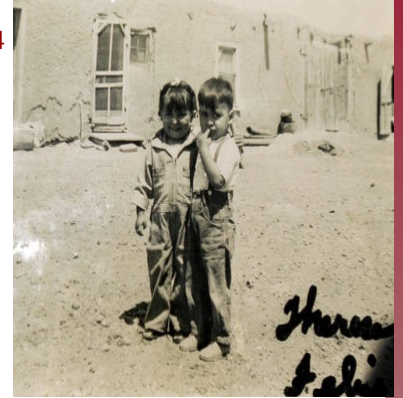




Noticias de Nuestras Raices



Don't Hesitate: Plan to meet us in Denver for GSHA's Silver Anniversary, June 6-8, 2014

Dear Members:

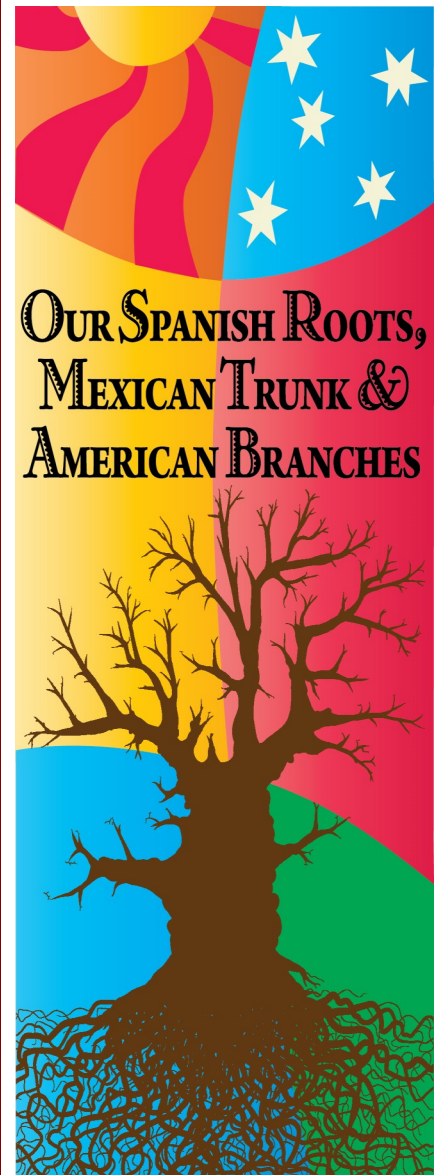
If you haven't made your reservations for the Westin Hotel in Westminster or sent in your registration form for this year's GSHA conference, do so soon. The excitement is building and we want everyone to join us on our Silver Anniversary celebration.

The planning committee has been working hard to give you a memorable conference touching on 25 years of research, networking and working towards the goal of preserving our heritage for future generations. Thanks to Jeanette Fisher we are able to get a fantastic rate of \$99 for our hotel rooms and thanks to the GSHA board's decision we did not have to raise the conference cost and kept it at \$120. We assure you that you will get your money's worth with wonderful speakers, workshops to help you organize and advance your research, entertainment that captures our culture including a Native American Blessing. Plus, seeing each other again and meeting new people is the biggest perk of all. So stop procrastinating and get those registrations and reservations in.

Our theme touches on our Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk and American Branches. We owe Cathy Romero a debt of gratitude for designing our theme logo. It is beautiful and gives us a visual of where we came from in the journey that brought us to where we are today. We are happy to be holding the GSHA conference on its Silver Anniversary where it all began 25 years ago in Denver, Colorado, by people who saw the importance of preserving our genealogy, history and culture, and we thank them today. They worked extremely hard to form this organization and started us on our path from the paper trail to today's DNA trail. You will hear who these founders were. Some have passed away but many are still with us and we honor all of them at this conference.

On pages 5 & 6, please look at the list of talented speakers and entertainment we have lined up for you and look forward to taking away twice as much as what you arrived with to include all those hugs, good faith, more blanks on those charts filled and the feeling of *familia*. See you very soon.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor, Noticias de Nuestras Raices



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

The snow is melting in the Colorado Rockies and the weather is warming up at the beaches of southern California. Spring is approaching and GSHA is preparing for its 25th year Anniversary celebration, which will take place as part of the conference to be held at the beautiful Westin Westminster Hotel in Denver, on June 6-8, 2014.

