



**Tempe
History
Society**



Winter 2019 Newsletter

Society To Focus On A Secure Future

A Message from THS President Victor Linoff . . .

As summer plods slowly on, we have finally arrived at August. Which means cooler weather can't be too far away. Like most, your hardworking Society Board has taken the summer off for some much-needed R&R. But before we adjourned in June, the Board invested a valuable three hours in an intensive planning retreat.

The Society has come a long way since the day a small group of Tempeans dedicated to preserving our city's past formally organized a half-century ago. That immediately led to an ambitious program of collecting, organizing and ultimately opening the Tempe Historical Society Museum.

Success led to difficult growth when the City stepped in to accept the responsibility for managing the museum and caring for the increasing collection. The change allowed the society to shift its focus to devoting its efforts to supporting the programs and activities of the museum while expanding its outreach to the community.

As we enter our 51st year, the Society is focused on attaining a secure future that will assure we will be here for our centennial in 2069. To ensure that we will have ample resources to continue assisting the museum, we will soon be rolling out a Legacy giving program that can provide the resources that allow us to keep contributing to the museum.

A popular tool for non-profits around the country, Legacy giving is a painless way to show support for the Society and thereby help build a much needed endowment.

With this newsletter, you may notice something new. Our name. After a half-century as the Tempe Historical Society, the Board voted in June to more align itself to the Museum. So now we're Tempe History Society.

Same people. More modern name.

One of the major outcomes of the June retreat was a commitment to you, our members.

A healthy, strong membership is critical to the Society.

It demonstrates to the City how much its residents value the Society. When seeking grants, one of the first questions asked is how many members does the Society have.

That is why the Board devoted much time brainstorming ideas about how to offer more member benefits, improve communication, and increase our numbers. As we roll into fall, look for the implementation of those ideas.

As you gear up for fall, don't forget the resumption of our popular Lunch Talk series sponsored by Friendship Village (see page 3). It begins October 9 with Doreen Garlid relating "My Mother's Navajo Stories."

Looking further ahead, Hayden's Ferry Days V, which expands to three weekends, kicks off March 6, 2020 with a fabulous Dinner with a Legend - where attendees will dine with some of Tempe's most interesting people who have helped make our city what it is. Look for exciting details in the days ahead.

Finally, the Society, the Museum, City and other partners are moving full-steam ahead in planning for Tempe's Sesquicentennial. Come 2021, it will have been 50 years since Tempe had a bang-up birthday celebration. This one promises to be even bigger and better than 1971. That is why the Board devoted much time brainstorming ideas about how to offer more member benefits, improve communication, and increase our numbers. As we roll into fall, look for the implementation of those ideas.

Member communication is not one way. We want to hear from you. Why did you become a member of the Society? How long have you been a member?

As a critical part of the Society, what can we do to make your membership more meaningful?

To make it easy, we have put together a short survey ([Internet link](#)) that I hope you will take a few minutes to help us improve our member service.

Try Something New & Have Some Fun At March Hayden's Ferry Days Events

Did you ever take a hike up Tempe Butte - or do you even know which one of the "buttes" in our city IS Tempe Butte? Do you know about some of the unusual - some fun, some not so fun- things that have happened on it?

Ever had tea in the lavish Tempe home of an important personage who had it built after being refused a room in Phoenix hotels on her visits to the Valley because she was Jewish. Or enjoyed a "cuppa" (or a meal) at the much smaller house which once was Tempe's first bakery, later housed one of the busiest and best-known ladies in the town (and still is and still does though the ladies are not the same) . . .Or picnicked on the lush lawn of one of the oldest and most unique houses in the Valley, once home of a man who was so well-respected in Tempe - and in the Valley - that Tempe's flag was flown at half mast at his death?

Those are experiences you'll get a chance at having (along with a whole lot more) when Tempe History Society and Tempe History Museum rev things up for 2020's **Hayden's Ferry Days** in practice for the really **BIG** celebration in the planning. That would be Tempe's Sesquicentennial year - its 150th birthday - coming up in 2021.

