



Noticias de Nuestras Raices

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Santa Fe Here We Come Again 2016 GSHA Conference and Annual Meeting

Dear Members:

I can't believe summer is almost over and that it's been three months since our wonderful GSHA conference in June. I'm sorry this newsletter is running late. I came down with a sinus infection right after the conference and I've been catching up ever since. Nevertheless, I hope everyone enjoyed the conference and came away with a little bit more research and findings than when you arrived.

It was wonderful seeing everyone in such good spirits. I think we are mellowing out because no glitch could deter the smiles and laughter and hugs. I know that *mi gente* takes a long time to say goodbye but now I know that they take longer to say goodnight. Many of us were up past midnight and up with the sunrise. I think our adrenaline just kicks in and we are unstoppable once we see people we haven't seen for a while. We have so much to say and share, one weekend is just not enough.

The facilities at the Drury as well as the staff were wonderful. We sent out a survey and the consensus was that we have the conference there again next year. You will be hearing more about this in our next newsletter. Doug Daniels will be chairing the 2016 conference and plans are in the making for 2017 and the possibility of having it in Salt Lake City. Stay tuned. As chairman of the 2015 conference, I want to thank everyone who helped with so many things to make it a success, whether you pitched in time after time, bought a raffle ticket, or if you just smiled, we noticed that also.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

Next Newsletter

The next issue of *Noticias de Nuestras Raices* will be mailed out in mid-October and include an update on the 2016 GSHA Annual meeting and Genealogical Conference, future plans for GSHA as an organization with a major goal to publish a Policies and Procedures Manual by the next GSHA Annual meeting. This is a hefty goal and we are still looking for volunteers to serve on the Rules Committee with Abel Santistevan, chair. Please contact Bob Craig if you are interested.

We are also seeking candidates for the positions of Vice President and Secretary for the 2016 board of directors, and we need a Treasurer to fill a current open position. GSHA needs you. Please consider contributing your talent and time to insure that GSHA continues to attain our shared goals. The next newsletter will also have an update on the two chapter's progress with the Duran Youth Initiative.

A picture says a thousand words

While we could spend a lot of time with thousands of words in this newsletter, I thought I would go with the old adage and say a lot with a thousand pictures (or close). I hope you enjoy seeing them. I sent a callout for pictures but received very few. If you want to send pictures, I'll include them in the next newsletter. Thank you David Torres, Cefererino Ahuero- Baca and Vera Estrada for the photos you sent.

President's Message



Dear GSHA Members:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful 2015 GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference in Santa Fe this past June. It was great to see everyone enjoy themselves, to learn something new, greet old friends and make new ones. The GSHA 2016 Genealogical Conference is in its early planning stages, and at this time, we believe Santa Fe will once again be our destination. Details will be in the next newsletter. I hope you will join those who have volunteered to help next year. It's an opportunity to contribute your time, talent & energy to our Society—and you will make new friends! If you have the time, we have the work. Contact your chapter president or send me a message at: gsha2015@aol.com. We need assistance in planning and on-site. Some of the key areas include: speakers & programming, publicity, registration, door prizes, creating the printed program, photography, hospitality, fundraising, etc.

Back in February I published my vision for the next two years on the GSHA website, now it's my turn to deliver on that. However, I cannot accomplish these goals alone, it takes volunteers to make a vision become a reality. Therefore, I am looking for members who want to see GSHA move forward into the 21st Century, time waits for no one, so please help me and the GSHA Board continue to make this an organization we can be proud of. There are five areas of focus.

Policies and Procedures

As I stated at the conference business meeting I do not want to keep reinventing the wheel. In many areas of GSHA's operations, there are procedures that can be standardized—but until the procedures have been written, we will continue to waste time and talent recreating the work of our predecessors. Abel Santistevan has been appointed to head the Rules Committee. He has years of experience with GSHA operations and knowledge of bylaws, policies and procedures because he has served on both FACC and GSHA committees for revision of their respective bylaws. Abel needs your help, so please, give of your time and experience, contact Abel or myself at: abel_san@comcast.net or GSHA2015@aol.com.

I am also asking all past presidents, GSHA board members and committee chairs to please forward any known policies or procedures of GSHA to the above email address or mail to GSHA, P. O. Box 3040, Pueblo, CO 81005. We probably have policies that cover key areas, but they simply were not codified into a policy and procedure manual.

