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Leanne Stone Retires From the HRPS Board


Leanne, we hate to see you go, but Godspeed nevertheless.

Leanne and Tom Stone hold HRPS membership number 16. They've been on board since the beginning, and Leanne has done walking tours a long time.

In 1988 Leanne worked with Don Fowler, UNR Professor of Anthropology and Historic Preservation to coordinate what became known as the UNR Heritage Resources Management program. Leanne became hooked on history and preservation.

In a previous FootPrints article Leanne said, "My long-time, good friend Ginger Salcedo introduced me to Pat Klos about the time she founded HRPS. With Pat's vision of walking tours for HRPS, I saw a way I could share the information I had collected about the University. Somehow, that managed to evolve into my becoming the Walking Tour Chair. Thanks to our dedicated and enthusiastic guides, HRPS Walking Tours have expanded beyond our wildest dreams."

That, and Leanne's full-time university job, three children and nine grandchildren no doubt contribute to her desire for a little more discretionary time.

OK, we grant it to you until you retire, then expect a call from HRPS - or maybe, just maybe, even before retirement. 

The Story of HRPS Walking Tours


By Sharon Adler Walbridge

HRPS founder, Pat Klos, had been giving walking tours in historic neighborhoods since 1983 at the request of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). On May 17, 1997, during Historic Preservation Week, Pat led yet another tour for the SHPO, this time of the Humboldt and Lander Street neighborhoods. That walk and the subsequent gathering at My Favorite Muffin resulted in the founding of HRPS.

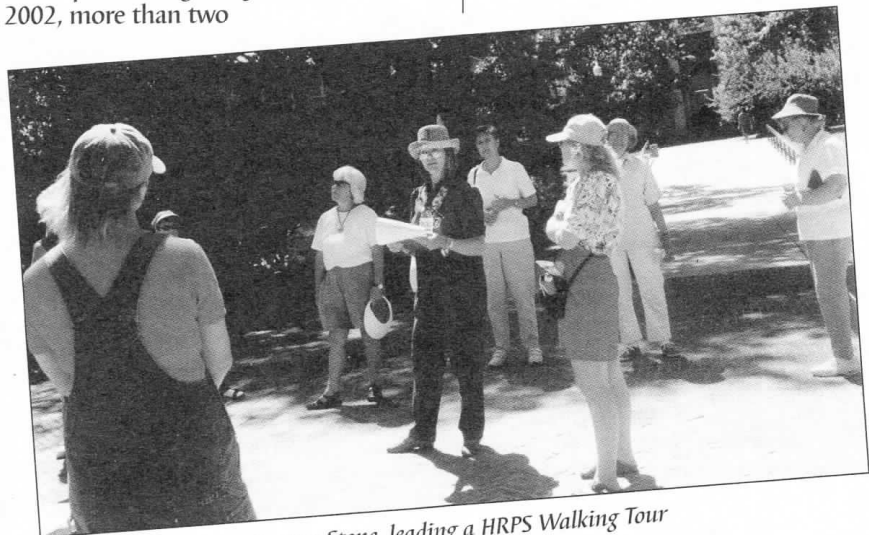
That historic, 1997 Humboldt and Lander Street walk is now referred to as Bricks and Stones, and is one of our very popular walks. In 1998, HRPS conducted five walks during Preservation week and again during Artown. This summer of 2002, there are twelve separate Walking Tours for a total of fifteen tours. More are in development stages. By the end of 2002, more than two

thousand people will have participated in a HRPS walk.

Please don't think it is as simple as finding someone who can walk and talk at the same time. A great deal of research goes into each walk. Anecdotes are continually coming to us. In addition, of course, Tour Guides must be trained. It's a big job. Our community is worthy of the effort.

Follow FootPrints as we trek, in print, through Reno neighborhoods. Beginning with this issue, FootPrints will publish a bird's eye view of a HRPS walking tour. Don't forget to wear comfortable seating. 

Sharon Adler Walbridge is the Editor of FootPrints and serves on the HRPS Board as Director of Publications.



Leanne Stone, leading a HRPS Walking Tour

HRPS Wells Avenue Walking Tour


Overview of the Wells Avenue Tour Neighborhood

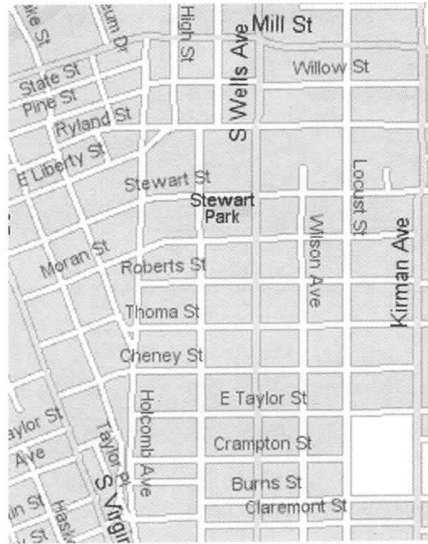
The Wells Avenue neighborhood had and still has a rich history as one of Reno's premier working class neighborhoods. Burke's Addition, designed and developed by Charles Burke, was a 34-block subdivision filled with little red brick houses on decent size lots. A trolley operated in the neighborhood from 1910 to the early 20's, connecting to the original trolley track at Virginia and California, running eastward along Moran Street, and then south on Wells to either Cheney or Thoma. The clay, mined in town by Reno Press Brick Company, on Keystone Avenue, supplied the bricks for most of the structures in the neighborhood. (Environmentalists put Reno Press Brick out of business in 1963.)

Some of the names of the east/west streets in the neighborhood starting in the north are Stewart, Moran, Roberts, and Thoma. Stewart was a senator, Moran was a Reno judge, Roberts was the mayor, and of course Thoma was a prominent physician and past legislator.

