aid the poor. Within a few months, Rezin followed her to Chicago and they were married. Little is known about these events except that Rezin divorced his wife before going to Chicago and a deeply divided congregation was left in Grand Rapids. Anonymous letters followed the Maynards for several years and were printed in Salt Lake City and Denver papers.

In 1893 Mila also was a representative at the World's Congress of Representative Women which was held during the Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

During the early years of her marriage and career, Mila Tupper Maynard's liberal ministry became identified with Christian socialism. With her husband, she served the Broadway Temple, a church founded by Christian Socialist Myron Reed.

The Maynards arrived in Reno in 1892. They may have come to Reno because another sister, Kate Tupper Galpin was one of the first faculty members at the University of Nevada after it moved from Elko to

Reno in 1886. In the fall of 1893 the Rev. Mila and Rezin Maynard became co-pastors of the newly organized Reno Unitarian Church. At the time she was 29 and he was 41.

By 1893 the couple began to offer a series of lectures and Mila also taught courses at the University of Nevada. She became a friend of Anne Martin and was influential in Anne's education as an independent and activist woman.

Both Maynards were active in other ministerial duties, in addition to preaching two sermons weekly. They both, with their choir, visited (the then-Hospital for the Care of the Indigent Insane) regularly during their time in Reno.

A review of local Reno newspapers of the time chronicles Mrs. Maynard's achievements in providing lectures to the community on a variety of subjects as well as her appointments to committees and her social action efforts. In 1894 the Governor appointed her to attend the Congress of the National Prison Association. In the same year she was invited to present a paper on Social Reform at the Women's Congress at the Midwinter Fair. In 1893 the Reno Evening Gazette reported that she delivered an address in the Assembly Hall at the University of Nevada on "Ideals as Moral Forces." Also reported was a lecture at Pipers Opera House on the labor question. "She has a fine voice and delivery, and presented her subject in marked style and manner." (*Nevada State Journal*, October 15, 1893)

The *Reno Evening Gazette* reported on October 14, 1893, "The social science class met last evening at the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard and after listening to an interesting and instructive talk by Mrs. Maynard on the duty men owe their neighbors from a social point of view, Henry George's single tax



theory was taken up and the evening very profitably spent in discussing the subject pro and con. Every man and woman in the town should join one or both of the classes." Topics that were discussed by the Maynards included "Rights of Property," "Rights of Women and Children," "Political Rights and Duties of the State" "State Supervision of Religion and Education," and "Treatment of Criminals."

Both ministers were leaders in the woman's suffrage movement, and Mila played a critical role in a temporary 1895 victory in the struggle. The 1894 election was a clean sweep in the Assembly and guaranteed that the 1895 legislature would support reforms of several kinds. One was women's suffrage, which had been an issue in the 1894 election. In the fall of 1894 Rezin published the first in a series of pieces on woman's suffrage in the *Reno Evening Gazette*. He wrote a passionate plea for the right of women to vote and predicted that allowing them to do so would bring about "a complete revolution in government, religion, and social life." On February 11, 1895 Mila was given the highly unusual honor of addressing the Nevada State Assembly on the topic of woman's suffrage.

She spoke for nearly an hour.

Prominent political and other leaders of the state packed the Assembly chamber. Her appearance came at the request of H. H. Beck, a legislator who had led the ticket in Reno for Assembly candidates the previous fall. Beck was a member of the People's party.

Unfortunately, no newspaper printed Mila's address, but it was described by reporters as "eloquent"; that it "elicited a number of rounds of merited and appreciative applause." Her talk was followed by a vote against the woman's suffrage amendment, but later the resolution was revived and passed both houses. Unfortunately, the 1897 Legislature did not repeat the action, which was necessary before a proposal to amend the state constitution could be presented to the voters. Success for the women's suffrage movement was finally achieved in 1914.

Anne Martin wrote of Mila in her diary, "Although you know she is very learned and intelligent, she doesn't let you feel it overwhelmingly. She always meets you on your own ground – she can adapt her mind to yours so readily and always finds some truth or some good in whatever you say." Anne Martin also attended the Unitarian Church and wrote that she agreed with Mila's views on religion. Martin wrote that Mila's "belief in God is so beautiful and satisfying, and clears up so many doubts that I have always felt." Other religious leaders in the community heartily disapproved of Mrs. Maynard's lectures. Professor Cowgill, who taught English and History, saw the Maynards as a "heathenizing influence...as the all importance of Christianity in connection with Dante wasn't brought out."

Anne Martin also recorded her approval of Mila's "absolute freedom of thought in thinking about God", particularly admiring her statement that "whenever we admire and seek for Truth we are worshipping and seeking God." (*The Long Campaign, a biography of Anne Martin*, by Anne Bail Howard, University of Nevada Press, 1985, p. 26 )

Mila also was the chief organizer of the Twentieth Century Club of Reno, an important organization in the 1890's. Among its membership were many outstanding Reno women including Hannah Clapp, Elizabeth Babcock, Echo Loder and Mary S. Doten. The Twentieth Century Club is credited with helping to organize the first kindergarten in Reno and also for the establishment of the first public library and the Reno Little Theater.

