



## Noticias de Nuestras Raices

### FACC Celebrated Their 25th Anniversary; California is Next

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Photos at the top of this page are from the Pueblo Library Special Collection.

The lady with the children is Guadalupe Archuleta (1913) and her grandchildren.

The Couple on the right are Elena Baca and Mariano Autobees. In 1998, FACC raised funds to purchase a headstone for Elena's grave at Rosemont Cemetery in Pueblo.

#### Dear Members:

Not only did GSHA reach their milestone of 25 years, but in July we also had the pleasure of celebrating the 25th anniversary of the FACC Chapter in Pueblo. Most of this newsletter is devoted to the FACC chapter in pictures and going down memory lane. Get your party hats ready, Southern California, because you are next. GSHA-SC met at El Torrito Restaurant for an installation ceremony in 1992.

Looking at the history of FACC, June 22, 1989, was a historic day. An organizing committee met at El Pueblo Museum to organize the first chapter of GSHA. The first membership meeting was held on July 22, 1989. There were at least thirty people in attendance and officers were elected. The first GSHA chapter was formed and called the Pueblo Chapter-GSHA. In 1994 it was first suggested that the chapter be named the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter. The process for renaming the chapter was started, and on June 29, 1996, at the GSHA Annual meeting and Conference, the Pueblo Chapter was dedicated to the late Fray Angelico Chavez who had died in Santa Fe on March 18, 1996, but not before he had given us written permission to do this. We felt fortunate that he knew how much we respected him for his research and writings. At the conference were his siblings, Nora Chavez and Mariano Chavez and good friend Pedro Ribera Ortega. A plaque was presented to them that read:

*"Let it be known that the Pueblo Chapter of GSHA as testimony to its appreciation on the date, June 29, 1996, formally adopt its new name, The Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter of Pueblo Colorado, GSHA. This plaque is presented to the family of our deceased namesake to display and give witness to; that the chapter acknowledges the contributions our namesake made in genealogical research of New Mexico families and in so doing made it possible for all of us to establish and know our Raices. May the Lord bless and keep him."*

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

#### A blog for GSHA-SC

Keven Williams, CFO, has created a blog for our California Chapter. Visit them at <http://gscha-sc.blogspot.com> to get the latest information about their upcoming events, chapter's mailing address, mission statement and membership information.

#### Membership Alert:

Don't forget to renew your membership Dues for 2015.

#### Thanksgiving

Have a happy Thanksgiving. A big thank-you to our members for your support throughout the year!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,

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, historical research and education. In addition, we would expand awareness and knowledge of Hispanic culture, history, and traditions. I believe in what our founders vision was for GSHA, and have made it one of my biggest priorities to assure that the purpose remain 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.

The Board of Directors has made it a priority to meet the needs of our members. We feel so strongly about this issue that we appointed a special committee, designated the *Membership Promotion and Retention Committee*, to seek out areas where we have fallen short and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors that will aid in improving the services we provide. The Committee is currently preparing a report to present to the National Board of Directors.

A new member, Dorina Alaniz de Thomas, has started a Hispanic Research Group in Dallas, Texas. She set up a table at the 35th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference in McAllen, where she distributed over ten GSHA membership applications. According to Dorina, there was an interest in our organization among the attendees and we look forward to gaining some new members from this outreach program.

The members in GSHA continue to expand their areas of research. We would like to start research groups in the areas of Mexico, Arizona, Texas and California. If there are any members who would be interested in helping with one of these outreach groups, please contact me and I will put you in touch with each other and make sure you have all the necessary tools to get started. As you all know, there are many familial relationships that span across Mexico and the American southwest. I, for one, have ancestors who lived in each of the four areas mentioned.

The Chairman of the 2015 National Conference Team is Charlene Garcia Simms. She has a lot of experience with many of our most successful conferences. Along with her fellow volunteer members, Charlene is planning yet another successful conference. If you are interested in joining the team please contact her to find out how you can become involved.

