



Noticias de Nuestras Raíces



If I could Save time in a Bottle



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Congratulation to the following members who received honorary memberships for 2015. They were nominated by the GSHA board and each Chapter for their service to GSHA and both chapters:

Jeanette Fisher (GSHA)
Vera Estrada,
exemplary research
(GSHA)
Charlene Simms (GSHA)
Donie Nelson, GSHA
Sylvia Sandoval, FACC
Rita Vega Acevedo, SC

Dear Members:

It's been a month since our annual GSHA conference and annual meeting and I wish it could have lasted forever. My co-chairwomen Donie Nelson and Jeanette Fisher were not able to be there, but their spirits were. I could almost feel Jeanette floating in the air. Must have been our constant phone contact about Angel Cervantez getting to Denver by plane, train, bus, afoot, or beamed in. Luckily, he made it, and we heaved a sigh of relief.

I have never been so humbled at a conference. I had almost nothing to do. The registration was on auto-pilot with Frank Dominguez and his wife Anita and their assistants, Margaret and Mike Turner. Once I turned over the raffle to Sylvia Sandoval, Carolyn Cordova and Bob Craig, I had nothing to do with it except appreciate a clear profit of \$1000 thanks to our attendees generosity. Every time I went to ask Phil Duran to do something he had already read my mind and was way ahead of me. The presenters were wonderful and needed very little help. There were others who helped and Donie, Jeanette and I thank everyone who attended. Whether you helped in a big way or a little way or maybe only smiled, it was wonderful to be among people with such positive energy throughout the conference.

Thanks also to those who were behind the scenes prior to the conference such as Kevin Williams who got us all those wonderful genealogy raffle prizes. The hotel staff went above and beyond in getting us what we needed. We also had many members join us from CSHG and OLTHLRC, two other genealogy organizations in Denver, and their attendance only enhanced our family circle. Although the weather didn't cooperate with us on Friday evening everything worked out for the best. I think starting the conference with a Native American blessing set the magical tone. There is much more to be said and many more thanks to give. For now let's be grateful for what GSHA represents and we have a big surprise which Doug Daniels will unveil in the next two pages.

Charlene Garcia Simms, *Nuestras Raices* Editor



American Indians are not the history of the Americas, they are the pre-history. As such, we are not always a part of that metaphorical tree assembled in genealogy, not its roots or its branches. But we are a part of the story, I am arguing the most important part. If we are not the tree then what are we? The soil. The soil that the great forests of personal, social, and cultural history rest within, nourished by lives of countless American Indians who discovered gold, silver, oil, rubber, lead, iron, tin, and all of the food-stuffs of the Western Hemisphere and showed them to Europeans.

Paul Apodaca, Ph.D

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members,

The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America just celebrated its Silver Anniversary in Westminster, Colorado. It was just a few miles from this Denver suburb where a group of genealogists gathered 26 years ago to found our organization. Today we boast over 400 members and two chapters.

This year's conference, "Our Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk, and American Branches" was a huge success. The Board of Directors allocated \$5,000 to be used to attract and obtain top quality speakers. The result was nine very talented speakers. They spoke on everything from the Spanish Conquistadors in the New World to the Native Americans. My favorite was the Conquistador, Angel Vigil, our keynote speaker, who came in full armour. I was also reminded of the serendipitous networking opportunities that happen at our gatherings when Tonio LeFebre of the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of Las Cruces met for the first time a cousin, Bobby LeFebre, who was our entertainer on opening night. As usual our grand slam speakers Jose Antonio Esquibel and Angel Cervantes were at their best! I was especially impressed with our members who presented, Vera Estrada, Diane Correa, and Miguel Torrez. And, of course, Anthony Garcia's presentation on Auraria was most interesting. James Jeffrey from the Denver Public Library was as funny and knowledgeable as ever. Dr. Paul Apodaca came all the way from California to complete the indigenous side of our roots, trunk and branches. He made a presentation titled "Our American Branches Rooted in Native Soil," which was very fitting to our overall theme.

The energy at the conference was high and the feelings of unity and warmth were everywhere. The conference was especially nice because of our special guests, *The Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy* and *The Olibama Lopez Tushar Hispanic Legacy Research Center*. Their members added so much to the networking capabilities and enthusiasm among the attendees. At the Annual Meeting each of these chapters were given Honorary Memberships for 2015. We are grateful for their willingness to be involved.

I met two very avid genealogists from Colorado who have been helping me with my research in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. I also met a wonderful member from California who is researching my Membrilla family from Juarez, Mexico. I was reminded that my personal history is complex and one I need to be proud of. I am not one history but rather a conglomeration of histories of the Spanish, Mexican, and Native American People.

