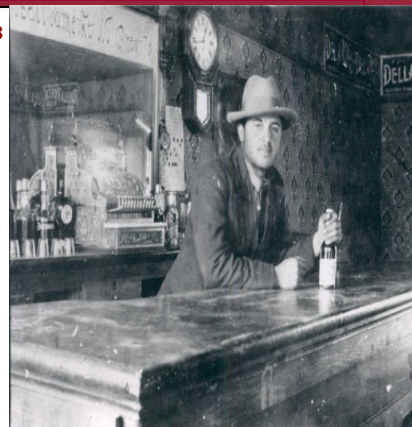




Noticias de Nuestras Raíces



GSHA AT A CROSSROAD

New Website

Because of the Duran and the GSHA Youth Initiative we were able to hire a professional web designer to design a new website and instruct some of our members how to maintain it so more than one person is able to do this. See the treasurer's report for the costs.

Both initiatives were set up to help recruit young members to our organization. It took a while to figure out what "young" meant and after several attempts by the FACC and SC chapters to recruit our youth we came to the conclusion that social media is the key to recruitment of younger people. The website is designed to do this and while still a work in progress, it will get better.

Dear Members:

We are on the lookout for a new editor of our *Noticias de Nuestras Raices* newsletter because I have decided to focus my time as president of GSHA. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming our newsletter editor please contact Donie Nelson at doniegsha@gmail.com

I have enjoyed being the newsletter editor for the last seven years. With every issue, I wanted to get a new format that was visually better, but as each newsletter deadline came up, I ran out of time and kept telling myself "next time." The next editor will give our newsletter a "fresh new look."

The year 2018 was very successful, not only for GSHA, but each chapter. I look at the Facebook pages and websites of both chapters, FACC in Pueblo and SC in California, and I am so impressed. And, Utah will not be far behind in 2019. I know that once they are finished with all the fine details of building their chapter they will also be impressive.

The conference in Pueblo was a huge success, financially and the agenda exceeded our expectations. Thanks to Bob Craig and Jeanette Martinez who joined me as co-chairs. We announced that the next conference would be in Santa Fe. Unfortunately, we may not be able to hold it in Santa Fe. Please see page 6 in this newsletter for more information.

This year will find us at a crossroad of change with the way we do business. The last few years have caught us with expenses exceeding our income, and while we are still able to stay afloat, if we want to stay in business we are going to have to make some changes. A finance committee will be appointed soon to analyze what we have to do in the best interest of GSHA. We value our chapters and all our members and want to continue our mission and keep us together as we make progress in our genealogy research.

Each of our members is important to us and we know that each one of you has a special talent. We will be tapping into that talent because we need all of you to help us succeed. As they say, "it takes a village."

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor

New Website

gshaa.org is our new website address. Please remember the double "a" in its address.

The website has been designed to grow as our needs change with social media. We have a Facebook connection and will soon have others such as Utube, Instagram, Tweeter and whatever new trends come our way. So, keep logging in to the website.

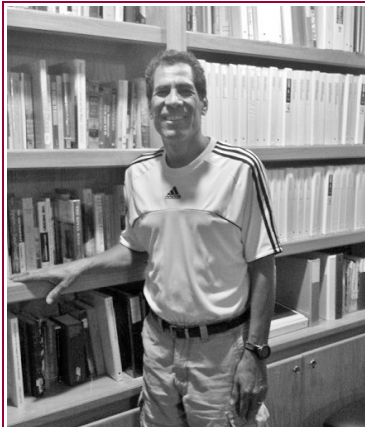
We will soon have some updates in the Latest News area, and the Frequently Asked Questions pages relating to both the DNA and the paper trail.

Our webmaster is David Torres and may be contacted at:

davidleetorres@yahoo.com if you have any problems.

If you want to communicate with the board send us messages through the president and secretary whose email addresses are at the bottom of each webpage. Thank you for your patience as we transition to the new site.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT



Dear GSHA members:

As we draw near to the end of 2018, I am excited about our new GSHA President, Charlene Garcia-Simms, and our new GSHA Treasurer, Dr. Ronald W. Maestas taking the helm of their respective positions and leading GSHA for the next two years. I believe that the majority of our GSHA membership knows Charlene and how involved and instrumental she has been in the formation, growth and evolution of our grand society. I look forward to Charlene's leadership and she will have my full support when I resume my position as vice-president starting in January 2019. Bienvenidos y buena suerte Charlene!!!

