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National Meeting and Conference in Santa Fe a Great Success

Dear Members: It was wonderful seeing all our members and guests at the conference last month. This was one of the “most fun conferences” I have attended in over 25 years. It felt like everyone was in good spirits, ready to learn some history and add more names to their genealogy charts.

Our thanks to Doug Daniels and his committee for all their hard work. Every conference has special memories. Two special memories for me were the little Native American girl seen here to the left dancing the Sacred Buffalo Dance with her older cousins from the San Ildefonso Pueblo. She kept up with every beat of the drum.

Later that evening AnnaMaria Cardinalli, Ph.D., sang the National Anthem; it was an awesome experience and I will remember it forever. Her biography is in the conference program and her credentials are amazing.

For those of you who stayed over Sunday night, I can ask the question, “Where were you when the lights went out in Santa Fe and other parts of the state for three hours?” Luckily, the Drury had a backup generator that lit up some of the hotel. Many of us just sat around in the patio and told stories of past conferences. Some of the stories were funny, some interesting and some classified. We hope everyone left with a newfound friend or cousin. See you next year.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

Costume Contest

Many people dressed up in military attire to follow our military theme or as their ancestors as in previous years. The winners were Geraldine Sokolosky in a beautiful Spanish dress with a mantilla. Geraldine also won the costume contest last year. George Sanchez was the winner of military attire. You can see two photos of these winners on page 8 of this newsletter.

Storytelling Contest

The winner of the story telling contest was Bertha Gallegos with the story of arranging a military funeral for her grandfather 100 years after he fought in the Civil War.

Thanks to everyone who told a personal story. This is a favorite part of the conference when our members share these wonderful stories of their ancestors.



Shown here, is a new generation of San Ildefonso dancers. On page 8, 9 and 10 are more images of the 2016 conference. More photos will be posted in the next two newsletters. We also have bios on our outstanding volunteers that we want to archive in *Noticias de Nuestras Raices* newsletter.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings From the GSHA President!

As that Queen song goes, “Another One Bites the Dust.” The GSHA 27TH Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference has come and gone. It takes months to plan and then it’s over in a weekend. I hope that everyone who attended had an informative and enjoyable time. It’s always nice to see old friends and meet new people, learn something new about our family genealogy and more about our cultural and historic contributions to the Americas.

I especially thank Doug Daniels, Conference Committee Chair, and his committee, for all the long hours, telephone calls and in some cases sleepless nights for, what I believe, was a very successful weekend. Those who have been involved in planning any type of conference are well aware of the hard work, time and effort, which goes into having a winning conference. We had some hiccups, but nothing that prevented us from having a pleasurable time, though the weather was somewhat dicey at times. So next time you see or talk to Doug, please congratulate him on a great conference, he deserves it.

As I announced at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 6, because of family health issues I have chosen not to be nominated for re-election to a second two-year term as GSHA President when my current term ends this year. I am very honored to have served as your President since January 2015. And, although I am not able to complete all the goals I announced in 2015, I believe I made some modest contributions to the success of the society. I thank the GSHA Board of Directors, committee chairs and members for their hard work and support during this time.

The vacant positions of President and Treasurer will be open as of January 2017 and a Nominations Committee is being appointed to consider potential candidates and will soon be announced. Though candidates for President have not come forward, I am happy to announce that I have agreed to be nominated for the position of Treasurer. This position allows me to continue to care for an ill family member and still be involved with GSHA, but with less time commitment. I look forward to working with our new President. I urge all of you to look to yourselves and to the members of your chapter for our next leaders.

We are still actively recruiting a Chair for the 2017 Conference. I will not lie, the conference chair and committee positions require a commitment of time and hard work, but it is worth it, once you see the faces of our members at the conference. So please consider being part of something bigger than yourself. You can contact any current board member or me. If you are looking to challenge yourself, the conference is a short-term, but rewarding commitment. When I became President, I was unsure of what I was doing, but I had to do it, if for nothing else, I had to try.

As we transition from summer into fall, (though I don’t know if this applies to our members west of the Rockies), I hope this past year has been prosperous and you have made new discoveries in your family research. I look forward to seeing many of you next year.

Thank you again for your commitment to GSHA and to the Hispanic community at large.

Bob Craig
2015 & 2016 GSHA President

Bravo! Volunteers!

