



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

**NEWSLETTER:
FEBRUARY 2014**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVE NOT
DONE SO ALREADY.**

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March Meeting, March 8, 2014, K-Bob's, Raton, NM

Our next meeting is March 8. There will be a spring business meeting followed by guest speaker Lolly Ming. Lolly will have a PowerPoint presentation on the Ft. Union-Granada military trail. Meet at K-Bob's in Raton at 11:00 a. m. Dixie Odom has our speaker all lined up, and Peggy has the reservations secured.

Hope to see you all there.

The President's Report

President's Report: Fellow Corazon members: I hope that you are excited about this year, as it shows great promise for everyone. On January 7 the board and interested members met at Elida's cafe in Springer, N. M. for our annual planning session. I think we have a great schedule laid out, and it is certainly an active one. We already have a few people wanting to join our chapter so they can be a part of our activities. Martha Sauble has performed wonderful work in preparing our current scrapbooks, and our board voted to have them displayed for public viewing at the CCHP in Las Vegas, N. M. Our coordinators have been working hard to confirm dates, and arrange for speakers, guides, etc. I realized that this is the time of the year when we send in our non-profit corporation report. Upon inquiry, I found that the corporation department had been consolidated with the secretary of state and everyone has to file electronically. Thanks to the expertise of Martha McCaffrey this task has been accomplished. Thank you, Martha! We, of an older generation (like me), often find ourselves technologically challenged! I plan to attend a president's meeting of the western chapters at Clayton on February 22 in the Hertstein museum at 1:00 p. m. Any of you are welcome to sit in. This meeting is mostly about recruiting membership in our chapters. I will not be able to attend the Spring Board meeting on March 13 in Independence, MO. I do hope that every one of us plans to be at our meeting on March 8. Our chapter reports have all been sent in to SFTA, Wagon Tracks, etc., and now it's time to get our aggressive agenda going. Below is our schedule as it currently stands.

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April 12 - Whittington Center (Raton area) Tour the ruts and visit Van Houten. Raton museum historian as our guide? Peggy Ferguson is coordinator

May 10 - Meeting at CCHP in Las Vegas, N. M. Guest speaker confirmed. Lorenzo Vigil (NPS historian) will speak on the economic impact and conditions during the existence of Ft. Union. Martha McCaffrey is coordinator.

June 14 - UU Bar Ranch tour from Rayado to the Ocate crossing. Steve Boyce (general manager) is confirmed as guide and narrator. This group is limited to thirty people carpooled in 4-W drive vehicles in good weather. All the slots are currently filled, so if you are on the list and cannot come, please let me know immediately, so I can call someone on the waiting list. Meet at the St. James Hotel, Cimarron, N. M. at 11:00 a. m. for lunch, organize, and truck-pool. Dennis is coordinator.

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

July 19 - Guided tour of Catskill and Swastika (west of Raton). Tom Ferguson is coordinator.

August 9 - Tour Valmora Sanitarium, Valmora, N. M. Guest speaker and guide - Editha Barkley. Martha McCaffrey coordinator.

September 18-20 Everyone is strongly urged to attend the SFTA Rendezvous in Larned, KS. The theme and subject of this rendezvous is on the Hispanic influences on the trail. Dennis can furnish details later.

November 8 - Fall business meeting followed by guest speaker, Dominic Montoya-Gonzales (on the Ocate trails and local history of the area). Assemble at the Hillcrest cafe meeting room in Las Vegas, N. M. at 11:00 a. m. J. D. Schmidt coordinator.

Is this busy or not? Our chapter is currently exploring the possibility of benches (such as the Whittington Center uses) to place at the wayside exhibit. We are also pursuing the possibility of a change of placement of a geo-cache in Faye's area, and she also needs her visitor outhouse weatherized. Bring your ideas and updates to the March meeting. We will tweak the schedule for improvements, and make additions and corrections as needed. We even have alternative trips if one of these dates does not materialize. Spread the word! Dennis

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