



## Friends of Midas

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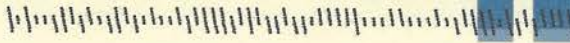
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STAGE  
JA  
**GOMES**  
- DAILY -  
GOLCONDA

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT  
**JOHN A. GOMES**  
IS THE LICENSED DRIVER OF THE  
- 1912 -  
CADILLAC TOURING AUTO

Getting to Midas from just about anywhere in the early 1900s could be difficult..... but the Gomes Family business in Golconda made it much more tolerable when they offered their customers a ride in a bran spankin' new 1912 Cadillac touring car. The Gomes Family owned and operated the Hot Springs Hotel & Store in Golconda. They offered rooms, hot baths, mining supplies and transportation to the many miners of the mining districts like Gold Circle Mining District.



# MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

GLORIA ALTENREUTHER

KEN ALTENREUTHER

RICHARD ALTENREUTHER

Mark Barlow

Sheri Barlow

DAVID BENNETT

PHYLLIS BENNETT

LISA BENNETT

JAYE BOND

PAUL BOND

GEORGE BOUCHER

JANIS BOUCHER

DAVID BRADY

SUE COUTTS

DeLONG DANIELLE

LORELL DOLAN

RYAN DOLAN

PAT DOLAN

CAROLE DOUGHTY

JENEEN DOUGHTY

STEVEN DOUGHYY

TOM DOUGHTY

BILL DURBIN

BETTY ELLIOTT

BRIAN ELMORE

THERESA ELMORE

DARIN ELMORE

ARNOLD ETCHEBERRY

LARRY EVANS

MARGIE EVANS

SALLY FELT

GENE GABICA

GLORIA GARAVENTA

ANNA GEMPERIE

PAUL GEMPERIE

BARBARA GENEY

GLORIA GOMES

JOHN GOMES

JOAN HALL

JANICE JACKSON

RON JOHNSON

ROB MAZZONE

ROCHELLE MAZZONE

ERIC MORTARA

ANN MORTARA

JACK MELUGIN

DEANA MELUGIN

FRANK MYERS

VIRGINIA MYERS

ARLENE NEWBOLD

CHARLES NEWBOLD

BRAD PEARCE

RANDY PENNINGTON

DAVID PINCOLINI

RICHARD PINCOLINI

MARY PINCOLINI

MARGUARITE POWRIE

ROGER PUCCINELLI

JERRY PUTNAM

SUSAN PUTNAM

BRYCE PUTNAM

DUSTIN PUTNAM

GERTRUDE A. RAMOS

MIKE SHANKS

BILL SMALES

JERRY SMITH

MARY SMITH

BOB SNELGROVE

NANCY SNELGROVE

CHERI SWEENEY

LESTER SWEENEY

JORDAN THOMPSON

KAYCEE THOMPSON

BARBARA TIMMONS

GENE TIMMONS

ERIC WEGREN

KALLI WEGREN

DANA WILLIS

CLAUDIA WINES

TERRY BOYLE

GARY KLUG

WES WALKERR

## LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

### FAMILY INDIVIDUAL

LEN BERG FAMILY

JOHN & SUE DAVIS

GREG & CAROLYN FERRARO

RICK & LYNN ISAEFF

JIM & CAROL JOHNSON

SKIP & DORRY POWELL

RAMONA RENO

ERIC & BETH STERN

JIM & PAT SWISHER

MIKE & SHARON WADDELL

DAN BENNETT

JOAN BENNETT

DANA BENNETT

COREY CASCI

ART CIMIJOTTI

RON GRANATA

SHANNON JACKSON

BOB LUKENS

BROOKE MATTHEWS

RICHARD MATTHEWS

BEV MATTSON

LES MATTSON

PAM MORTARA

PAULA SCHEULLER

TONY SCHEULLER

KEITH THOMPSON

SHERI THOMPSON

GUS WEGREN

LORI WEGREN

BEVERLY WHITE

**GIFTS OF CASH, PROPERTY AND VINTAGE DISPLAY ITEMS CAME FROM"**  
**CAROL JACKSON, TONY & PAULA SCHEULLER, MARK & SHERI BARLOW, ANGELO**  
**GRANATA, BEVERLY WHITE, JERRY & SUE PUTNAM, DAVE & PHYLISS BENNETT,**  
**GLORIA GARAVENTA, ARNOLD ETCHEBERRY, ART CIMIJOTTI, BOB LUKENS, DAN & JOAN**  
**BENNETT, RICK & LYNN ISAEFF, STEVE MCLAIN, SALLY FELT, PAUL & JAYE BOND,**  
**DEDE DELONG, MIKE & CATHY PATTERSON, RALPH & CAROL COPPOLA, JAMES &**  
**YVONNE THORNTON, MITCH & PEGGY UNGER, DANA BENNETT, SHANNON JACKSON**





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**February, 2019**

Everything considered, 2018 was a very good year for FOM.