Volunteers are the foundation of our Society. These are the unpaid, hard-working members and non-members who take time from their jobs, families and their own research to support our goals, our chapters, and our conferences. Every time one person volunteers, they relieve some of the burden from all the other volunteers. How can they be compensated? The national GSHA and their Chapters routinely honor outstanding volunteers with one-year (and sometimes lifetime) honorary memberships.

Another form of compensation is a *Muchas Gracias/Thank You* list we regularly publish and/or announce at meetings. Below is the list of volunteers who made our 2016 GSHA Annual Meeting & Genealogical Conference a success. So, if your name is not on the list, volunteer for the 2017 Conference!

Vendor table: Frank Whatley

Registration: Ken Gardner, GSHA Treasurer; Frank and Arlene Whatley, Gina Valdez; Mary Ellen Burciago & Shanell Adams (non-member)

Raffle Ticket Sales: Don Bruestle, Chair; Richard and Vicki Arellano, Deanna Archuleta (non-member)

Photography: David Torres and Shanell Adams

Special thanks to the following people whose donations ensured that our **Raffle** was a success: Mary Ellen Burciago, Karen Cordova, Bob Craig, Edith Foster, Rosella Jardine, Ercelia and Ricardo Luna, Patricia Sanchez Rau, Raul and Consuelo Rodriguez, Libby & Larry Ruybal, Kila Sanchez, Abel and Virginia Santistevan, Anastasio and Eleanor Valdez, John Valdez, Charlene Wilbar, Kevin Williams, Hispanic Genealogical Research Center, New Mexico Genealogical Society, and the Presidio San Augustin del Tucson.

We also appreciate the **Vendors**: artists, entrepreneurs, businesses and societies who provide valuable services and merchandise to our attendees. We hope they had a profitable weekend: Hispanic Genealogical Research Center (Ronald Miera); Juan Lopez (silversmith); Martinez Educational Consulting (Praxedes Martinez); Tom Martinez; New Mexico Genealogical Society (Henrietta M. Christmas & Miguel Torrez); Rio Grande Books (Paul Rhett); Tucson Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation (Rachel Ruiz Pollack); Sean Trujillo (artist); and Dolores Valdez de Pong, (educator).

A special thanks to those who introduced our speakers: Mary Ellen Burciago, Bob Craig, Doug Daniels, Phil Duran, Jeanette Martinez Fisher, Charlene Garcia Simms, Cathy Romero, Mona Hernandez, Linda Tigges and Linda Serna.

Thanks to Publicity Chair Donie Nelson for promoting the conference beyond our membership and to her Printed Program co-chair Gretchen Tower. Without their efforts, we would all just be wandering around the hotel.

We are grateful to amazing graphic designer **Catherine Romero**, who created the conference artwork, giving us a memorable visual representation of the conference theme. We thank Charlene Garcia Simms for getting the Pueblo City-County Library District as a sponsor and printing 200 copies of the program in full color at no charge for the third consecutive year.

No conference can be a success unless the site provides top-notch ambiance and services, which our host hotel, the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, delivered. Karen Whitchurch and Staff made us welcome and were very accommodating to our needs and requests.

Finally, to all the GSHA members and guests who attended the GSHA 2016 Genealogical Conference, *muchas gracias*, for your enthusiasm and support. Our conferences provide us with the opportunity to renew our commitment to our Hispanic genealogical and cultural research, enriching the lives of our families, while educating the public about our heritage, history, and traditions.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR, DOUG DANIELS



Over 160 members, guests, vendors, and speakers gathered together, in colorful historical costumes and military attire, at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe, from August 5-7, 2017, to participate in the 27th Annual Genealogical Society of Hispanic America Meeting and Genealogical Conference.

On Friday afternoon, several early arrivers met in the lobby of the Drury Hotel, to begin a short stroll to the plaza for one of two tours. Some attended a brand new exhibit, *The Fractured Faiths: Spanish Judaism, The Inquisition, and New World Identities*, by curator Josef Diaz. A highlight of this exhibit was a photograph of two GSHA-SC members and sisters: Mona Hernandez and Gloria Trujillo. A second group toured the Fray Angelico Chavez

History Library and Palace of the Governors Photo Archives, where they searched through a repository of old photographs. Still a third group of attendees toured the “City Different” on the Santa Fe Palace Express Bus.

Just before the sun set over the western landscape, the more temperamental side of Mother Nature reared her head, in the form of an anticipated deluge of rain. As we watched and hovered under the patio to keep from getting wet, music by *Lenin and McCarthy*, filled the water saturated air. However, this precipitation didn’t prevent the *Sacred Buffalo Dancers* from performing. The outdoor portion of the reception was concluded with an invocation by the Chief of the San Ildefonso Pueblo, otherwise known as Boomer.

