

PEDALING FOR THE PARANORMAL

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This summer, July 1, 2010, marks the beginning of an amazing journey for Diane Keim of Miami Lakes, Florida. Diane, a 43-year old native of Florida, will ride 3,598 miles across the country on her bicycle in order to raise money for The Washoe Club Restoration Project in historic Virginia City, Nevada.

Diane first visited Virginia City and The Washoe Club on a family vacation several years ago and was so impressed with the town, its rich colorful history and many historical buildings and sites, that she promised herself she would be back! As someone with a life-long passion for the paranormal, Diane was instantly smitten by The Washoe Club and its reputation for hauntings.

The Washoe Club, originally called “The Millionaire’s Club” was built in 1862 by John Mackay and was one of the few buildings to escape the great fire of 1875. The infamous “vault” in back of the Washoe was used to store bodies for burial because the winters were so severe folks were unable to dig through the frozen ground for gravesites. Adding to the Washoe’s paranormal reputation are reports of a “lady in blue” that haunts the famous winding staircase, the apparition of a scared little girl and a rough looking prospector that cages drinks from unsuspecting bar patrons. Ladies using the bar’s restrooms downstairs are often treated to disembodied laughter and voices in addition to doors that lock and unlock by themselves!

When Diane heard the Washoe Club was in danger of being closed, her promise to herself came back in full force! She immediately set to work planning how she could help. Thus the idea of The Washoe Ride was born! Diane is aiming to do 100 miles per day and estimates she can make the trip from Florida to Virginia City in 33 ½ days of riding with 5 days of rest putting her in Virginia City and the steps of The Washoe Club on or about August 7, 2010. Diane says “I am a firm believer in doing for the benefit of others. I really hope I can raise enough to at least put a new roof on!” Diane also hopes to impart one more important lesson to her daughter who is preparing to go out on her own for the first time and that is “If you are true to yourself and believe in yourself, you can do anything!”

All of us with The Washoe Club Restoration Project wish Diane the best of luck, sunny skies, and clear roads! We will all be waiting to greet you at The Washoe Club this August!

A PLEDGE FORM FOR DIANE’S RIDE IS ATTACHED FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WISH TO DONATE TO THE WASHOE CLUB RESTORATION PROJECT.

Please help **SAVE**

THE FAMOUS WASHOE CLUB

In historic Virginia City, Nevada

SPONSORSHIP/PLEDGE FORM

On July 1, 2010 one of the Washoe Club's most dedicated volunteers, Diane Keim, will bicycle from her home in Miami Lakes, Florida across the country to Virginia City, Nevada. Diane will be doing this to raise funds for the Washoe Club Restoration Project which is in desperate need of funds.

If you can pledge any amount it will be greatly appreciated. Please mail your pledges or sponsorship money to:

**The Washoe Club Restoration Project
P.O. Box 317
Virginia City, NV 89440**

Or you may make your pledge online at:

www.thewashoeclub.com

If you would like your contribution to be in the form of a Washoe Club Membership, you may contact Gerre Young at gerreyoung@yahoo.com for more information on membership levels and our application form OR simply check out our website www.thewashoeclub.com.

Name	Address	Pledge Amt.

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