

MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2017

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

GLORIA ALTENREUTHER
KEN ALTENREUTHER
RICHARD ALTENREUTHER
Mark Barlow
Sheri Barlow
Angie Timmons Bauer
Richard Bauer
ANDREW BAUM
RUSTY BELL
DAVID BENNETT
PHYLLIS BENNETT
LISA BENNETT
JAYE BOND
PAUL BOND
GEORGE BOUCHER
JANIS BOUCHER
JESSE BRAATZ
RICARDA BRAATZ
MAURA BRAATZ
ROBIN BRAATZ
MARY BRADBURY
RICHARD BRADBURY
JOHN CARPENTER
ROSEANN CARPENTER
DAVE CHRISTIANSEN
KRIS CHRISTIANSEN
ELIZBETH CLAWSON
ROBERT CLAWSON

W. JAMES CLAWSON
KARIN B. CLAWSON
PATRICK CLAWSON
SUE A. COUTTS
WILLIAM C. DANIELS
PAT DOLAN
LORELL DOLAN
STEVEN DOUGHTY
JENEEN DOUGHTY
BEN DOUGHTY
SYDNEY DOUGHTY
TOM DOUGHTY
CAROLE DOUGHTY
EDWARD DWYER
WILLIAM DURBIN
BRIAN ELMORE
THERESA ELMORE
DARIN ELMORE
WIN ELMORE
LARRY EVANS
MARGIE EVANS
SALLY FELT
KEN FOX
GLORIA GARAVENTA
BARBARA GENEY
ANNA GEMPERIE
PAUL GEMPERIE

JOHN GOMES
GLORIA GOMES
AUSTIN HALL
JOAN M. HALL
JAN JACKSON
SHEREE JENSEN
RON JOHNSON
JOEY KELSEY
ROB MAZZONE
ROCHELLE MAZZONE
ERIC MORTARA
ANN MORTARA
JACK MELUGIN
DEANA MELUGIN
FRANK MYERS
VIRGINIA MYERS
ARLENE NEWBOLD
CHARLES NEWBOLD

BRAD PEARCE
DAVID PINCOLINI
RICHARD PINCOLINI
MARY PINCOLINI
MARGUARITE POWRIE
JERRY PUTNAM
SUSAN PUTNAM
GERTRUDE A. RAMOS

ADELE ROBERTS
DONALD ROBERTS
ANDREE ROSE
CARL ROSE
CHARICE SCHENNUM
JIM SCHENNUM
~~DAWN SERRANO~~
MIKE SHANKS
BILL SMALES
JERRY SMITH
MARY SMITH
BOB SNELLGROVE
NANCY SNELLGROVE
BETH TIMMONS STERN
ERIC STERN
FRANK SULLIVAN
JULIA SULLIVAN
LESTER SWEENEY
KATHLEEN TAYLOR
JORDAN THOMPSON
KAYCEE THOMPSON
ERIC WEGREN
KALLI WEGREN
JIM WILKING
SALLY WILKING
DANA WILLIS
CLAUDIA WINES

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY

LEN BERG FAMILY
JOHN & SUE DAVIS
GREG & CAROLYN FERRARO
RICK & LYNN ISAEFF
JIM & CAROL JOHNSON
SKIP & DORRY POWELL
JIM & PAT SWISHER
MIKE & SHARON WADDELL