Once the conference officially kicked off it became clear that the next three days would be filled with lots of good times. The indoor portion of the reception followed with the raising of the Colors by the New Mexican Society of the *Sons of the American Revolution* and the singing of the *National Anthem* by AnnaMaria Cardinalli, a genealogical cousin of mine, and descendant of the historic Delgado family of Santa Fe. All the while we watched projected images of soldiers who have served in the military ranging from the Conquistador Francisco Vazquez de Coronado to Justiniano Romero, father of GSHA-SC member, Cathy Romero.

Our enthusiastic Keynote speaker, Robert Martinez, Assistant State Historian, was once again a big hit and got the group off to an exciting start. We were welcomed to Santa Fe by Councilor Peter Ives who contrasted his Irish ancestry to that of his wife’s Hispanic lineage. We were further welcomed by our own President Bob Craig, who took a moment to recognize those in the room who have served in the military, as well as to recognize the late Gloria Cordova, our respected National Vice President, who passed away earlier this year.

The highlight of the evening was our story telling contest, coordinated by one of our favorites, Charlene Garcia Simms. There are lots of stories to be told amongst fellow genealogists and there was no lack of story tellers in the room! Everyone enjoyed the evening as we laughed and teared up as the contestants shared stories from their hearts. Each contestant put their best oratory skills forward and in the end one winner was chosen. The winner of the contest was Bertha Gallegos, a member of the Colorado Society of Hispanic Genealogy.

Two free 2017 conference registrations were awarded, one each to George Sanchez and Geri Sokolosky, for their outstanding costumes. George came dressed as a Spanish Soldier and Geri as her ancestor. One attendee came all the way from West Palm Beach, Florida. There were 34 GSHA-SC and 79 FACC members in attendance.

The Drury Plaza Hotel and Santa Fe once again, proved to be a perfect setting for our conference. The hotel nestled behind the Cathedral, just adjacent to the plaza, was our home away from home, for the weekend. We enjoyed all the amenities and fine services of the hotel. There were plenty of spaces available to socialize, hang out with friends and family, and to network. One attendee, Marisa Delgado, gave me a four foot long pedigree chart on my Campbell-Delgado family. I heard from another attendee that she acquired a photograph of an ancestor that she had never seen before. And still another attendee, wrote anonymously in their survey, that there was happiness all around and that, “everyone is so friendly here”. Corrine Tafoya, wore a beautiful smile that pretty much summed up the happiness that everyone felt at the conference.

Message from the Conference Chair (continued)

The vendor room had over 24 tables. There was everything from books to artwork and local crafted jewelry. I met Aaron Taylor, a young and enthusiastic specialist who translates historical Spanish documents into English. FACC president, Penny Garcia's grandson, Sean Trujillo, had a booth where he displayed his beautifully handcrafted crosses, and rumor has it he sold each one of them.

All the presentations this year revolved around the theme, "Los Espanoles en America del Norte: Los Soldados y Los Colonos". Over the course of three days we heard from 12 speakers. The talks provided a deeper understanding of the Spanish soldiers and colonists, who settled in the Spanish frontier. There was a nice mix of presentations by academics such as Rick Hendricks, and Joseph Sanchez, with those who are non-academics, but share a personal passion for genealogy, such as Linda Serna and Mona Hernandez. A big hit this year was a gentleman by the name of Angel Abbud-Madrid, from Colorado, who addressed our group for the very first time, and in his own words, "had a wonderful time interacting with many of our fellow cousins and learned a ton about the complex field of genealogy". My most memorable speaker was 89 year old George Garcia from Albuquerque, who took a fall, ended up in the emergency room, and made it back in time for his presentation. He was delivered directly to the stage on a luggage cart! Other great new speakers were Homer Thiel and John Schmal. A GSHA tradition, Angel Cervantes, spoke to a filled to capacity room. Elmer Maestas spoke on his new self-published book. He told the story of the Mestas/Maestas family, which could have been the story of any of our families. The speakers collectively were definitely a big highlight of the weekend.

At our closing session, President Bob Craig announced our 50:50 raffle winner: Mary Ellen Burciago. Since I won the 50:50 last year, I was hoping I would not win again, so I was thrilled when I heard her name announced. She sported a huge smile as she walked to the stage to claim her winnings.