Thanks to the generosity of two lifetime members, FOM shared in the proceeds of the sale of their real property. There can be some tax advantages to include real estate in your donations.

Also, two Individual Lifetime memberships were purchased. Annual memberships were better than usual and donations were very good. Ramona Reno expressed her satisfaction with the mission of FOM by purchasing an Individual Lifetime Membership as did Eric and Beth Stern. Beth is a granddaughter to Edna and Tim Timmons and plans to put a lot of work and renovation in the Timmons Place.

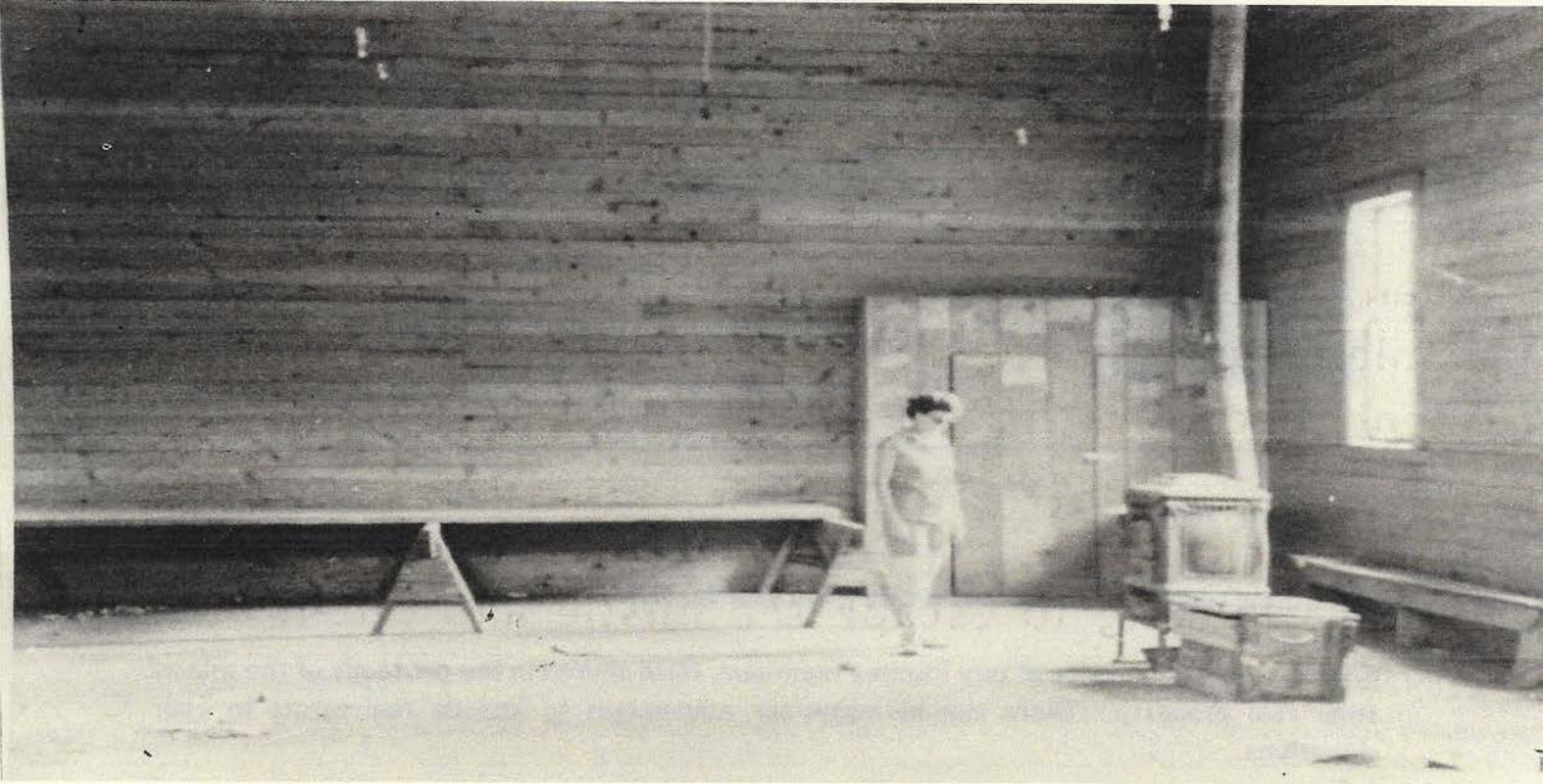
FOM made a real headway on the laundry/seamstress display with a new corrugated tin roof. The board and batten siding and corrugated tin roof were costs over and above what had been estimated. On the drawing board is a carpentry/leather shop. This storage building will allow all to view the many tools and machines in a real life setting. The heavy duty leather sewing machine, used originally at the Lower Clover Ranch, will be one of several leather related tools and leather items on display.

