

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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I once robbed a mime on the streets of London. Now the cops there don't have guns, so's a Bobby who sees my action yells "STOP. I keep going and he hollers "Stop, or I'll say stop again!!" I love England.

The Snitch

BOARD

The highlight of this month's Board meeting was the election of Maurice White as President. Maurice has been our long-time Vice-President and master cell door repairman. If you are not already aware, we have a working board. Maurice is one of the most engaged and hardest working of anyone in the organization, especially considering he is also the city supervisor for ward 2. We are thankful for his leadership.



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OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

Given Maurice's election, we now have two vacant positions. We are looking for a Vice-President and another board member. We are looking for one person who can manage our website and one who can schedule our tour staff. Scheduling tour staff is not a full-time job. This person does not have to be a tour guide and does not have to be present for the tours [unless of course they want to be]. These two functions could be assigned to either of the vacant positions. If you are interested, you can contact Glen Whorton at:

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TOURS/EVENTS

The Department of Public Safety conducted their last day of training of cadets at the prison on March 27th. This was a make-up day because of the snow delay from the first part of the month. There are 17 cadets in this class. This last day was monitored by Glen Whorton.



ALMOST AS MANY INSTRUCTORS AS CADETS

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A reminder, tour guide and sweep training will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, April 23 – Advanced Guide Class

Saturday, April 29 – Basic Guide Class

Sunday, May 7 – Advanced Guide Class

Saturday, May 14 – Basic Guide Class

No need to sign up. Just show up at the gatehouse. You don't have to take the basic class before the advanced one. Classes start at 1:00 pm.

We held our first basic guide course last Saturday, the 15th. This was also our first class supported by our new 75-inch TV. This TV provides a much clearer image than the projectors that we've used in the past. It is also much easier to set up. It will be moved to the theater as soon as the floor in that room is carpeted. In addition to training and presentations, the TV will be used to run a loop of pictures chronicling the history of the prison.



BIG !!

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MUSEUM PICTURES ORDERED

We really need to get to work on the museum area before the tours begin. The first step is the enlargement of historic photographs that support the tours by showing the development of the prison; escapes; executions; movies; buildings; and fossils. These enlargements are being done by Nevada Blue in Reno. These 20" by 30" pictures will be mounted in the visiting room.

MOVE FURNITURE FROM OLD ID – HALLOWEEN

Most of you have never been in the old ID area of the prison. Back in the day this area, on the first floor under the execution chamber, is where the new inmates were processed. The Snitch remembers being photo'd, finger-printed, and de-loused. Several years ago, the Department of Corrections got a whole bunch of furniture from the Job Corp. NSPPS has never been happy with this situation as we foresee this area becoming the location for a future haunted house. The good news is that NDOC has committed to moving all this unwanted furniture out of the area. We gain the area and the historic furniture that is blocked in the rooms.



WHAT A MESS

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CARSON CITY HISTORIC SOCIETY

Glen Whorton got a short notice request to make a presentation before the Carson City Historic Society. He was able to oblige them with the history of the prison on April 16. There was a good audience, and the presentation was "zoomed". He was able to get several people to take membership applications. Didi and Maurice were there to correct Glen's errors.

HISTORY RENO GAZETTE 4-14-1874

! THERE is no truth in the report
that Mollie Forsha, aged 27 years,
sent to the State Prison from Washoe
county, February 2, 1872, for 27
years for murder in the second degree,
has given birth to twins.

You know....I may have the dates wrong, but I'm confused. It seems that it was untrue that Mollie did not have twins. So..... did she only have one baby?? Then there is this issue of the dates. She was sent to NSP in 1872, but we're talking babies in 1874. There is something wrong here. I'm not sure if it's the dates or the ah.....behavior. I think we need to get Glen to research this.

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