On Sunday, Mother Nature once again made her presence known, this time in the form of a spectacular lightening show. A bolt of lightning struck a local power transfer station, a fire ensued, and power outages occurred in about a third of northern New Mexico. The Drury didn't miss an opportunity to heighten our experience by offering free ice cream to those of us stuck in the dark. Many of us bunkered down, with drinks and once again resorted to storytelling, just as our ancestors have done for entertainment in times past. We laughed into the night. Next time you see, Patsy Vasquez, a member of GSHA-SC, ask her to tell you the story about a priest, three genealogists, and a Taos cemetery.

In the end, GSHA collected \$465 in donations from several donors. \$50 was contributed by Robert Gomez, brother of member Toni Gomez Giovanetti, who after planning and looking forward to attending, fell ill and was unable to attend. He requested that \$50 of his registration be donated to GSHA. Thank you Robert, we appreciate your donation and missed your presence. I was informed today, by his sister that Robert will not be with us much longer.

This wonderful and fun conference would not have been possible without the generosity of over 77 individuals and institutions. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving of your unselfish time. Because of the success of the conference, GSHA will once again, be able to share the revenue generated with the local chapters.

I would like to close with the last paragraph from the illustrious, GSHA-SC member, Karen Cordova's poem, to give you a sense of how the conference concluded. There were a few tears following her reading, lots of warm embraces, and then the lights dimmed and the conference came to an end.

"Now I must leave. You will never hear my voice again. Abuela believed we transform into stars after death. Abuelo often scolded her; true faith promised heaven. But I am certain, I live within each of you in a double-helix galaxy of deep yearning to gather your stories. Gift them as food-Mestizo manzanas for your cousins and children. Adios. Vaya con Dios".

GSHA Honorary Memberships

GSHA annually honors their outstanding volunteers at the GSHA Annual Meeting. This year the Annual Meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, August 6. Eugene L. Torres, D.V.M. received a lifetime honorary membership award from GSHA. Each year the Chapters nominate one member who has been an outstanding volunteer to receive a one-year honorary membership award. Richard Arellano and Catherine Romero were nominated by their respective Chapters to receive 2017 Honorary Memberships. These three volunteers epitomize the highest level of volunteer commitment and hard work that makes GSHA a truly wonderful and exciting organization to be part of:



GSHA Lifetime Honorary Membership: Eugene L. Torres, D.V.M.

Eugene L. Torres, D.V.M. received a Lifetime Honorary Membership for his 28 years of service to GSHA. Dr. Torres is one of the founders of the Society, well respected and deserving of this award. His lifetime dedication to the preservation and research of the Hispanic culture is commendable and honorable. Dr. Torres served as GSHA's President in 1997, playing a critical role during a year of transition. He was not only well-prepared after eight years as a board member—six of them as a Vice President—but his professorial manner and commitment to both publishing research and establishing new chapters (he was the *padrino of the Trinidad Chapter*), inspired confidence and trust. During his only year as President, the Society adopted new bylaws, which established GSHA as a national organization with a commitment to founding and supporting more chapters. The Society also held its only GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference in California during that time. Torres is the author and/or co-author of more than twelve self-published books on the families of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico. Since 1997, Torres has continued his own research and provided assistance to any who contacted him. A native of Denver, Colorado Dr. Torres enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, where he was a crew chief of a T-33 jet plane training fighter pilots in Texas. While in the USAF he met and married his wife Amparo Villarreal Perez (now deceased), who insisted that he return to college and he studied veterinary medicine at what is now the College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University at Fort Collins. Eventually he operated his own small animal practice in Thornton, Colorado. In his own words, "I had a very good practice, but like most businesses there was a lot of time when there were few clients and I had a lot of time for what became a passion: genealogy. You know the rest of the story, and after meeting so many enthusiastic people in all of the Hispanic societies in U.S. now I know the story will not end." Dr. Torres is currently retired and owns a family cattle ranch outside of Trinidad, Colorado. May Dr. Torres continue to be an inspiration to the present and future members of GSHA.



GSHA-Southern California Chapter Outstanding Volunteer: Cathy Romero

Cathy Romero has been a GSHA SC member since 2005. During these eleven years, she has served on the GSHA-SC board of directors in the following positions: VP of Programs (2008), Secretary (2005 thru 2007 & 2014 thru 2016), and Member at Large (2009 thru 2013). She has also served on the following Chapter committees: Art & Promotion, Facebook, Fiesta, Hospitality, Jamboree, Mail Distribution, Newsletter Production, Nominations, Outreach, and Website. For several years she has been the Chapter's representative/liaison to the Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), whose library is the Chapter's primary meeting site.