In my opinion, as well as those I spoke with, the 2014 Conference and Annual Meeting came off flawless. I want to thank our Conference planning committee, Jeanette Fisher, Donie Nelson, Charlene Garcia Simms, and Frank Dominguez, as well as all of the many members who volunteered to help make this year's conference a great success. At closing when everyone was saying their farewells I was approached by a non-member who contributed \$5,000 to GSHA because she was so impressed with our purpose and objectives!

A special committee consisting of Gloria Cordova, National VP Membership, Michelle Chavez, GSHA-SC Membership, and Penny Garcia, FACC Membership, has been appointed by the Board of Directors to further study plans for membership retention and promotion. Another surprise and potential benefit to the future of GSHA is that a new member of GSHA-SC, Dorina Alaniz de Thomas, informally announced that she would like to begin the process of establishing a Texas chapter. She is the co-founder and past president of the Hispanic Organization for Genealogy and Research of Dallas (HOGAR). At the end of this year our treasurer, Phil Duran, and myself will complete our final term. Currently the Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the positions of President and Treasurer. I encourage each of you to look for your natural leaders at your local level and encourage them to get involved.

The Board of Directors is currently seeking volunteers for the 2015 Conference Planning Committee. The committee is responsible for the coordination and production of the genealogical conference of the Society under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The committee chooses the date, location, speakers, topics, and theme of the conference in accordance with our Bylaws Article X-A. Since there is currently no committee for the 2015 Conference I am volunteering to receive all requests from volunteers, until a committee is appointed. The 2015 Conference Planning Committee will need to hear from our members as to where they would like next year's conference location to be. A survey is currently being distributed at the local chapters. Please make your voice heard by returning the survey promptly.



GSHA will continue to provide Honorary Memberships to the following organizations: The National Hispanic Cultural Center, The Southwest Research Center, and The New Mexico DNA Project, The New Mexico Office of the State Historian, and The New Mexico State Records Center and Archives. When GSHA was founded over two and a half decades ago our charter members stated that our purpose and objective would be to promote Hispanic genealogical and historical research, and education, and to expand awareness and knowledge of Hispanic culture, history, and traditions. I believe in what our founder's vision was for GSHA, and have made it one of my biggest priorities to assure that the purpose remains as it was intended at the time of our founding. We must hold strong to our purpose if we are to thrive, as we have in the past.

I have been working together with the board for 4 years now, and at the end of this year it will be time for me to move on to make way for new leadership. I have to be honest and say that I did not feel prepared for this position when I was appointed, but then I don't think anyone could be fully ready for what was to come. I want each of you to know that I gave my very best to GSHA at all times during my leadership. Today I am better off for having served. It has been a most valuable experience. It's been an honor to be your President. So many of you have expressed sincere thanks and for that I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Your Humble Servant,
Douglas S. Daniels-GSHA President



Non-member Who Shares an Enthusiasm for Family Stories Donates \$5000 to GSHA

Tara Sharkey, a typical California girl born in Vallejo, California, remembers hearing tales about her ancestors who came from the little town of Saguache, in Southern Colorado. She could barely identify with her ancestors, yet she knew she was connected to them. She knew she was Hispanic but beyond that she wasn't sure how that came to be. Was she Mexican? Why did she not speak Spanish?

These questions among many more resonated throughout her being.

She doesn't identify herself as a genealogist and in fact she's not so interested in genealogy, but she has always been intrigued by the stories told to her about her family. She watched from afar and was fascinated as her aunts diligently went about their family research. But once again, what most intrigued her was the stories that were told to her by her aunts. She believes that people are first attracted to genealogy through oral family history and that, in turn, leads them to become more interested in genealogical research, DNA studies and more broad cultural topics. She believes there is "strength to be had in learning the family stories".

It all started when GSHA National Treasurer, Phil Duran, who grew up in a foster home, began searching for his family of origin and in the process discovered cousins Diane Duran, Janice Crane GSHA Secretary, and Elaine Morton. Elaine is Tara's mother. It turns out that Elaine's grandfather and Phil's grandfather were brothers. It was thru Phil's influence that the ladies joined GSHA. In 2012, Tara was invited by her aunts to join them at the GSHA Annual Conference, "Santa Fe, Where Trails and Cultures Meet". She, along with aunts, Diana Duran and Janice Crane, and mother, Elaine Morton, attended the GSHA Conference. It was here for the first time that Tara met with others who shared her heritage. The attendees at the conference made a strong impression on her and left her with a new sense of cultural pride. She was so impressed with GSHA that she again attended our conference this June in Denver, "Our Spanish Roots, Mexican Trunk, and American Branches".