Grants

Are you a grant writer? Do you know of a grant writer? There is money available for non-profit organizations such as GSHA and we should take advantage of all opportunities to obtain funding for our activities. Grants may reduce the need to increase dues or conference registration fees. If you have grant writing experience, please contact the GSHA board or myself at the address mentioned above. List your qualifications and availability.

Outreach

There have been discussions on how to increase membership and establish new chapters in areas that do not have established Hispanic genealogical groups. I believe we should establish small, informal research groups, who can regularly meet at a local library or a home to share information and do genealogical research. I believe this can be accomplished by a small group of GSHA volunteers, who would recruit individuals willing to coordinate a research group and promote membership in GSHA. If the research groups grow, they may qualify as a GSHA chapter. If you are interested in outreach activities or wish to meet regularly with other researchers please, email me at gsha2015@aol.com and be part of the team to accomplish this important goal.

Recruitment of Members Under 40

In 2014, we received a generous donation by a non-member, with the qualification that the funds be used for the recruitment of a "younger" population into the world of Hispanic genealogical research. Thanks to Doug Daniels and his committee and the Duran Youth Initiative Program, which sponsored the *GSHA Essay Contest*, we saw the magnificent results of that effort at the 2015 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference when three talented residents of Santa Fe between the ages of 20 and 40 were introduced. Their winning essays will be published in the 2015 Fall issue of *Nuestras Raices*. In addition, both the Southern California and Fray Angelico Chavez Chapters received monetary grants from the Duran Youth Initiative Program to create local programs geared toward the recruitment of members under 40. You will be updated on the results of their efforts. Doug has agreed to continue the recruitment of members under 40, with a new unnamed fund. As of now, we have eight donors, pledging contributions of \$100.00 each towards this effort. So please consider supporting this program. Pledge applications will be available shortly through your Chapter and on the gsha.net website.

These are our goals for the next eighteen months. With your assistance, they can be accomplished, so let's work together.

Very truly yours, Bob Craig

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD TO DONIE NELSON



"I wish I were in Santa Fe with all of you this weekend, but so many times during the 26 years I have been a member, I chose GSHA over career and family commitments. I am thrilled to fulfill my current obligation to my daughter Molly. Molly will be married this month [June] in Hawaii and my "mother of the bride" tasks have yet to be completed. Many of you may remember Molly as the 'champion raffle ticket seller' at the 2001 Santa Fe Conference. Her sales outfit was a bikini top and mini-skirt.

GSHA honors me with this lifetime membership. It is not only one more check I do not have to write, but it is also a signal that the Society acknowledges and respects my contributions, and recognizes the passion I continue to have for genealogy and GSHA. GSHA may be thanking me for what I have contributed, but please remember that in return I have made lasting friendships and discovered distant relatives, some of whom I love more than the relatives I am more closely related to!"



The lower photo is Donie in 1993 during her first term as President of GSHA-SC.

This award is very prestigious. There are only three other recipients: Dr. Wilfred Martinez, Olibama Lopez Tushar and Patsy Talmadge. Donie has earned this accolade. Among her many accomplishments:

- A founder and former president of GSHA-SC for several terms.
- Served on the SC chapter board for 17 years and the national board for 6 years.
- Created and produced the award-winning *Huellas del Pasado* newsletter for GSHA-SC.
- Created thriving monthly outreach programs serving hundreds of Hispanic genealogists in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties on an annual basis.
- Served on several committees including the bylaw committee, rules committee & policy and procedures committee, Outreach committee, annual conference committee.
- Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor of the *Nuestras Raíces* journal for several years.

Thank you, Donie, for all your years of service and dedication to GSHA!



Duran Youth Initiative Essay Contest Winners

The *Duran Youth Initiative Program* was created in 2014 and was administered by Doug Daniels, Chair, Charlene Garcia Simms, Phil Duran and Paul Gomez. It was funded by an anonymous donor with the caveat that the funds be used to encourage youth to participate in GSHA activities. The committee launched an essay contest in Santa Fe County open to entrants between the ages of 20 and 40. The requirements were that each essay be two pages long, typed double spaced, telling a story about a female relatives whom they believed to be a memorable woman of the Hispanic world supporting the theme of the 2015 conference *Mujeres Memorables del Mundo Hispano*. A rubric was used to declare the winners using theme, style, structure, creativity and originality to score the essays. The winners were each awarded a \$200 cash prize, full registration to the 2015 conference and a free GSHA membership for 2016. The winners were:

- John Delano Edward Montoya. His essay was titled, "Butterflies."
- Melissa Barbara. Her essay was titled, "Grand Mary."
- Carmella Scorcia. Her essay was titled, "La Mujer de mi Vida"

The contestants read their essays at the conference and received a standing ovation. Congratulations to the winners whose essays will appear in the 2015 issue of *Nuestras Raíces*.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

When directing and producing a conference one person cannot do it alone. There are many people to thank for making the 2015 GSHA conference a success. I'm sure that this is not an all inclusive list. If anyone has been left out please contact me at charlenegsimms@yahoo.com We will continue covering the 2015 GSHA conference in the next newsletter.