We are returning to the city where GSHA was founded over 25 years ago. We are pleased to welcome members of the following societies to our Annual Conference and General Meeting: Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy and the Olibama Lopez Tushar Hispanic Legacy Research Center. GSHA along with the aforementioned organizations share many of the same research objectives.

This year's theme is "Our Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk, and American Branches". The majority of our members descend from families based in Spain prior to the discovery of the New World. The descendants of these Spanish families migrated to Mexico and their offspring eventually settled in the American Southwest. As we explore our own DNA, we are changing our perception of what it means to be Hispanic. Many of us also descend from an indigenous great-great grandmother, which is expressed in our mitochondrial DNA.

If you plan to attend this year's conference, come early to attend a tour of the History Colorado Center or do some research at the CSHG Library. Our conference has been planned to allow for lots of networking and fun! Come join us for our Silver Anniversary!

GSHA was formed in 1988 to promote Hispanic genealogical and historical research and education. Our Board of Directors works hard to make sure that our members continue to benefit from their membership. Today we boast over 450 members and over 30 libraries and archives.

The Board of Directors last year voted to decrease the number of regularly scheduled board meetings to five per year. Thus far we have only had one meeting in January, so board activity appears to be moving somewhat slower than it did last year.

Janice Crane, our secretary, is doing a remarkable job at recovery following her unexpected cardiac surgery earlier this year. We continue to send our thoughts and prayers her way. She plans on continuing serving as secretary, although she is focusing on rehabilitation at this time.

At the end of this year both Phil Duran and I will complete our two year terms. The Nominations Committee is currently seeking a president and treasurer. I would like each member to seriously consider what you can contribute to the future of the society.

The GSHA National Board has appointed Donie Nelson to be chair of the Rules Committee. We are currently looking for other members to join this committee, which has jurisdiction over proposed amendments to the By-laws and Standing Rules of Procedure.

My volunteer trip to the South Pacific was a life changing and memorable experience. There is no greater gift that we can give to our fellow man than service. When we give we get so much back in return. My journey was cut slightly short due to a cyclone that was developing in the Pacific Ocean. Just after I returned home and got settled I was once again reminded of Mother Nature's almighty power when my home town and office was hit by the 5.2 magnitude La Habra earthquake!

Things have once again settled down on the west coast and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of researching and forging new and old friendships with the members of GSHA

Sincerely, *Doug Daniels*, GSHA President





Connecting with your Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk and American Branches

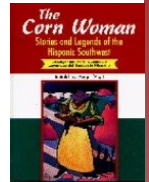
By Jeanette Fisher

Time is flying by! The 2014 GSHA Conference Committee members are gearing up for the big push to finalize plans for the conference. As of April 1st there were only **66 days** left before the conference begins and only **40 days** left to reserve a room at the Westin Hotel at the special \$99 rate (after that rooms and price will be subject to availability.) Send in your registration form as soon as possible to reserve your spot in what is guaranteed to be one of our most memorable conferences of the past 25 years. The following is a brief Overview of the Agenda:

- ◇ If you're arriving before Friday or early Friday, join us from 10:00am – 3:00pm for a tour of the History Colorado Center (see the previous newsletter about signing up). Or plan a visit to downtown venues such as the Denver Art Museum, stroll along the 16th Street Mall or check out nearby neighborhoods like the Auraria Campus, LoDo area, Coors Stadium and Elitch Gardens.
- ◇ Within walking distance of the hotel you can visit the Butterfly Pavilion or explore the shops, restaurants, bowling alley, ice skating rink or movie theater. If walking or running is more your style, behind the hotel you'll find the Westminster Recreation Center.
- ◇ Beginning at 3:00pm, conference vendors will be set up and conference registration will be open.
- ◇ The President's Reception with cash bar and tapas begins at 6:00 pm. Highlights of the reception will be a Native American Blessing; Official Welcome; The Spoken Word by Bobbie LeFebre; and Networking - Your Most Notorious Ancestor contest.
- ◇ Meet with old and new friends in the Kachina Restaurant for a late-night snack and a glass of your favorite adult beverage, or get some rest in your room in anticipation of your information-packed day on Saturday. (See speaker information on pages 4 & 5 and agenda on page 7.)
- ◇ Raffle: New this year, in addition to the great items members donate, will be raffle items from many national genealogy-related companies thanks to GSHA-SC member Kevin Williams. Over the last few years Kevin has developed relationships with these major companies during the annual Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree. Some of the items Kevin has been able to procure for us include: Flip Pal Scanner, a one-year premium account to My Heritage; a one-year subscription to Genealogy Bank Newspapers, as well as Roots Magic, Legacy and Family Tree Maker software. It doesn't get much better than that! But you'll have to buy raffle tickets early to win these great prizes.
- ◇ GSHA Annual Meeting: Everyone is invited to attend the meeting on Saturday afternoon, but per our bylaws, only members in good standing are allowed to vote.
- ◇ 25th Anniversary Banquet Celebration: Each year we have more and more members who dress up as their favorite ancestor. Costumes range from simple shepherd or rancher attire to flamenco dance to mountain man outfits. Join in the fun by dressing up in your version of the lives of your ancestors and share a meal with your new-found cousins, lovingly known as our *primas* and *primos*. Enjoy the presentation by *Hilos Culturales* who will enthrall you with their artistic contributions as folk musicians and dancers of Indio-Hispano traditions of the Upper Rio Grande region. We encourage everyone to break out of their routines of sitting with their own groups so you can network and meet new people. You never know... one of these people may hold the clue you need to find your long lost ancestor or you may even have an ancestor in common!
- ◇ Sunday: The learning and networking isn't over yet. Speaker topics will include Mexican research, research in California, Arizona and New Mexico. The raffle grand prize will be given away and you won't want to miss the Closing Ceremony where a winner will be announced for a free 2015 Conference Registration and the location.
- ◇ Volunteers Needed: Show your loyalty and enthusiasm for GSHA by offering your help. Set up the raffle or sell raffle tickets, pick up other members at the airport, stuff "welcome bags", or tell us how you would like to help. Just contact any of the conference committee members or GSHA board members to let them know you are ready and willing to assist. And YES, we do need help in many different areas! Putting on a conference is a big job, made smaller by many hands.

Speakers and Entertainment

Angel Vigil will speak to our theme of our Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk and American Branches, wearing for part of his presentation an authentic conquistador ensemble. For FACC attendees, this presentation will be different than the one he did in Pueblo. Angel is an award winning author, performer, stage director, and educator, as well as Chairman of the Fine and Performing Arts Department and Director of Theatre at Colorado Academy in Denver, CO. Angel is the author of 6 books on Hispanic culture and arts and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Governor's Award for Excellence in Education and a Heritage Artist Award



Angel Cervantes will take us on a journey following the Visigoth DNA Connection to New World Families. The Visigoths were branches of the nomadic tribes of Germanic people and they at one time (400 A.D.—700 A. D.) ruled Spain and Portugal and are part of our collective make-up. Angel is a History instructor, anthropological genetic genealogist and the Project Administrator of the New Mexico DNA project, which traces the DNA roots of its members to their European and New World ancestors.

Diane Correa de Rempel's presentation is: *Finding Moctezuma's Descendants in Our Digital World*. She specializes in non-profit organizations and is currently a consultant for a California-based African-American research center. Previously, Diane was with the Getty Institute, the Sons of the American Revolution Library, and the Andres Pico Adobe library. She traced her own Mexican-American family lines thru Arizona, California, and Oklahoma to both 1690's Zacatecas and to Moctezuma himself. Currently she updates the GSHA-SC Facebook pages and assists John Schmal with his workshops on Mexican genealogical research.