I also look forward to working with Ron Maestas, the newest member of our GSHA board. But just because he is "new" to the GSHA board, he is not a newbie in the Hispanic genealogy world by any means.

And if you ever happen to talk to me at a conference or by phone, I will tell you the humorous story of how I met Ron (hint: cross-country running is involved). Bienvenidos y buena suerte Ron.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to Bob Craig, our outgoing treasurer and our current secretary, Jeanette Martinez. Bob and Jeanette were always the steady voices at our GSHA board meetings with their thoughtful and insightful viewpoints, comments and opinions. And when I assumed the GSHA presidency in mid-summer of 2018, I leaned heavily on both Bob and Jeanette for their advice and guidance. Gracias Bob y Jeanette!!! Additionally, I want to thank John and Nancy Valdez, from our FAC chapter, for their extraordinary efforts as registration chairs for our 2018 GSHA conference. They kept track of extra meals, walk-up registrations, and all of the unexpected things that can and will pop up during a conference. I know first hand, as I pulled in my wife Anita and daughter Ana, for assistance when I was the registration chair for a couple of past conferences. Gracias John y Nancy!!!

I thank the GSHA board (Bob, Jeanette, Charlene, Patsy, Mary Ellen, Arturo and Margie) for entrusting me to lead our society for the last half of the 2018 year and for our productive and fruitful board meetings. Mil gracias!!!

Finally, the reason why we belong to GSHA is the love for Hispanic genealogy and all the challenges it entails when we are doing our research. Personally, I have been extremely busy with my Vera Gonzales and Hierro y Cerceda ancestors, who were instrumental in the beginnings of Spanish settlement in the San Bartolome region of the province of Nueva Vizcaya and I hope my extensive research will result in future articles for our great GSHA journal, *Nuestra Raices*.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you knock down those adobe walls in your research. Saludos, Frank Dominguez

Special Thanks

We would like to thank Mary Ellen Burciago for serving as the FAC chapter representative for the last few years. Jessica Tidball will be taking her place. Thank you Jessica. We would also like to thank Bob Craig for his term as treasurer the last two years and so many other things that he does not only for GSHA but for the FAC chapter in Pueblo. Sometimes he is wearing many hats and in 2019 he will wear the hat of FACC treasurer.

CHAPTER, MAL & JOURNAL NEWS

FACC Chapter, Pueblo, by Mary Ellen Burciago

Holiday/fellowship celebrations continued through the December General Membership Meeting. After a brief business meeting, a potluck dinner was enjoyed with entertainment provided by Virginia Ortiz and Ben Guerrero who taught/led the group in several folk dances.

Retired Judge Joe Ulibarri lent solemnity to the January General Membership Meeting when current and new officers of FACC were installed: Carmen Arteaga, President; John Valdez, Vice-President; Lynda Sena Kouba, Secretary; Bob Craig, Treasurer; and four Members at Large, Penny Garcia, Tom Martinez, Ron Sandoval, and Kathy Pacheco. John Valdez and Tom Martinez began a 2 session presentation at the January meeting. Using DNA information and utilizing a relationship chart designed by Alice J Ramsey, they are sharing another tool to assist us in understanding how we are related to one another. As John expressed, “todos somos primos”.

Our tireless IT team of Bob Craig and Tom Martinez researched and were given approval to purchase a projector for exclusive use by FACC. A hard-sided case to protect this investment was donated.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LA

Check out the SC Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gsha.sccfo> There is so much going on its hard to keep up. Our FACC member Gloria Mora made it all the way from Pueblo to LA to make a presentation on her book, *Mis Crismes*, to the SC chapter. We wouldn't have known had Leonard Trujillo not posted this on the SC Facebook page. We are lucky that Leonard, who is the SC president, has agreed to take on the position of Social Media Director.

Utah Chapter—Salt Lake City by Margie Victoria Delgado

The Utah Chapter has 11 new members and 9 renewed members plus 1 pledged new member. With the exception of two members, we all are in the beginning stages of discovery. Our January meeting began with a 5 minute video on beginning Familysearch. We then had the assistance of two very, very patient and supportive LDS church Elders assisting our members. Thank you cards were sent to the Elders in appreciation of their assistance and also to Hannah Hunter who arranges for room reservations and assigns assistance. Members are requesting future programs such as this one.

After each meeting an invitation to meet as a group for lunch is announced for those who can attend. Our February meeting will consist of nominations and business only. Alicia Suazo volunteered to contact each member and put together a slate of nominees for elections in February. Research can be done before or after the meeting as there are always Church members available to assist researchers. Lourdes Cooke and Chuck Lobato will work on a presentation or presenter for our March meeting.