The Nominations Committee, chaired by Phil Duran, reports that the sole nominee for President of GSHA is Bob Craig, a well-respected member from the FACC Chapter. The sole nominee for Treasurer of GSHA is David Lee Torres, a longtime member from Santa Fe and nephew of Dr. Eugene Torres, one of the original founders of GSHA. At the November 17, 2014 board meeting, the National Board of Directors waived a ballot and proclaimed them elected by acclamation. Congratulations Bob and David and thank you for serving. GSHA greatly appreciates those who take the extra step by serving in the capacity of leadership. Because of volunteers such as these, GSHA will continue to thrive well into the future.

I would truly like to thank all the members who have participated in the leadership of GSHA. While I can't mention everyone who has contributed their talents to our organization, I would like to thank chapter Presidents Ralph Salaz and Paul Gomez for their leadership. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to my fellow directors on the board who gave so unselfishly of their time.

As this year comes to a close our Treasurer, Phil Duran, will be finishing his final year on the Board. All the members, and especially the Board of Directors would like to thank him for a job well done. He has been so much fun to work with and we have become good friends in the process.

Now as the leaves are changing and the days are getting shorter take time this holiday season to give thanks. To our forebears: parents, grandparents and other living elders, simply "thank you" for all you have done to make possible the lives that we now enjoy. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Doug Daniels, President*



### Greetings from California

I have been asking Doug for a current photo of himself for two years. He is very busy with his dental business and humanitarianism, not to mention his time as GSHA president. So, I decided to go to California to take a picture of him. Actually, I took an RV trip with Jeanette Fisher from Oregon to LA and we cornered Doug and Donie Nelson for dinner in Long Beach. We had three hours of laughter and reminiscence, a little wine and even some delicious seafood. We confirmed we are related in one line or another, **Primos Forever.**

Doug will finish his second term as president of GSHA soon. We are very lucky to have had him as president for four years. His accomplishments have been many and we have had the most successful and profitable conferences under his term. Thank you, Doug! Oh, the beard is new. I vote you keep it.

cgs

## 2015 brings a new President and Treasurer

We are happy to announce that at the board meeting on Sunday, November 16, the board appointed Bob Craig as president of GSHA and David Torres as Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term by acclamation.

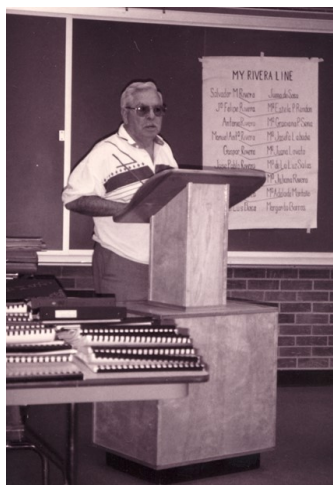
Bob Craig is a member in good standing of FACC/GSHA. His work background includes 25 years in Accounting with the State of Colorado, Colorado Mental Health Institute in Pueblo, Colorado, two years with H&R Block as a bookkeeper after retirement; he is a Co-Founder of the Pueblo Songwriter's and Musician's Association and served as its Treasurer for 6 years. He also served as treasurer of the Associated Women's Artists and as a board member of the Pueblo Art Guild. Currently, he serves as Treasurer to the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter of GSHA and is chair of the GSHA Raffle Committee for 2015. Bob has been co-chair of the GSHA Bylaws Committee, Member of FACC Bylaws committee, Parliamentarian for GSHA and as ex-officio of all committees of FACC.

Bob was born at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, NM and lived in Costilla, NM for the first two years, then moved to Pueblo, Colorado in 1952. He served in the US Air Force from Feb 1971 to Feb 1975, with assignments in Turkey and the Air Force Finance Center in Denver, Colorado. He has many goals for GSHA that he will share with us in the next newsletter.

David Lee Torres is also a member in good standing. David is a lifetime resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. After studying electronics and computer maintenance at Trinidad State Junior college, he was employed in several different jobs. Eventually he began working with the State of New Mexico where his work was all related to information technology, internet telephones, computers and all the equipment in between. The State required 25 years for retirement and last year David met all the requirements. He is now a little over one year into retirement and he is making the most of it. He recommends it highly. David is our webmaster and at our conference this summer he showed us his photography talents. He has posted several of the photos he took at the annual meeting and conference and the FACC anniversary celebration. They can be found by going to [gsha.net](http://gsha.net) and click on conference images. For the FACC images go to [facc-gsha](http://facc-gsha) and click on conference images.