This coming year's HFD events are scheduled to run from March 4 to March 22. Planning for the 2020 festivities are a number of folks who are part of Tempe's non-profit heritage organizations. Take note: there could be some additions or slight changes to the schedule of events before March comes along.

Some of what you'll be able to enjoy.....

MOVIE NIGHTS - Did you know there have been quite a few films made in our Tempe hometown? If you didn't, you'll soon find out (some of you may remember that late night many years ago when cars with Hollywood stars came roaring - loudly - out of the old lumberyard and raced down Tempe streets. All for the sake of a movie.) Kicking off the Hayden's Ferry Days 2020 celebration, Alamo Draughthouse Cinema on Baseline Road will host a **Tempe Film Festival** featuring films made in our city (some probably even before you could call Tempe a city!). Dates for the film showings are Wednesdays, March 4, 11 and 18.

The traditional **Hayden's Ferry Days celebration dinner** is scheduled for Friday, March 6. The theme is "Dinner with a Legend" and gives the opportunity to sit and chat with legendary Tempeans. Also on the calendar are **afternoon teas** at the Hackett House on March 15, and in the garden at the Petersen Home on March 22, the latter to include a tour of the fascinating old home of Niels Petersen - one of the Valley's most respected citizens.

The Tempe Historic Preservation foundation will offer a "Saloon Stumble" in downtown Tempe and a tour of Adobe Houses. You can join in "**Walk Through History**" tours along Tempe's downtown streets and you could discover that, even though you've walked them many times, there are surprising things about what's on them - or perhaps what happened in them - that you never knew. And on March 14, you can see more of Tempe's past by joining the free "**Landmark Tours of Historic Houses.**"

Follow the path of many an Arizona State College/University freshman over the years and on March 20 take another walk - a **Hike up A-Mountain, Hayden Butte or Tempe Butte** (actually they all refer to the same hill). It's a hike that's been taken not only by college freshmen, but by early-day Native Americans, explorers, pioneers, sheriffs and policemen, hikers young and old, cardboard camels - and by one Charles Hayden from Tucson who climbed it to wait out a flood on the Salt River on his way to Phoenix. And that latter hike considerably changed the fate of the small settlement by the river. Hayden decided to return and build a mill to grind nearby Native-grown grains into flour. He did that (providing work for several generations of Tempe's men) and much more, including creating a unique ferry so folks (and their horses and carriages) could get to Phoenix even when the Salt River ran full. What initially was Hayden's Ferry shortly became Tempe because the U.S. Post Office declared the former name too long. **Hayden's Ferry Days**, a free festival on the Tempe History Museum grounds will be a "**Made in Tempe**" event from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. The attractions: Things made in Tempe, food, farm truck, live music and other artists and artisans, a kids hands-on activity room - and lots of fun.

Honor Someone You Love and Help

It may seem a little late - but time flies. On December 2 Tempe History Society's annual **Larry Campbell "Christmas Tree of Lights"** reception took place. The stars of that evening as usual were a pair of tall, beautifully decorated Christmas trees - one especially honoring veterans, the other honoring or commemorating loved ones and special Tempeans that were honored or remembered.

Named in remembrance of a past popular Tempe Historical Society President, the late Larry Campbell who started the "**Tree of Lights**" event, the holiday event has been a standard offering for 18 years. The honoring or remembering is done with Christmas tree ornaments bearing the honorees' names, purchased by the "rememberers" with donations to the Tempe Historical Society of \$10 per honoree.

The tree decorating was lead by Society Board member Mary Ann Kwilosz and along with help from other volunteers and members of the THS board. They will stand in the Tempe History Museum's lobby for the holiday season after their "debut" formally at the open-to-the-public "Tree of Lights" reception in the Museum lobby on December 2. The honorees may take their ornaments home after the reception.

Light refreshments and live holiday music made the occasion festive for the attendees. Plan to be a part of this lovely tradition next year! It will be sure to help get you in the holiday mood.



WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US

In another year, the Tempe History Society, City of Tempe and the Tempe History Museum will be doing their best to make Tempe's Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary the occasion for a really, really big celebration with other organizations joining in to make it a fitting salute to our city. There's a way you can help. Become a member of Tempe Historical Society; your dues will help underwrite events in the offing through both Society and Museum. (See page 4 for membership information)

Lunch Talks Series Off On Another Season

Tales of a Navajo mother, a likable lawyer, a "tree army", and the biggest battle ever fought in Arizona - plus informative talks on the 1940s "warfare state" in the Globe-Miami mining district and ASU's School of Earth & Space Exploration have been scheduled to entertain and inform audiences for the 2019-2020 season of Tempe History Society's "Lunch Talks" series.

Open free to the public, this season's six second-Wednesday monthly programs in the community room of Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue, will run from October through April, with the exception of December when the Society will be busy with its Christmas season activities. Called "Lunch Talks" because the programs begin at 11 a.m. and those attending are welcome to bring their own lunches - or partake of the free light refreshments and coffee provided by the Society.

This year's "Talks" opened on Wednesday, October 9, with **Doreen Garlid** sharing "My Mother's Navajo Stories" and continued with **Gary L. Stuart** whose **November 13** topic "Call Him Mac, the Arizona Years" - highlighted a "likable lawyer" of earlier times in Arizona - Ernest McFarland, **Ernie Bruss** and **Gail Hearne** doubling up on **January 8** to tell you about "The Impact of Roosevelt's Tree Army During the Great Depression Era"; **Jay W. Spehar** whose whopper of a topic on **February 12** will be "Keeping the Wartime Labor Peace: Copper, Workplace Discrimination & the Warfare State in the Globe-Miami Mining District, 1941-45". The ever-popular **Steve Hoza**, will back on the series on **March 11** to talk about Arizona's biggest battle, "The Battle of Pima Butte"; and - winding up the season, on **April 8**, you can learn all about Arizona State University's School of Earth & Space Exploration.

Longtime Tempe resident **Doreen Garlid** showed pictures and shared stories about her Navajo medicine man/silversmith great grandfather and a Navajo Code Talker grand uncle, as well as sharing her mother's stories about Navajo culture. And a treat for the audience - she had Navajo blue corn mush to taste and wore her traditional Navajo clothing. A Tempe Leadership Class graduate and a former newsroom business manager for KSAZ-TV Fox 10 News in Phoenix, Doreen serves on the board of TIE (Tempe Impact Education) Foundation and is a member of Kiwanis Club of Tempe and Tempe Sister Cities. And still she finds time to serve as a Mission Team Member and Medications Coordinator for Mobilize Medical. She and husband Scott have four grown children (who are students at three different Arizona universities!).

Author **Gary Stuart's** talk on "Call Him Mac, the Arizona Years" focused on one of Arizona's legends - Ernest W. McFarland, the only Arizonan to serve in the highest office in all three branches of Arizona government - two at state level, one at federal level. Many veterans will remember the Oklahoma native most as the World War I Navy veteran who became one of the "Fathers of the G.I. Bill" - and many older Arizonans will remember him as a really unpretentious, nice guy, "an approachable and likable elder statesman of Arizona politics" as author Stuart recalls. In his book, Stuart focuses on McFarland as a loving husband, father and grandfather and on how Arizona's culture and citizens shaped the "likable lawyer" who became Arizona's governor, a U.S. senator, a chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Stewart - a lawyer, law professor, writer and speaker - has written seven novels and five books on ethics, law and true crime.

Ernie Bruss and **Gail Hearne** will team up to tell their audience about "The Impact of Roosevelt's Tree Army During the Great Depression Era" in their January 8 appearance on the Tempe History Society's "Lunch Talks" series. That "tree army" - in existence from 1933 to 1942 - was comprised of young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps who earned \$1 a day for working to clean up and conserve the nation's parks and forests. Local CCC historian Gail Hearne will have a Power Point presentation featuring photos and stories of CCC camps across the United States, including Arizona. As a child, Tempe resident Ernie Bruss was a CCC "camp kid" and his father, Ernest H. Bruss, was an Army captain and commander for CCC camps in Southern Arizona. Ernie will offer screen shots and stories for his part of the presentation.

