

Friends of Midas



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Dear Friends of Midas:

For the past 25 years, this nonprofit organization has worked diligently to collect, preserve, and present the history of this small Nevada mining town. It was created in 1995 by several Midas enthusiasts and quickly grew to encompass hundreds of supporters, volunteers, and members. Over that time, nearly 500 individuals have joined Friends of Midas (FOM) for at least a year. So far, in 2020, FOM can count 38 lifetime members and 67 annual members.

As you may have heard, one of FOM's key founders and its President, Dan Bennett, left us on May 25th of this year. He will surely be missed, but I'm pleased to pick up Dad's baton—especially now that my husband and I live in Midas full-time—and continue FOM's mission. I'm working with the Board and the membership to continue Dad's many projects, including the annual newsletter. I'm also looking forward to updating the website and adding much more digital content. FOM surely has many more great years to come.

Many thanks are due to the following folks who have graciously contributed their time and efforts to FOM during these past few months:

- Mitch and Peggy Unger and their grandkids have ensured that the Midas schoolyard has been a welcome place for visiting kids to play.
- Kenny Altenreuther regularly mows the Midas Park and maintains the equipment.
- Theresa Elmore mowed the spring weeds at the Midas Cemetery.
- Page Adkins continues to sell the Midas history book at the Midas Bighorn Saloon where he has also provided a new home for the Jack Dempsey sign.

Virus willing, Dad's life will be celebrated on Sunday, September 6, 2020, at 3 pm in the Midas Park. Updates will be provided on the FOM website (FriendsofMidas.org) and on Dad's memorial website (ForeverMissed.com/Dan-Bennett). But these are certainly challenging times for travel and gathering. If you don't make the trek out to Midas this September, no worries. When you do come to town, regardless of the date or even the year, please be sure to find me. I'd be happy to buy you a beverage in honor of my Dad, talk about the town we all love so much, and show you FOM's wonderful projects.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about FOM and its future. I can be reached in Midas at 775.529.0302 or at Dana@FriendsofMidas.org.

With kindest regards,

Dana R. Bennett, PhD

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