



Noticias de Nuestras Raices



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The next news-letter will be published in late May with all details on the conference.

However, you may get a registration form at our website: gsa.net Updates will also be posted.

Photo credits: The photo on the left is of Emma Vigil Maes and to the right is Rosenda Valdez taken in the auditorium of the San Luis Institute. Source: San Luis Cultural Center. To the right is the Club Filarmonico, a band in Pueblo, who was also a Mutulista (self-help group). Courtesy Pueblo City-County Library District.

California, Here we Come GSHA Annual Meeting & Conference Ontario, California, August 18-20

Dear Members:

Before you know it August will be upon us, so start making your plans to attend the GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference in Ontario, California, August 18-20, hosted by the Southern California Chapter with Gloria Trujillo as the committee chair. The conference is being planned as you read this. We have the theme, dates, place, and soon we will have an agenda. Room rates have been set, and the prices are amazing considering the conference is in California. See page 3 for registration information and lodging prices.

We have a very important announcement if you haven't heard already. Our new GSHA President is Paul Gomez, who took over this office on March 1. Paul has served as the California Chapter President and on the GSHA Board as Chapter Representative. He brings his experience and business acumen to help us further GSHA's mission and goals. Thank you, Paul, for taking this very important position as we go forward searching and documenting our roots.

Join me in thanking past President, Bob Craig, for all his efforts. Bob will now serve as our Treasurer. His experience and career in accounting will help keep us on track and bring our financial records into the technological world to which we are adapting.

Lastly, you opened up this newsletter as an attachment, make sure you also open the second attachment which includes a ballot, and instructions for voting for or against Amendment III—Section D of our bylaws that will change our dues structure to one category with the dues set at \$25.00 for all paying members. This is your organization, Please take the time to look at the amendment and send in your ballot. Thank you.

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

"Ancient Trails to Super-highways... Discover Your Roots"

Many of our member's ancestors migrated to California during World War II to work in the shipyards. Others migrated intermittently and several arrived since Juan Bautista de Anza took the first group of settlers there.

Whichever group you belong to, it is great history that will be told at this conference which is also the 25th anniversary of the GSHA-Southern California chapter. Don't miss it! The Old Spanish Trail shown below was a big part of the migration to California.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



April 2017

Greetings from California!

I am pleased to serve as the GSHA president effective March 1, 2017. I look forward to seeing many of you in Ontario, California on August 18-20, 2017, at the GSHA 28th Annual Genealogical Conference and Business Meeting, hosted by the Southern California chapter. The theme is "Ancient Trails to Superhighways...Discover Your Roots". Watch the newly redesigned GSHA website for registration and vendor information, and updates.

Under the leadership of Gloria Trujillo, who was appointed by the GSHA Board, to serve as chair, the Conference planning committee is working hard to ensure that your attendance will be time well spent. The lineup of speakers is shaping up to be one of equal value compared to prior conferences for Hispanic family researchers and historians.

GSHA is an organization that is meaningful to many, including me. My involvement began in 2009, when I attended the GSHA Conference in Taos, NM. I was there primarily because I was researching my wife's New Mexico family line, and wanted to learn more. The warm welcome, as well as the willingness to share information by those at the Conference was an incentive for further involvement.

Eventually, I was elected to the board of the Southern California Chapter, serving with Doug Daniels. Later I served as president, 2014-2016. Working with a dedicated board, the Chapter increased its membership, and stabilized its budget. The programs at the quarterly general membership meetings were of high quality, providing value for membership. Likewise, the programs and activities offered by the Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter are meeting the needs of its membership. With support of the GSHA Board, this will be my focus, namely, to support and promote the work of the Chapters in providing value of membership.

As examples of GSHA's value of membership, its Journal, *Nuestras Raíces*, is first rate. Its newsletter, *Noticias de Nuestras Raíces* is first rate. Our annual conference is also first rate. I anticipate that all these activities and products, and other endeavors such as the redesign of the GSHA website, and a new chapter in the works, will continue in support and promotion of the society's mission, and more importantly, its chapters.

