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August 2017 Newsy Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

General meeting on Sept. 24: You are warmly invited to attend a General Meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 1:30 pm, at the Carriage House. No reservations are necessary. After a brief business meeting, there will be a walk-through of the Foreman-Roberts House so you can see, hear, and hopefully not smell smoke from the fires. Repairs to the Foreman-Roberts House will be pointed out. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 24th.

General
Membership
Meeting

CCHS's IRS status restored: We have it! Our IRS 501(c)(3) status is restored effective December 22, 2016, which means all of 2016's donations are exempt. If you contributed money or donated an item in 2016 or 2017, please contact our Treasurer, MIKE WILLIAMS, 775-882-4460, to have your name placed on a list for the "official" tax exemption form. Regaining the exemption was a long, arduous journey, and we thank MIKE WILLIAMS for his professional assistance in the successful completion. Dues are NOT exempted.



Dolls and Teddy Bears sale: In October CCHS is hosting a Dolls and Teddy Bears sale. If you have dolls or teddy bears in very good or excellent condition to donate for the sale, please call PAULA at 775-887-8865. We need helpers to make this sale a success. Perhaps you can donate a couple of hours? Date has not been selected as yet.

Ice Cream Social: The Aug. 12th Ice Cream Social had ice cream, pleasant weather, oldies-but-goodies music, items from the Foreman-Roberts House to purchase, but not many of you. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss upcoming events. We enjoy your company.

Newsy Letter: Paul Cannon writes, "My resignation is on hold until someone steps up to the plate to write the Newsy Letter. I thought there would be several volunteers from much better writers than me. Your source of information is the monthly Board Meeting. PLEASE seriously consider volunteering. Contact GARY CAIN, 775-885-7643, for further details or to volunteer."

Preserving Carson City History

by Debbie Lane, Second VP, CCHS

The history of Carson City is replete with wonderful stories about local places and people, such as the Capitol, the Carson Mint, the Nevada

State Children's Home, the Nevada State Prison, the Chinese who lived and worked here, Carson City residents and Nevada founders who created

and shaped Nevada history (such as Abraham Curry, William Stewart, Charles W. Friend, James Nye, Duane Bliss, Hannah Clapp, Judge Clark Guild, and many others), the impact of the Comstock Lode, the V&T Railroad, the Corbett-



Fitzsimmons fight, and on and on. We want the CCHS to tell these stories!

The arson fires at the Foreman-Roberts

House last year created an opportunity for the CCHS Board to rethink and clarify our organization's mission and collections policy. As we regretfully returned some of the contents of the house to their rightful owners (such as the Nevada State Museum) and moved the rest to the Carriage House for storage, the Board decided to align our collections policy more closely with our stated mission: "...to collect, preserve and present the history of Carson City for research and educational purposes for the public at large." To this end, we have researched collections policies of other historical societies, had a speaker come talk to the Board about collection

approaches, and subsequently decided to take a fresh approach to the Carson City Historical Society's future focus in the Foreman-Roberts House.

A committee has been formed of several Board members and interested members to review each of the items we have moved to the Carriage House to assess the "Carson City connection" of each item. Is it somehow connected to Carson City history? Where was it made? How did we acquire it? Would it help us tell a Carson City story? Items that do not seem to fit these guideline are being considered for sale or return to the original donor, if we have that information in our files. The items that we know fit our mission will be cataloged and marked and placed back into the house when it is ready. This group of volunteers has been hard at work over the summer, and we thank everyone for their time and commitment to this tedious but vital work!

If you see we have items for sale, know that each one has been carefully reviewed and assessed for its "fit" with the Historical Society's purpose. Thank you for your support of our efforts.

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Cowboy Poetry

Cowboy poetry gathering: Just a reminder that it's time to register for the 34th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko (Jan. 29 to Feb. 3, 2018). For information, see www.nationalcowboypoetrygathering.org. Tickets go on sale to Western Folklife Center members on September 5th. The general public can buy tickets starting October 5th.

Sincerely,

Carson City Historical Society Board

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