Wells Avenue was named for rancher, Sheldon O. Wells, a Canadian who came to Reno in 1887. For a while, Wells was a downtown shopkeeper before going into the more lucrative cattle business. Stories say that S.O. Wells used to drive his cattle down a dirt Wells Avenue to Fourth Street, where there was a meat packing house. Wells died in 1900, years before the present neighborhood took root.

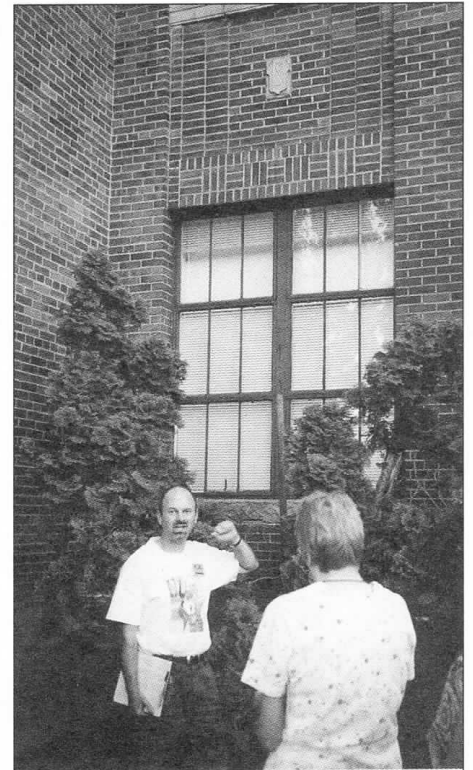
The current neighborhood is transitional. Former residences house businesses and law practices. New office buildings along Liberty butt up against the historically residential areas one block away on Ryland and Moran. New buyers know what the original residents knew; the neighborhood is within walking distance to downtown and is affordable.

This neighborhood is a good example of adaptive reuse, a way of saving historical buildings by allowing commercial use, and more importantly maintaining the integrity of the structures. A keen observer can discern a shift under way in this historic neighborhood. Structures that were formally low-cost rentals are being purchased and renovated. Increasingly, dwellings are owner-occupied. A new generation of families is eager to make this neighborhood theirs. 



WALKING TOUR PATH:

Start at Liberty at Sinclair, south on Sinclair, east on Moran, south on Wells, east on Roberts, south on Locust, west on Thoma, north on Wheller, and return to Liberty.



Mark Taxer, giving his Wells Avenue Tour, points out some of the features on the old Southside School Annex.



Southside School Annex, Liberty at Sinclair, now a City of Reno building, is part of the Wells Avenue Walking Tour. The Annex was completed by the WPA in 1936 to provide additional classrooms for Southside School. The main school was constructed in 1903 and demolished in 1960.

HRPS Wells Avenue Walking Tour (continued)

Memories of 511 Roberts and Wells Avenue's Oldest Resident

By Mark Taxer

When I first undertook the task of putting together a walking tour of the Wells Avenue neighborhood, I was at a bit of a loss as to where best to begin and exactly what I could say about the neighborhood that would interest people. Like so many others that live in a neighborhood for a time, I had grown so accustomed to the buildings and the "cast of characters" that I had trouble seeing the historical forest for the trees.

That all changed when I began to share with other tour leaders and HRPS Board members my experiences living in the 511 Roberts Street apartments for over five years (beginning March 5, 1987) as well as living on Roberts Street in general for over ten years. The tour really grew out of, and outward from, that late 1930s apartment courtyard on Roberts.


On the outside 511 Roberts Street looks much the same as it did in the '30s. The doors have been changed, of course, the shake roof is now asphalt shingle, and there is a new iron fence

around the property. But the biggest change is likely the people involved, and their personal touches. All the while I was there, longtime neighborhood residents would share stories about the owner who lived there during the 1950s until his death in the late 1960s.

Mr. Frank Yparraguire, who was born in 1860 (we believe) was, in the 1960s, the oldest person in Reno. Because of this alone, his living in the apartments is noteworthy. But wait, there is more. On the occasion of the Nevada Centennial and dedication of the new Reno arch (the one now in Willits CA), Mr. Yparraguire was invited as a special guest to the festivities downtown where he would meet President Johnson, who attended the event. The word is that Mr. Yparraguire was not at all a fan of Johnson but decided to go anyway because of the opportunity to get choice seating for the ceremonies.

This is exactly the sort of lore that surrounds the person, the building, and really much of this neighborhood.

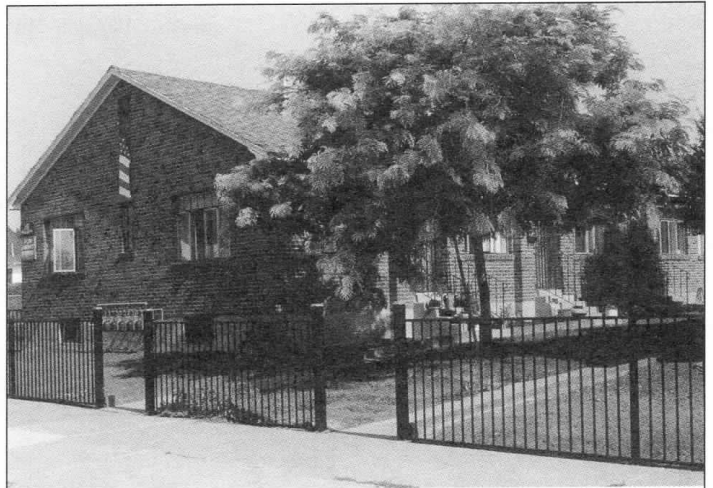
There may be reason to believe that the accuracy of some of the factual details may have strayed somewhat over the years, however that tends to be the nature of neighborhood legends. Which of us has not slightly embellished one of the tales of the neighborhood in which we grew up? What matters, I believe, is that the story or anecdote is actually true, however it may be colored or built up, and that it is remembered and retold so that others can share in our history and glean from it what is important to them on a personal level.