In addition, she has also served on the SCGS board of directors. Cathy was elected to the position of national GSHA Secretary (2008 & 2009). Both the Chapter and the national GSHA have benefitted from Cathy's artistic and graphic design talents. In 2006, Cathy redesigned the masthead for the chapter's award-winning newsletter, *Huellas del Pasado*, and in 2010, she redesigned the cover and overall design for GSHA's quarterly journal, *Nuestras Raíces*. For several years Cathy has also been responsible for the promotional artwork, including the cover, for the GSHA annual genealogical conference printed programs, as well as this year's. Cathy designs all the GSHA-SC meeting fliers and the fliers for the Chapter's outreach events. Since 2010, she has been the Art Director and production consultant for the *Nuestras Raíces* journal. Professionally Cathy has worked as a graphic designer for 37 years with a major healthcare provider. The many aspects of design, New Mexican history, Hispanic art, photography, and cinema are her most constant interests. Cathy has been recognized in the past by both the national GSHA and GSHA-SC for her contributions as a volunteer to GSHA.



GSHA-Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter Outstanding Volunteer:

Richard Arellano

By Mary Ellen Burciago, GSHA-FACC Chapter Representative

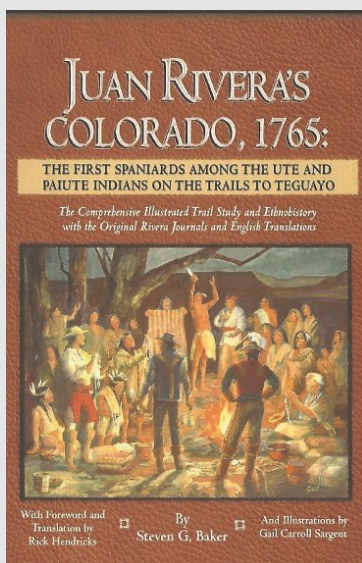
Recently I had the opportunity to visit with Richard Arellano, who had been recognized by FACC President Penny Garcia as an *Outstanding Volunteer*. Richard shared with me that he considers himself a very lucky man in all aspects of his life: love and family, friends and career. He and his wife, Vicki, celebrated their 34th anniversary in August.

Richard was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado and attended Edison Elementary School. He and his twin brother became paper carriers at age fourteen. He graduated from Central High School where he lettered in golf for three years. Merely two weeks after high school, he went to work for Pepsi-Cola and was employed for six years. A ten-year stint as a boilermaker helper at the steel mill followed. When a massive layoff occurred in 1981, Richard took a position with 7-11 where he remains today with 31 years of service. However, that is not all. He works at K-Mart part-time and at Vinewood Park so his workweek usually reaches 60 hours.

Richard has always been goal oriented and aware that he has been successful as a paper carrier. In the fast paced work at 7-11, he has survived 14 managers and in the electronic department at K-Mart, he has won several performance awards because of his skill in dealing with people. Being people oriented brings pleasure to his work and to his other interests, particularly Bowling Nationals, which he attends yearly along with his love of travel, dancing and attending musical and other performance concerts.

Lucky? Do you get the idea as I do that Richard may be lucky but he is also a man that creates his own fortune? To be in love after 34 years takes more than luck. It takes attention to the relationship. Lucky in work? Perhaps? I say it is his goal orientation and skill in working directly with the public that has made him a success. Lucky to have so many recreational interests? I say it is good planning on his part to be able to work long hours and still enjoy life's pleasures. Lucky? Yes. It is the good luck of FACC to have Richard as a member. He has been generous in helping set up and take down the meeting room, attending monthly meetings, assisting with the GSHA Conferences, the FACC raffles and any other task that arises. Thank you, Richard, Outstanding Volunteer!

A New Publication:



Juan Rivera's Colorado, 1765: The First Spaniards Among the Ute and Paiute Indians on the Trails to Teguayo, by Steven G. Baker and illustrations by Gail Carroll Sargent: The comprehensive Illustrated Trail Study and Ethno-history with the original Rivera journals and English Translations

One of my favorite parts of being a librarian is researching what books have been currently published pertaining to Southwest history so we can purchase them for our collection. Quite often, I find some amazing books and the most recent one I found is about Juan Rivera's two trips into Western Colorado in 1765. The title mentioned above is translated by Dr. Rick Hendricks. Although Rivera only got as far as the Gunnison River, he set the stage for the better known 1776 journey of Fathers Dominguez and Escalante. The author demonstrates that Rivera traveled only in New Mexico and Colorado and not Utah as has been recorded. Baker corrects this mistake in the historical writing of the American West. The book is published by Westerns Reflections Publishing Company in Lake City Colorado. The ISBN number is: 978-1-937851-17-0. The illustrations are amazing.