## FACC Celebrates 25 years of Genealogy Research, Camaraderie, Family and Success Our FACC Presidents 1989-2014



Mike Baca



Eleanor Valdez with President Isabel Shaneff



Charlene Garcia Simms



Gloria Falcon (middle)



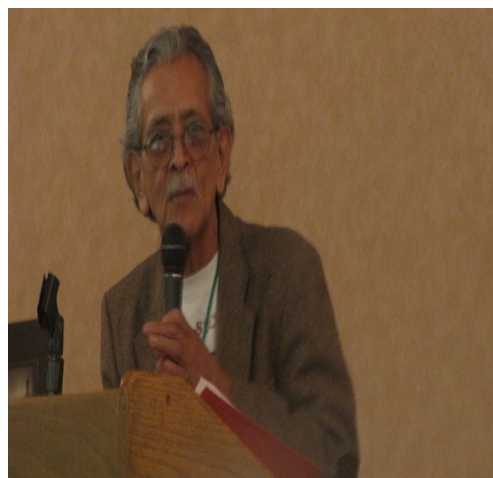
Cathy Archuleta



Vera Estrada



President Rita Morales and  
Vickie Arellano



Dr. Heraldo Acosto



Dr. Ralph Salaz



## Down Memory Lane



Nancy, Abel, Marty, Charlene, Marge, Gloria, Alfie, Juanita



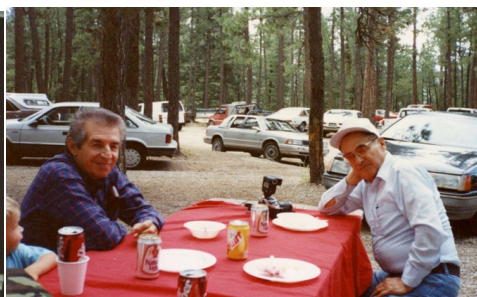
Nancy, Marty, Charlene, Lydia, Isabelle, Alfie, Marge, and Mr. Medina



Our Gem, Pearl Gutierrez



Lydia Montoya & Michael Martinez



Wilfred Martinez & Joe Montoya



Abel S. and Bill T.



1992 State Fair Parade

Most Creative Award



Eileen Bankson



Ruben Rodriguez



Judge Joe Ulibarri and Gloria G.



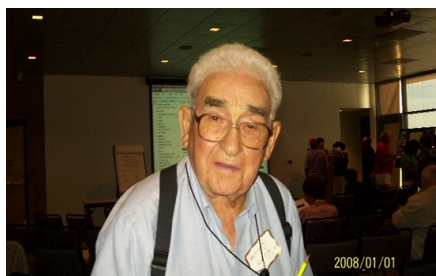
Ercilia Luna, ggg granddaughter of Benito Sandoval, commandate at El Pueblo during the 1854 tragedy. Plaque was an FACC project to honor all the people who were killed.



Virginia and Alfie, Trinidad Conference



Nellie & Nick Pacheco



Tony Garcia



Patsy Talmadge & Catherine Bonse (left)



## Photos on this page, Courtesy of David Torres



Our Speaker, Dr. Irene Blea & sister, Susan Coral

Santiago Romero, Speaker

Connie Romero, Speaker

Ricardo, Ercilia, Corinne, Marie



Lucia and Deann

John, Charlene, Bernie, Prax & Robert

Eleanor, Helene, Corinne

Janice & Charlene



Penny, Steve, Ralph, John

Shirley, Mike, Margaret, Diane

Maria Clara, & Helene

Sil & Carmen Arteaga



Anita Munoz

Cecelia Newman

Caroline Cordova

Bertha Gallegos

Deborah Martinez

Penny & Rick Manzanares





## Estas son las Manañitas was the theme for the 25th anniversary celebration of FACC

(Shown here is the logo for the 20th anniversary)



Ladies from Colorado Springs, Pauline, Cora, Christine and Rosemary



Marty, Betty and Jody



George Autobee, and Dolores Charlifu

### Viente-Cinco Años de Celebracion By Alfie Casaus Salazar Read at the closing ceremonies

*Viente-cinco Años ago, el año de 1989  
Un nuevo mundo of Hispanic Genealogy started  
Cuando a handful of gente started meeting  
Para buscar information of their departed*