At the conference she was deeply moved by the spoken word of Bobby LeFebre, the Native American blessing by Tonio LeFebre and the music provided by Lorenzo Trujillo and William "Billie" Archuleta. At the closing of the conference she pledged to donate \$5,000 to GSHA to be used to promote and attract more youth to GSHA. "According to Tara, "DNA and charts may not initially attract the youth to GSHA, but sharing family stories will". Today Tara, a former school teacher, lives in Kingston, Ontario, Canada with her husband, Ted Hsu, and children. Her husband is a Canadian physicist and politician and Member of Parliament. She jokingly refers to herself as the First Lady of Ontario. Tara hopes her heartfelt donation is not merely another contribution of money, but that it acts as a seed to promote more GSHA outreach to the youth. She acknowledges that youth is relative and considers twenty something as youthful, in the context of GSHA. The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America wants to extend a warm thank you to Tara for her most generous donation.



In Appreciation by Jeanette Fisher, Conference Co-Chairwoman

Those two little words, thank you, seem inadequate to express the gratitude I feel toward so many people who gave their time, energy and a part of themselves to put on a great 25th anniversary conference. A few who pitched in to help us get the ball rolling on Friday included: Mary Ellen Burciago, tour host; Jerol Arguello, ride coordinator; Phil Duran, all around helper and collector of money; and Bob Craig, Caroline Cordova and Sylvia Sandoval who did a wonderful job setting up and running of our ever popular raffle. Registration ran like clock-work thanks to Frank Dominguez and his wife, Anita, as well as Michael and Margaret Turner.



As I've said in the past, it takes many hands to put on a conference. Although they may have been thanked earlier or elsewhere, I would like to add my thanks to: John Valdez, David Lee Torres, Cathy Romero, Kevin Williams, Karen Cordova and Prax Martinez. A very special thank you goes to all those who included donations along with their registration fees.

I thank the board officers and members of the Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy, as well as the Olibama Lopez Tushar Hispanic Legacy Research Center for their support – not only as conference sponsors and vendors, but also in encouraging their members to attend the conference. We look forward to including them in future conferences. And we can't forget the Rawlins Public Library in Pueblo for donating all our printing needs. Thank you!

If you weren't able to attend the conference, you probably missed reading the article highlighting GSHA printed in La Voz Bilingue, our official Media Sponsor. Many thanks for helping us spread the word about our organization, history and culture. We look forward to partnering with them again in the future. Look for their newspapers in your area. You might see your own story printed there in the future!

Nor can I let this opportunity go by without saying thank you, also, to GSHA President, Doug Daniels. He was the glue that held us all together. And last, but of course, not least, my heartfelt thanks to my two co-chairwomen – Donie Nelson and Charlene Garcia Simms. To anyone I may have failed to mention – and to anyone who did even the smallest thing to help – we couldn't have done it without you. If you couldn't be in Denver this year, plan to join us next year. We hear the conferences just keep getting better and better.

So much to tell, so little time and space - The GSHA 25th Anniversary Conference

I arrived in Denver late Thursday with intentions of going to the Westin to check on things, but instead I took a sunset walk with my daughter and our dogs to City Park a couple of blocks from her house. If any of you have been there at sunset overlooking the Denver skyline and watched the geese and birds landing and departing off their island and the shadows form on the lake at dusk you'll agree that my choice was the right one.

On Friday morning, I had no choice, I had to get to the Westin and the first person I met up with was William Mondragon from California. It was nice to see him again. Phil Duran was there, checkbook in hand. Frank was at the registration station doing a great job setting up. I was there to organize rides to the History Colorado Museum and while we had a little trouble parking at History Colorado and I lost Jake Maestas and Doug snuck by me when he could have helped me find Jake, things started to go pretty smoothly with our tour host, Maryellen Burciago, guiding the people here and there like a maestro conducting a symphony.

We listened to some very professional archivists from the museum and it is unbelievable how many resources they have on Hispanic Genealogy. We need to do a field trip there for a whole day to look at the manuscripts, photos, diaries and much more. We had five choices for lunch and everyone migrated to their different tastes. I joined Maryellen, Gloria Cordova and Doug at Palette's at the Denver Art Museum. I didn't know the restaurant was there and it was a gourmet delight. I didn't attend the tour in the afternoon because I have been there several times. If you haven't had the opportunity to experience it, make it one of your destination stops.