So the next time you walk or drive by 511 Roberts Street, take a moment to think about Mr. Yparraguire, and the others that have lived there before, since, and today. You may just ask yourself, what it is like to be living in that old clinker-brick (take the tour and find out what that means!) apartment house with all the memories surrounding it on the corner of Wells and Roberts. 

Mark Taxer is Secretary of HRPS and the originator of the Wells Avenue Walking Tour.



Wells Avenue view of the 511 Roberts Street apartments. The Wells Avenue Apartments, 550 South Wells are adjacent on the north end of the block.



Roberts Street view into the courtyard of the 511 Roberts Street apartments. The apartments were built in 1937 as short term rentals for divorcees.

HRPS Wells Avenue Walking Tour (continued)

Beloved Physician Passes / The Naming of Thoma Street

By Joan Collins with Sue White Broderdorf

“Beloved Physician Passes to His Rest.” This headline was on the front page of the Nevada State Journal on February 1, 1907. Dr. Thoma died suddenly at the age of 63. He was a respected citizen of the state of Nevada. Locally, Thoma Street, in the Wells Avenue neighborhood, was named in his honor.

George H. Thoma was born in New York in October, 1842. He was raised in New York and graduated from Albany Medical College in 1864, and then joined the Union campaign as an assistant surgeon during the Civil War. He was present when General Lee surrendered at the Appomattox Courthouse.


In 1867 he trekked from Salt Lake City to Austin, Nevada on foot accompanying mule freight teams. As so many early settlers in our state, he was attracted to the mining industry and would keep mine holdings throughout his life. He established and maintained a medical practice in Eureka for fourteen years. In 1884 Thoma, a Republican, was elected to the Nevada State Senate from Eureka County.

In 1887 he moved to Reno where he continued his political career. During his trips to the State Capital he met and soon married Alice Wilsey, a much younger woman, who was a teacher in

the Carson public schools. Sacramento pioneers; her parents arrived in California by way the Isthmus of Panama. Alice Wilsey was reputedly a woman of culture and "gracious presence," who became well known and respected throughout western Nevada. She was a Quaker and member of the Woman's Relief Corp. It was said she often stayed at the family-owned ranch in Fallon, Nevada.

Once in Reno, Thoma built a successful medical practice, working from his office at 111 North Virginia Street in the Thoma-Bigelow Building, located at the corner of West First and Virginia Streets (Listed in the Polk City Directory of 1909). In 1890 Thoma was appointed Director of the Nevada State Insane Asylum, serving until 1894. His interest in mental health reputedly stemmed from his experience with men going insane as they went through the trauma of amputation.

The Thoma's built a beautiful home on the south side of the river in one of the "finest residence portions" of Reno. Their address was 401 South Virginia Road, which today would be across from the Bruce Thompson Federal Court House. The Thoma's had two daughters, Bonnie Kate and Roxie Bigelow. Both were listed as students in the 1909 phone listings. Bonnie became the wife of Roy A. Hardy.

She and her husband lived for a time on the homestead on South Virginia Road, until they moved to the (Hardy) house on California Avenue. Bonnie Bigelow Thoma lived with her parents until Roy Hardy introduced her to George Wingfield. They soon married and lived in the Wingfield mansion on Court Street. 

Joan Collins is a Walking Tour Leader for HRPS and a frequent contributor to Footprints. She is employed by the Washoe County School District.

Sue White Broderdorf is a member of HRPS and is a retired teacher from Roy Gomm Elementary School.

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463 Roberts Street, the corner of Roberts and Wells, across from the Wells Avenue Apartments.

This home was originally built by Neil Carmichael in 1921. Mr. Carmichael had been a mining superintendent for many years at various locations in California before becoming the owner of the Arizona Silver Mine in Unionville, Nevada. As the mine started to play out Mr. Carmichael brought his family to Reno, bought a few acres on what is now Wells Avenue at Roberts and built the family homestead. Neil Carmichael's daughter, Verna Carmichael Minetto and her husband Andy raised their children Neil, June, and Carolyn in this home.

A few years after the completion of his home, Mr. Carmichael built the house immediately to the west in which Claude and Mary Koepf raised their children, Claudette and Jim. Claudette Koepf Edmiston is a HRPS member. 

Remembering Sage

By Sally Zanjani, Ph.D.

In 1931, my father brought his bride to their new home at the northwest corner where Urban meets Arlington, diagonally across from the Washoe County Golf Course, on what was once the outskirts of Reno. They named that property SAGE (SA for Sallie and GE for George). He was George Springmeyer, born on a pioneer Carson Valley ranch, gold rusher at Goldfield, former United States attorney, and a prominent Reno lawyer. She was Sallie; Sallie Maria Ruperti, an eastern socialite who came to Reno for a divorce, married her lawyer, and later became an attorney herself.

Driving north on Arlington, one passed a brown wooden fence, overgrown with honeysuckle, and beside a towering pin oak tree, turned past wrought iron gates into a driveway lined with old Dutch elms planted by a former resident. At the end, beneath a red tile roof, stood a white wooden house. However, the grounds, with elements of a farm and a park, were the most remarkable aspect of SAGE. Behind the house lay a large rose garden, with a hill pasture beyond. South of the gardener's cottage was the shed, where large numbers of chicks cheeped in a brooder each spring, and next to the shed the chicken house and


duck pond. Several rabbit hutches bordered a generously proportioned orchard that produced more apples than even my energetic mother could turn into sauce and cider. The orchard was separated from the large "victory garden" we kept during World War II by a long covered grape arbor walkway.

welcoming willows into anything – perhaps a Spanish castle or an Irish inn – depending on what book a child in the pre-television age had just been reading. It was a good world to be young in, with fine winter sledding on the steep hill east of Arlington and ice skating on the ponds beyond Plumb lane.