The cemetery required some serious fencing repairs and tie replacement. We will be rebuilding the entrance this coming summer. It was blown over in the heavy wind of a couple of years ago.

We have plans to construct two signs which will make a statement about the interesting history of this mining town. We have several projects which could use your help. Give us a call at the above cell number and we will put you to work.....or you can grab an easy chair, lean back and watch the corrugated tin rust! Help us with your cash donations and vintage items we can display.

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**Mary Wilkerson at the old town hall in the early 1960's after it was no longer used.. The Midas Town Hall was located where the Midas Fire Station is now. The hall was used for many activities over the years and it is anticipated the Midas Fire Station will also be used as a community center. The Fourth of July celebration for 2019 will be held Saturday, July 6th. The parade participants will meet at the Fire Station at 11:00AM. Food and festivities will follow.**





## THE FINE PRINT

There has been, seemingly forever, Nevada lore around that says if you get a drink out of Spring Creek before leaving, you will return some day. We have no record of who gets a drink and who doesn't, but here are some friends who recently found their way back to Midas.

**Dave Arnold** was the hay boss for **Ellison Ranching Company** a few years ago. He is one of those people who works hard and plays hard and enjoys his life with a good sense of humor. Full of stories about the people who worked around him, Dave is married and restores old cars..... **Steve McClain**, is another ex-Ellison employee with a lot of stories about the good ol' days. Steve was a cowboy, a silversmith, a wagon restorer, a rancher and now a miner. **Dave Brady** made an appearance to visit some friends and see if the town was the same as it was when he left several years ago. He has nurtured an interest in the history of Nevada and Midas and looks forward to lending the knowledge he has acquired. **Yvonne Griffith** said it has been about 30 years since she was last in Midas. She was seen walking with a couple of granddaughters. Her son is **Angelo Granata**. He has moved back from Arizona to his beloved Nevada and Midas. In the good old days, the **Putnam Family** headed for Midas on the weekends. They owned the place that Angelo owns now. **Jerry and Sue** shopped around this last year and found some vintage items FOM will use in displays. A beautiful old chest of drawers, now displayed at the laundry/seamstress shop was among the many items which came from their own family. **Lester Sweeney** grew up on the **Squaw Valley Ranch** where his dad was the ranch manager from the mid thirties to the early fifties. **Lester** is a recognized historian of this area and has a myriad of experiences he loves to talk about. He prepared a written narrative of his life at the ranch and in Midas in the 40's where he attended school. He also brought several old items, such as the **Rebel Creek Ranch** apple press that was given to his dad and an original clock from the **Midas School**. His brother, **Patrick Sweeney** gets credit for saving the clock. Among many other things, **Lester and his wife Cheri** made it possible for FOM to acquire a sewing machine for heavy leather items which was used at the **Lower Clover Ranch** and some vintage personal items of "**Hungry Joe**" **Harvath**, who was once a bar owner in Midas a long time ago. Lester's long time friend, **Gene Timmons and his wife, Barbara**, returned to Midas with an old mining wheelbarrow which played a significant role in their marriage ceremony. **Gene and Barbara's** daughter, **Beth (Timmons) Stern and her husband, Eric** are in the process of restoring the Timmons' place to its original splendor. After a year-long absence, a father and son, **Keith and Jordan Thompson** teamed up for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July horseshoe tournament and won the championship. Want to come back?? Be sure to drink above the herd!!



## TRAVEL/NEVADA said:

"Even though Midas most certainly faced some challenges, the town has never been completely abandoned. Electricity was introduced to the community in 1989 and the town barely survives today. A handful of people live in Midas, mostly hunting enthusiasts or retirees looking to escape the hustle and bustle of big city life.

With the main street comprised of dilapidated ghost town relics peppered with new, fancy hunting lodges, the combination of old and new makes any time spent in Midas fascinating. Visitors will find that there are no services here, except a tried and true Nevada staple: a bar. Travelers can enjoy the Midas Bighorn Saloon after exploring interesting ruin, but travelers beware...even this establishment has limited open-for-business hours. Changing seasonally, the Midas Bighorn Saloon is typically open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings to refresh road-weary explorers.

Be sure to check out unfathomably cool artifacts like the old fueling station, complete with a fuel pump and rusty truck, weathered sarsaparilla signs contrasting aged buildings and even some old mining equipment. Most certainly a wanderer's utopia, everyone must opt for an afternoon in Midas. It certainly will be an experience you won't forget."