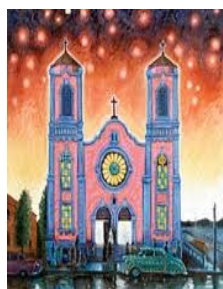
José Antonio Esquibel will focus on the history of the diverse cultural groups that settled in New Mexico and their contribution to the development of Nuevo Mejicano culture. Jose is a co-author with Marc Simmons, Frances V. Scholes and Eleanor B. Adams of *Juan Dominguez de Mendoza: Soldier and Frontiersman of the Spanish Southwest, 1627-1693* (1999), and with Christine Preston and Douglas Preston, he co-authored *The Royal Road: el Camino from Mexico City to Santa Fe*. We are very happy to welcome him back after a few years absence and joining a fantastic list of presenters. Jose is a master genealogist/researcher and currently the editor of *El Farolito*, the journal published by the Olibama Lopez Tushar Hispanic Legacy Research Center.

James K. Jeffrey has been with the Denver Public Library since 1985 and a genealogy collection specialist since 1988. He was the 2004 recipient of the P. William Filby Award for Excellence in Genealogical Librarianship from the National Genealogical Society. James was President of the Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies. He is passionate about connecting researchers with resources to explore their ancestors and the world in which they lived. It has been said of James that nobody makes genealogy research seem more awesome and cool. The topic will be about Technology as the Genealogist's best friend (gff). Become a social media diva by putting your genealogy on the cloud.

Vera Estrada is a charter member of the FACC chapter of GSHA and an experienced genealogist, researcher, and author of several books where she has compiled several censuses that have not been compiled before such as El Chaparito, Tesuque, Pueblo Native and Non-native, and many others. She is a wonderful instructor who works with a group of ladies who call themselves the "Genealogy Geeks." Vera has volunteered with the Pueblo City-County library for the last three years teaching beginning genealogy to all ethnic groups. Her program is such a success there are waiting lists to get into her class. Vera will be making a presentation called, Beyond Beginning Genealogy, Using non-traditional resources with a focus on the *Deligencia's Matrimoniales* (marriage records). She will also talk about Native People Records in Indian Schools, the School for the Deaf and Blind and the New Mexico State Hospital. While Vera usually does a beginning genealogy workshop, her daughter, Lynette will be offering the beginning genealogy.

Miguel Torrez works for Los Alamos National Lab in a Materials Science field and is very familiar with the ins and outs of how to approach research from the scientific method. His presentation is called "Connecting Cordova Branches with Y-DNA in search of the Progenitor Code." Miguel has written a baseline article on this topic and will be presenting some of the information. It is a good case study on how some people who test their DNA are not finding the results they thought they would. While the case study is on the Cordova families it serves as a very good example for other families.

Speakers and Entertainment continued



One cannot have a Hispanic conference in Denver and not include the history of Auraria, not the Auraria Higher Education Center that we see in downtown Denver today, but the Westside neighborhood where in 1916 the first wave of Hispanics arrived in Denver from Mexico and New Mexico. They came to find a better life and it took a while to settle in because they were subjected to discrimination. As they started moving into the Auraria neighborhood non-Hispanics started moving out of because they were apprehensive about the cultural differences. All this brought the Hispanic community closer, and they formed the small neighborhood in 1926 where St. Cajetan Catholic Church on ninth and Lawrence Streets became the spiritual center of the neighborhood. The history is rich and must be explored. In the '70s the people were displaced and relocated so the Auraria Higher Education Center could be built.



Anthony Garcia, Artistic Director of Su Teatro and resident playwright along with Daniel Valdes wrote, directed and produced an Oratorio called the *Westside Oratorio*. It is based on oral histories gathered from displaced residents and tells the stories of seven generations of marginalized Mexican-Americans, from early Arapahoe encampments to the present. There is no better person who can tell this story than Anthony. Anthony's credentials are long and only some will be mentioned here. In 2008 Su Teatro received the Mayor's award for Excellence in the Arts. Anthony was named Denver Theater Person of the Year by the Denver Post in 2010. He is a recipient of the prestigious Livingston Fellowship awarded by the Bonfils Stanton Foundation. In 2012 his adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Sonia Nazario was named the recipient of the Ovation Award for Best New Play, and most recently, he received the 2014 Willa Funke Award for Community Building from the Colorado Non-Profit Association.