The Maynards left Reno in 1895. It is speculated that the main reason for their departure was of Mila's support of Alice Hartley, who had shot her lover, Reno banker and legislator M.D. Foley, after she became pregnant and he abandoned her. Although Ms. Hartley was not a member of the congregation, Mila paid pastoral visits to the accused before and during her trial. Much of the public including some members of her congregation and other ministers, criticized her, apparently interpreting her behavior as condoning of the crime. Some members of the congregation felt that Ms. Hartley was a fallen woman" and could not be forgiven for murder. The minister of the

Methodist Church in Reno, in a letter to the editor, referred to Mila when he wrote, "while any minister in Reno would be happy to speak with "her" (meaning the minister) about the issue, they would "refuse to be a party to anything that looked like sympathy with a criminal." (*Nevada State Journal*, February 25, 1895)

By 1907 they returned to Los Angeles where they lived for the rest of their lives. They were active in the Socialist party and the Women's Suffrage movement. She lectured continuously, rejoicing in the eventual victory in 1911 of the suffrage movement. Her career shifted from the pastoral ministry to education.

She published a book on the poetry of Walt Whitman and an essay on Browning's poem, *Saul*, and is credited with organizing the Unity Church of Santa Monica.

In 1918 she left the Socialist Party to support the country's involvement in the World War. From then until her death in 1926, she devoted herself largely to teaching.

**Researched and written by  
Nancy Oakley**

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Articles provided by Elmer and Mary Rusco, for Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada.

## SOCIAL MEDIA & NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Our organization has entered into the world of social media.

We have a [Facebook](#) page on which we regularly post announcements, pictures and up to date information.

If you have a Facebook account and you "like us," you will receive these updates. Our Facebook page is relatively new and as of this date, we have 101 likes!

We have been working to keep the information on our website ([www.nevadawomen.org](http://www.nevadawomen.org)) updated. Here you will find biographies of Nevada women, biographies of Nevada's First Ladies, announcements, pictures from events we have held, articles about events we have held and copies of our newsletter. We also have research exchange links to informative sites. We encourage you to utilize these 21<sup>st</sup> century means of communication.



Like us  
on Facebook

### NWHP in National Conference

Mona Reno will be participating in a symposium at the NCPH in Monterey on March 20, representing the NWHP.

*The March for Woman Suffrage: Centennial Celebrations in the American West* includes Jan Dilg (Oregon), Diana Madoshi (California), Robert Cooney author of *Winning the Vote*, Shanna Stevenson (Washington) and Mona Reno (Nevada) and was organized by Polly Kaufman, University of Southern Maine.



National Council on Public History



## 2014 NWHP Programs

### **February 1, 2014** Chinese New Year's buffet - Chinese Cultural Program - Raffle

Where: 2 Guys from Hong Kong - 6015-B South Virginia Street  
(Between Whole Foods Market & OfficeMax), Reno  
When: Saturday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$20, includes food and NWHP donation  
RSVP: Marcia Cuccaro - 775-883-1455  
Send to: NWHP, 770 Smithridge Dr., Suite 300, Reno, NV 89502



### **March 22, 2014** Sponsored by Douglas County Historical Society

Women's history celebration program will include NWHP members Holly Van Valkenburgh as Anne Martin and Kathy Noneman as Bird Wilson in an original suffrage skit.  
Where: Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 1477 Hwy 395 N, Gardnerville  
When: 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
Cost: none  
RSVP: [dchs@historicnevada.net](mailto:dchs@historicnevada.net), attention Cindy

We have the following programs outlined but are in need of members to help finalize them.

**April – May 2014** Annual Pink Tea at the Governor's Mansion.  
Where: Governor's Mansion, Carson City

**April – May 2014** Authors Luncheon. Have lunch with one of our great Nevada authors who will present an entertaining program about their latest publication.

**June—2014** Annual Meeting and Science Program

**July – 2014** Wildflower Hike, Carson Pass – this annual hike is in remembrance of our founder Jean Ford. Past hikes have generated lasting friendships and much fun! Mona Reno, [mreno@gbis.com](mailto:mreno@gbis.com) will coordinate this event.

**August 26, 2014** Women's Equality Day. Carolyn Runnells has graciously consented to helping us put on a vintage history fashion show to celebrate NV150 and the 100th suffrage centennial.

**October 31, 2014** Nevada's 150th statehood celebration and 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Nevada. We will have a themed parade entry

**November 2014** Barbara Vucanovich Speakers Series

We have members who enjoy coming to luncheons and programs and we also need members to help our Program Committee make those luncheons and programs a reality. Please give one of the following Co-Chairs a call and offer your assistance. Your help will be appreciated and you will have some fun while you're at it!