SAGE: The Springmeyer's Reno home, as it appeared on a winter day in the 1930s.

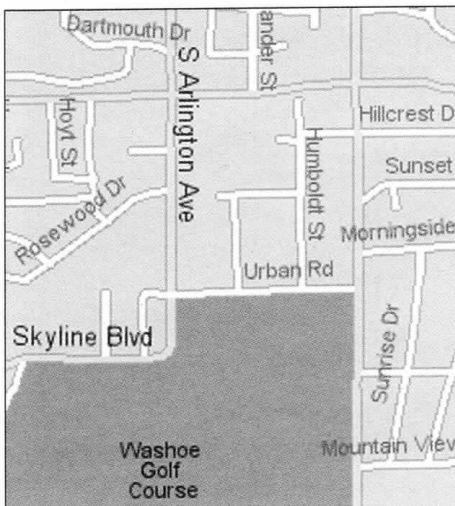
The size of the old trees at SAGE suggested a long history, and the place had its secrets and mysteries. Had there been an earlier house that survived in a single thick interior wall with a tiny stained glass window? If so, who had built it and how did it look? Why did my mother find two silver serving spoons in the chicken yard? And what about the floating story that a pole driven deep enough through the lawn would stike empty space, the basement of a sanitarium that had burned down? (I didn't believe that one.)

Now SAGE has also joined the ghosts, sold in the 1970s and replaced by development. I don't drive north on Arlington anymore. Sometimes historic preservation comes too late. 

Closer to the house lay a flower garden brimming with cosmos (my father's favorite) and Rembrandt tulips beside a lawn sprinkled with more apple trees. Just outside the living room window was a heart-shaped pond with a terrace of red peonies beyond. All this was more than my mother and the gardener could keep in good order, and a friend used to call our place – not wrongly – "Tanglewood."

On the north side of the house was a walled brick patio overlooking the stream and the big willow trees below the hill and the meadow beyond, where I flew my kite. Imagination could turn those

Descendant of the Springmeyer's, a pioneer Carson Valley family, Sally Zanjani received her Ph.D. from New York University and has been associated since 1975 with the political science department at the University of Nevada, Reno. She is the author of more than forty articles and seven nonfiction books, including *A Mine of Her Own: Women Prospectors in the American West, 1850 – 1950*, chosen as one of the top ten books of all time by the Mining History Association. The Nevada Women's History Project made her an honoree for her work on Nevada women. In 2000, she was chosen for the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame. She has just received the Evans Biography Award, a \$10,000 prize, for her newest book, *Sarah Winnemucca*. Sally Zanjani is a member of HRPS.




HRPS Celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Highways Exposition and the California Building

Completion of the Lincoln and Victory Highways California Celebrates by Building the California Building

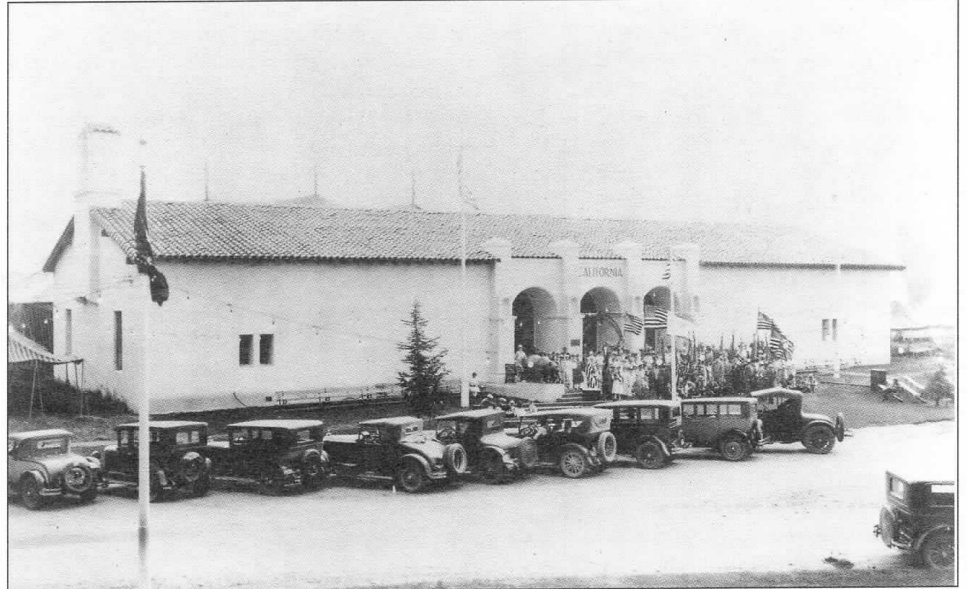
2002 marks the 75th Anniversary of the completion of both the Lincoln and Victory Highways, the first transcontinental highways in the United States. In today's world it is difficult to recall that in the 1920's remote American cities like Reno had always relied upon the railroad as their lifeline to the outside world. In the 1920's the automobile opened other options, and the new "Victory Highway," running right down 4th Street, guaranteed that Reno would reap huge rewards from the advent of the automobile.

To celebrate the ongoing work of the new Victory Highway (U.S. 40) and the final completion of the Lincoln Highway (US 50), Nevada and California sponsored the Transcontinental Highways Exposition from June 25 to August 1, 1927, in Reno. Idlewild Park became the site of the Exposition. The State of California built the California Building, offering it as a gift to the people of Nevada. The Exposition's carnival atmosphere added to Idlewild's usual attractions: an animal park, a fish hatchery, and a public campground in addition to exhibits from many of the Western states.