Dolores
(Middle)George,
Winner of
military
costume

Evie (middle)

Geraldine,
winner of dress
as your ancestor
part of contest.Ken and Alva
Janice and Charlene
Doug and Patsy

Some attendees from the California Chapter



Sons of the American Revolution
Corinne
Lucille and Tom

Sacred Buffalo Dancers
Dr. Angel Abbud Madrid and Nivea
Soto Lightbourne
Bob (President, GSHA)

Dianne, Jeanette & Charlene
Sean
Linda and Frank



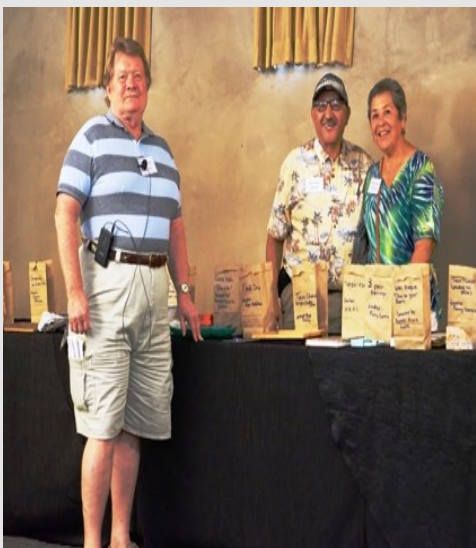
Phil and Isabel



Rosella and David



David, one of our photographers



Don, Richard and Mary Ellen



Peter Ives, Santa Fe Councilor



Maria



Albert



Dr. Linda Tigges



The Taylor Family

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
2016 GSHA Conference
8/5/2016 through 8/7/2016
Requires GSHA Board and membership approval

Income Statement

Income

Appropriations	\$ 5,000.00
Conference Registrations	\$ 18,085.00
Donations	\$ 465.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 623.00
Raffle	\$ 591.00
Rent Vendor Tables	\$ 660.00
Appropriation returned(1)	\$ (2,833.29)
	<u>\$ 22,590.71</u>

Expenses

Catering	\$ 12,318.34
Media equipment rental	\$ 3,251.45
Speaker fees	\$ 750.00
Speaker Room	\$ 148.75
Speaker transportation	\$ 357.96
Speaker Meal allowance	\$ 550.00
Refunds(2)	\$ 935.00
Entertainment	\$ 360.00
50/50 Raffle Winner	\$ 311.50
Office Supplies(3)	\$ 698.58
	<u>\$ 19,681.58</u>

Profit/(Loss)	<u>\$ 2,909.13</u>
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(1) Appropriation not used for speakers/entertainment

(2) Registrations and vendor

(3) Office supplies

Name tags and folders	\$ 79.71
Office supplies	\$ 137.42
Copies	\$ 9.77
Handouts	\$ 261.83
Plaque	\$ 64.44
Printing	\$ 145.41

GSHA Bylaws

Standing Rules of Procedure

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

GSHA	\$ 1,454.57
Southern California Chapter	\$ 727.28
Fray Angelico Chave Chapter-Pueblo	\$ 727.28
	<u>\$ 2,909.13</u>

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Photo on left is Eloisa Esquibel Gallegos and her Grandaughter, Rafaelita, preparing to make elderberry jam.

Photo on right is Senator Casimiro Barela and his wife, Damiana Rivera Barela. Courtesy DPL

A Successful Conference in Santa Fe

Thanks to everyone who had anything to do with making the 2016 GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference a success. Whether you were on the committee, a performer, presenter, researcher or attendee, you were all part of a wonderful conference. We are getting many interesting suggestions for next year's conference but we still need a chair. Contact Bob Craig, GSHA President, if you are interested. Chairing a conference is one of the most rewarding aspects of being a GSHA member.

The nomination committee, led by our vice-president, Frank Dominguez is fielding potential candidates for president and treasurer. We have one candidate for treasurer but if you are interested in being nominated for either position contact Frank Dominguez.

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