- ◇ **Planning committee:** Carmen Arteaga, Doug Daniels, Bob Craig, Penny Garcia, Charlene Garcia Simms, Paul Gomez, Frank Dominguez, and Donie Nelson
- ◇ **Registration Committee:** Frank, Anita and Ana Dominguez
- ◇ **Raffle Committee:** Sylvia Sandoval, Carolyn Cordova, Rita Cardenas, Phil Duran, Paul Gomez, CeCe Newman, Rita Vega Acevedo & Marie Velazco.
- ◇ **Raffle Committee Genealogy Prizes** - Kevin Williams; prizes obtained from Ancestry Academy; Black-blaze.com; Eastman's Online Genealogy; Paul Larsen; Family Chartmasters; Flip Pal; Genealogy Bank; Fold 3; Internet Genealogy Magazine; My Heritage.com; Your Genealogy Today Magazine; Family Tree DNA (donated two \$35 gift certificates and one \$100 gift certificate); Roots Magic Software; Thanks to everyone else who donated a raffle prize. Names will be published next month.
- ◇ **Conference Program Staff:** Donie Nelson and Mona Hernandez
- ◇ **Publicity:** Donie Nelson, Carmen Arteaga, Charlene Garcia Simms
- ◇ **Conference logo and artwork:** Catherine Romero based on a painting by Denver artist, Arlette Lucero. With Arlette's permission her original work was enhanced by Cathy to complement our theme.
- ◇ **Promotional materials from Santa Fe:** Jean Cantu and Evie Baca Hilse
- ◇ **Pueblo City-County Library District—Printing of Program \$600 in-kind donation**
- ◇ **Conference sponsors:** \$250—Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogists; \$100 Francois Marie Patorni. Other contributors under \$100: Rosemary & Edumenio Aguilar, Donald Bruestle, Mary Ellen Burciago, Jean Cantu, Amos & Julie Cordova, Sr. Gloria Cordova, Ph.D. Bob Craig, Janice Crane, Pat Gallegos Delgado, Patricia Griego, Steve Herrera, Evelyn Baca Hilse, David and Rosella Jardine, Ruth J. & Leonard R. Martinez, Marie Naranjo, Kathy Pacheco, Anastacio & Eleanor Valdez, Marietta Gonzales
- ◇ **Duran Essay Contest:** Doug Daniels, Chair; Paul Gomez, Phil Duran and Charlene Garcia Simms; Special thanks to Dolores Valdez de Pong for her assistance in promoting the contest.
- ◇ **Dolores Valdez de Pong** for her assistance in securing La Sociedad Folklorica de Santa Fe fashion show for the banquet. More to come in the next newsletter about this wonderful organization.
- ◇ **Our entertainers:** Rob Martinez and Tom Gutierrez as Lenin and McCarthy; La Sociedad Folklorica de Santa Fe
- ◇ **Presenters:** Rob Martinez, Dr. Deena J. Gonzales, Charlene Garcia Simms, Dr. Deborah Martinez-Martinez, Maria Sanchez Tucker, Mary Ellen Burciago, Dr. Linda Tiggs, Vera Estrada, Dr. Julianne Burton-Carvajal, Angel Cervantes, Henrietta Martinez Christmas, Miguel Torrez, Karen Cordova, Doreen Carvajal
- ◇ **Thank you to Linda McAlister** for picking up Doreen Carvajal in Albuquerque, taking her to Santa Fe and taking her back to catch her flight in Albuquerque. Miguel Torrez for leading tour to Santa Cruz de la Canada and Leonard Trujillo for coordinating and leading the tour of Abiquiu.
- ◇ **Many more thanks to be continued in the next newsletter.**

2015 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference Financial Statement