Jay Spehar has a whopper of a topic for his February 12 program. The topic: "Keeping the Wartime Labor Peace: Copper, Workplace Discrimination, & the Warfare State in the Globe-Miami Mining District, 1941-1945." *The Journal of Arizona History* published his paper on "Keeping the Wartime Labor Peace" in 2018. He spent 42 years in the mining industry and has extensively researched Arizona's history in that area. Holder of a Master's Degree in history from Montana State University, he was a charter member of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council, appointed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. He retired after 42 years in the mining industry but is still active in the consulting business.

Steve Hoza has been a popular speaker on Tempe History Society's Lunch Talks programs in past seasons. This time around he will be talking about "the biggest battle ever fought in Arizona's recorded history" - the September 1, 1857 battle near today's town of Maricopa which, he says, involved hundreds of combatants - and lasted only half an hour. Did anybody win? Come to his March 11 talk in Tempe History Museum's Community Room and find out. Hoza - a museum curator, consultant, educator and conservator - will be showing off recreated weapons from both sides involved in the epic "Battle of Pima Butte."

On **April 8**, ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration combines the strengths of science, engineering, and education, to set the stage for a new era of geological discoveries and engineering advances. The interdisciplinary school brings together the brightest minds in astronomy and astrophysics, cosmology, geosciences, planetary sciences, exploration systems engineering and science education.



Doreen Garlid

Gary Stuart



Jay Spehar

Steve Hoza



THIS is indebted once again to Tempe's senior living community for making it possible for the Historical Society to provide the "Lunch Talk" speakers we are offering you this season. We hope you will let them know you appreciate it, too.

Our Favorite House Celebrates The Christmas Season Again



LOOKING LOVELY for the holiday season again this December will be Tempe's historic "pride and joy" - the unique old Petersen House at 1414 West Southern Avenue. If you've never been inside it, December is a wonderful time to do so.



Tempe's most treasured old house - the Petersen House Museum at 1414 West Southern Avenue - opens its doors to the public once again to help Tempeans and visitors celebrate the Christmas season in December. Festively decorated for the occasion, the one-time home of one of Tempe's and the Valley's most well-known and respected citizens - Niels Petersen - will be open to welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first three weekends in December.

In honor of its Denmark-born "founder," who settled in the U.S. and Tempe after a life at sea with the British Merchant Marines, Petersen's Queen Anne Victorian style home will be decorated in a turn-of-the-century fashion "with a Danish flair," notes the Tempe History Museum which oversees the home's care and activities.

Refreshments and activities will be available on the lush grounds of the old house and visitors can learn about the Petersen home's history as they tour it and admire its holiday decorations (as well as the uniqueness of the house itself). Admission is free (but donations will be welcome and will help keep the old house in shipshape condition - as seaman Petersen would want it to be!

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and honored with the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation, the house was never seen by Petersen's first wife, teacher Isabel Dumphy who, with their infant son, died in the farm's original adobe house.

The new house - designed by noted Arizona architect James Creighton - was being built on his farm south of Tempe (well, it was then!) as Petersen vacationed in the east. On that trip he met and on September 1, 1892, married second wife Susanna Decker of South Montrose, Pennsylvania. As it happened, Susanna was related to Tempean Lucille Hanna - who much later, on August 9, 1930 wed a young man who was to become a well-known Arizona radio personality, Arizona Governor and an aide to President Ike Eisenhower - Howard Pyle.

Niels and Susanna came back to Tempe and the new home as newlyweds. Over the years, the couple entertained often and lavishly in the house - and on its spacious lawn, hosting guests not just from Tempe but also from Phoenix. Tempe's Historical Society was an outgrowth of one of those social events.

One of the Valley's wealthiest and well-liked citizens, Petersen had served as a member of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, as a trustee for Tempe School District and in 1895-96 as a member of Arizona's 18th Territorial Legislature.