At the close of the Exposition the newspapers said that it helped travelers to discover that the "Great American Desert" could be easily reached and crossed by automobile, and further that it was not a desert at all, "but a vast region teeming with flourishing ranches, rich mining districts, and prosperous cities in a thriving American state." While the exposition did not draw the expected large crowds from throughout the nation, it did inform thousands of neighboring Californians that Reno was located just across the Sierra Nevada range, a few hours away. 

Editor's Note: Idlewild Park was acquired from the Francis G. Newlands Estate in May, 1923. The California Building is one of the most widely used assets in the City of Reno's park system.

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The California Building as it looked during the Exposition in 1927. California spent \$100,000 and two years getting the California Building and its displays ready for the Nevada Transcontinental Highways Exposition held in Idlewild Park. Reno contractor Joseph C. Dillard was awarded a \$23,333 contract to erect the building.

You are invited to join us at

HRPS Day at the Exposition Social

California Building at Idlewild Park
Friday evening, November 8, 2002

**Come celebrate the 75th Anniversary of
Nevada's Transcontinental Highways Exposition
and of the
California Building**

Funds earned from the event will help HRPS in its continuing effort to bring you our informative programs, walks and newsletters. Admission for the evening will be \$50 per person and will include dinner, music, and a few surprises. And remember: Twenties Exposition wear is optional.

Watch for your invitation in October.

HRPS Celebrates the 75th Anniversary (continued)

A Grand Day At the Exposition

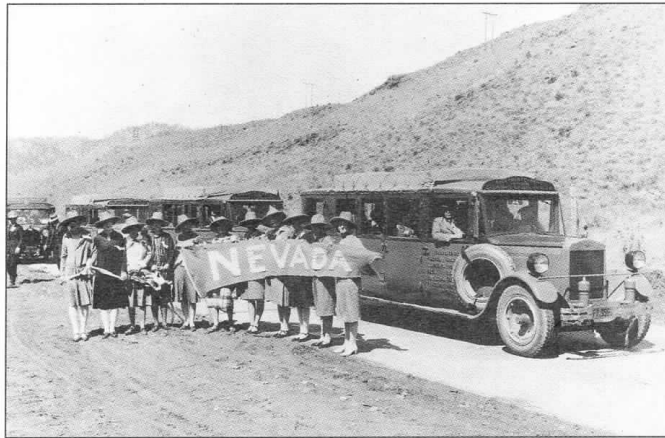
By Cindy Ainsworth

It's 1927 and I'm ten years old and I can't wait to go to the greatest thing that'll ever happen in Reno: Nevada's Transcontinental Highways Exposition, June 25 to August 1. I got the dates memorized 'cause I seen 'em so many times under the big arch downtown lit up with all the electric torches and the bulbs so bright they make me cover my eyes when I try to look right at 'em. At Mt. Rose Elementary School, teacher told us all about the Lincoln Highway and the new Victory Highway and how important they'll be to Nevada and to the whole country. And how the big celebration will be held right here in town!

I never thought it'd come, but summer's finally here. My pals and I been ridin' our bikes down to Idlewild Park to watch the workmen put up five giant tents big as palaces for the exhibits. I heard 'em say some words I can't tell Mom.

The whole family's gettin' ready. Mom's helping with the Nevada cultural displays at the State Building downtown by Powning Park. The building was specially built for the Exposition and it'll have Nevada's County exhibits too, just like at the State Fair. I can't figure out why she's so all-fired excited about things like shawls, hand-woven bedspreads, hand-painted china and antique crockery and such. Her favorite thing's what she calls a "lovely tatting made by the nimble fingers of none other than a man," somebody named J.H. Wise of Sparks, an engineer on the Southern Pacific. Sure hope he's watchin' where the train's goin' while he's tatting.

Dad can't wait for the automobile show. He keeps telling us how he read in the paper, "it will equal in artistic arrangement and beauty the great shows of New York and San Francisco." And he's already got tickets with his buddies to go to the big boxing match on the Fourth of July.



Nevada's Exposition booster delegation hits the road in these sixteen passenger stages to promote the event in principal cities in the northwest. Promotional photos often featured these ladies in ten-gallon hats.

I barely slept last night for all the talk in the house. Today's June 24th, and tomorrow's the Exposition. My aunt and uncle and my cousins from San Francisco just pulled up in their new Pontiac Six Deluxe Sedan. Dad's jealous and me too! They get to stay at the Tent Villa, right next to the Exposition entrance. The Villa'll have 1200 people staying there and folks say it's one of the most modern automobile camps ever. It even includes hotel service for every single guest. You wouldn't believe how many little shacks with half-moons on the doors they got lined up. I'm stayin' upwind.

Uncle Jack said the Lincoln Highway Truckee River road from San Francisco was in fine condition; that

is until they got to the state line. They hadn't finished oiling the gravel so they had to take a detour by way of the Dog Valley grade. Aunt Mabel said "The road was very rough in spots, but it was a good test for the new car." She was the one driving!

Finally. Finally it's beginning. Let's head for the hills everybody. Everybody jump in your cars to head for the hills to watch the opening ceremony. Governor Fred B. Balzar talks forever but then he finally opens the extravaganza by switching on ten thousand lights strung all along the main streets -- it looks like a big electric necklace that reaches from the business district, around the State Building, and all the way to the Exposition grounds by way of Riverside Drive. Everyone claps and shouts and throws their hats in the air. Reno's all lit up like a Christmas tree in June!