Income

Appropriation	\$ 3,937.50
Conference registrations	\$ 21,305.00
50/50	\$ 632.00
Raffle	\$ 734.00
Donations	\$ 745.00
Rent(2)	\$ 462.50
Program Ads	\$ 150.00
Appropriation returned(1)	\$ (1,363.03)
	<u>\$ 26,602.97</u>

Expenses

Catering	\$ 14,990.05
	Banquet \$ 8,256.66
	President reception \$ 4,019.14
	Gratuity(4) \$ 2,714.25
Media equipment rental	\$ 3,068.06
Speaker fees	\$ 1,751.00
Speaker transportation	\$ 549.88
Speaker meal allowance	\$ 213.00
Refunds(3)	\$ 590.00
Entertainment	\$ 200.00
Office supplies	\$ 431.24
50/50 Winner(5)	\$ 316.00
Parking fees(1)	\$ 60.59
	<u>\$ 22,169.82</u>

Profit / (Loss) \$4,433.15

(1) Appropriation less expenses (2) Vendor table fee (3) Family emergencies

(4) 22% lines 20, 21 (5) Doug Daniels

GSHA Bylaws

Standing Rules of Procedure
Conference Division of Profit, page 14, #9 item 2 & 6

GSHA	\$ 2,216.58
Southern California Chapter	\$ 1,108.29
Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter-Pueblo	\$ 1,108.29
	<u>\$ 4,433.15</u>

Report submitted by Interim Treasurer, Bob Craig, August 2015



Doug Daniels
Marie Velazco

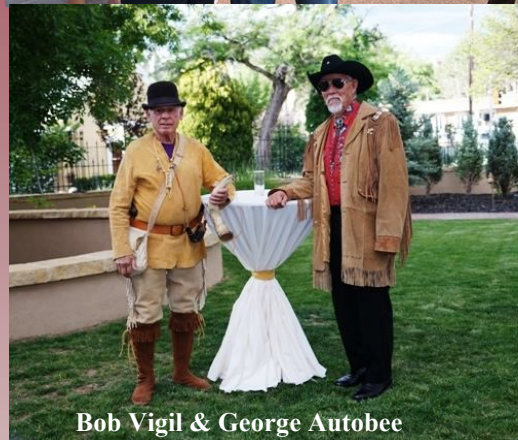


Presenters: Dr. Linde Tigges &
Dr. Julianne Burton-Carvajal

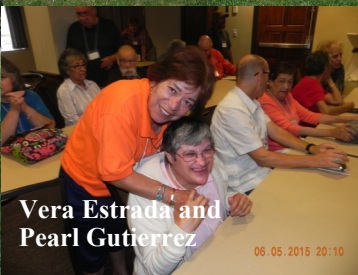


Charlene Garcia Simms

Images of
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Plaza
Hotel



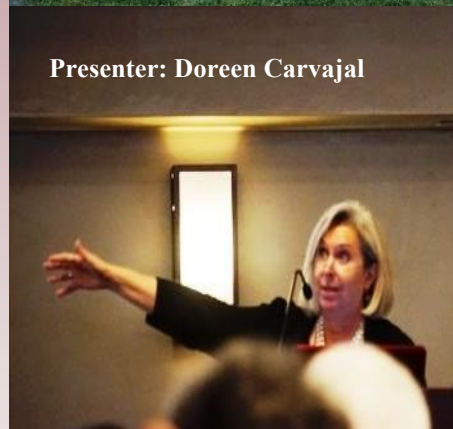
Bob Vigil & George Autobee



Vera Estrada and
Pearl Gutierrez



At the Banquet, Charlene Simms,
Evangeline Donker, Sley Annabel
Leyba & Marie Velazco