As always, I am interested in hearing from you with ideas, suggestions, and comments on ways we can, together, add to the prosperity and growth of GSHA.

From your GSHA Board, and our host, the Southern California Chapter, a warm invitation is extended, to join us in Ontario.

Respectfully,

Paul Gomez, GSHA President



2017 GSHA Conference

2017 GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference

It's been 20 years since the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America-Southern California Chapter hosted the GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference. In 1997, the conference was held in Long Beach, California. This year's conference is being held in Ontario, California. This year also commemorates the Southern California Chapter's 25th anniversary.

With the support of GSHA National President, Paul Gomez, and GSHA Southern California Chapter President, Leonard Trujillo, the conference planning committee is working on making this year's conference an exciting and memorable event.

Our special guest room rate is \$89.00 per room, single or double. This rate will be extended three days prior to and three days after the conference. If you are interested in a suite, the Radisson is offering only two suites at a rate of \$129.00 each. Daily breakfast vouchers may be purchased for \$10.00 per person upon registration at the hotel.

To make room reservations on-line, go to www.radisson.com and give Ontario, California as the city, your dates of stay at the hotel, and enter Group Code GSHGSH. Or call 1-800-333-3333 to make your hotel reservations. Please specify Group Reservations and give Group Code GSHGSH room rates at \$89 per night, single or double. If you have any questions, please call the hotel.

The Radisson offers complimentary services and amenities such as free parking, 24-hour shuttle to and from the Ontario International Airport, high speed internet in all rooms, and use of the Executive Athletic Club with pool, spa, racquetball and tennis courts.

Hotel Reservations must be made by July 28, 2017 to ensure the special group rate.

To register for the conference, go to the GSHA website at <http://www.gsha.net> and click on the Programs & Conference tab to download the registration form.

This year's conference will feature a wide range of topics that will include presentations on the history of Colonial Mexico, California and the Southwestern United States involving migration, historical people and events, DNA and a "how to" on doing genealogy research.

Hope to see you at the conference!

Gloria Trujillo, Conference Chair

GSHA-Southern California Chapter

Since this year is the 25th anniversary of the Southern California Chapter of GSHA the following is a copy of an article that Donie Nelson published in the Spring 2014 *Nuestras Raices* journal about the beginning of GSHA-SC.

The Bedrock of GSHA-SC

The 16 founders of GSHA-SC, are the following individuals who pooled their resources in 1992 to establish a Southern California branch of GSHA: Pauline Chavez Bent, Virginia Bernal, Estrella Castillo, Sharon Heinz, Mona Hernandez, Nancy Jones, Gilbert & Janice Luna, Donie Nelson, Margaret Roybal, Joanne Sanchez, Joe Sanchez, III, Marsha Snelling, William & Emma Trujillo, and Gloria Trujillo.

Charter Members (113) joined GSHA-SC between September 1992 and December 1993: Frank & Arcila Aleman, Juquin Apodaca, Mariella Apodaca, Raymond Apodaca, Clyde Armijo, Jay & Julie Candelaria, L. T. “Roy” Cano, Placido and Beatrice Castillo, Carole Chafin, Charles & Rachel Chapman, Frank & Patricia Chavez, Irene Chavez, Pere Chavez, Terry Chavez, Robert & Lena Clandos, Doug Daniels, Denise Encinas, Paul Escamilla, Virginia Figueroa, Eleanore Estrada Forest, Barbara Aragon Garcia, Leon Garcia, Lynda Garcia, Milo & Crystal (Quintana) Garcia, Robert M. Garcia, Gladys Gleason, Dolores Goldke, David Gonzales, William & Elvira Griego, Al & Ruth Hernandez, Louis & Adele Hernandez, Vivian Rojas Heuker, Jaime Izunza Holcombe, Mario Chavez Jacobson, James Jaramillo, Manuel & Anna Jurado, Alex King, Katherine Martinez Kleine, John Landon y Baca, Hernan & Georgina Lecea, Art & Pam Lopez Robert O. Lopez, Joe F. Lucero, Paul Luna, Linda Marquez, Anthony Martinez, John & Gloria Martinez, Joel & Rita McCurdy, Carmen Michel, Diena Sandoval Mohlman, Elmer Montano, Jeffrey & Maryann (Zabala) Moore, Josephine Zamora Myers, Joseph & Marie Northrop, Carlos Olivera, Ernest Ortiz, Alice Garcia Partida, Robert Quiroz, Richard Ruiz, Consuelo Aguilar Sanchez, Eusebio & Virginia Sanchez, Lydia Santana, Antoinette Silva, Gloria Snyder, Dorothy Borrego Villalobos, Marcella Weig, and Patricia Wilkes.

