



# Noticias de Nuestras Raices



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## *Ancient Trails to Super Highways...Discover your Roots* **GSHA Annual Meeting & Conference less than two months away.** **Change of Venue to a better location—still in Ontario**

### Dear Members:

The 2017 GSHA Annual Meeting and Conference is getting more exciting and it's less than two months away. **An important change members need to know about is the change in venue.** As GSHA president, Paul Gomez, indicates on page 3 of this newsletter, the old venue, The Radisson, has changed ownership and is no longer part of the Radisson chain. So, in the best interest of our annual meeting and conference for 2017, the conference committee evaluated the pros and cons of changing or keeping the old venue and decided to change it to the **Ontario Airport Hotel and Conference Center**. The new venue is much better and in the same vicinity as the old venue. Instructions for cancelling your reservations if you had already made them, along with instructions on making reservations at the Ontario Airport Hotel, may be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

We thank the conference committee and Gloria Trujillo, Chair, for all their hard work in organizing this year's conference. Special thanks to Karen Cordova and Patsy Vasquez Chavez for all their efforts and legwork in getting the venue changed in such a short time, showing teamwork at its best.

Our new web administrator Colleen Greene has done a fantastic job on our website and has all the information about the conference. Go to **gsha.net** and you will find a complete slate of speakers with their bios and presentation topics plus all the events that will take place from August 18—20 at the Ontario Airport Hotel. This newsletter includes the agenda for the conference, the speakers and their topics but to get more information you will have to go to our website.

I have very pleasant memories back to 1997 when the conference was last held in Long Beach, California. I felt very welcome by our California cousins and the conference was informative, creative, and fun. For those attending, you will be dazzled. It's not too late to make your plans to go.

See you there.

*Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor*

### *"Ancient Trails to Super Highways...Discover Your Roots"*

*We have all arrived where we are via an ancient land or sea trail. These trails may have been Indigenous trade routes; pioneer settlement routes from Mexico, Canada, and Asia; or sea routes from Europe and Africa. The super highways of today—the Internet, air travel and recent DNA discoveries—continue to assist us in uncovering our common roots which connect our past to our future.*

*from gsha.net*



**Join us in Ontario, California for two and a half days packed with Hispanic genealogy and history!**

### REGISTER SOON!

In order to take advantage of our early registration rate your registration form must be received by July 18, 2017. See page 2 for a registration link. Take advantage of our membership rate to get the discounted rate. See page 2 for the link to find our membership form. Do it today!

See you in  
Ontario soon!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings GSHA Members!

On August 18-20, 2017, the Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA) will be celebrating its 28th Annual Meeting and Conference. I look forward to seeing and talking with many of you in Ontario, California. As always, your attendance will contribute greatly to its success.

Appropriately the Conference theme, "*Ancient Trails to Super Highways...Discover Your Roots*" is mirrored in the City of Ontario's motto: "Gateway to Southern California/Inland Empire".

A special "thank you" to the GSHA-Southern California Chapter for serving as official hosts to the Conference. When you see SoCal Chapter members stop and recognize them.

Likewise in acclaim is the GSHA Conference Planning Committee, as well as the GSHA Publicity and Marketing Committee, that have worked hard over the past several months, spending countless numbers of hours, to plan a program that is both educational and practical, contributing towards your genealogy work and family research.

The variety of well-known conference speakers and topics is assurance that you will be exposed to ideas in subject areas that will be stimulating and valuable to your research, and that will encourage sharing your research with others at the conference. Who knows, you might discover a "primo/a" or two, or more.

Remember to have fun, too. The Ontario regional area has many good eating places, shopping, and entertainment opportunities. As well, there are historical sites nearby to explore.

If you have any questions or concerns in your stay with us, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the conference planning committee, or a GSHA board member.

Have a Magical Day.