Bobby LeFebvre is a Denver-native performance poet, actor and social worker who has won several local, state, and national awards as a Poetry Slam artist. The dynamic, award-winning Latino performer has touched stages and hearts around the world, delivering provocative and entertaining poetry with a message. He has taught and performed poetry and hundreds of cultural events, at conferences and universities, and toured internationally, most recently to Cuba. He has been seen and heard on radio and TV and in 2008 he received the Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Award and the 2013 Metropolitan State College of Denver Alumni Award. He is founder of Café Cultura, Denver's largest monthly artistic expression event. He believes green chile is the world's most perfect food. A quote from Panama Soweto, national poetry slam champion is "Bobby LeFebvre champions the oral tradition of storytelling with contemporary spoken word. He carries the southwest in his heart and reminds us of a time when the sun spoke to us freely."



Dr. Herman Martinez and his wife Patricia with *Hilos Culturales* will present information about this organization which was founded in 2000 to encourage and promote the celebration of Spanish colonial folk music and dance distinct to the upper Rio Grande region of southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. This musical tradition of the *valse*, *cuna*, and polka became popular in the region in the 1800's and has been maintained through the years by musicians passing on their cultural styles and melodies from generation to generation. Social dances such *La Varsoviana*, *El Vaquero*, and *La Comancha* are included in the typical repertoire. This organization strives to preserve and promote this beautiful genre of Spanish Colonial music and dance, as well as incorporate pueblo influences, by presenting annual events. A beautiful twenty-nine minute video called *Vival la Tradiciones* will be shown. This video was recently produced and has a beautiful book to go with the video of twenty biographies of award winning folk artists. Perhaps, we will hear a violin or two, maybe a guitar and be taught a few steps of La Varsoviana and other dances our ancestors danced.

Now that you have read our confirmed lineup, don't wait another day to register. We have some of the best experts in Genealogy and History, and performance, art, and gente, familia, y corazon de nuestros antepasados! Check out our special guest speaker on the next page.



Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Paul Apodaca (Arizona and California Connections)

We asked Dr. Paul Apodaca to come all the way from California for our Silver Anniversary and he agreed. Dr. Apodaca embodies the story our theme is trying to tell.

Paul Apodaca, M.A., Ph.D. is past Editor of the Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology, and former Curator of American Indian Art, Folklore, and California and Orange County History for the Charles Bowers Memorial Museum in Santa Ana. Dr. Apodaca graduated with a Masters Degree in American Indian Studies and a Doctorate in Folklore and Mythology from UCLA where he continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor in the American Indian Studies Program. Dr. Apodaca was named to the 40th Anniversary of Ethnic Studies Committee at UCLA by Chancellor Gene Block.

Dr. Apodaca is an Associate Professor of American Studies in the Sociology Department at Chapman University where he has taught continually from 1978 to the present. Apodaca scored the Academy Award-winning documentary “Broken Rainbow” in 1985-86, a documentary film that helped to stop the relocation of twelve thousand Navajos in northern Arizona. Paul wrote and played the musical score for the film and did much of the research. He consults for Disney Imagineering, Disney/Pixar Films, Universal Pictures, and Knott’s Berry Farm. He is consultant for the Smithsonian Institution National Museum of the American Indian and is a grants reader for the Sundance Film Institute, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Administration for Native Americans Languages Program, California Arts Council, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Rockefeller Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, Arizona Commission for the Arts, and the Fulbright Commission.

On a personal note, Paul is the nephew of California chapter charter member, Joaquin Apodaca. Paul is also an artist and expert in Native American culture. He was born in Los Angeles and is of Mexican and Navajo descent. His grandma from his father’s side was from the eastern side of the Navajo Reservation and moved to Garfield, NM in the early 1900s. His family moved to Los Angeles in the early 1920s. His mom was of the Ma’ii deeshgiishinii Clan, or as they used to say, she was from the Jemez Clan. His mother’s family are also Mixton Indians from Mexico. Dr. Apodaca’s presentation will be about the Arizona and California connections to include the Indigenous people.

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As we approach our 25th anniversary of GSHA, it is a time for looking back to 1988-1989 when GSHA was founded and we grew not only in numbers but connections. I found a newsletter dated May 1989 and President David Salazar states: “The Hispanic community has been compared to a sleeping giant. If we want to learn about our history and our past, no one will do it for us. We as individuals and also collectively must study and research, and in the process, come to a fuller understanding of who we are and where we came from, and perhaps most importantly, know where we are going. Pueblo and Southern Colorado not only represent a challenge, but also represent a great opportunity to awaken our people and make them aware of the great wealth of our Hispanic heritage.”

