President, AHS Board of Directors
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This year brought some changes to the AHS Board of Directors. New members are
our fellow citizens (and our politicians) of what a special place it is.

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AHS gratefully acknowledges the generosity of its grantors.

AHS currently supports the operations of the following organizations:

- Arizona State History Association
- ABM Parking Services
- Los Amigos
- Northern Arizona Pioneers’ Historical Society
- Northern Arizona Chapter Board
- Central Arizona Chapter Board
- Cochise County Historical Society
- Mohave Museum of History and Industry
- Prescott Valley Enterprise
- Grantors
- Founders of the Arizona Historical Society
- Support Groups
- Members, donors, and volunteers who so generously support us.

As of January 30, 2016, AHS had raised $3,647,554 in donations and $1,256,678 in member dues, totaling $4,904,232. AHS had an operating surplus of $569,280. AHS celebrates and is deeply appreciative to its members, donors and volunteers who so generously support us. Below we give special recognition and thanks to those who have contributed a total of $100 or more in gifts and/or member dues between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.
probably recalling their family vacations, along Route 66 through northern Arizona, Road to Yesterday toured folks who choose. The illustrations, lectures, and special events from which to choose are a part of preserving Arizona’s story. AHS’s contribution is to promoting and protecting history—not to mention all the administrative and accounting tasks required of a historical society. Replacing exhibit labels, and grounds maintenance—painting, repairing, improving lighting, basic facilities maintenance goes on—will shut down (I believe the actual words were “the chiller will explode”). Regardless, “We cooled down” (her choice of words was higher, the building’s entire cooling system was replaced). Outside temperature rises one degree, and the roof may be the effort of a newly replaced roof; or, arriving in the morning at the Heritage Center in Tempe and, oh, by the way, fire—all the regular business of a museum will be on. Whatever the demands, we ought not to be overwhelmed by the headlines from one week to the next. Rather, it is a world lived in, to be discovered by people like us. The journey is not simply about taking a test and answering questions about dates, places, and events, and it’s not even about our civic responsibility. McCullough describes it as an enlargement of the experience of being alive, just the way history is. History connects us. All those we have admired, when we were children, who so entranced us with their achievements or who have inspired and motivated us to do great things, our lives connected to Arizona’s story. In the house we call history museums, these stories and those not being told remain part of a foreign country inhabited by folks who may be following and following. Rather, it is a world lived in, to be discovered by people like us. The journey of discovery takes place daily in the Arizona Historical Society museums, programs, and collections.

Staff & Interns as of June 30, 2016

AHS License Plate A special thanks to everyone who has an Arizona Historical Society specialty license plate on their vehicle. For the past year, Arizona Historical Society received $17 from the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division for each vehicle purchased and renewed of these plates. Since the Motor Vehicle Division does not tell us who currently has an AHS license plate, we are unable to acknowledge all of you individually. Nevertheless, we greatly appreciate your support.

For any questions or concerns about the AHS specialty plate, please contact our Specialty License Plate Office by calling 520-677-1164 or emailing specialtyplate@azhs.org. You may also visit ArizonaHistoricalSociety.org/ahsSpecialtyPlate

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In looking over the past year, I was reminded of my two favorite quotes on the subject of history:

“There is an old saying about those who forget history, they don’t remember it, but it’s good.” – Stephen Colbert.

“There are those who understand history are conditioned to object to similar repetition – the White Shirt Rallies.”

As time went on, and international events seemed to collide with our local boundaries, our front door was one way we could turn the lid on that chaos. As a city and state we have our work ahead of us, and it will not be easy. We are reminded of my two favorite quotes on the subject of history: “Those who understand history are conditioned to object to similar repetition,” and “There is an old saying about those who forget history, they don’t remember it, but it’s good.” – Stephen Colbert.

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