

**CORAZON de los CAMINOS
HEART OF THE TRAILS CHAPTER
SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION**

**NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2014**

TIME TO PAY DUES

NOVEMBER 9, 2013 End of the Year Meeting

The final meeting of 2013 was held November 9 at the Hillcrest Restaurant, 1106 Grand, Las Vegas. We had a winter business meeting, election of officers, lunch and a program presented by Jesús L. López about the history of Las Vegas which everyone enjoyed.

The officers elected for the Board of Directors for 2014—2015 are as follows:

: Faye Gaines—President emeritus
Dennis Schneider—President
Tom Ferguson—Vice-president
Gladys Schneider—Secretary
Peggy Ferguson—Treasurer
Martha and Joe McCaffrey—Newsletter
J. D. Schmidt —Board member and technical producer
Henri and Harue VanderKolk—Archives
Martha Sauble —Scrapbook
Nancy Poe —Publicity Corazon de los Caminos President's Report

The President's Report

Our chapter met at the Hillcrest cafe meeting room in Las Vegas, New Mexico on November 9 for our last meeting of 2013. Members present voted to send a donation of one hundred dollars to each of the Roger Slusher and Jim Sherer memorial funds. All of the geo-caches have been placed. A big thank you to all who assisted in this endeavor. The following positions were elected for the next term of office: Faye Gaines - president emeritus, Dennis Schneider - president, Tom Ferguson - vice-president, Gladys Schneider - secretary, Peggy Ferguson - treasurer, Martha and Joe McCaffrey - newsletter, J. D. Schmidt - board member and technical producer, Henri and Harue VanderKolk - archives, Martha Sauble - scrapbook, and Nancy Poe - publicity. After our business meeting and meal, Jesus L. Lopez, local historian and newspa

On January 7, 2014, the board and interested members met at Elida's in Springer, N. M. I think we have a full and exciting agenda for 2014. The speakers, landowners, etc., must be confirmed and arrangements made, but the following is what we hope to accomplish:

March 8 - Spring business meeting followed by guest speaker Lolly Ming with a powerpoint presentation on the Ft. Union - Granada trail. Meet at K-Bob's in Raton at 11:00 a.m. Dixie will contact Lolly and Ferguson's will reserve the accommodations.

April 12 - Short followup meeting if needed at CCHP in Las Vegas, N. M. Guest speaker will be Lorenzo Vigil, NPS historian, on the economic impacts and conditions during the existence of Ft. Union. Martha McCaffrey is coordinator.

May 10 - Whittington Center tour of ruts, Van Houton(sp?), etc., with a guide from the center. Tom Ferguson will arrange.

*June 14 - UU Bar Express Ranch tour from Rayado to Ocate crossing. Details of trip will be covered below. **THIS TRIP IS CONFIRMED.**

July 12 - Rock Crossing of the Canadian River near Springer, N. M. Martha Sauble is coordinator.

August 9 - Valmora Sanitarium. Editha Barkley is our guest speaker. Martha McCaffrey is coordinator.

September 18-20 -Everyone is strongly urged to attend the Rendevous at Larned, Kansas.

October 11 - Tour of Catskill and Swastika. Peggy Ferguson will obtain the guide and narrator.

November 8 - Business meeting followed by guest speaker Dominic Montoya-Gonzales on the Ocate trails and local history. Meet at the Hillcrest cafe meeting room in Las Vegas, N. M. J. D. Schmidt in charge of speaker, and Martha McCaffrey will make reservations.

This is a tentative schedule which, of course, is subject to change and revision. In the event that a tour is canceled, J. D. is prepared to lead us on a tour of the ruts from Watrous to Wagon Mound at a moments notice. Martha Sauble showed us our chapter scrapbooks and they were wonderful. The group voted to display these for public viewing at CCHP. We are still working on placing two park benches at the scenic by-ways site at Whittington Center, and we also hope to revise and reprint our area museum brochures. So far, we have distributed about 9000 brochures.

Now let me give you some details on the June 14 Rayado to Ocate crossing trip. This event has already been confirmed. Steve Boyce, general manager of the UU Bar Express Ranch, will be our narrator and guide. This area is off-limits to almost everyone who asks, so consider this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Our chapter members have first priority, and the group size is limited to thirty people. Since we have not had thirty members of our own chapter attend our events in

recent years, I will ask other association members to make reservations, and we will accept them on a first-come, first-serve basis until our quota is filled. That means that if you were not at the January 7 meeting you will need to get your bid in right away. On this trip we must carpool in high-clearance four-wheel drive vehicles (we have to use our own vehicles) and cannot go if there are muddy roads. Your contact person for this trip is Dennis Schneider. My e mail address is:

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I am compiling the list now!

It is time to send your dues to Peggy Ferguson, Treasurer, Corazon de los Caminos, HC63 Box 502, Raton, N. M. 87740. Telephone—575/445-5242
Dues are as follows: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Friend \$25, Business \$50, Philanthropic \$100. Memberships expire on December 31. I hope that all our members have a great year during 2014.

Dennis Schneider, president