

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

NEWS LETTER  
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CORAZON TO CROW CREEK RANCH

On Saturday October 15, Corazon Chapter will meet at 1 p.m. at the Crow Creek Ranch division of CS Ranch. Linda Davis, matriarch of the family, will be our hostess. The program will include the history of CS Ranch, discussion of nearby routes of an alternate Santa Fe Trail route, and information about the Crow Creek stage station.

Crow Creek headquarters is north of Cimarron on Hwy 64 at mile marker 330, located between Colfax (Cold Beer) and Hoxie Junction (the junction of Hwy 64 and Hwy 445). Turn east across a cattle guard and go approximately 1 mile to headquarters. There is a sign, Crow Creek Ranch.

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR

November 19 will be the last meeting of 2011. Corazon will meet at 1 p.m. at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Las Vegas. Dorothy Smoker will present a Living History program "Land of Luz—Maria de la Beaubien Maxwell." There will be the annual business meeting and election of the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chapter Members, fall is really here. The leaves are changing in Cimarron Canyon and the colors are gorgeous, really spectacular!

We have two more Programs for the year, and a diversity of Programs for next year accumulated. If you have a suggestion for a Program or would like to give one, please visit with me or Dixie. We welcome suggestions and are always looking for members to do a presentation for the Chapter. I have a list that will be handed out at the November Meeting to preview Various Locations, Speakers, SFT Historical places of Interest and Events. We want everyone's input for 2012 and this is the time to plan ahead for the Chapter. We need you to attend the November Program in Las Vegas. This is our last Meeting of 2011.

Martha McCaffrey gave the September Program and Presentation. Thank You for a wonderful combination of SFT History, walking tour of Las Vegas, and incorporating the information on Geocaching. Thanks again for bringing this type of interesting information to the Chapter Members.

Do not miss the October 15<sup>th</sup> Program. Dixie will take us to the Crow Creek Division of CS Ranch near Cimarron.

See You On the Trail,  
Paula

SEPTEMBER REPORT

On Saturday, September 17, the Corazon group met at the Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center/CCHP in Las Vegas. Martha McCaffrey presented a program about

“Geocaching Along the Santa Fe Trail”. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices which lead the participants to specific locations to find a geocache (container) filled with trinkets and a log. Geocaches are located everywhere, some easy to find, some more difficult. The most interesting ones are those that lead you to places you would not have gone otherwise and encourage you to learn something about the history, geology and geography of the area. There are over 40 geocaches listed which mention the Santa Fe Trail and many more in areas along the Trail.

Following the talk Pat Patrick, a volunteer with CCHP, took the group for a walking tour of the Plaza area. His guided tour was specifically about Las Vegas and the Trail and the role both played in northern New Mexico history. Many thanks to Pat for his contribution to the day’s activities.

....Martha McCaffrey

#### CONGRATULATIONS, DOYLE!

Doyle Forman, a member of Corazon’s Board of Directors, has been awarded this year’s National Retired Teachers Association’s With Our Youth! Excellence Award. The significance of this award is evident in the fact that only three such awards are presented annually nationwide. “Your selfless devotion to outstanding service to youth in New Mexico has extended well beyond the 20 years you taught in the Springer School System,” wrote Thomas Salazar, interim president New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees. Corazon Chapter adds congratulations.

#### GET WELL WISHES

Dennis Schneider, Charter member of Corazon, is recovering from surgery. He is at home in Cimarron and hopes to be able to join us at Crow Creek. Dennis has done much research into the history of our area and the Chapter values his knowledge.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Corazon Chapter tour at Crow Creek Ranch, 1 p.m.  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday**---Glimpses of the Past program at 7 p.m., Santa Fe Trail Interpretive Center/CCHP, Las Vegas  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**---Corazon program and business meeting, election, 1 p.m. K-Bobs Steakhouse, Las Vegas

Hope to see you at Crow Creek!

Dixie