He also often spelled Hayden C. Hayden in the latter's store when Hayden was out of town, helped develop Tempe Methodist Episcopal Church (today's Tempe First United Methodist Church), was involved in the founding of the Bank of Tempe, and the Tempe Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

And his house still attracts many visitors as one of the most unique historical homes in the area - and the pride of Tempe's history buffs.



Niels Petersen

Public Service Was Way Of Life For Legislator Juanita Harelson

She was born in 1923 - somewhat prophetically on the Fourth of July, an all-American holiday - in Stratford, Oklahoma, the daughter of Ivan and Callie Phillips Law. And she would venture all on her own from Oklahoma to Tempe as a young teenager, walking much of the way - would graduate from Tempe High School, earn her B.A. degree in 1945 from Tempe's Arizona State College (now University).....and then go on to become, in 2018, a winning candidate for a seat representing Tempe in the Arizona State Legislature - though she ran as a Republican in an era of Democratic predominance.

Juanita Law Harelson died suddenly and totally unexpectedly - she seemed healthy and happy earlier in the day - on Sunday, June 17, 2018, just the day before she was to begin her amazing 45th year as a member of the Arizona State Legislature and less than a month before her 95th birthday. She had become Arizona's 27th District state senator in 1983 and before that a member of the Arizona House of Representatives from 1972 to 1982. Probably even she didn't realize how many times she would run for and be elected to state office and it might have surprised her to be listed as a "noteworthy state legislator" by *Marquis Who's Who*.

Just that early afternoon of June 17, she had served tea and goodies to a former Tempe reporter. The reporter thought she had been invited to perhaps hear about upcoming legislation Juanita might be going to introduce or vote on in the Legislature - but politics never came up in the course of the afternoon. Instead, the two enjoyed a light lunch and equally light conversation. Juanita's love of flowers was almost as great as her love of Tempe and her work in the Legislature. So she proudly showed off her pride and joy - the prolifically flowering narrow garden bed along a lengthy fence at the back of the home she had shared with husband James Harelson, a native Tempean.

James, whom she had met while both were Arizona State College students, had died just two days after Christmas in 2012. The World War II Army Air Corps veteran had been the insurance agent in a Tempe firm started by his grandfather. He was a 1939 graduate of Tempe High School.

Juanita was cheerful and upbeat in her goodbyes as her guest left that June afternoon. So it was a great shock to the ex-reporter when she heard later in the day - and disbelieved it at first - that her upbeat hostess had passed away later that afternoon. Her funeral service attracted a full house, with many standing in the lobby and some outside, at Tempe Mortuary on June 27, 2018. Burial was in Tempe's Double Butte Cemetery.

Even long before her days in the Legislature, Juanita had been an active part of the Tempe community as a member of the board of the Tempe Republican Party, a member of Tempe Republican Women, a campaigner for Tempe Republican candidates, a past president of the Tempe Garden Club and more.

And she still managed to raise sons - Barry, who died of lung cancer, Ted, Patrick and Rex - and count five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren among her descendants. Her father Ivan Law, who moved to Tempe to keep an eye on his daughter when he finally found her, died in Tempe in 1945 at the age of 87.

As a State Senator, Juanita proposed legislation in the year of our nation's Bicentennial which would give owners of historic buildings "an incentive to restore their home's authenticity."

Reported the *Arizona Republic*, Senator Harelson said "I introduced the bill because I think Arizona lacks the historical background that the Eastern states have. A lot of our buildings haven't held up, but what remains represents a time and a way that we should preserve. This bill would give owners an incentive to restore their home's authenticity."

As chairman of Environmental Affairs while serving in the House, Juanita had championed the Rio Salado Project originally proposed in 1960 by an ASU Architecture Design class. She pointed out Tempe was site of three bridges crossing the Salt but when the river flooded in 2016 there was a "monumental traffic tie-up" (on Mill Avenue) and "we would have druthered the bridge had been further west."



FLOWERS GROWN in her backyard were almost as much a big part of Juanita Harelson's life as was her work in Arizona's Legislature where she represented Tempe for nearly half a century.