I drove back to the Westin and things were buzzing. Frank's wife, Anita was there and so were Margaret and Michael Turner taking care of registration. The vendors were almost all set up. The raffle crew, Sylvia Sandoval, Carolyn Cordova, and Bob Craig were tying on their raffle aprons and I felt like there was nothing for me to do. My first problem was the weather—it was pretty testy with threat of lightening and a thunderstorm so the reception was moved inside. I was disappointed but was told by the hotel staff that it would work out and it did. The usual feeling of every conference overcame me as I started seeing familiar faces. Some, I had not seen in years and it was *abrazos* everywhere plus it was also refreshing to see new people.



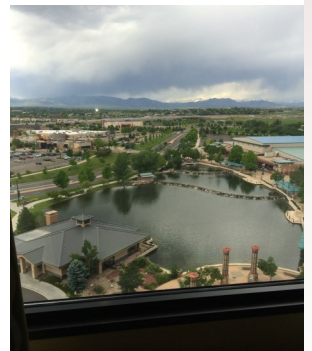
The reception started with people lining up for food and talking among themselves. No one seemed to be in a hurry and the hotel staff was accommodating all the people. This is known as the President's Reception and Doug Daniels welcomed everyone and gave us a little history of GSHA. He introduced the Mayor Pro Tem of Westminster, Faith Winter, a lovely young woman, and she was very eloquent in her words. She spoke on our theme, but she added an analogy of the Redwood trees and that their own genealogy is strong like our roots, trunk and branches. Next came Tonio LeFebre who gave a lovely and touching Indian blessing using native tobacco. The aroma was soothing and Tonio's words were calming and spiritual. He spoke about the importance of passing these traditions on to our young people. When I asked Bobby LeFebre last February to perform his spoken word to us after hearing him at a library function, I had no idea Tonio and Bobby were related. They discovered they are cousins. Bobby's spoken word and poetry and presentation was awesome. His passion and compassion for people and his roots are evident when he shares his stories. You had to be there to feel the affect he had on people. When I read his poem, *My Roots Run Deep*, I felt he had written it for our conference. If you missed him you can see his performances on Utube.

Genealogists are early risers. By the time I got downstairs at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, the room was full of people. We got started on time and in came a conquistador who slammed down his flag pole and demonstrated what the conquistadores did when they claimed land for the king and queen of Spain. Angel Vigil was in full armour and his presentation was exquisite, funny, full of knowledge, and he might get in trouble with his mother but we won't tell except for maybe Gloria Cordova. You had to be there to understand. Angel took our theme to heart and touched on our roots, trunk and branches. At the end Angel told us that *Dona Sabastiana (la murte in Penitente rituals)* came from Germany, a good segue to our next speaker, Angel Cervantez who shared the Visgoth (Germanic) connection in Spain. As usual, Angel C. was surrounded by people full of questions and he had the answers.

The afternoon session was exceptional with James Jeffries reminding us of the importance of organizing our work and letting technology save it. He shared that he was on his deathbed a few years ago and his wife told him that if he died she was going to throw all his research away because she didn't care about it. That got him well quick and he has now organized it and placed it in a safe cloud. Vera Estrada was amazing. Where does she fit all that information in her head? Tony Garcia delighted us with the story of Auraria, the first Hispanic neighborhood, in Denver. Miguel Torrez was a hit with his update on the Cordovas. Jose Antonio Esquibel and Angel Cervantez were at his presentation and supported his theories. Our annual meeting was conducted professionally and business was taken care of very efficiently.

The banquet is always so elegant. There weren't as many people dressed up as their ancestors as in the past, and we were reminded of this by Corinne Tafoya. Everyone was having a very good time. We gave a PowerPoint presentation about 25 years of GSHA history and introduced Hilos Culturales. Herman and Patricia Martinez showed a nice video of the Folklorists who have received lifetime achievements in colonial arts. They were having trouble getting a second video going. Luckily, while they were working things out, Corinne got up there and told us how upset she was because more people weren't dressed up as their ancestors. Corinne definitely was and she gave us a fashion show of how easily it can be done. She told us her dress was one of her granddaughter's prom dresses, her hat was bought at *la segunda* and so on. She brought up three people on stage with her to model their attire. However, when she brought up Dr. Paul Apodaca, she asked him what ancestor he was dressed as and Dr. Apodaca just told her this is how he dresses all the time. We got quite a few chuckles from Corinne and she should get a lifetime achievement award for her flair and good cheer. The video got going and then our musicians, Lorenzo Trujillo and Billie Archuleta entertained us for over an hour with beautiful colonial and New Mexico music. It was a lovely night.