GSHA-SC Chapter Presidents

1993: Arthur Lopez and Donie Nelson
 1994-1995: Donie Nelson
 1996: Mary Ann Zabala Moore
 1997 & 1998: Pauline Chavez Bent
 1999 & 2000: Patsy Vasquez
 2001, 2002, 2003: Donie Nelson
 2004, 2005 & 2006: Edward Vigil
 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010: Douglas S. Daniels
 2011, 2012 & 2013: Rita Vega-Acevedo
 2014-2016: Paul S. Gomez
 2017 Leonard Trujillo

Thank your for being our pioneers and leaders!

**Income Statement,
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
For Month Ended March 31, 2017**

	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	YTD
Revenue				
Membership				
FACC	\$0.00	\$627.00	\$1,036.70	\$1,663.70
SC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,919.20	\$1,919.20
GSHA Journal purchases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Journal Ad	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.96	\$59.96
Total Revenue	\$0.00	\$ 627.00	\$3,015.86	\$3,642.86
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$0.00	\$ 627.00	\$3,015.86	\$3,642.86
Other Income and Expense				
Journal Editor	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$375.00
Journal Printing	\$0.00	-\$712.89	-\$488.47	-\$1,201.36
Journal mailing	-\$183.53	\$0.00	-\$173.48	-\$357.01
Storage	-\$45.00	-\$45.00	-\$45.00	-\$135.00
Insurance	-\$63.07	-\$63.07	-\$63.07	-\$189.21
Newsletter printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67.31	\$67.31
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	\$94.00	\$49.00	\$143.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.45	\$40.45
Computer Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$259.96	-\$259.96
Conference Hotel deposit	\$0.00	-\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00
Total Other Income and Expense	-\$291.60	-\$1,226.96	-\$1,248.22	-\$2,766.78
Net Income	-\$291.60	-\$599.96	\$1,767.64	\$876.08



We're on the web!

gsha.net



GSHA 2017 Officers :

Paul Gomez, *President*

Frank Dominguez, *Vice-president*

Isabel Perez, *Secretary*

Bob Craig, *Treasurer*

Donie Nelson, *Member-at-Large Representative*

Patsy Vasquez, *Southern California Representative*

Mary Ellen Burciago, *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*

GSHA Membership as of March 25, 2017

SC chapter—180

MAL—11

FACC—204

Total—395

Keep those memberships coming

Frank Dominguez, V. P.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE: Please read this:

Along with this newsletter you will be receiving an additional attachment with the following:

1. Instructions to our members to vote for or against a 2017 GSHA Bylaw Amendment.
2. A Ballot for a yes or no vote on this amendment to the GSHA bylaws.
3. #1—A GSHA bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure Amendment form for an amendment submitted by Frank Dominguez, a member in good standing pertaining to Article III-Membership, Section D
4. #1—Continued—Same as above, pertaining to Standing Rules of Procedure #6, 7 & 9.

Please vote. If you have any questions email Abel Santistevan at: abel_san@comcast.net

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