

CORAZON de los Caminos
HEART OF THE TRAIL CHAPTER
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATIONA

NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2012

Are you ready to "Head 'em up! Move 'em out!?" Our programs on the Santa Fe Trail are beginning!

FIRST MEETING, MARCH 17

Our first meeting is Saturday, March 17 in Raton at the Sands Restaurant, 350 Clayton Road. There will be a business meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch is available from the menu. At 1 p.m. Roger Slusher, president of the SFTA, will present his program on James Aull, merchant and trader on the Trail. Mr. Aull had some hair-raising experiences. Come join us!

APRIL 15

Apollonio Ortiz, a Corazon member from the Chico, New Mexico area will talk about his genealogy and history. We will meet at 1 p.m. in Elida's Café on Sunday, April 15 in Springer. Lunch will be available before the meeting. H traces his ancestry for 13 generations and somewhere along the way it intersects with Father Martinez of Taos. Faye Gaines is in charge of the program.

To introduce our new President: Dennis Schneider. He and his wife, Gladys, are long-time members of Corazon from Cimarron. Dennis now has a computer. His e-mail address is: schneidermusic@q.com.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to all our faithful trail members:

After an extended illness I am on the mend, and I appreciate all of you for placing your trust in me as president of this great organization. Please bear in mind that I have never been a part of the executive processes, and I will need your assistance to make everything function as it ought to.

Our first meeting is slated for March 17, 2012 at the Sands motel dining building in Raton, New Mexico. May I request an open business meeting of all our members at 11:00 a.m. to organize and codify our activities for the coming year. I desire your assistance and input on all aspects of the planning and ex-execution of our agenda. Thank you very much for outlining a program agenda. If possible, please be prepared to provide additional details concerning our planned activities. It is also possible that some of our outings can be augmented, supplemented, or even revised with valuable ideas and innovations.

As you already know, our strength resides in you, the membership and I hope that you are prepared to lend your help and expertise in order to guarantee a very successful outcome in the many area in which our group needs to function. For example, we need volunteers in skills which some of us do not have (computer literacy, cataloging, etc.)

I am greatly in favor of making our membership grow, and I am considering various ways in which we could draw more and stimulate greater interest in the trail. As it is, it will take all of us doing our parts to make everything work as it should. I have received a few new ideas which seem very practical to me.

Our past president would like for us to assist the Springer museum remaining open in the future. Some of us will attend a March 13 meeting in Springer to report our findings. Bring your ideas! I will ask each of you for your input on March 17.

Roger Slusher, our SFTA president, is scheduled for the first presentation of year after our business meeting and meal. He will portray James Aull, merchant of the trail. Please come! See you on the trail!

Dennis

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Dennis has called a business meeting at 11 a.m. prior to lunch and our program on March 17. On the agenda will be programs for 2012. The Board of Directors, while Dennis was still recuperating, presented an outline of programs but there will be changes and added details. See the Calendar of Events for the outline.

Paula Steves', past president, proposal to help the Santa Fe Interpretive Museum in Springer will be discussed. *The New Mexico Magazine* had a short article in the January edition with information that it will be open.

EDUCATION GRANT

The Chapter has received a \$200 education grant from the SFTA to be used in production of the videos J.D. Schmidt takes for us. The videos are housed in the chapter archives at Fort Union. An additional \$300 is available to the Chapter if we initiate some other worthy project.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MARCH 15, THURSDAY...Glimpses of the Past program by John Taylor, Civil War historian, "Bloody Battles in New Mexico," Las Vegas, CCHP/Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center, 7 p.m.

MARCH 17, SATURDAY...Corazon meets, 11 a.m., Business meeting 1 pm. Program by Roger Slusher, "James Aull", lunch from menu, Sands Restaurant, 350 Clayton Road, Raton

MARCH 24, 25...Pecos National Historical Park, Fort Union's Living History program of Unit A of the 3rd New Mexico Volunteer Infantry

APRIL 15, SUNDAY...Corazon Chapter meets in Springer at 1 p.m., Elida's Café, presentation by Apollonio Ortiz

APRIL 19, THURSDAY...Glimpses of the Past, Leo Olivia, NPS historian, presents "Life of a Soldier: Robert Morris Peck" 7 p.m., Las Vegas

APRIL 20-21...SFTA Board of Directors meet, Ulysses, KS

MAY 12-13-... "Westward Ho! Transportation Through Time," 3-day program, Bent's Old Fort

MAY 11, 12...Camp of Instruction, Fort Union National Monument

May 19, SATURDAY...Corazon tour of the Trail East of the Point of Rocks, 10 a.m.

JUNE 6-8...Junior Ranger Camp, Fort Union
JUNE 10, SUNDAY...Corazon tour of the Trail south of Las Vegas out of the Plaza and on to Kearny Gap
JUNE 34-24...Cultural Encounters, Fort Union
JULY 14...First Fort and Arsenal tours, Fort Union
JULY 21, SATURDAY...Corazon meeting at Fort Union, to be arranged
AUGUST 8...Candlelight tours, Fort Union
AUGUST 19, SUNDAY...Corazon tour Wagon Mound
SEPTEMBER 15, SATURDAY...Corazon tour Cimarron area
OCTOBER 7, SUNDAY...Old French
NOVEMBER 17, SATURDAY...Corazon business meeting and program, "Civil War in New Mexico," speaker Eric Valencia, NPS Pecos National Historical Park, meet in village of Pecos

CHAPTER DUES

Dues for Corazon---and the SFTA---are due. Membership forms are attached for the convenience of those who have not paid.

Hope to see many of you in Raton!
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