The big day's finally here. The family's impressed with the five tent palaces and the California Building where the exhibits are. We head for the Communities and Varied Industries tent. A giant model of the City of San Francisco, built to exact scale and showing every building and house in the city, is right inside the entrance. I specially like the California Building's Forestry exhibit. "Conservation or desolation?" it asks us, with pictures of a beautiful forest with wild game, trees, and streams. On the other side's the same forest all burned up, with nothing left but charred tree trunks and the skeleton of a little deer amongst the ashes. One tree has a sign telling us to be careful with fire. I sure will!

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HRPS Celebrates the 75th Anniversary (continued)

A Grand Day At the Exposition (continued)

After the tents, we watch the Loop-the-Loop bicycle act, ride the whip and the Ferris wheel at the carnival, and listen to the Neapolitan Trio performing on the Lake while I try to keep all the cotton candy and hotdogs down. But it's really the Wild West Show I've been waiting for all year. At 8 pm sharp, the family goes inside the big top. Dad says it holds 7000 people. The show's great! The best cowboys from all over the country are showin' us how to bulldog and tryin' to ride the worst buckers around. Champion roper Sam Garrett stands on his head on horseback and ropes four horses at once! Trick rider Bonny Gray jumps her horse over an

automobile filled with people. I know I'll always remember tonight.

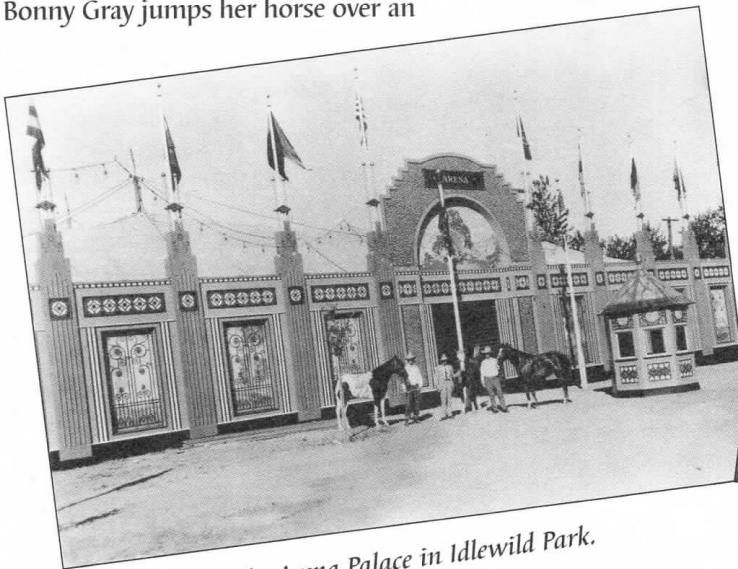
But we'll be back – still have to see Mom's exhibits at the State Building and the aerial show at the Reno airmail field and some crazy game called Auto Push Ball. It's gonna be a great summer!

And you, too, can be a kid again by attending the "HRPS Day at the Exposition Social" on Friday night, November 8, 2002. Come celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Exposition and of the California Building. 

Cindy Ainsworth is a founding member of HRPS and a terrific party planner. She currently serves on the HRPS Board as Director of Public & Community Relations.

Story information compiled from various 1927 Reno Evening Gazette accounts of Nevada's Transcontinental Highway Exposition.

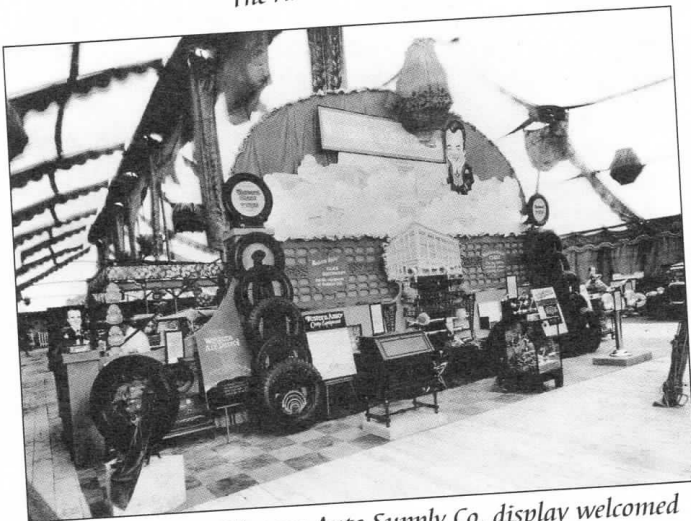
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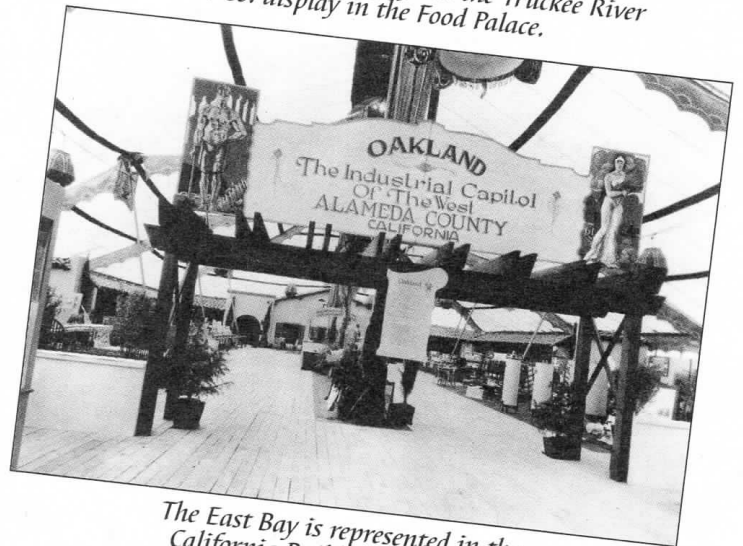
The Arena Palace in Idlewild Park.