Sunday started with Antonio Esquibel, Albert Gallegos, Patricia & Herman Martinez singing Las Mananitas to SC chapter president Paul Gomez on his birthday. We then heard one of our California members Diane Correa de Rempel talk about Mexico and she gave us her personal story. Diane was followed by Dr. Paul Apodaca who covered our Native American connection. His presentation brought us full circle talking about our branches rooted in Native American Soil. I could almost hear a drum roll as Jose Antonio Esquibel was introduced. Everyone was eagerly waiting. I'm very happy that Jose presented at our 25th anniversary. He was a big part of many of our earlier conferences and you can bet that you won't leave one of Jose's presentation without pages and pages of notes. He had so many questions from the audience and was willing to answer them all. We gave out the grand prizes, our thanks and sad goodbyes. When a conference committee is appointed they will announce where next years conference will be held. Santa Fe and Pueblo were popular choices of attendees. *Aye veremos.* cgs



MY ROOTS RUN DEEP By Bobby LeFebre ©

I am as ancient as the wisdom buried alongside *templos* that have not yet been excavated or desecrated by foreign hands.

But I'm as modern as the IPOD

I speak in *Xochitl* in *Cuicatl*, *flor y canto*, hip hop, poetry and spoken word....
all manifestations of our rich oral tradition that refuses to die only change form,
forming a bridge between our past and our future

I am *dichos*, stories, and remedies passed down
curing curiosity and aching stomachs
stomaching whitewashed American history that attempts to condition me to believe that I am less than royalty

I am the *campesino* bent in the heat of the
blaring sun
The one overrepresented in their prison system...
but I am also the sheriff

I am an undocumented soldier....
returning home from an unjust war in a coffin....
but an American citizen

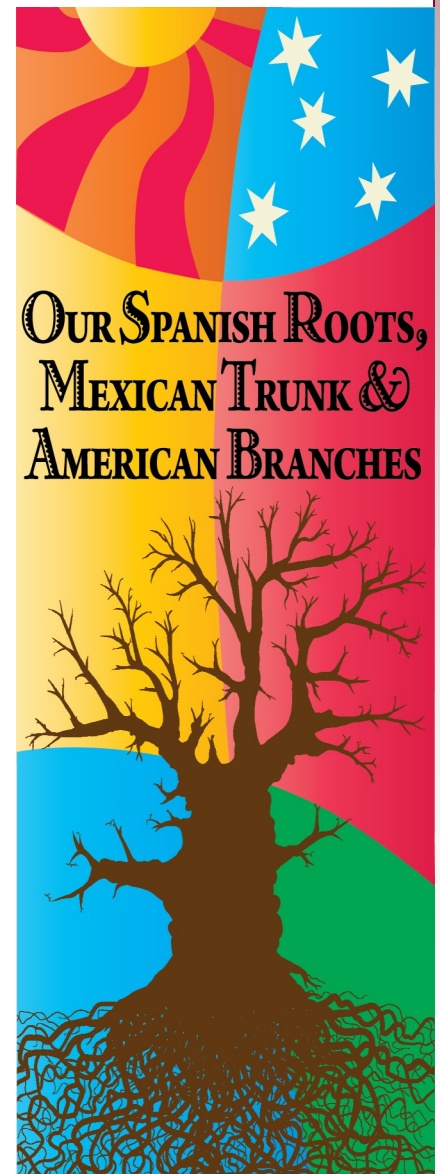
I am High school drop-out, G.E.D., Bachelor, Masters and PHD
I would still rather die on my feet than live on my knees
I am the mask of the *Zapatistas* that allows their cause to be seen

I am the cry of *La Llorona*
I am the hope of *La Virgin* who is really *Tonatzin* in disguise
I am a political pawn looking my own people in the eyes tellin' lies
I am a song of Xicano Pride....
and the overt self hate of blue contacts covering the natural brown in my eyes

I am a business owner
I am *Mexica*, *Mexicano*, *Chicano*, *Latino*, *Hispanic* and *Spanish*
I pronounce my name Martinez and Martin-ez
I'm the one Tancredo says is stealing American jobs

I am their desired *Latin Lover*!
But if this is the case why do they want to build a wall along the border?
But see... I....
I am *Frida Kahlo's* unibrow...
attempting to unite people of the same root across the bridge as one

We need to be united
Cause' see,
I am they and they are me
we are branches of the same cultural tree connected spiritually



My Roots Run Deep by Bobby LeFebre Copyrighted (continued)

We may speak different languages *pero nuestra sangre* is the same
 I am the knowledge of codices that survived European flames
 See, even though the majority of our written history was burned
 It has been preserved and manifests itself through this art of spoken word

Words spoken that have the ability to reach and teach
 not to preach or compete
 see, this poetry was never meant to be a test of competency
 In fact I hope my words can SLAM that ideology and return *nuestras palabras* back
 to the community

I am *Caló*.