Note: The GSHA board is very proud of the Utah members for working hard to get their chapter running smoothly.

Member-at-Large—Arturo Cuellar has joined GSHA as a member-at-large and will be representing those members who choose to be independent from a chapter. He also represents about 20 institutions and libraries. Many of you heard Arturo at the annual conference make a presentation on the resources at the LDS library in Salt Lake City where he works. How lucky are we to have him as a member. Arturo's goal is to get a better connection with Mexican research for our members and to increase the MAL component of our membership.

Nuestras Raices Journal

The last issue of Nuestras Raices Journal, V.30-4 is in pre-production and will be issued after March 1. Donie Nelson does a fantastic job as editor that makes us proud. She would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of art director Cathy, Romero, Senior copy editor Barbara Saucedo and Distribution Head Abel Santisteven who perform beyond their job titles.

Your Board in Action

Summary of GSHA Board Meeting of October 18, 2018 by Jeanette Martinez, Secretary

All board members were present including the new GSHA-Utah Chapter Representative, Margie Delgado. The board welcomed three guests: Rose Alvarado and Gloria Gonzalez-Cook of the UT Chapter and SC Member Cathy Romero.

Vice-President, Charlene G. Simms, submitted a written report and stated there is a correction to the number of households for the Utah Chapter which should be 27, not 276. GSHA has 472 members total.

Treasurer, Bob Craig, submitted a projected 2018/19 budget which showed we are \$1,117.05 in the red. Because we begin getting memberships early in November and December, we will probably finish 2018 on the positive side.

For the GSHA Annual Business Meeting and Conference Report, Bob noted a few reasons we were able to make a profit this year of \$12,839.00: 1) Because we were able to use library-owned equipment, there were no Audio/Visual equipment costs; 2) We had no conference room rental expenses; and 3) Great fundraising efforts and donations, saving GSHA approximately \$6,000 - \$7,000.

After lengthy discussion, the board voted to distribute conference profits as follows: 1) that of the 2018 conference profits, GSHA keeps all profits except \$1100 for future expenses; and 2) that the GSHA Board presents \$1000.00 each to the FACC and SC Chapter. This topic will be revisited in 2019 to address sharing conference profits with the Utah Chapter.

Chapter reports presented by Patsy Vasquez for SC and Mary Ellen Burciago for FACC indicated both Chapters are doing very well and looking forward to 2019 meetings and activities.

The four GSHA-Utah Chapter members present informed the board during their September 8th Chapter meeting it was decided a core group will continue to work together to make Utah a viable chapter. For the time being, Margie Delgado, Rose Alvarado and Gloria Gonzalez-Cook will work on putting a new board of directors together, recruit new members, plan their agenda for the year and get the Chapter back on a track for success.

Member-at-Large representative, Arturo Cuellar will be attending two speaking engagements, one in Las Vegas, Nevada and the second in Mexico City, Mexico. He plans to promote GSHA and seek new members in those areas.

2018 Conference Report: Charlene reported the conference was financially successful. Everyone who attended seemed very pleased.

GSHA Website: GSHA has received a proposal from Eduardo Griego to design and build a new, more user-friendly website. They will be reviewing his and other proposals. The board is also soliciting comments and ideas from the chapters to improve the website.

Board members voted to use the video conferencing site called ZOOM to host future board meetings. The cost is less than the current service and many more members can participate.

- ♦ President, Frank Dominguez, reminded board members a motion was made and passed at the July board meeting that we form a committee to explore the ways and means of transitioning to a PDF version of our journal, *Nuestras Raices*, and to assure its distribution only to dues paying members.

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The updated GSHA Bylaws, which include changes approved by members in July, have been posted on the website.

Chapter representatives were asked to report to the board any nominations for Honorary and/or Lifetime members by January 2019. [See GSHA Bylaws, Article III, Section D, Paragraph 2.]

The board received a request from FACC member, Tom Martinez, to change the membership year from January to December, for memberships to begin on the month of joining. It was decided after discussion that this would require a change to the bylaws, and if Tom wants to pursue this, he needs to submit a bylaws change form to the board.

Margie Delgado stated the 2019 RootsTech Conference will be in Salt Lake City February 27th to March 2nd, 2019. It's a great conference and includes a lot of exhibits. She hopes many GSHA members will attend.

Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter takes a trip to the past



Twenty years ago, in 1998, the FAC Chapter in Pueblo was instrumental in raising \$8000 to get an artist to create a plaque to honor the people who were killed in the 1854 Christmas Tragedy at El Pueblo trading post. Eleven New Mexican occupants, and four Ute men were killed. Two boys and Chepita Miera were kidnapped. She was later killed. One boy was returned eight months later and the other boy was returned 5 years later.

Dr. Herald Acosta, a member of FACC, wrote a successful \$5000 grant and FACC members generously donated an additional \$3000 to complete the plaque. Shown to the left is Dr. Acosta with the finished product in 1998. Pictured at the bottom are Richard and Vicky Arellano and granddaughter, Michelle and Herald, Betty Duran and Bob Craig, all donors to the plaque. El Pueblo Museum held a candlelight vigil for those who died in the tragedy and honored all the FACC donors.



Status Of GSHA 2019 Annual Business Meeting and Conference

At the end of the 2018 conference we announced that the next conference would be in Santa Fe and we needed a chair person or co-chairs to come forward so they could start planning the conference. To date, no one has come forward to plan the 2019 conference. Meanwhile, we learned through Doug Daniels, who has in the past negotiated with the Drury Plaza some very affordable lodging prices, that they are now under new ownership. The lowest price he could negotiate is \$209 a night which is twice as much as we have had to pay in previous years and other costs at the Drury have also gone up.

So since we have no co-chairs and the price at the Drury is prohibitive for this year, one of our FACC members recommended we have the conference in Pueblo for a second year. I was able to secure the library again for August 2-4 with a variation in the agenda. However, people from California really want it in Santa Fe, so a group of them led by Patsy Vasquez are going to discuss this very soon and see if they can come up with a plan for Santa Fe. Lenny Trujillo, president of the SC chapter has indicated that they prefer to host the conference in 2020.

Meanwhile, some of our Utah members have found that there is a venue in Espanola and they, too, are doing some research and leg work and will report back to the board as to the possibilities there.

Nevertheless, we still need co-chairs. Please contact me at charlenegsimms@yahoo.com if you are interested in being a co-chair. Jeanette Martinez, Bob Craig and I will be available for any questions and advice on how to proceed with each co-chair's duties.

At the FACC meeting on January 12 Bob Craig and I broke down the duties of the three co-chairs. While we got many people to volunteer for some of the tasks and duties at the conference, no one came forward to volunteer as a co-chair nor has any chapter offered to host the conference which gives them the opportunity to earn an additional 25% of the cleared profit.

The following are the duties of each co-chair. Please note that a conference manual guide was prepared two years ago by Jeanette Martinez and Charlene Garcia Simms that outlines all that has to be done for a successful conference from A — Z. Last year we developed a template wherein the chair or co-chairs can just fill in the blanks.

- ◆ 1. Speakers, entertainment, agenda co-chair: Once a theme is decided upon this co-chair looks into different speakers on the topic selected. There are several places to look for these speakers and these are listed in our manual. Most cities or towns have a pool of very talented people who can sing, dance, act, etc. The agenda is a schedule and a model has already been developed. Tours are arranged on Friday during the day. The President's reception is in the evening. Saturday is lined up with speakers, workshops and other learning activities. Saturday night is the banquet and in the past a "dress as your ancestor," contest has become very popular. Sunday is again filled with speakers and learning activities, and the conference concludes by 4 p.m.
- ◆ 2. Vendors, Donors, Raffle co-chair —Again, all duties are explained in the manual. We already have a built-in list of vendors who are asked every year and depending on the location, new ones are added every year. Last year we had more donors than ever before and also with the vendors, we have a built in list of people that can be asked, and we can develop new vendors. The raffle is one of our most popular activities, and we have already have someone from the California chapter who helps us gather the large raffle items from several large corporations. Other raffle prizes come from our generous members. In the last few years, Vicky and Richard Arellano's family has helped manage this activity. Hopefully, the Arellanos can help again next year, or we can get other volunteers.
- ◆ 3. Lodging Facilities, food co-chair (reception, continental breakfast, list of restaurants for lunch, lunch on Sunday, Banquet and snacks.) The person who takes care of all this is probably the most important person for the entire conference because as we say, *Panza llena, Corazon contento* (a happy belly, makes a happy heart). Food is very important. We can use the same caterers as last year or get new ones.

