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UPDATE

by Ken Poynter, President

As you read this, the holiday season will be upon all of us. May we all take the time to say thanks for all the good which is and has been in our lives.

For the first time ever, you are reading my update as part of an official Historical Society newsletter. Thanks, Charlie, for volunteering to be the Editor and we will all be looking forward to the quarterly issues.

Now that we are at the end of 1995, I'm sure that we're all thinking (somewhat reluctantly) about our income tax. The good news is that, because the HET-HS has official tax-exempt status, all members' donations are tax deductible. Sue Figert Meyer, Legal Advisor, ^{and I} will take care of the necessary tax forms. But, you must first request the proper paperwork from Sue, so that you may take this donation. Write to:

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Dick Bell, our Treasurer, will be sending to Sue by the end of this year all documentation regarding donations so that she and I will have accurate tax forms. Please, make your requests to Sue as soon as possible.

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Over the years, I have received several requests from individuals to use our Society logo, because it is so attractive. To guard against unauthorized duplication of our logo, I have asked Sue to develop guidelines/procedures for its use. These will be discussed at our 1996 Board Meeting.

Also at our 1996 meeting the Board may want to develop procedures for Society-incurred expenses. As a new organization with tax-exempt status, we may need/want to write some specifics concerning expenditures. Dick Bell and I have been discussing this.

On November 11, the Museum Committee (Sue Figert Meyer, Harry Mills, Preston Stevens, Robbie Williams, and me) chaired by Hal Waddell met with Eldon Hostetler (also on the committee) at his business in Middlebury, Indiana. Also there were special guests ^{ESTA HOSTETLER,} Herb Bell, and Larry Kennedy. We discussed Eldon's plan, and he welcomed our input, adding once again that he invited our participation in his venture. Groundbreaking will begin in 1996 and legalities are being discussed and finalized. We are all indebted to Eldon and Esta Hostetler for their generosity, warmth, and dedication; they are terrific people! The committee will be meeting again in April to discuss progress at that point and to develop policies. There will be more on this in my next update.

Welcome to our newest members:

- Big Sky Chapter (\$1,000)
- Dick Burgdorf (\$1,000)
- Dan Firestone (\$ 100)
- Larry Kennedy (\$1,000)
- Dick Teeter (\$ 100)
- Jim and Helen Villemonte (\$1,000)

Happy Holidays!



THOUGHTS FROM THE



I am not new to this editors game, but any-time that one takes on a new job, it is a lot of work. I am already editing two other newsletters in the Hudsoning area. The reason for so much work in starting up a new venture is there is no previous format to use and one has to think up a new plan of attack. Our President sent in his message and said I had a blank check for the rest.

I am asking that any or all of you to submit articles or things of interest to help me in making this new venture a success. Just hearing from Kenny or myself each quarter could prove to be a bit boring as you already get enough of us from the WIN. I know that others in this great Historical Society group must have things that you would like to see appear in print, and would be glad to submit them to me. I anxiously await hearing from you. I would like to hear from you by mid-February so I have the information available to put in the 3rd quarter update newsletter.

I would like to update you on the contest that Elliott Myerson and I have developed for the 1995-96 year. It started right after the National in Princeton and will be running until April 15th. Our goal was to raise an additional \$10,000 for the treasury to bring the bottom line to \$30,000. by the time of the Detroit National. I am pleased to announce that 20 individuals have so far contributed the sum of \$5200 and 4 Chapters have kicked in an additional \$1550. for a total of \$6750 to date according to figures compiled by Audery Charbonneau.

Although we are well on our way to attaining the goal that Elliott and I set for our committee, I am disappointed by the numbers. I thought that the incentive package of Motel nights, banquet tickets, and registration fees as well as meet T-Shirts would bring people out of the woodwork to help their chapters win such a grand prize. I guess we all need to do more in whipping up the additional excitement necessary to make this contest the success that we all hoped for. The society membership is a cross section of most of the chapters across the country, and I am asking

that all of you really strive to get your local folks involved in this fundraiser. If your chapter has not become a member of the society yet, push for this to happen.

The Gem State Chapter of which I belong as my home chapter, is only starting its third year. I have them excited about becoming a continuing member with our first \$100 contribution. We raised the money with a fun local auction at our Christmas meet. We are planning additional auctions to raise money and hope to pay off our total of \$1000 in the next two years.

California's Inland Chapter raised money through White Elephant sales, auctions, donations, etc. to raise their cash. It can be a lot of fun and I encourage you to be a leader in promoting this in your chapter.

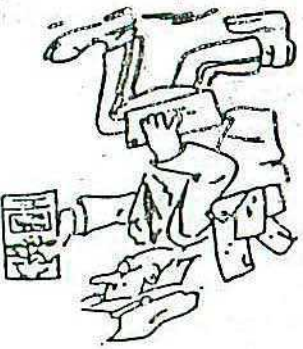
We will be needing a good deal of cash to get ourselves squared away with the museum in the form of insurances, and various other expenses once the building is complete and Eldon gives us the green light to set up our area. I know once we have something tangible for people to see and visit, it will cause the excitement needed to really bring in the new membership. I have been told by some that they are waiting to see if it really happens. To make any venture successful, we will all have to work hard.

I did not come up with a name for this new newsletter. I just used one of our mast heads from a letter head. If you have a gem of an idea for a name for this don't hesitate to send it to me and I will pick the best one and use it next time.

Through all of our efforts, I hope we can make 1996 the most successful year yet in making all of our goals come to fruition. Happy New Year to all of you and let me hear from you with your contributions for the next issue.

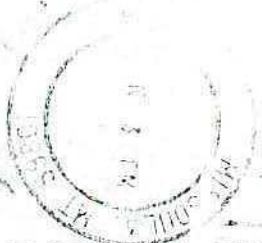
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