



**Corazón de los Caminos  
Heart of the Trails Chapter  
Santa Fe Trail Association**  
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**Newsletter  
February 2008**

**William W. Soderman, Immediate Past  
President**

William W. Soderman, age 69, a resident of Las Vegas, N.M. for the past eight years and former resident of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away on Sunday December 16, 2007, at the Alta Vista Regional Hospital after a brief illness. Bill was born in El Paso, Texas, on Jan. 6, 1938. He was presently employed at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute as a Health Information Technician in Medical Records. He was formerly a staff member of the Phoenix Museum of History, past President of the Corazón de los Caminos Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association, member of the Las Vegas Opera Guild, Board Member of the Rough Riders Museum, a member of the Citizens Committee for the Historic Preservation and a member of the AFSCME Council #18. He enjoyed music, history and community service and was a strong supporter of the Holiday Open House. He was an untiring friend of the Community.

Bill stepped up to be president of our chapter and guided us through a rough period with a gentlemanly demeanor and kind humor. He will be missed.

Our condolences to his loving companion Shirley Allen of Las Vegas, N.M. and his numerous relatives, and many friends from Las Vegas., N.M.

**President's Perk**

I am excited to be president again and am really thrilled with our new board. We are all excited about the new year and the good programs

planned. Our meeting dates are on both Saturdays and Sundays and are not always the third in the month. So keep an eye on the dates and the calendar. We want your input on what programs you would like to see in coming years. And please keep in mind all those who helped to make our past year a success, especially Bill Soderman.

Faye Gaines

**March 8, 2008. Business meeting and presentation.** Charlie's Spic and Span, Las Vegas, NM. 1:00 p.m. Downstairs. SFTA Vice-President John Atkinson will speak on the SFTA Strategic Plan and then do a chautauqua of William Bent of the famous Bent's Fort.

**New Officers for 2008 - 2009**

New officers were elected at our November 19, 2007 meeting. They are:

Faye Gaines, President  
Paula Steves, Vice-President  
Dixie Odom, Secretary  
Nancy Robertson, Treasurer  
Chuck Hinkle, Board Member  
John Gamertsfelder, Board Member  
Henri VanderKolk, Board Member

Congratulations to a fine team!!

We also thank our past officers especially Bill Soderman, President, and Helen Geer, Treasurer. They both did an excellent job with little resources, but strong hearts that carried us through. And a Big thanks to Alma Gregory who gave support and direction.

## New Members in 2008

We extend a warm welcome to Tom Ferguson, Karin Hall, Joe Lopez, and Karen Rieniels.

## Programs Proposed for 2007

Thanks to Tibor Remenyik and LeRoy LeDoux for great programs in 2007. The poll asking members which day they preferred for meetings revealed a wide range with no consensus. The new program committee decided to try a mix of Saturday and Sundays. Here are the proposed 2008 programs.

**March 8** - Business Meeting, Chautauqua.

**April 19** - Fort Union Work Day.

**May 17** - Elizabethtown and environs, Paula Steves.

**June 22** - Grenada to Fort Union Military Road, Nancy Robertson.

**July 19** - Romeroville and possibly Anton Chico with the End of the Trail Chapter.

**August 16** - Salman Ranch and Mora, Dixie Odom.

**September 19-20** - Rendezvous, Evolution of Freighting on the SFT, Larned, KS.

**September 27** - Camino Real Tour S. of Santa Fe, Hal Jackson.

**October 11** - Comanchero Trade, Eastern Plains, Harry Myers.

**November 9** - Tascosa-Springer Trail, Doyle Foreman, Business Meeting, Cimarron.

More on each meeting will follow in the newsletters and post cards.

See also the Santa Fe Trail Association website [www.santafetrail.org](http://www.santafetrail.org) for a calendar of other chapter meetings including the End of the Trail Chapter. They have some very interesting programs planned in 2008.

## Jean Hinkle Room

Diana Stein has made a donation that has enabled the chapter to purchase office furniture for the Jean Hinkle room at Fort Union. This is where the chapter archives, library, and scrapbooks are housed. It was also voted to place a memorial plaque there in honor of the memory of Jean. Tibor Remenyik and Alma Gregory have worked in the past year in this room and on the archives. Kudos to these hard-working members!

## SFTA Education Traveling Trunk

The Corazón Chapter has an SFTA Educational Traveling Trunk for loan to schools. It is currently in Raton. It contains, among other things, replica clothing, hats, children's books, CDs of Indian songs and folk dances, a powder horn, hard tack, flint and steel, beads, rattle, chewing tobacco, Hal Jackson's Santa Fé Trail guide book, a global positioning system receiver, and teaching materials. Please make the schools in your area aware of its availability. Contact Nancy Robertson (575) 445-8226 to borrow the "Trunk."

## PLEASE JOIN US OR RENEW TODAY!

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Membership Form

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Individual \$10

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Memberships expire on December 31.

Please mail completed form or a copy with your check, payable to Corazón de los Caminos, to:

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