"Cook with gas!" is the message from the Truckee River Power Co. display in the Food Palace.



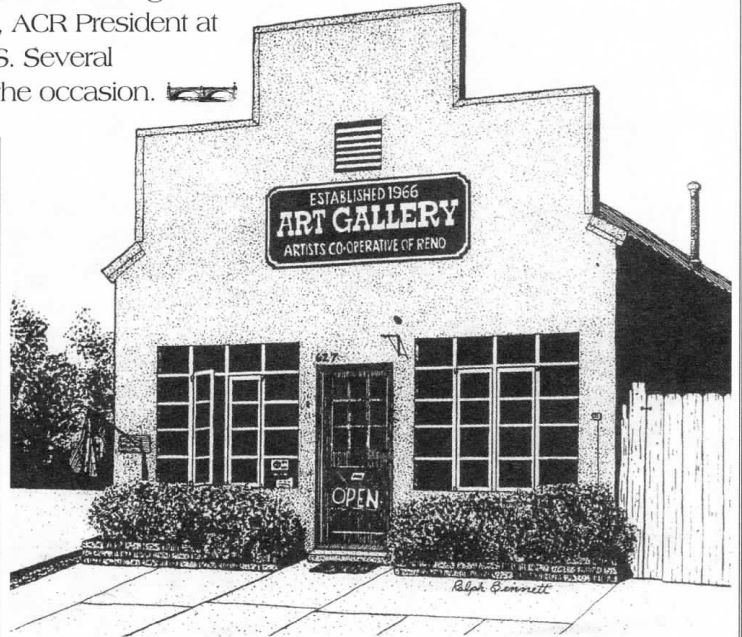
This impressive Western Auto Supply Co. display welcomed all entering the Automotive Palace.



The East Bay is represented in the California Building annex tent.

2002 PRESERVATION AWARD PRESENTED TO ARTIST'S CO-OP GALLERY

On May 22, 2002 HRPS presented the Artists Co-Op Gallery with an award for the "best continuous use of a Historic building." The award was presented to Mahree Roberts, ACR President at the McKinley Park School by the members of the HRPS. Several members of the ACR were present to commemorate the occasion.



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Hammer + Hand at Arlington Gardens is seeking a buyer to take over this unique Reno business. Sells articles for use in preservation and restoration – originals and quality reproductions.

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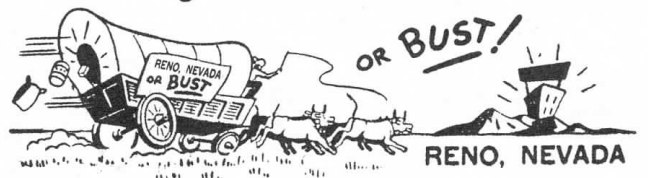
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- **Our theme:** Reno Or Bust: Sin And The American Roadside
- **Our dates:** September 25-28, 2002
- **Our venue:** The National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) and the Siena Hotel
- **Keynote** Alan Hess, author of *Googie: Fifties Coffee Shop Architecture*, *Viva Las Vegas* and other perennial favorites!
- **Speaker:**

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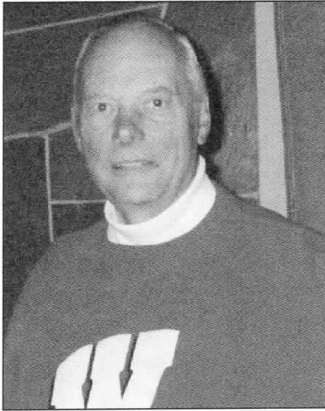
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News From the HRPS Board

New Board Member Duane Rasmussen



At the May Annual Meeting HRPS members elected Duane Rasmussen to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors. Duane was placed in nomination by the nominating committee to address a HRPS goal of promoting diversity of viewpoint in decision-making. His background in chemical engineering and industrial management brings with it a disciplined business mind helping to balance our highly creative board.

Duane will serve on the By-laws Committee, the Finance Committee, and when the time comes (and it will) the Personnel Committee.

Duane and his wife Carol, have lived in Reno for 16 years. They are the parents of 2 sons and 1 daughter and 6 grandchildren. Duane hails from the heart of the beautiful coulee region, LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Carol is a former President of the Reno-Sparks Newcomers. He is Vice President & General Manager of Reno-based Itronics, Inc. Itronics collects liquid photochemical waste (a hazardous waste), removes the silver at 99.999% for purity and converts the residual into a top rated fertilizer.

Welcome aboard, Duane! 

Question 1, the Nevada Parks and Wildlife Bond Measure


Nevada is the fastest growing state in the nation. Our population has increased by 60 percent since 1990, and is projected to grow by another 1.5 million people (or 78 percent) by the year 2018.

The pressures of urban growth and changing land use are spurring a growing commitment by public officials, business leaders, ranchers and families to respond to the challenges that face our rapidly growing state. Increasingly, people recognize that our beautiful landscapes and accessible wild areas are quintessentially Nevada.


Question 1 will appear on the ballot November 5, 2002. This initiative will raise

\$200 million of general obligation bonds for a broad range of conservation and natural resource projects across the state. It is the first time since 1990 that a proposal for statewide funding for preservation of our waters, our natural areas and wildlife has been submitted to the voters.

On June 6, 2002, the HRPS Board of Directors chose to join The Nevada Nature Conservancy in support of Question 1. We encourage you to join us and help pass this worthy and timely measure.

For additional information, contact The Nature Conservancy - Hazel Wong at (702) 737-8744, or Ame Hellman at (775) 322-4990. 

