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Local Women Subject of History Discussion Public Urged to Attend Free March 6 Event

The women of Clark County are the focus of the next panel discussion about local history set for **Friday, March 6 at 6 p.m.**

The 90-minute roundtable discussion, called "Centennial Stories: Examining Our Past," is timed to coincide with Women's History Month and includes an opportunity for those who attend the free event to ask questions of the panelists of pioneers and historians.

The event takes place in the County Government Center Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, and is aired live and later replayed on Clark County Television (CCTV) Channel 4 and viewers are able to call in with questions. All Channel 4 programming also may be viewed live on the county Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com.

The roundtable will feature Sue Kim-Bonifazio of the famed Kim Sisters; Dr. Joanne Goodwin, associate professor of history at UNLV and director of the UNLV Women's Research Institute; Donna Andress, long-time resident, historian and member of the Junior League; and Hannah Brown, a former Delta Airlines executive and longtime resident. Moderating is county Museum Administrator Mark Hall-Patton.

Panel discussions about Clark County's history are set for every First Friday in 2009, except in July when the event will be held Wednesday, July 1, and kicked off last month with a discussion of the history of segregation in Las Vegas.

"One of the goals of the county's year-long commemoration of our centennial is to engage the community and celebrate our common heritage," said Commission Chairman Rory Reid. "These monthly roundtables are a great way to do that." 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Clark County, and the county is commemorating the event with a year of activities.

Roundtable discussions slated for later in the year are April 3, Clark County's Mining History; May 1, "Architecture and Neon in Clark County"; June 5, "The History of the Strip: The Early Years"; July 1, a Wednesday, "The History of the Strip: Howard Hughes and Beyond"; August 7, "The Mob and Las Vegas"; Sept. 4, "Hispanics in Clark County"; Oct. 2, "Entertainers on the Las Vegas Strip"; Nov. 6, "Military History in Clark County"; and Dec. 4, "Marketing Las Vegas."

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"I would hope that listeners will leave with a better understanding and greater appreciation of their community, by learning from those who were there," said Hall-Patton. "Hearing people tell their own stories, in their own words, is a wonderful and fun way to learn, and affirm, our history."

Other centennial celebrations will include a touring history exhibit about rural Clark County, additional historical programming on Channel 4, the grand opening of the Candlelight Wedding Chapel and a 1910 railroad cottage at the Clark County Museum, the release of "Asphalt Memories: A Dictionary of Clark County Street Names," a book-length publication; the placement of historical markers, a Web-based history of Clark County commissioners, brochures, a mural at the Winchester Cultural Center, and partnerships with the Clark County School District and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District.

Clark County also has nominated the famous "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign to the National Historic Register. The Strip is located in unincorporated Clark County and is not part of any city. The Centennial Web site also will feature historical information, events listing, trivia contest, link to a geocaching project and a section where residents can share their historical stories.

Clark County was officially formed on July 1, 1909, out of what had been Lincoln County and is named for railroad baron William Andrews Clark. The city of Las Vegas, which includes downtown and the area north of the Strip, was incorporated two years later in 1911. Those interested in additional information on Clark County's Centennial celebrations can visit the Web site at www.accessclarkcounty.com/100 or call 455-8200.

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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development. In 2009, Clark County celebrates a "century of service."

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