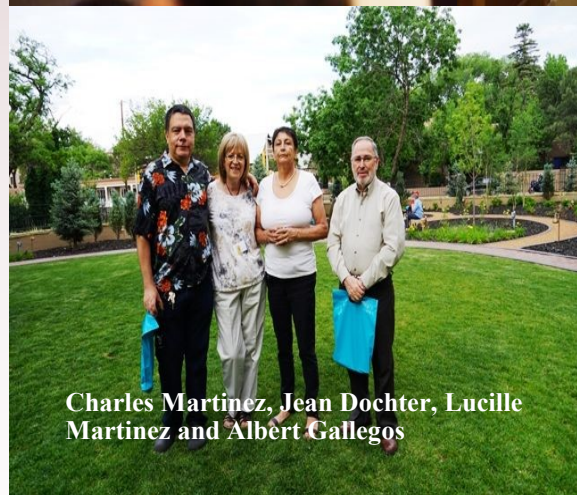
Presenter: Doreen Carvajal



Toni & Peter
Giovanetti



Dr. Elijo Velasquez &
Phil Duran



Charles Martinez, Jean Dochter, Lucille
Martinez and Albert Gallegos



Dress as your Ancestor contest



Sean Trujillo



Kathy Pacheco &
Dr. Deborah Martinez-Martinez



Rita Cardenas, Ceferino Ahuero-
Baca and Patsy Vasquez



Miguel Torrez and Henrietta
Martinez Christmas



Melissa Barbara, Doug Daniels
and Carmella Scoria



Anita, Frank and Ana Dominguez



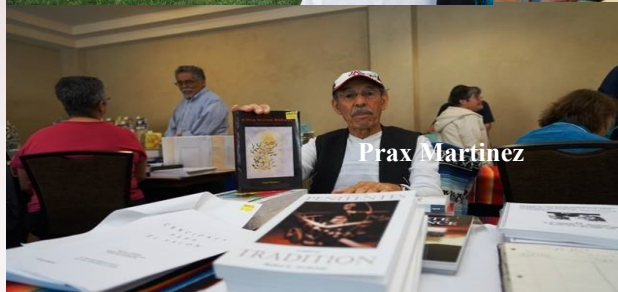
Ricardo & Ercilia Luna



Anna Leyba, Dr. Eugene Torres and
Patsy Vasquez



Angel Cervantes



Prax Martinez



Third place winners for dress as
your ancestor contest, Tom
Makovsky & Dr. Kris Jeter



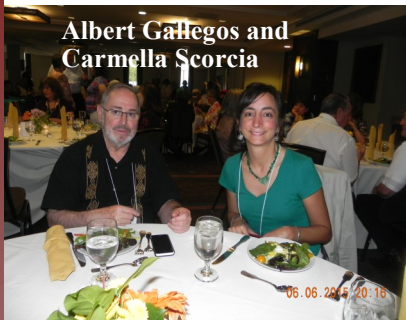
Reception in the Garden



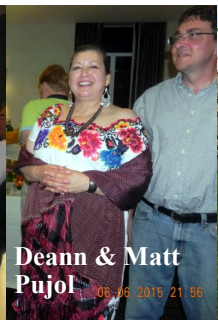
Marietta Gonzales and
Dr. Eugene Torres



Relaxing at the reception



Albert Gallegos and
Carmella Scorcio



Deann & Matt
Pujol



Penny Garcia &
Lanette Estrada



Aguilar Family



Eddie & Rosemary



Lanette Estrada &
Doug Daniels



Virginia & Abel
Santistevan



Mary Ellen Burciago
and Doug Daniels
hmm...



Jean and Michael Dochter



Carmella Scorcio
and Ana Dominguez



Inés de la Cruz
woman you have never heard of



Presenter: Maria
Sanchez Tucker



Kila and George Sanchez



Jose and Cynthia Gomez



Vicky and Bob Leeven



Rosella and David Jardine



Bob Aragon and
Lucia Rivera



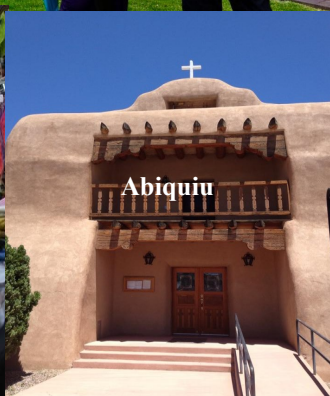
Jeanette Fisher, Patsy Vasquez
& Rita Cardenas



Presenter:
Dr. Deena Gonzales



Mrs. Martinez
(Henrietta's mother)



Abiquiu



Delgado Family

Dr. Deborah Martinez-Martinez
& Bob Pacheco



Mr. & Mrs. John Montoya



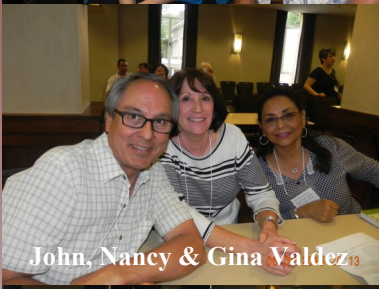
Phil Duran



Melissa Barbara



John, Nancy & Gina Valdez



The winner,
Jeri Sokolosky



Nancy Vigil and
Elmer Espinoza



Marietta Gonzales and
Dr. Eugene Torres



George and Rose Gonzales



Evie Baca,
Marietta
Gonzales, Ruth
Martinez,
Corrine Tafoya



Presenter: Rob
Martinez



Doug Daniels,
Marissa Delgado
&
Mark DeSautel



Dolores, Penny
Lanette & Vera



Dr. Eugene Torres
and David Torres



Bob and Rose De Herrera



Dolores
Valdez de
Pon



A new generation of genealogists,
Becky Atencio, Vendor (Betty
Pacheco family)