After one of the rainiest seasons ever in Arizona, in which virtually every river in the state was at flood stage and bridges were washed out everywhere - including Tempe - Juanita attended a conference on flood problems and what to do about new bridges - and voiced her view.

In early August of 2016, the state had experienced a "100 Year Event" of devastating floods with peak flow records on the Gila, Verde and Agua Fria rivers as well as the Salt River. Across the state 12 lives were lost, more than \$113-million worth of damage had been done to property and more than 150 families in Greenlee County had to be relocated. In Glendale, more than \$450,000 in damages were done to residences and public facilities.

Throughout Maricopa County, all of the major river crossings except two in Phoenix and one in west Tempe were closed as a result of water flow. In Tempe, who could forget the long, long, long line of cars and the frustrated drivers and passengers waiting impatiently outside them on Mill Avenue for hours for water on the Salt River's main Tempe bridge to recede so they could get across to Phoenix - or the young man who tried unsuccessfully one night to "fly" his vehicle across the break in the bridge to the east of the main Tempe bridge and landed in the river, his car hanging from the bridge, to be rescued by Tempe's overworked rescue crews.

Juanita thought there was a better way to go in Tempe than build more bridges.

She told the conferees, "I hate to see us build all these bridges across the (Salt) River, knowing that down the road, we are going to get Rio Salado - maybe not in my time, but we are going to get it. So it will be a situation where the water is all contained and future legislators and Letters to the Editors will wonder why the citizens built all those bridges when they are over dry land. So to me, they are strictly a short-term issue, and once the drought comes and the river dries up, people will forget about bridges.

"But when you stop-crawl, stop-crawl 9 miles to work, and it takes you an hour and a half to get there, the main concern is bridges. And you are in the public eye, and you know that it is a short-term interest. Whatever the immediate problem is, that is what gets the interest. That is why you are hearing so much about bridges. But you do not hear about them from me. And as Senator Farr said, we have allocated \$30-some million to build bridges

"I represent District 27 in Tempe which is the site of one of the bridges, one of the three bridges that crosses the Salt, and of all the monumental traffic tie-ups and the devastation it did to business along that street (in 1916), if we had had our 'druthers' we would have 'druthered' the bridge had been further upstream."

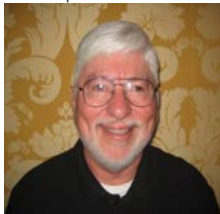
Continued Juanita, "But I am here in the capacity as the chairman of environmental affairs in the House, and to talk with you about a plan that we have, a dream that we have, that has been on the board for some 13 years, and we are still dreaming. As has been mentioned the Rio Salado is a plan to create a series of lakes and parks along what is presently an eyesore during the drought season - and at flood stage, it is a very havoc-wreaking river....The nice part about this is it would use public and private funds to implement. And I am sure you are used to people asking you for money, and that is not my reason for being here." "Now I understand how you get elected to public office," said one of the conferees after praising Juanita for her presentation.

Juanita saw her dream begin with the filling of Tempe Town Lake in 1999.

THS Board New Member Bliven Is A Man Of Many Trades

Technically speaking, Tempe History Society's newest Board of Directors member John Bliven is an advanced telecommunications technologies expert who put in 30 years with the Bell System - and Tempe was one beneficiary of his expertise in the field. He represented USWEST Communications in the redevelopment of the down-town Tempe area in which he was a key player, using state-of-the-art and leading edge technologies to plan and design telecommunications network elements from Tempe south to Sun Lakes. (In the process, he transitioned the town's last two-party telephone services to private line!)

And that makes John a good candidate for the History Society's Board? Well, partly. But there's a lot more to John than that. Coming to Arizona and Tempe in 1963 with his mother and younger sister, John attended local schools, graduating from Tempe High School in 1968. He earned undergraduate and advanced degrees in Telecommunications, Engineering, Business Administration and Program Management. He served as a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with the Elk Creek Fire Protection District. and as an on-loan executive with the Denver Office of Emergency Management & North Central Region Homeland Security grant funding agency.



