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To all members and supporters of Visalia Heritage, Inc.

2018 was a year of transition.

Gladwyn Burris stepped down as the President after serving more years than she could count. I stepped in as President and John Bianco is continuing as Vice President. Joseph Vicenti is also continuing as Secretary/Treasurer.

We have been holding our meetings at the Visalia Library to make them more accessible to the public. Topics have focused on renovation work in Visalia's downtown, including a new downtown second floor housing project and the Darling Hotel. A popular meeting was held at the recreated interior of Mearle's drive-in at Brian Blain's shop where Mrs. Heizman and her daughters shared the history of Mearle's drive-in while we sat at the counter drinking rootbeer floats. Please let me know if you would like to receive regular notifications of upcoming meetings and I can add you to our email list. We would also love to hear from you regarding any topics of interest for our meetings.

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Our main project for the past year was financing the renovation of the ticket booth at the Fox theatre. Gladwyn located one of the original interior lobby doors which was being used as an exterior door on a barn. The colors were still visible but the strap hinges were missing. John Bergman donated the door to us and it is now in storage at the Fox. We hope to use it in the future to help us recreate the six missing lobby doors.

The Annie Mitchell Scholarship was again awarded to a COS student who will be transferring to a four-year college with a major in education.

Thank you all for the support you have given to Visalia Heritage in the past and for your continued membership.

Sincerely,

Michael Kreps, President.