

Alpine Historical Society needs volunteers

ALPINE ---- Start the New Year right ---- volunteer to help the community through the Alpine Historical Society!

The friendly nonprofit organization needs two board members to help the society overall and some docents, said President Carol Morrison. She said the names of potential board members are needed now because the Historical Society, a member of the Alpine Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce, is preparing a slate of officers for its February election.

Board members meet monthly at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. "We make financial decisions, such as how to spend the grant money," Morrison said. The board also plans the annual Alpine History Day and the annual Italian Dinner meeting, selects speakers for the general meetings and determines the Society's participation in community events, such as the Viejas Days Parade. "Most things get done at the meetings," Morrison said. "Some chairmanships can be done at home."

In addition to board members, she said, docents are needed to guide tours of the Society's historical museum at 2116 Tavern Road.

The John DeWitt Museum and Library is in the Dr. Sophronia Nichols House at the site. The Old Alpine Schoolhouse was added to the rear of the building. Dr. Nichols' carriage house is behind the museum and farm equipment and barn displays are included in the tours. "We do tours for anyone who calls, and there are open houses every month, too," Morrison said. "We really can use some more docents right now. It's only two hours a month, so it's not too time consuming." She noted that the Alpine Historical Society offers community service for teens, who can get references when they do good volunteer work. To learn more about the Alpine Historical Society or to volunteer, call (619) 445-2544.



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