*Paul Gomez*  
President, GSHA

### 2017 Conference MENU on our website at [gsha.net](http://gsha.net)

Registration: <http://www.gsha.net/conference/registration/>

Speakers: <http://www.gsha.net/conference/speakers/>

Schedule: <http://www.gsha.net/conference/schedule/>

Membership: <http://www.gsha.net/membership/>

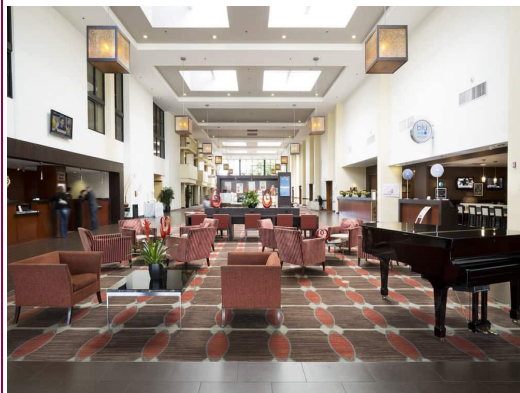
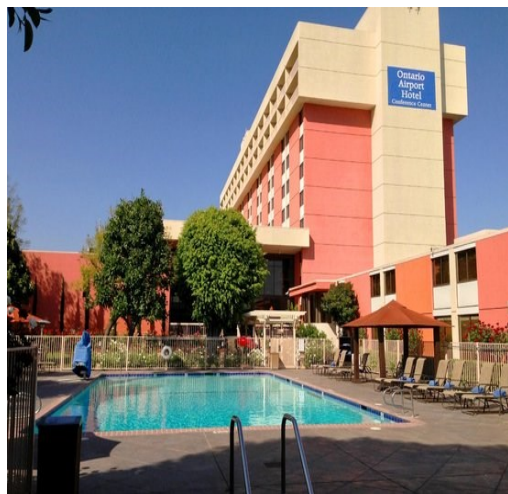
## ALERT! READ THIS, THERE IS A CHANGE IN VENUE!

Dear GSHA Conference Attendees and Community,

I want to make you aware of a recent important change to our 2017 Conference. GSHA has changed the venue for our upcoming Conference and Annual Business Meeting this August 18-20, 2017. **The new venue and hotel is the Ontario Airport Hotel & Conference Center**, still located in Ontario, California, two miles from the Ontario International Airport (OIA).

GSHA found out last week that, much to our surprise, the Radisson Hotel Ontario Airport changed ownership, which will result in a number of changes. I, along with the conference planning committee, decided that the uncertainty of changes would not advance the success of the conference. GSHA's expectation of a quality conference was challenged by this sudden, unexpected change. So we opted to take advantage of this opportunity to exit our conference contract with that host venue.

We are pleased to announce that we have signed a contract with a new hotel—a quality hotel that will help us provide an exceptional conference experience.



**Ontario Airport and Hotel Conference Center**  
**700 North Haven Ave.**  
**Ontario, CA 91765**  
**Phone: (909) 980-0400**

- ♦ **\$99/night single or double occupancy (excludes local taxes, fees and assessments)**
- ♦ **Group rates are good for 2 days before and 2 days after. Must book by July 18, 2017**
- ♦ **Free parking for conference attendees**
- ♦ **Complimentary shuttle to and from Ontario Airport**
- ♦ **Complimentary WIFI in hotel rooms, in lobby and restaurant.**
- ♦ **Breakfast vouchers for \$12.00 per person available for purchase at registration.**
- ♦ **Use of the 24 hour fitness center, outdoor heated pool and whirlpool**
- ♦ **Complimentary shuttle service to local area within a 5 mile radius 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (based on availability)**
- ♦ **Login for GSHA: <http://www.gsha.net/conference/lodging/>**

**We look forward to a wonderful conference!**

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Friday, August 18, 2017

Registration is open 2:00 pm—5:30 pm

Exhibit/Vendor Hall is open 2:00 pm—5:30 pm (Mountain View Salons A&B)

6:00 pm—7pm —**President's Reception**

Features a cash bar and entertainment. Complimentary photographs are available.

7:00 pm—8 pm Plenary Session—Welcome Message by Paul Gomez, GSHA President

Gloria Trujillo, 2017 GSHA Conference Chairperson

Mona Hernandez, 2017 Conference Speakers Committee Chair

Keynote speaker: Debbie Gurtler, *Vaya con Dios*—Columbus' historic voyage in 1492 set in motion the exploration and colonization of the Americas with Spanish and Portuguese conquistadores leading the way. This presentation will highlight key historical events along with the push and pull factors that led Hispanic immigrants to leave their native lands to come to North America. Some important research resources for immigrants will be highlighted along with details of one immigrant group's experiences.

### Saturday, August 19, 2017

Registration is open 7:30 am—12:00 noon

Exhibit/Vendor Hall is open 8:00 am—5:30 pm (Mountain View Salons A&B).

8:30 am—8:45 am Opening remarks by Paul Gomez, President, GSHA

8:45 am—9:45 am *Understanding DNA for Genealogy*, Presenter Jim Brewster

10:00 am—10:45 am *Genealogical Research in Northern Mexico*, Presenter John Schmal

10:45 am—11:30 am *Spanish Patriots during the American Revolution. Are you a descendant of these Spanish Patriots?* Presenter Letty Rodella

11:45 am—1:15 pm Lunch Raffle (Lunch is included with your registration.)