Lisa-Marie Lightfoot (775-851-5677) – [lightfeet@charter.net](mailto:lightfeet@charter.net)  
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Marcia Cuccaro (775-883-1454) – [marcia.cuccaro@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia.cuccaro@yahoo.com)

## Ethiopian Lunch was Informative and Enjoyable

NWHP presented its first "CULTURES OF NORTHERN NEVADA" luncheon and program in October at Zagol, an Ethiopian restaurant.



Thuy Tran. Photo by David Staley

Thuy Tran, a realtor with Coldwell Banker, presented the event and did most of the work for it. She solicited sponsors to underwrite it so that NWHP was able to make a profit of \$800. Those sponsors were Jillian Hever, a loan originator at Prime Lending; Connie Tent who is managing partner of J.R. Tent Recruiting, LLC; Jorge Munoz; and Sherwin Escanuela of AREAA Las Vegas. David Staley of David Staley Digital Photo Lab was the photographer for the event and his photos can be seen and purchased on his website. These sponsors not only provided financing and services for the event, several of them attended. NWHP is sincerely grateful to Thuy Tran and her sponsors for putting on our first fundraiser as a new stand-alone nonprofit.

Thuy Tran organized a program called a "Glimpse of Ethiopia", and we were all introduced to Ethiopian food. Approximately 40 people attended the event where Nahom Hagos spoke of his cultural heritage and described how his mother and other female relatives live in modern Ethiopia. Attendees also witnessed a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony whose roots go back over 1000 years. This was the fifth cultural program presented by Thuy Tran this year.

Most of the programs benefit local schools, but this time she chose NWHP to be the beneficiary of her event. NWHP learned many things about modern nonprofit fundraising from Thuy, and we will try to find sponsors to help underwrite our events in the future.



"I always feel the movement is a sort of mosaic. Each of us puts in one little stone, and then you get a great mosaic at the end."

Alice Paul, Suffragist

## FIRST LADIES OF NEVADA FILM PROGRAM

The NWHP First Ladies film program was held October 15th at the Gold Hill Hotel. Following a delicious buffet, over forty dinner participants retired to the hotel's "Great Hall" to view the film, *The First Ladies of Nevada 1959-1999-Interviews of seven First Ladies who lived in the Governor's Mansion*. The women, Bette Sawyer, Jackalyn Laxalt, Carolyn O'Callaghan, Kathy Kist, Bonnie Bryan, Sandy Miller and Dema Guinn each spoke candidly of their experiences while living in the Carson City's Governor's Mansion and in fulfilling their roles of First Lady of Nevada.

A raffle was also held that included an interesting group of baskets composed of all Nevada themed items. These items ranged from "Made in Nevada" food items to a "well used in Nevada" antique duck decoy and collectible Nevada themed books.



Isabel Espinosa, Holly Van Valkenburgh, Christianne Hamel, Kathy Noneman, Lisa-Marie Lightfoot, Mona Reno. Photo by Jon Hamel

## Financial Report

Linda Wyckoff, Treasurer

November, 2013



The end of November financial report for the History Project shows a negative net income for the year to date of \$944.16.

We have had several financially successful programs during the year such as the Pink Tea in May with a profit of \$1,571.45 and the Ethiopian Coffee program in October which provided a profit of \$790.

Unusual expenses for the year include the legal costs of obtaining the 501(c)3 status and the final book costs for the Sarah Winnemucca Project book. Some of the book costs will be recovered through continuing sales.

Our bank balance at the end of November is \$21,284.65.

### NEVADA DAY PARADE 2013

Saturday, October 27th was a sparkling autumn day in Carson City the annual Nevada Day Parade. NWHP organizer, Carolyn Runnells had parked her RV at our assigned staging area and had spent the night there in order to be ready to get her "troops" ready first thing as the NWHP, was number 32 in the four hour parade schedule!

Coffee and donuts awaited those intrepid members who arrived early and sandwiches for hungry suffragists and supportive menfolk at the end of the 1 1/2 mile trek down Carson Street. Nevada Women's History Project partnered with *The Great Basin Costume Society* and together we made quite a presence in the Nevada Day Parade.

Some carried the NWHP banner in the front of the float, some distributed handouts which described the NWHP's goals, some rode on the float and waved at the crowd while singing the Suffragette song from *Mary Poppins*!

2014 will be the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Nevada so all our members should start getting their costumes ready for next year's parade. If you can't walk, you can ride as we want to show major support for the women who paved the way for our privilege of voting!



*Elizabeth Rassigna White, baby Hope (in buggy) and husband Warren - supporters of Women's Suffrage.*

*Starr Nixdorf in the background.*

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