New Board Member: Pat Klos

At the August 1, 2002 HRPS Board meeting, the Board appointed Pat Klos to the seat vacated by Leanne Stone. In addition to serving on the HRPS Board, Klos will serve as Walking Tour Chair. Welcome, Pat. It seems you've come full circle (see story page 1)! 

HRPS Volunteer Hosts at the Riverside


By Kathy Wishart, HRPS President

They came from all over: Chicago, Miami, Fort Worth, and Winnipeg, as well as from near-by locations such as Auburn, Sacramento, Reno, and Sparks. Jackie Drews and I inaugurated the HRPS Volunteer Hosts Program at the Riverside Gallery on July 6, 2002. Fifty-two visitors signed the guest register. Many of them were intent upon seeing the Artown "Counting Sheep" displays, and the Sierra Arts Foundation Gallery has the "Dirty Harry Downwinder" on display. There are 19 of the 26 sheep within walking distance of the downtown arts district.

Thanks to Jackie, we completed the HRPS telephone installation, as well as setting up voice mail. We both were delighted with the number of visitors to the Gallery, and met interesting and gracious people. Questions asked of us primarily revolved around the Artist's Lofts and Artown events.

Having a physical presence in the arts district is a giant step forward for HRPS, and we are grateful to Sierra Arts Foundation for providing this opportunity. At the same time, we are providing SAF with better exposure through extended Gallery "open" hours, thanks to our HRPS volunteers. 

Call For Volunteers Hosts at the Riverside

Would you be interested in serving on the "HRPS Desk" at the Sierra Arts Foundation gallery at the Riverside for 2 to 4 hours a week, or a month? There will be the telephones to answer, SAF has printed materials to use as resources, and a coming events calendar. For those who are interested, we have set up a training program, which requires 60 to 90 minutes of your time. Training dates are Friday, September 6, 9:30 am and Saturday, September 14, 9:30 am, both at the Riverside Conference Room. Please give Nancy Holmes a call at 852-2094 and say you'll help out at HRPS at the Riverside. 

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Renewal Membership

(As of March 21, 2002)

Dave & Delores Aiazzi	Ginnie & Bob Kersey
Cindy & Tom Ainsworth	Bonnie Kimmel
Joan Arrizabalaga	Willis & Ethel Kleinsasser
Robert & Sandra Backus	Kenneth & Victoria Krater
Carrol Baird	Bill & Doris Leonesio
Trip, Margaret, & Molly Barthel	Susan Lombardi
Dana Bennett	Phinnie & Brynne Marsh
Dean Bradt	Marty, Steve, Molly, & Bernie Matles
Lynn Bremer	Joyce McCarty
Sarah Britt	Ann McCarty
Holly & Kel Buchanan	Charlotte & Dick McConnell
Joanie Buonamici	Joe McKenna
Carol & Sam Coleman	Lawrence & Haydee Meeker
Megan Condon	Kathryn "Sug" Miles
Lois & Len Crocker	Robert Morrill
Judy & Steve Dollinger	Jean Neddenriep
Theresa Frisch	Tony & Nettie Oliverio
Italo & Gloria Gavazzi	Daryl Pelizzari
Lavone Gelder	Carrie Townley Porter
Fritz & Evelyn Grupe	Duane & Carol Rasmussen
Mike & Nanette Harker	Cheri Ridenour
Judy & Ken Heitzenrader	Gary Roberts
Mary Ellen Horan	Jack & Lyndi Cooper-Schroeder
Beverly & Duke Hubbard	Anne & Don Simone
Pete Jeffalone	June Stansbury
David Judd	Thomas Swart
Barbara Keller	Holly Young

New Members

(As of March 21, 2002)

Suzanne Lee Adams	Margaret McKinley
Jim & Lani Bonar	Joni Meredith
Elaine Brady	Ann & Gordon Milldrum
Peter & Kathy Breen	Richard & Betty Mills
Anna Buckner	Sunny Minedew
Dawn Bunker	Joan Nicolls
Ray Callis	Ann & Jon North
Don & Cindy Cavallo	Ted & Nanette Oleson
Lainie Cody	Harrell & Patti Oxner
Ralph & Barbara Courtney	Catherine Phillips
Barbara Day	Connie & Jeff Pilliod
Kara Geiger	Connie Remde
Diane & Larry Grulke	Pat Sandstrom
Peter Hahn	Hannah Satica
Carolyn Handy	Carolynn Shamberger
Joan Haskell	Kathleen Shane
Karin Hensel	Barbara Siemann
Dona Jeppson	Loretta Starbuck
Vicki Jewell	Robert & Kay Stoldal
Carol & Dennis Johnson	Linda Stone
Keith Jourdin	Carla Sugarman
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FALL PROGRAMS 2002

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All program events are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm, at Mt. Rose school (Lander St., between Taylor and LaRue, just off Arlington Ave.), unless otherwise noted.

Friday, September 6, or Saturday, September 14; 9:30 am, Training session for HRPS Volunteer Hosts at the Riverside, in the Riverside Conference Room. Call Nancy Holmes, 852-2094 to reserve (*see story page 10*).

September 25, 2002: Truckee Meadows Remembered, Nevada Barn Heritage. Jack Hursh, Nevada Photographer, preservation of Nevada Barns and old ranching photos; presents the old, natural, unpaved Nevada.

October 23, 2002: The Lincoln Highway, A Social History. Phil Earl, Curator Emeritus of the Nevada Historical Society, Historian, retired Curator of History at NHS and retired long-time author of the RGJ column This Was Nevada.

Friday, November 8, 2002: HRPS Day at the Exposition Social at the California Building in Idlewild Park. Dinner, music, and surprises. \$50 per person. Invites will be sent in October (*see pages 6-8*).

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