Evie Baca Hilse and
Marietta Gonzales





Rita Vega-Acevedo



Pam & Bella Padilla & Evie Baca Hilse



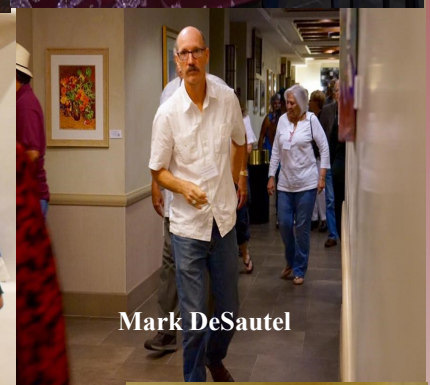
Carolyn Cordova
and Sylvia Sandoval



Paul and Pat Dileski



Patsy Vasquez, Jeanette Fisher, Rita
Vega-Acevedo and Leonard Trujillo



Mark DeSautel



Kathy telling a story at the dress as your
ancestor contest.



Tom Martinez, Anna Leyba, Josie
Young, Patsy Vasquez, Marie,
Velazco Ceferino Ahuero-Baca and
Gloria Trujillo



Maria Naranjo



Fashion show by La Sociedad Folklorica de Santa Fe



Peter Ives, Mayor Pro Temp,
Santa Fe & Bob Craig



Bob Craig, Margaret
Turner & Hope Yost



Dr. Kris Jeter

Images
Of 2015
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Ed Vigil, Anna Leyba, Josie Young, Patsy,
Vasquez, Gloria Trujillo & Marie Velazco



Deann and
Matt Pujol



Jeanette Fisher &
Ceferino Ahuero-Baca



Tom Martinez



Karen Cordova about
to read her poem



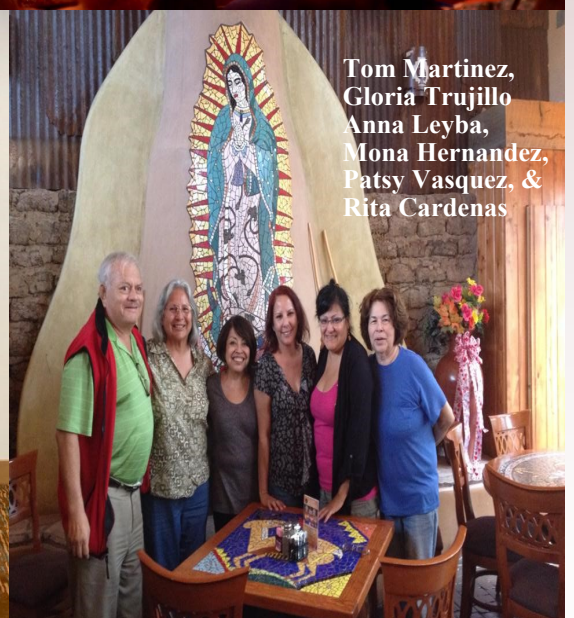
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Dr. Deborah Martinez-
Martinez



Vera Estrada



Tom Martinez,
Gloria Trujillo,
Anna Leyba,
Mona Hernandez,
Patsy Vasquez, &
Rita Cardenas

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Mary Ellen Burciago, *Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter Representative*

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



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Please notify us if you have had a change of address.



GSHA 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The GSHA Annual Meeting was held in Santa Fe on Saturday June 7. Shown here are Bob Craig, President; Janice Crane, Secretary, George Autobee, Parliamentarian, David Torres, Treasurer; Frank Dominguez, Member-at-Large Representative and Interim Vice-president; Paul Gomez, SC Representative and SC Chapter President; and Mary Ellen Burciago, FACC Representative.



Sympathy to the families of David Salazar and Armando Atencio who died last month. David was the founder of GSHA. Armando served as a member-at-large on the GSHA board for several years. More information will be forthcoming in the *Nuestras Raices* journal about their lives and contributions to GSHA.

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