*Old faded, cracked retratos de antepasados  
Hidden en cajas y trunks in an attic  
Forgotten con tiempo  
Llenos de años of dust  
Un tesoro discovered, was quite dramatic*

*Questions asked, cuando los retratos were stored  
Quienes son estas gentes, without a smile  
Mirandonos tan stern and straight  
Con su ropa toda negra and out of style*

*No nombres, dates, or place of origin  
Juntos they sorted y searched por records  
Hablaron con sus parientes and older relatives  
Sometimes getting informacion and rewards*

*Amistades formed as they learned mas y mas  
Todos eran primos, and word spread like wildfire  
La gente got curious y comenzaron joining them  
Ayudandoles con extractions, their efforts we admire*

*Los Años y años of researching high and low  
Micro-films, fiche, libros and faded names  
Census, wills, bautismos y marriage records  
Come alive con our antepasados'surnames*

*Hispanic Genealogy nacio y esta growing  
We discovered 'quienes somos' and  
are recognized*

*El pasado of our antepasados is now history  
Taught, accepted as equals and not categorized*

*Our founding members have paved the way  
para major comprender of where we come  
Con nuevos libros, new technologies y DNA's  
Estamos prepared to continue, not to succumb*

*My fellow genealogists y extended familia  
Amos venidos together to learn more today  
Let's turn to each other, smile y shake hands  
Un trabajo well done y todos deserve a bouquet*

*Since the society started, viente y cinco anos ago  
Muchos de nuestros primos del Society have died  
We remember them y sus contibutions left behind  
Recordando sus memorias with lots of pride*

*Se pasaron viente y cinco anos de voluda  
Found out they were all, somehow related  
Primos, your abuelo is my abuela's brother  
Mas gente joined them y became obsessed*

*Que sigan los cuentos and elusive lives de antepasados  
The Hispanic Genealogy Society grows and grows  
'Nuestrs parientes found and shared with others  
Como una familia grande we stick together like Velcro*



We're on the web!

gsha.net



#### 2013 Officers

Doug Daniels, *President*

Gloria Cordova, *Vice-president*

Janice Crane, *Secretary*

Phil Duran, *Treasurer*

Frank Dominguez, *Member-at-Large Representative*

Paul Gomez, *Southern California Representative and Chapter President*

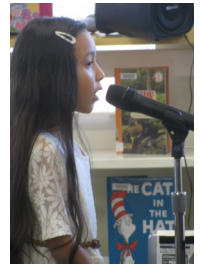
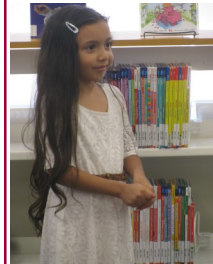
Rita Morales, *Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter Representative*

Donie Nelson, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, *Nuestras Raices Journal*

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor, *Noticias de Nuestras Raices Newsletter*

*Thanks to Jeanette Fisher for helping to edit this newsletter.*

Nice Surprise—I had the pleasure of hearing Keri Santistevan sing the National Anthem at the opening of one of our branch libraries today. She is the granddaughter of Abel and Virginia Santistevan and a future genealogist. cgs



Santa Fe, here we come again. The conference committee has chosen Santa Fe as the next conference site. The committee is busily trying to find the best venue that will meet our needs while making it affordable. We should know the venue and date by the end of the month and will post it on our website and all details will be in the next newsletter which is expected to be out by the end of December. So, please be patient and imprint the image of Santa Fe on your mind and all the wonderful things there are to do in *La Tierra Encantada*.

The conference committee includes: Charlene Garcia Simms, Carmen Arteaga, Frank Dominguez, Penny Garcia, Paul Gomez, Doug Daniels, Donie Nelson, and Bob Craig. Coordinating a conference is a big job. We will be forming sub-committees to help with many tasks. Show off your talents and let us know how you can help. Things like calligraphy, painting, technology, greeters, guides, seamstresses, and other things. Oh, and there might be a *biscochito* contest this year. So take out those recipes. CGS

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