INDIVIDUAL

DAN BENNETT
JOAN BENNETT
DANA BENNETT
COREY CASCI
ART CIMIJOTTI
RON GRANATA (DCSD)
SHANNON JACKSON
BOB LUKENS

BROOKE MATTHEWS
RICHARD MATTHEWS
BEV MATTSON (DCSD)
LES MATTSON (DCSD)
PAM MORTARA
PAULA SCHEULLER
TONY SCHEULLER

KEITH THOMPSON
SHERI THOMPSON
GUS WEGREN
LORI WEGREN
BEVERLY WHITE

ADDITIONAL GIFTS OF CASH, PROPERTY OR MEMBERSHIPS

LOTS OF HELP FROM MANY PEOPLE

Gloria Garaventa: Building and cabinet and many old tools. **Rick & Lynn Isaeff:** Very old electric washing machine and much back-hoe time. **Jim & Pat Swisher:** old, hand made hutch from the "Berlin Place" so called because it was the early 1900s home of a man named Berlin who worked with a stage company. It is now the **Swisher Place**. **Eric & Beth Stern:** Singer pedal-driven sewing machine cabinet. **Mitch and Peggy Unger:** old washing machine from Brown's Canyon and much help in bringing materials to Midas. **Carol Jackson:** Round Ice Box, two old cabinets, a saddle for the leather shop display and a myriad of household items that can all be displayed. **Shannon Jackson** and **Dana Bennett** hauled many of the larger items to Midas. **Joan & Dan Bennett:** sewing machine, labeled spice and commodity tins, milk can and butter churn. **Mike Waddell & Sharon Newbold:** furnished gas for vehicles for FOM for entire summer. **Bev White:** bottles, butter churn, sad iron and miscellaneous. **Mark & Sheri Barlow:** a Clorox bottle with the original Bakelite cap and a fire box and forge for the blacksmith shop. Several years ago **Bob & Ida Unger** donated an old Montgomery Ward "one-lunger" to FOM. **Rick Isaeff** spotted it in storage and volunteered to take it to his home to restore the machine to running condition. This restored generator will be a part of the laundry and seamstress shop exhibit. **Tony & Paula Scheuller:** wood bucket, sad iron and scrub board. A few years ago, **Jerry and Susan Putnam**, with their two sons, **Dustin and Bryce** were frequent visitors to Midas along with Jerry's Mom and Dad, **Loraine and Scott Putnam**. The Putnam boys decided to donate some of grandpa's mining tools, a beautiful wood stove, and miscellaneous items to FOM where they will be displayed for all to enjoy. **Tina and Page Adkins**, present owners of the Midas bistro, donated a couple of vintage wood ironing boards. By the way, these two people have done an outstanding job of rejuvenating the bar and restaurant. FOM has a couple of beautiful old items; a working table top Zenith radio from the 30's and an old ornate brass National cash register which have been put on loan to be displayed by the **Adkins**. Items like these deserve to be placed for all to enjoy rather than allowed to get lost in the inventory in some warehouse. Arizona friends **Jim & Jan Gulka** gave FOM a great deal on the cash register. Another Arizona friend, **Brenda Suneson**, gave FOM a deal that could not be refused on some vintage items which have already been placed on display.

2017 was a good year for FOM cash and property donations: Several members donated cash in addition to membership renewals. FOM is a non-profit Nevada corporation that qualifies for federal donations under IRS regulations. A life time member has set aside some real property to be deeded to Friends of Midas.....this very wise tax move will allow the donor to enjoy the use of the property during his life time and remove the property from his estate for valuation purposes. There are parcels for sale in Midas which will probably not draw the asking price and would yield the best return if donated to Friends of Midas.

Call FOM at 520-744-8765 to understand how this little known federal tax break can work for you.

BROWN CANYON: MARTIN AND ANNIE BROWN

The Browns lived at the place pictured on the back cover over one hundred years ago. The building still stands but Martin and Annie don't.... and haven't for many years. Like many men of his era, Martin Brown was a blacksmith and mechanic. He worked on automobiles, sold gas and oil and occasionally did miscellaneous jobs for some of the miners. Many of the boxes in which he received gasoline have been salvaged from the old garage. The garage building where Martin worked caved in under the weight of the snow a few years ago, but the blacksmith shop still stands. A look at a tunnel which he dug, as well as the structure he used for blacksmithing, would suggest he was relatively short. Several times he made chokecherry wine in galvanized metal tubs. He must have used these same tubs in his welding projects because this is a dangerous combination which creates toxic fumes when heated. Apparently he inhaled enough of the fumes to cause health problems because he died from galvanized poisoning in the 40's and is buried in Winnemucca.

Annie, who was married to Martin Sanders before she was married to Martin Brown, lived in the place located at what is now called Brown Canyon. Perhaps if Martin Brown had not wandered into Annie's life, the canyon would have been known as Sanders Canyon? Much of Annie's time in those many years was occupied doing laundry for others in town. Evelyn Sabin recalled that Annie would go out each day to gather small twigs which had fallen around her place. She used them to start fires each morning for cooking and for heat. After the town dwindled Annie lived in utter poverty until a daughter came from California in the mid fifties and moved her mother out of Midas.....never to return! In the early sixties, a group of people (they were called hippies then) decided to move into the Brown Place and other abandoned places. Many of the furnishings in these early places were removed from Midas.

Many people responded to our plea for items which can, and will be used for the laundry and seamstress display. The building is in place and some changes have been made to better view the contents. It is planned there will be a skylight which should light up all of the inside. FOM has received so many kitchen items that an add-on to the existing structure will be needed to display all of the pertinent items. A range FOM has had for several years is one of the earliest models of Wedgewood. This stove was manufactured in the 1890s.

There is a listing included with this newsletter which names of the donors of artifacts for the laundry and seamstress shop and other displays. Any items you may have which will add to the authenticity of these early 1900s displays we will gladly pick up. Anything used between 1900 and 1940 will work.

