Hi Folks—Looks like your stuck with me again for this time. Suzy is so busy she is meeting herself coming and going, trying to get everything done for the Summer. So she can have some family time.

One thing we often have a tendency to forget is that she is a VOLUNTEER, as is Riley, and we frequently take advantage of them at the Museum. Between them they each put in more hours there than most people do on a 9-5 paying job (with overtime). So by way of Thank You I agreed to do this newsletter, again for this time—So here we go I think. Let’s see how much I remember about doing this--------cdr

Words from our President Mary---
Hello All--
I want to take the time to say Thank You to Suzy and Riley for all of their hard work. Also to all of the volunteers who have stepped in to help us get things done here at the Museum. There will be a list of names at the end of the newsletter—Because Claudia tells me there isn’t enough space to do a proper job and thank each one separately. (Besides you all know who you are!)

We have come such a long way from last March when the last newsletter was put out.

The Memory walk has been completed up to and around the Gazebo- NEED more memory blocks to be purchased, to replace the blank ones—They are only $50.00 for a permanent place where you or a loved one will be forever known as a part of our Museum. We have plans for this ongoing fundraiser, there is lot’s of places where we can use a neat walkway, so come on and buy one or two.

The gift shop has enlarged, and under Maxines care and is doing quite well.

We are sorry that things did not work out with the Park Service, to put a office in the Museum. We Must also say Thank You to Mr. Ringle for the donation of the billboard on 3rd and Main St. Suzy is writing for a grant to get the vinyl sign to go on it. We should know by the middle of June if we got it.

There are so many wonderful things happening at the Museum, I do hope that you try to come by and see what we are doing.

I also want to say welcome to all of our new members.

Thank you all for your support——Mary

During this last eight months we lost a treasured member Joe Strozzi——Mr. Strozzi was the son of local pioneer Cesare Strozzi, who was here before the 1906 gold rush, and whose family has remained here since (some leaving and returning , some just staying).

From Maxine——
Visitors for March —April—May 2008
U.S.A. 2,674 Visitors from other lands 249

We have received new books on Death Valley, expanding our book store a lot. We have many new items in the gift store. Stop by and see what we have—sign the book and say Hi!

We are waiting for Name the Wolf contest papers to start coming back. We should have him named by fall. (We hope!) It all depends on participation.

We have received in donation:
1 pr. antique handcuffs (dated late 1860’s-by Suzy)
From Hal Waltz—They were used by a family member who was in law enforcement here in Nevada.

A collection of old Newspaper front pages—on Loan from Tom Shipman.

From Larikin Seely—A large donation. Too many items to list here in this publication.

Thank You to Connie Patterson for the table, chairs and case from the DV Information Center.

From the STAGECOACH Hotel & Casino the use of the Billboard on 3rd and Main St.

Thank you all so very much for helping expand our exhibits, and enhancing our Museum.

We are sorry to see DV information Center closed—Connie and the Center will both be missed— you can visit her in DV now. This ends the parks presence in our little community.
As you can see from the photos the work has been completed by Riley and with a lot of other hands helping him. The walk is completed all the way around the gazebo. And it looks great. Perhaps if the wind stops blowing soon we can get a good photo to put in here.
Suzy's Notes:

Grant for expansion—Will not know until mid-June. (Suzy)

Beatty Town Guide—Research underway, project in progress. Estimated time for printing Sept. (Suzy and Riley)

Museum Website—Updating for easier use, also instituting research protocol for website and in Museum proper. (Suzy)

Military display—In progress, still have to make a plan to display and make cohesive. (Riley, Suzy and Maxine)

Brick fundraiser—Ongoing, second batch of bricks have arrived. (Suzy and Maxine)

Brick Walkway in place around Gazebo—(Riley)

Form 990 for Museum Filed (taxes)—was rejected as no reason to report. Under the $25,000. Income per year limit. (Suzy)

I April worked with Mr. Hinton from the Clark County Education System on Nevada History course on Rhyolite. He creates web based learning for high school students and teaches at on of the Las Vegas high schools. Answered 247 questions from students online. Enjoyable experience. Credit to BMHS—Completed April 16, 2008—web site is http://mrhinton.org/ (Suzy)

Applied to AASLH for “Connecting to Collections”—Books on conservation, display and care. Will receive over $800.00 in books needed to run and maintain collections in Museums. Will know mid July if we were accepted. (Suzy)

Applied to Nevada Department of Tourism for grant to print more tri-folds for the Museum. We are out and unable to supply outlying areas. Will know in July if accepted. (Suzy)

Underground Church—Met with Joni Eastly and Central Nevada Museum, the Underground Church has passed the County Commissioners and title is now in possession of the Beatty Museum and Historical Society. (Riley, Suzy, Mary, Maxine)