But, on ending his career at the director level with USWEST/QWEST Communication in 2002, it was back to Arizona he came. And though he now resides in Mesa with wife Dawn (and a1965 Chevelle Malibu Car and Harley-Davidson motorcycle - they travel Arizona a lot!), John still has a passionate interest in Tempe and Arizona history and has been, a kind of "John of Many Trades" in our Valley -many of them as a volunteer.. Among his services to Arizona and Arizonans, John.....

- became a Reserve Police Officer with Tempe Police Department starting in 1971;
- started and managed a Junior Achievement group for blind and visually impaired high school students from across the Valley;
- served as president of the Foundation for Blind Children Board;
- for the 19th year continues service he started in Colorado with the Rocky Mountain Type 1 Incident Management Team, responding to large wildland fires, hurricanes and other national level disasters;
- is a member of the Arizona LAST (Local Assistance State Team)- charged with assisting fire departments across Arizona when they have a firefighter who dies on the job - and is an American Heart Association CPR instructor who has conducted classes for both first responders and citizens alike.

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What Will Your History Society Membership Do?

As a member or donor to Tempe History Society (formerly Tempe Historical Society), you will be helping support the preservation of Tempe's history and the Tempe History Museum which the Society founded more than 40 years ago. Among the many ways we support the museum are hosting opening receptions for some exhibits, providing enriching experiences for children, sponsoring some performances and programs at the museum so they can be offered free to the public.

Your support of the Society also has helped fund acquisitions and special needs at the museum and the historic sites the museum oversees - among them the amazing Petersen House and the also-historic Elias-Rodriguez House.

The Society also supports the museum's Oral History program and - with the annual Christmas time "Tree of Lights" project - the Veterans History project. We present our own free-to-the-public Lunch Talks series at the Museum, featuring speakers on Tempe and Arizona history-related topics which have run the gamut from the horrors of medical practices in Arizona Territorial days and political reminiscences of Tempe's first publicly-elected mayor to some of the history topics you'll see on Page 3 for our 2019-20 Lunch Talk Series.

In addition to support of the museum, the History Society, joined by the Museum, started the Hayden's Ferry Days celebrations which among other events includes a special dinner at historic Hackett House to kick things off. In the spring, the Society and its partners celebrate Tempe's history with an annual community event: Hayden's Ferry Days, an event similar to the 1970-1971 Tempe Centennial Celebration though not quite so long. Both Tempe Historical Society and the Tempe History Museum came into being because of that year-long, community-wide celebration.

Membership dues also help with printing of the Society's quarterly newsletter for its members about things past and present and sometimes future in Tempe history.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS *(Please check the appropriate level)*

() CONTRIBUTING LEVEL \$25.00

*Single admission to exclusive membership events, i.e. luncheons, exhibit previews, tours, etc.
Tier 1 membership gift; 10% discount in Museum Store; subscription to quarterly newsletter.*

() COUPLE LEVEL \$45.00

*Admission for two to exclusive membership events, i.e. luncheons, exhibit previews, tours, etc.
Tier 1 membership gift; 10% discount in Museum Store; subscription to quarterly newsletter.*

() FAMILY \$75.00

Admission for all family members of a single household to exclusive membership events, i.e. luncheons, exhibit previews, tours, etc. Tier 1 membership gift; 10% discount in Museum Store; subscription to quarterly newsletter.

() PATRON \$100.00

Admission for all family members of a single household to exclusive membership events, i.e. luncheons, exhibit previews, tours, etc. Tier 2 membership gift; 10% discount in Museum Store; subscription to quarterly newsletter. VIP invitations to Society-sponsored events.

() BENEFACTOR \$250.00

Admission for all family members of a single household to exclusive membership events, i.e. luncheons, exhibit previews, tours, etc. Tier 3 membership gift; 10% discount in Museum Store; subscription to quarterly newsletter. VIP invitations to Society-sponsored events. Behind the scenes museum tours.

•Ask how you can become a part of the Legacy Circle! (Planned Giving)