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To develop and promote appreciation, understanding and education of the earlier history of the inhabitants and important events of the Grand Canyon and surrounding area.

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Board Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2006 @ 10:00 AM

1. State of the Grand Canyon Historical Society in 2006:
Mike Anderson
2. Minutes of the October 2005 Board of Directors Meeting: *Todd Berger*
3. Treasurer's Report: *Sue Billingsley*
4. History Symposium Update: *Lee Albertson*
5. Scholarship Award; Status Report and Allocation of Funds: *Al Richmond*
6. Grand Canyon Hall of Fame Award for Community Service: *Al Richmond*
7. Results of Election for 2007 Board of Directors (Term: 2007, 2008, and 2009): *Todd Berger*
8. Proxy Votes (those Board Members not in attendance):
Todd Berger
9. Election of Officers for 2007: *Mike Anderson*
10. Committee Chairman and Appointments (Chairman, Pioneer Award; Assistant Outing Coordinator; Planning for 2007 Outings; June Outing Manager, Annual Picnic; July Outing Manager, North Rim Camp Out; August Outing Manager; Chairman, Membership Committee): *Mike Anderson*
11. New Business: *Mike Anderson*
 - Newsletter/magazine editor
12. Adjournment: *Mike Anderson*

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

ELECTED in 2005 – Term: 2006, 2007, 2008

- Beverly Loomis bloomis@ag.arizona.edu
- George Billingsley Gors@bmol.com
- Susan Billingsley Gors@bmol.com

ELECTED in 2004 – Term: 2005, 2006, 2007

- Lee Albertson Albertson1213@msn.com
- Todd Berger TBerger@grandcanyon.org
- Mike Coltrin Coltrin1@cox.net

ELECTED in 2003 – Term: 2004, 2005, 2006

- Mike Anderson MAnderson@GrandCanyon.org
- Keith Green Keith_Green@nps.gov
- Jim Ohlman JOhlman@PeabodyEnergy.com

2006 Outings

October 21 – Annual Board Meeting

The annual board meeting of the GCHS will be held to attend to regular business and open discussion (see proposed agenda).

Time: 10:00 AM until 12:30 PM

Place: Community Room
Flagstaff Public Library
300 West Aspen

Following the meeting, if you are interested in visiting with members, we will walk or drive one block to Las Manzanita's Restaurant at 103 West Birch Avenue.

November 18 – Seeking Summits Below the Rim: The Stories and History of Climbing in Grand Canyon, by Mathieu Brown (2005 GCHS Scholarship recipient).

Seeking Summits is a project to document the stories of early climbing in Grand Canyon. Despite the prolific activity of a handful of climbers little has been publicly written and documented on their pursuits. Like any time period in Grand Canyon history, that of the early summiteers carries its own perspectives and adds value and depth to our collective understanding of the Grand Canyon and its influence on the human individual and regional meaning. Although not publicly documented, the knowledge of early Grand Canyon climbing remains rich. It is held in the journals, letters, photographs, and memories of the individuals active in the pursuit.

Luckily, many of these stories have yet to vanish and sit waiting to be uncovered and rediscovered from the climbers themselves on a local and regional scale.

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: Screening Room A, Cline Library
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

If you come early, you'll find some members having lunch with Mathieu Brown at Busters Restaurant at 1800 South Milton Road around 11:30 AM.

December – No meeting.

Members Updates

Ruth Stephens Baker

Ruth Stephens Baker of Tucson, passed away July 21, 2006, after a short illness. Ruth led a long, fulfilling and adventuresome life as a mother, wife, grandmother, aunt, teacher and community servant. She, her mother and father moved from her birthplace of San Diego, CA to Grand Canyon in 1919, where the family lived in a tent-house and Ruth was in the original small group of children who attended the one-room schoolhouse at Grand Canyon Village.

She was schooled later and taught in California, having received a BA degree from San Diego State College. During one of the summer years she worked at Emery Kolb's Studio at Grand Canyon, she joined an expedition, led by Kolb, to explore Shiva temple in the Canyon. Ruth was the first woman to accomplish this arduous feat.

She married Albert Baker, Air Corps officer in 1942 and began her life of community service in Westchester County, NY after the birth of her three children. She was president of the League of Women Voters; VP and public relations chairman of the Phelps Hospital

volunteer auxiliary; and chairman of the Junior League Community Arts Program.

In 1969 Ruth joined IBM as an editor of Think magazine and moved to Tucson in 1978 where she worked until her retirement in 1989.

Her community service work continued in Tucson, where she was a member of the board of directors of Friends of Tucson Public Library; associated with Southern Arizona Light Opera Company, Southwestern Film Consortium, and she was an editor of KUAT's program guide. Along with all of her Community work she was an avid Tennis player.

She leaves two sons, A.B. Baker, III of Corpus Christi, TX, Stephen F. Baker and wife, Chandra of Reno, NV; daughter, Mrs. Ragnhilde Baker Taylor and husband, Friedrich of Reno; sister Barbara Stephens Odderstol of New Bern, NC; grandchildren, Cecile, Loring and Brewer Baker and great-grandson, Holden of CA and TX; grandchildren, Angelie and Matthew Baker of Reno; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Any contributions should be made to the Hermitage or KUAT.

Michael Harrison

On October 3, 2006, the Peter J. Shields Library at the University of California-Davis will be celebrating the opening of the Michael and Margaret B. Harrison Western Research Center with a ribbon cutting and dedication reception to follow. Michael Harrison is remembered for his passion for Western Americana and his collection of more than 20,000 volumes documenting the history of the trans-Mississippi West. Michael Harrison was among the original members of the Grand Canyon Pioneers Society who passed away in April 2005 at the age of 107. [See the May 2005 issue of *The Bulletin* for more about Mr. Harrison.]

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New Members

Tee Cook – Henderson NV
Karen Greig – Menlo Park CA
Jacqueline Koenig – Fish Camp CA

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2006 Outings Coordinator:** Mike Coltrin, 2041 West Brichta Drive, Tucson AZ 85745; phone: 520-624-1831; email: Coltrin1@cox.net.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at 2112 Demerse Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; email: Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org.