Simón holmes I write truth to keep *Chavalos* out of the *pinta* and out of the *Chota's* squad car,
 I sign my poems with *con safos* cause' *nadie* can touch this

I am the power of a raised brown fist,
y un corazón abierto escribiendo los sentimientos que viven adentro.

I am *Menudo* and *Mariachi* music on Sunday morning
 I am the colors *Siqueiros* painted the revolution with
 And I am a respirator refusing to let the spirit of those who came before me die
 I am the mind that created the concept of Zero

I am the misguided blunted eyes of the youth dependent upon substances for sustenance
 I am the patience of a grandmother
 I am the lingering voice of *Zapata's* last breath, breathing into life a new existence of beauty and pride in
nuestra cultura

I am *Huaraches* and shell toes,
 peace and Molotov cocktails smashing through windows
 I am the tears of our past and the smiles of our future
 And I am Brown
 As Brown as *la tierra* that gave birth to maize
 Brown like Berates
 Brown like *Cinco de Mayo* street fairs and parades.....without the booze
 I am as brown as the bloodstains at *La Plaza de Las Tres Culturas* at Tlatelolco
 As Brown as *Diego Rivera's* muses
 Brown like Sunday afternoon Crusin'
 And as Brown as beauty
 I am the eyes that mastered the heavens allowing temples to be built in perfect alignment with the stars
 I am the vision of the future
 And I am a poet
 Attempting to do justice to the complexity of our existence

I am as ancient as the wisdom buried alongside *templos* that have not yet been excavated or desecrated by
 foreign hands.
 But I'm as modern as the IPOD
 I have been here forever and forever I will be.



Olmec, by Andrew Velez

With Much Appreciation:

Pat Dileski, Article on Denver (Journal); Jerol Arguello, Ride Coordinator; Donie Nelson, Program; David Lee Torres, Webmaster and Portrait Photographer—look at our website to see the beautiful portraits David took and posted; Cathy Romero, Conference Logo Design and Graphics, flyers/program; Caroline Cordova, Sylvia Sandoval and Bob Craig, Raffle Managers; Maryellen Burciago, Tour Hostess; La Voz Media Sponsor; Rawlings Library, Printing; CSHG-Turquoise Sponsor; OTLHRC Pearl Sponsor.

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Raffle Prizes: Karen Cordova-denim shirts and jackets; Pam Clemons, necklace, Earrings, Bracelet; Sylvia Sandoval, Bear Medicine Wood Carving; Loretta Szucs, Family Tree Maker; Abel and Virginia Santistevan, bottle of wine; Bob Craig, Prodigy Painting; David Lee Torres, Tin Cross; Betty Duran, Tea Towels; Eleanor and Anastacio Valdez, cocoa latte machine, photo holder, 2 books; Stella Vigil, hand knit blanket; Charlene Simms, *The People of El Valle*; Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Luna, three books, neck and shoulder massager; HGRC *La Sociedad* (SPMDTU); Bob and Rose DeHerrera, three bottles of wine, hand wash, candles, shower gel, perfume; Frank Dominguez books, books, books.

With special appreciation to Kevin Williams, SC member, through his contacts and promotional talents, he was able to get us the following genealogy raffle prizes: One-year subscription to Ancestry.com World (value \$356); Free Y-DNA test from Family Tree DNA; One-year license for Backblaze Online-Back Services (3); One year premium membership to My Heritage.com database; \$30 gift certificate toward a Y-37 test from Family Tree DNA (2); Flip Pal Portable Scanner; One year membership to Genealogy Bank Newspaper; Gift certificate for Family ChartMasters; Zap the Gramma Gap book; Legacy Genealogical software package for PC; Roots Magic Genealogical software package for PC; Gift certificate for Family Tree magazine; One year subscription to Family Chronicle Magazine.; one year subscription to Internet Genealogy magazine; One-year membership to Fold 3 website; one year subscription to Newspaper.com;

It is very hard to thank everyone who helped make this conference a success. As we move along I will hear of others we need to thank. Please let us know if you donated a raffle prize and we didn't list you or made a donation of any kind that is not listed here. Thank you.

There are so many more things to mention about the conference such as our special guests and our wonderful networking activity "Share your notorious ancestor" story played on Friday night. The judges were Eleanor Valdez and Virginia Santistevan. They had a very difficult time and thought everyone was a winner. The three top stories Eleanor and Virginia chose were told by Stella Vigil, Janice Martinez, and Dorina Alaniz de Thomas. We will share more in the next newsletter. Tara Sharky is right that story telling is very important and becoming a lost art. These are the stories we remember even when our children don't seem to be paying attention, they remember these stories. My children are prime examples that now as adults they repeat them and sometimes write them down which we need to encourage everyone to do.