Give us a call at FOM 520-744-8765

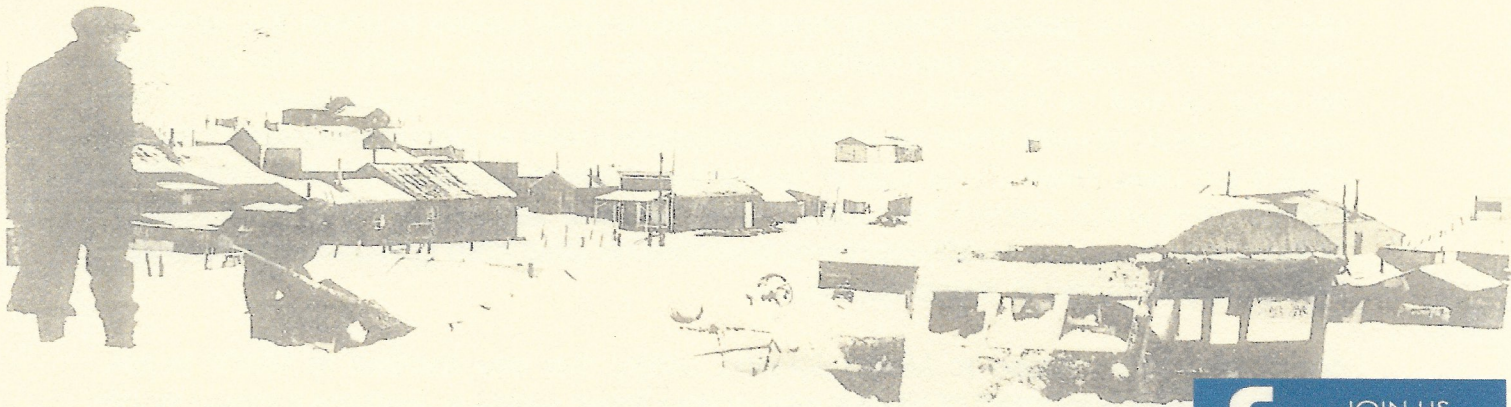


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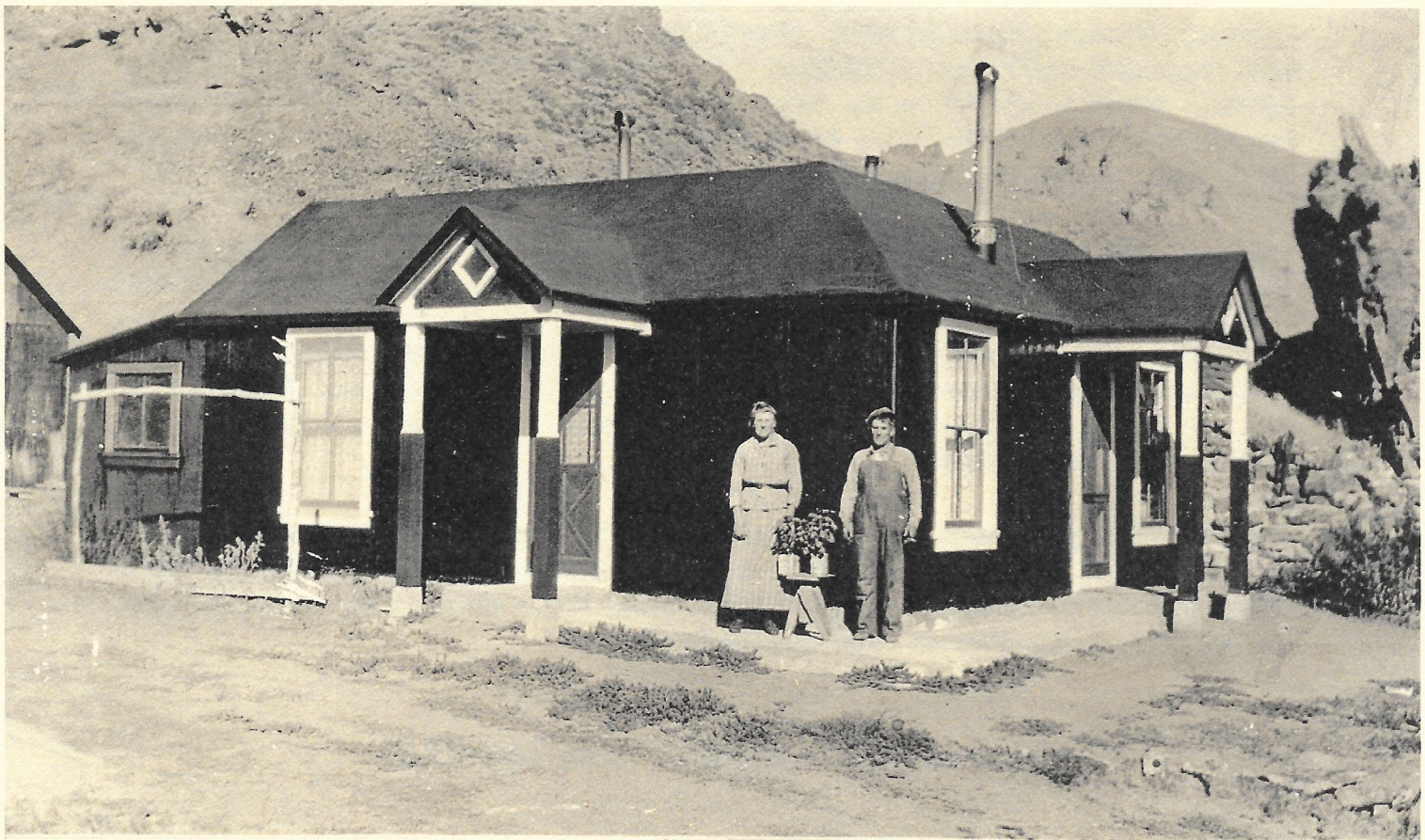
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Martin and Annie Brown at their home in Midas, Nevada