Blanket Fundraiser—NEW—got Boards approval of Sample—We can re-sell for $40.00 apiece. Need to decide on design. Joni Eastly wants one when we get them. (Suzy and everyone)

Gazebo completed—need to build Pullman benches to match Gazebo. Will be put on HOLD until Riley has had surgery and completed re-hab. (Riley)

Working with Santec. for Historical preservation on Beatty Master Plan— I think my part is complete, couldn’t find anything to scream about. Historical sites represented on map for protection. (Suzy)

Met with T.J. Reynolds of NPS Death Valley to discuss the closure of the Beatty Office, and what could be done. Museum offered them property to put a building on. Were given free DV information handouts instead. Representatives from Town Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Beatty Museum in attendance. (Suzy, Riley, Mary and Les)

Research cost of Vinyl for Billboard (Donated by Mr. Ringle & Keith Kears of Stagecoach) —$1200.00. (Suzy)

Applying for grant for vinyl, artwork and installation of billboard costs. (Suzy)

Met with William G. White, Project Director from Statistical Research Survey—Discussed my original survey which will be the basis of theirs. Will be expanded on but not changed. If any other information will be needed it will be credited to BMHS—Will complete their Survey in approximately 3 wks. (Suzy)

Moved table and chairs, information sheets and case from DV Information Office to Museum. Thanks again Connie (Riley)
(The Table is in the Gazebo the benches have been built!!). Riley has done a great job on them.)
Minutes Beatty Museum 11/17/07

Attendance
Mary Revert
Suzy McCoy
Riley McCoy
Maxine Makinster
Erline Shipman
Clint Boehringer
Ellen Boehringer
Jerry Hames New Member
Robert Hames Guest (New Member)
Kay Parsons
Helen Terry
Claudia Reidhead

Called to order 5:PM
Min unavailable from last meeting, so dispensed with for this time.
Treasurer Report--All Bills paid with outstanding checks -Balance $6100.

Committee reports
Suzy-
Gazebo will be here Monday-Bricks, cement and wood are at Town Yard. BTAB gave us the grant for the Gazebo and to have the land leveled, and fence redone to accommodate it. It is 10'x10' wood.
The Bricks were donated by Cinderlite, a gift of close to $2500.00, the brick blanks will be used to fill in while the Memory walk bricks, are being ordered, and as this is a on going project when each brick is replaced with a carved brick, it will be placed in the walk else where. It would be great to see the memory walk filled with bricks with names of all our loved ones knowing that this is sponsoring our MUSEUM, with funds going toward our research center, and archival room.

The plaque that the Clampers put in over Beatty Days is wonderful. Thank You Queho Posse.

A $400,000.00 grant has been applied for to work on the expansion.

¼ of the collection has now been entered in the Past Perfect Program. (Bless
You Suzy

Larry Gray is volunteering the yard at Lost River as an archaeological dig, as there were houses there during the Gold Rush, and people lived there until in the sixties. Stipulation being that it is the children who do the dig, coached by an archaeologist(?).

Bill Marchand will be in touch with David, this week so maybe we can get the leveling started.

A copy of the NPS MOU to share office within the Museum was sent out with the newsletter, asking the membership if they wanted to do this, 110 responded, 109 voted to deny the MOU. Suzy to write the letter.

Maxine -appoint a temporary secretary- Kay nominated Claudia Erlene second.

Girl Scout troop to be here April 19, suggested we do a chataqua type presentation on Women miners during the rush years. Suzy and Claudia to work on script. Suzy to contact the leader to find out what requirements are needed for the badge points.

Ground Breaking to be a ceremony, photographed, sent to Mirror. (Suzy suggested that it be called a ground filling.)

Nominations for Officers and Board
President--Mary Revert
Vice President--Erleene Shipman
        Riley McCoy
Secretary--Claudia Reidhead
Treasurer--Suzy McCoy
Sergeant at Arms-- 1 year by appointment Jerry Hammes
2 year director Helen Terry
2 year director Vonnie Gray
1 year director Barbra Piatt
1 year director Clint Boehringer
Suzy is Curator
These are the people nominated by the board, in the Newsletter ballot leave space for write in votes for others.
The Mine portal by the door to the Museum has a WOW factor of 100%.
Rev and our volunteer Chuck have done an outstanding job on it.

Volunteer Hours from Sept. 1. til Nov. 18 -527 hours
Visitation -520 U.S. A.--60 Foreign for a total of - 580.

The enlarged Gift shop has doubled sales of books and the varied items that have found their way in are selling well too.

Adjourned 5:50 PM