Help us find the people who won the following raffles items:

mTDNA Kit, Legacy Genealogy Software and My Heritage.com one year premium account. Contact Jeanette Fisher at: JSMF1925@hotmail.com If we don't get your contact information we are not going to be able to get these prizes to you. Thank you.

Some Survey Comments: We are listening!

Alternate between California, New Mexico and Colorado for conference locations.

Kudos to the conference committee

I am willing to pay more for the registrations fee so we can have coffee, rolls and a light lunch included.

As usual, very good conference.

First year I have attended, great speakers and exchange of information.

Must have large screens for all presentations. Cordova's presentation screen was too small to see.



Faith Winter

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Tonio LeFebre



Margaret & Michael Turner

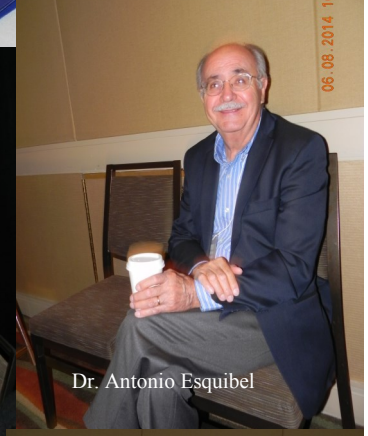


Miguel Torrez, Mark Leyba,
William Mondragon

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Dr. Eugene Torres Table



Dr. Antonio Esquibel

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Janice Crane Table

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Alfonso, Carolyn & Sylvia

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Doug Daniels, President

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Listening to Jose

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George & Kila Sanchez

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Jose Antonio Esquibel



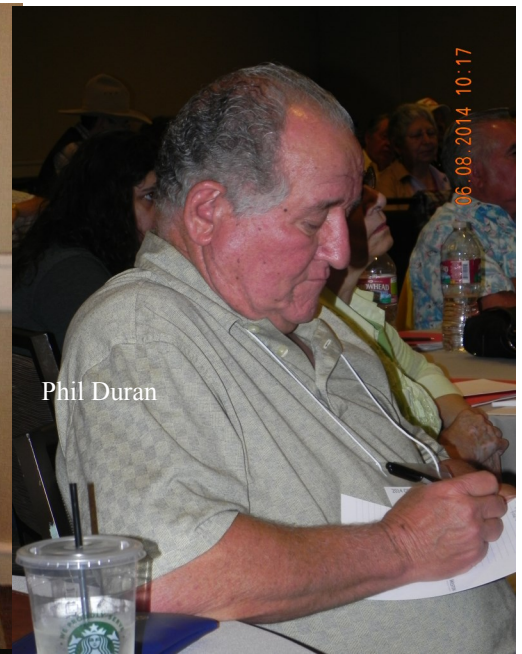
Memories and Footprints



Kila Sanchez & Angel Vign



Corrine Tafoya



Phil Duran



Marylee Burciaga, Doug & Charlene



Bernice, Charlene & Dr. Paul Apodaca



The Wedding March



Sil & Carmen Arteaga

Memories and Footprints





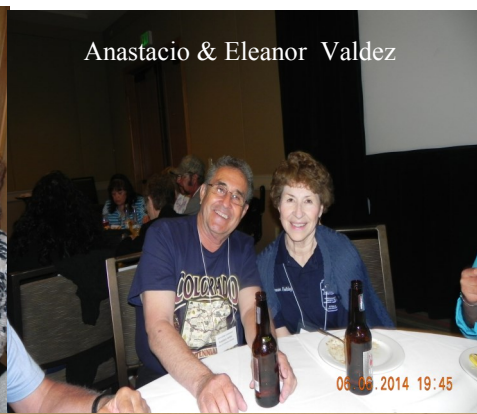
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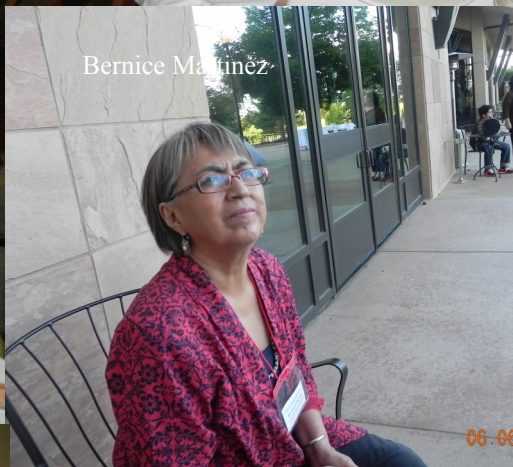
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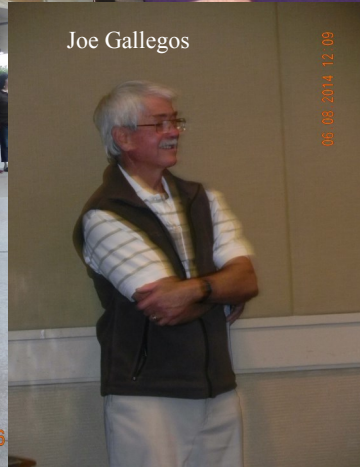
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GSHA 2014 Budget Comparison to Inflows and Outflows