1:30 pm—2:15 pm *Vigil, Quiros, Arguello, and related family lines in medieval Spain. Who, When and How*, Presenter Marietta Vigil Gonzales

2:30 pm—3:15 pm *La Corazon de la Placita*, Presenter Nancy Melendez

3:15 pm—4:00 pm *Juan Bautista de Anza: The King's Governor in New Mexico*, Presenter Dr. Carlos Herrera

4:30 pm GSHA Annual Business Meeting

5:30 pm Paul Gomez, GSHA President

### Sunday, August 20, 2017

Registration is open 8:00 am—4:00 pm (Mountain View Salons A&B)

8:30 am—9:15 am *Alta California and the Mexican War (1846-1850)*, Presenter Ceasar Castro

9:15 am—10:00 am *Baja California and the Mexican War (1846-1850)*, Presenter: Ceasar Castro (continuation)

10:15 am—11:00 am *"To the Best of My knowledge and Belief:" Thomas W. Temple II and the Authority in History*, Presenter Paul Spitzzeri

11:00 am—11:45 am *Chiles, Chili and Hot Sauce: A Spicy Sampling of California History*, Presenter Ernest Miller

12:00 pm Lunch & Raffle (Lunch is included with your registration.)

1:30 pm—2:15 pm *New Mexican Immigration to Alta California between 1830—1850*, Presenter Alexander King

2:30 pm—3:30 pm *The Suspect Centenarian: Using a Common Source to Connect to Mexican Origins*, Presenter Colleen Greene

3:45 pm—4:00 pm *Crossing the Borders of my Heart*, Presenter Karen Cordova

4:00 pm Closing Remarks



## GSHA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### GSHA Annual Business Meeting

This is your organization. Please plan to attend the GSHA Annual Business Meeting scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 19. This is an opportunity to voice any concerns or make suggestions for growing our organization and making it better for all our members. It is also an opportunity to understand the intricacies of the operation of GSHA. Members in good standing (meaning you have paid your dues) are entitled to vote at the meeting. Following are the Standing Rules of Procedure for the Annual Meeting:

The following Standing Rules of Procedure shall govern the proceedings of the Annual Assemblies of the membership unless suspended in a particular case by general consent. When applicable, the rules may be used by the Board of Directors and by committee.

1. The Order of Business. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order. The order of business shall be as follows:
2. Report of the Credential Committee
3. Report by the Secretary
4. Standing and Special Rules for the Assembly
5. Report of the Program Committee; Adoption of the agenda
6. Report of the Officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Reports from Chapters
7. Report from the Standing Committees: Conference Planning Committee; Rules Committee; Report of Special Committees; Report of Volunteer Positions; Unfinished Business; New Business; Announcements
8. Adjournment

The foregoing series of headings prescribes only the sequence of business, not the time allotted to each, nor must the assembly remain in continuous session to complete all of the program.

### Registration Committee:

Coordinating a conference is very hard with many details. We owe a debt of gratitude to the following people on the conference committee. If you see them at the conference, give them a high-five.

Gloria Trujillo, *Conference Chair*

Mona Hernandez, Douglas Daniels, Gloria Trujillo, Isabel Perez, Patsy Vasquez-Chavez, *Speakers Programs*

Leonard Trujillo, Isabel Perez, Joyce Sanchez Garcia, *Hospitality*

Bob Craig, Pat Dileski, *Registration*

Bob Craig, *Exhibitors*

Karen Cordova, *Program and Syllabus*

Bob Craig; Frank Whatley, *Printing*

Colleen Green, Karen Cordova, *Marketing and Publicity*

Paul Gomez, Raul Rodriguez, *Advertising*

Bob Craig, Cecilia Brewert, *Raffle*

Kevin Williams, *Door prizes*

50/50, Kevin Williams

Cef Aheuro-Baca, *Miscellaneous*

For the fourth year Charlene Garcia Simms, Special Collections Librarian-Pueblo, has arranged the printing of 200 conference program through the Pueblo City-County Library District, Pueblo, Colorado free of charge. Many thanks to the marketing department, Midori Clark, Supervisor.

## Down Memory Lane

Not only is this the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference but it has been twenty years since we became a national organization and the vote was taken in California at the 1997 GSHA Annual Meeting and Genealogical Conference. Prior to this conference, the Pueblo chapter made a motion to get a national organization formed. It was a long and complicated process but it was done and each chapter had its own autonomy, while at the same time had the advantages of belonging to a national organization.

There were many people involved but I think back and if we ever want a history written, Marietta Gonzales should do it. She was at the top of the helm and I doubt if she will ever forget Dr. Farwell whose parliamentary procedures were adopted and followed until this was changed a few years ago.

One thing I remember about the conference was a statement made by Dr. Joseph Sanchez that we continue talking about contributions made by Hispanics to this that and the other. He said we should no longer use the word contributed but participated because as Hispanics we were full participants in American History. We were not only here part time kicking in but were a strong viable force.