The same newsletter reads: “El Pueblo Workshop Leads to New Branch in Pueblo with 22 members signing up.” In a newsletter dated August 1992, the headline read: “California fertile ground for GSHA Branch.” While we could say the rest is history, it isn’t. What makes us an organization is having worked together for all these years and meeting wonderful people who we found to be family or became lifetime friends. It has taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears to stay together this long but here we are today and we have collectively studied and researched and come to a fuller understanding of who we are and where we came from. Now we have an opportunity to shape where we are going. Congratulations to every officer, committee member, supporting member, volunteer, writer, researcher, editor and raffle vendor. We are all part of each other and part of our ancestors. Enjoy the conference. CGS

Agenda, GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference, 2014



Friday, June 6 —We have two wonderful options for Friday.:

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. tour of the History Colorado Center (cost is \$14.00) Lunch on your own. Afternoon option to attend a session on Hispanic Resources at the center (cost \$5.00). History Colorado is located at 1200 Broadway.

The **Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy** library will be open for research on Friday June 6 from **10 a.m.—2 p.m.** they welcome those individuals attending the GSHA conference in Westminster and cordially invite them to visit CSHG's library. Their library is housed at **2300 South Patton Court**, Denver. You may go to their website www.hispanicgen.org to view their collection.

Registration 3 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Standley Ballroom Lobby at the Westin. Vendors will be open and ready for business.

6:00 p.m. Reception

- ◇ Native American Blessing
- ◇ Welcome and Introductions by GSHA President, Doug Daniels
- ◇ Welcome by the city of Westminster. Speaker TBA
- ◇ The Spoken Word by Bobby LeFebre
- ◇ Icebreaker and networking—Each table will share amongst themselves their most notorious or memorable ancestor. Each table will select one ancestor to present. A winner will be selected and receive a prize. The purpose of this activity is to get to know people at the conference, network and share your charts. Before the end of the night we anticipate you will all make important connections. For those who want to continue the party, you may move to the Kachina Cantina.

Saturday, June 7

- ◇ **7:00 a.m.—8:15 a.m.** Networking opportunities. Vendors will be open. Breakfast on your own.
- ◇ **8:15—9:00 a.m.** Welcome by GSHA president, Doug Daniels. Introductions of GSHA board members, conference committee and special guests.
- ◇ **9:00 10:15** Angel Vigil
- ◇ **10:30—11:45 noon** Angel Cervantez
- ◇ **12 noon**—Lunch
- ◇ **1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Track 1a and Track 1b**
- ◇ Track 1a—Vera Estrada
- ◇ Track 1b James Jeffrey
- ◇ **2:15—3:15 Tracks 2a and 2b**
- ◇ Track 2a—Miguel Torrez
- ◇ Track 2b—Anthony Garcia
- ◇ **3:45—5:00 p.m. Annual Meeting**
- ◇ **6:15 p.m. Banquet**
- ◇ **7:00** Anniversary Celebration and recognition of founders of GSHA.
- ◇ **7:30** Dr. Herman Martinez and Patricia Martinez, M. A. *Viva la Tradicion*

Sunday, June 8

- ◇ **7:30—9:00 a.m.** Networking, Vendors, breakfast, raffle pick up
- ◇ **9:00—10:00 a.m.** Dianne Correa
- ◇ **10:00—10:30** Vendors, raffle, networking
- ◇ **10:30 –12 noon**—Dr. Paul Apodaca
- ◇ **12 Noon**—lunch
- ◇ **1:15—3:00** Jose Esquibel
- ◇ **3:15-4:00 p.m.** Closing Ceremonies



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Raffle donations may be dropped off during registration. We have two people wanting to car pool from Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Email charleneimms@yahoo.com or jeanettefisher47366@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.

Anniversary Keepsakes

You will soon be receiving an order form for the polo and t-shirts that have been designed for our Silver Anniversary. They are beautiful and will become a keepsake for years to come.

Thanks to Cathy Romero and Karen Cordova for the work they did to make these available.

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