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Duran, GSHA Treasurer (July 8, 2014)

Income Inflows	Budgeted	Actual Income
<u>National Conference</u>		
Banquet		\$150.00
Tour		\$235.00
Ads	\$50.00	\$00.00
Drawing Raffle	\$1000.00	\$1002.00
Registration Fees	\$17,000.00	\$16,673
Vendor Fees	\$150.00	\$325.00
Donations	\$100.00	\$230.00
Refund		\$215.00
<u>Membership</u>		
Dues General	\$5745.00	\$3929.40
Dues Libraries/Institutions	\$200.00	\$421.00
60% Obligation of Chapters		\$261.60
<u>Journal</u>		
Ads	\$225.00	\$00.00
Postage	\$50.00	\$00.00
Sales	\$120.00	\$282.00
Total Income (Inflows)	\$24,640	\$23,724
Vanguard Charitable Fund		\$5,000.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
<u>Administrations</u>		
Copies	\$50.00	\$00.00
Insurance	\$580.00	\$580.00
P. O. Box	\$65.00	\$65.00
Postage	\$550.00	\$20.00
Storage	\$540.00	\$405.00
Supplies	\$275.00	\$79.10
Tax Prep	\$79.00	\$75.00
Tax-Pueblo Business	\$50.00	\$20.00
Tax-Colo. State	\$10.00	\$10.00
Tele-conference	\$1500	\$567.16
Transportation	\$100.00	\$00.00
Parliamentarian Books	\$00.00	\$35.44
Book Printing	\$00.00	\$307.39
Bank Charges	\$25.00	TBD

Category	Budget	Actual (on 7-8-14)
<u>National Conference</u>		
Speakers Transportation,		\$1090
Speaker's Lodging		\$247.50
Facilities	\$ 7,000.00	\$11,224.07
Entertainment	\$200.00	\$200.00
Meals	\$3000.00	\$2764.03
Misc. Copies	\$220.00	\$77.94
Postage	\$100.00	\$18.36
Profit Distribution	\$1000	TBA
Program	\$200.00	\$229.12
Refund	\$240.00	\$494.93
Seed Money	\$1000.00	\$00.00
Speakers Fees	\$1000.00	\$2400.00
Supplies	\$120.00	\$32.20
Transportation		\$91.38
Tour		\$235.00
<u>Journal</u>		
Postage-Bulk		TBD
Mail Services	\$1500.00	\$590.72
Printing	\$2235.00	\$1849.28
<u>Membership</u>		
Awards	\$15.00	\$12.50
Chapter 40% Rebate-Hon. Members	\$75.00	\$117.40
Professional Groups	\$60.00	\$45.00
Refund	\$50.00	\$30.00
Postage (Ballots)		\$40.95
<u>Newsletters</u>		
Postage	\$300.00	TBD
Printing	\$580.00	\$38.58
<u>Website</u>		
Website	\$100.00	\$229.44 (3 years)
Total Expenses	\$24,339.00	\$24,252.79
Total Income	\$24,640.00	\$23,724.00
Net Income/Expenses	\$210.00	-528.79
Charitable Fund		\$5000.00
GSHA Account Balance on July 8, 2014		\$25,579.55
<u>TBD (To be determined)</u>		

Any questions may be directed to Phil Duran, Treasurer

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Doug Daniels, *President*

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Congratulations to the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter on their 25th Anniversary Celebration. If you get this newsletter before Saturday morning there may still be time to attend if you haven't registered and want to go:

Estas son las Mananitas

Date: July 26

Time: 10am—8pm

**Location: Pueblo, Rawlings Library
4th Floor Ryals Room**

Cost \$20.00

**Cost includes continental breakfast, lunch and wine and cheese reception.
For more details on speakers and agenda go to FACC-GSHA.com
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