Marge Martinez, wife of the late Dr. Wilfred Martinez, past president of GSHA, captured the essence of the conference in California. I will republish her article in the next newsletter. It is heartwarming, funny and historical. One funny item she writes about is when Wilfred set up the metal detector alarm at the airport not just one but twice. After emptying his pockets of everything and being frisked, he made it through.

Everything they carried on board was x-rayed, even the Denver Post. In today's day and age, I'm sure they would of detained him. His sense of humor was wonderful and we still miss him. I expect to come back to Colorado with many memories and heartwarming stories. I hope you all do the same.  
CGS

### More Memory Lane:

*To the right:* Pauline Chavez Bent, 1997 SC-California Chapter president (deceased), Dr. Eugene Torres, 1997, President-GSHA, Charlene Garcia Simms, FACC President.  
*Left below:* Margaret Turner, MAL, Mary Garcia Joyce, Marietta Gonzales, Treasurer  
*Right below:* Donie Nelson, 1997 Conference Chair, Dr. Eugene Torrez, Leo Trujillo, Benefactor (deceased).



## Income Statement

### Genealogical Society of Hispanic America for the month ended June 30, 2017

	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	2nd Qtr	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>					
<b>Membership</b>					
FACC	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$1,685.70
SC	\$5.00	\$27.00	\$165.00	\$197.00	\$2,116.20
MAL	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$47.00
GSHA Journal purchases	\$115.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.10	\$115.10
Journal Ad	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conference registrations	\$1,080.00	\$1,620.00	\$2,615.00	\$5,315.00	\$5,315.00
Conference exhibitor	\$35.00	\$290.00		\$325.00	\$325.00
Conference Program Ad	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Donation GSHA	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Donation Conference	\$10.00	\$80.00	\$205.00	\$295.00	\$295.00
Website refund					\$59.96
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,367.10</b>	<b>\$2,064.00</b>	<b>\$3,385.00</b>	<b>\$6,816.10</b>	<b>\$10,458.96</b>
<b>Operating Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$1,367.10</b>	<b>\$2,064.00</b>	<b>\$3,385.00</b>	<b>\$6,816.10</b>	<b>\$10,458.96</b>
<b>Other Income and Expense</b>					
Journal Editor	\$0.00	-\$375.00	\$0.00	-\$375.00	-\$750.00
Journal Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,201.36
Journal mailing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$357.01
Storage	-\$45.00	-\$45.00	-\$45.00	-\$135.00	-\$270.00
Insurance	-\$63.27	-\$63.27	-\$63.07	-\$189.61	-\$378.82
Newsletter printing	-\$22.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$22.78	-\$90.09
Newsletter postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$143.00
Postage	-\$25.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$25.84	-\$66.29
Computer Security	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$259.96
Conference supplies	-\$66.67	\$0.00	-\$29.38	-\$96.05	-\$96.05
Conference Hotel deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00
<b>Total Other Income and Expense</b>	<b>-\$223.56</b>	<b>-\$483.27</b>	<b>-\$137.45</b>	<b>-\$844.28</b>	<b>-\$4,112.58</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,143.54</b>	<b>\$1,580.73</b>	<b>\$3,247.55</b>	<b>\$5,971.82</b>	<b>\$6,346.38</b>

We're on the web!

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## 2017 Officers

**Paul Gomez, *President***

**Frank Dominguez, *Vice-president***

**Isabel Perez, *Secretary***

**Bob Craig, *Treasurer***

**Donie Nelson, *Member-at-Large Representative***

**Patsy Vasquez Chavez, *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***



### Front page photos:

To the left is a photo of the *morada* in Abiquiu, courtesy: Charlene Garcia Simms

To the right: Adonacio Herrera, a long time barber, in San Luis. Anyone living within a 50 miles radius used Adonacio as their barber. This was taken in the early fifties. Courtesy: DPL

## Alert! Change in Venue to the Ontario Hotel and Conference Center

There has been a change in venue for our 2017 conference from the Radisson Hotel to the Ontario Airport Hotel and Conference Center, two miles from the Ontario airport, located at 700 North Haven Ave., Ontario, CA 91764. See page 3 for an explanation from Paul Gomez, President, GSHA about the change. The new venue is much better and the conference committee, in the best interest of conference success, made the change. If you have made reservations at the Radisson Hotel you may call **(909) 975-5000** to cancel their reservation. They are very accommodating and it only takes a few minutes.

In order to make reservations in the new venue, the Ontario Hotel and Conference Center, you can log into: <http://www.gsha.net/conference/lodging/> This website is already set for GSHA discounted reservations, or call **(909) 980-0400** and ask for the **GSHA special rate**. Deadline for the \$99 discounted rate is July 18. After this you will have to pay full price. If you have any questions, email Gloria Trujillo, conference chair, at [gtruj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gtruj@sbcglobal.net) or call Bob Craig, Treasurer, at (719) 231-8708.

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