These are the three positions that we need to fill in order to make the conference successful. You are not going to be left alone and thrown to the wolves. We have a conference manual that lists the steps that need to be taken care of; we have last year's co-chairs to help; we have amazing volunteers, members and non-members that will not let you down. Won't someone out there take the challenge, to help us coordinate another successful conference?

At this time the following are our alternatives for the 2019 conference:

- ◆ Hold it again in Pueblo August 2-4 at the library at no cost for the facility or the audio/visual technology. The agenda can be different from last year, such as a different reception and banquet venue and new tour selection.
- ◆ The opportunity to be a chapter host is open until February 15. Southern California has indicated they will not be the chapter host in 2019. The Utah chapter wants to wait until the chapter is solidified and pass for 2019. FACC has been asked and they have not said yes or no.
- ◆ Depending on what we hear from Patsy Vasquez and Margie Victoria Delgado, the options to hold it in Santa Fe and Espanola will be determined after they report back their findings to us no later than February 15.
- ◆ Wherever we hold the conference we still need one chair person or three co-chairs, as was done last year. If we get no chair person or co-chairs we can try to hire a coordinator costing us about \$1500. This person would be in charge of the duties mentioned previously but would rely on our GSHA volunteers for the tasks at hand. There are pros and cons to this.
- ◆ Bob Craig has already volunteered to be the registration chair which is very big job, and we are thankful.
- ◆ If we cannot find a paid coordinator or the board does not approve hiring a coordinator and we have no people coming forward to chair or co-chair the conference, the board has the option to cancel the conference, although we still have to have an annual meeting which can be done via teleconference.

All this has to be decided by February 15 because time is of the essence to start the planning. We will already be one month behind, but it can be done. So, we are really leaving this up to the membership and the board. We welcome your input and suggestions and hopefully, some person or persons will come forward as chair or co-chairs or we find an event coordinator. Stay tuned. I feel optimistic that we will have a great conference in 2019, but then again, “it takes a village.” If you are interested in being a co-chair contact me at charlenegsimms@yahoo.com or tell your chapter president.

Roots Tech Conference
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Income Statement
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
For the months October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Revenue	
Membership	\$ 150.00
GSHA Journal sales	\$143.66
Credit card rewards	\$50.00
Total Revenue	\$343.66
 Other Income and Expense	
Journal Editor	\$375.00
Journal Printing	\$896.17
Journal processing	\$336.83
Journal postage reserve	\$150.00
Journal remailing	\$71.75
Storage	\$135.00
Insurance	\$139.40
FACC membership	\$125.00
Refund(1)	\$100.00
Web services(2)*	\$1,827.23
Total Other Income and Expense	\$4,156.38
 Net Income	 \$ (3,812.72)

(1) Return of GSHA Youth Initiative fund donation

(2) Web design and training services - Web developer \$1480.00, new domain name \$273.75,
 Software for Online payment \$57.49, Final Host Monster monthly service \$15.99

*Duran and GSHA Youth funds repurposed

Operating checking account balance December 31, 2018	\$ 1,781.06
Conference checking account December 31, 2018	\$ 1,100.00
Savings account balance December 31, 2018	\$ 9,739.00
Total	\$ 12,620.06

Income Statement
Genealogical Society of Hispanic America
For the months January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Revenue (Operating)	
Membership	\$ 6,077.82
GSHA Journal sales	\$354.77
Refunds	\$113.70
Donations	\$15.00
Credit card rewards	\$50.00
Total Revenue	\$6,611.29
Other Income and Expense (Operating)	
Journal Editor	\$1,500.00
Journal Printing	\$2,916.83
Journal processing	\$671.89
Journal postage reserve	\$600.00
Journal remailing	\$177.46
Storage	\$540.00
Insurance	\$886.59
40% return to Chapters	\$415.00
Membership to other Organizations	\$22.00
Bank charges	\$87.26
Web services	\$319.25
Web training	\$160.00
New Web domain	\$273.75
Web site design developer	\$1,320.00
Refunded membership	\$25.00
Conference calling	\$171.26
Sales tax	\$11.62
Newsletter printing	\$83.04
PO Box rent	\$214.00
GSHA Youth Fund refund	\$100.00
Postage	\$99.28
Printing	\$130.14
Web voting	\$230.52
Total Other Income and Expense	\$10,954.89
Net Income	-\$4,343.60



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Frank Dominguez, Interim *President*

Charlene Garcia Simms, Interim *Vice-President*

Jeanette Martinez, *Secretary*

Bob Craig, *Treasurer*

Arturo Cuellar, *Member-at-Large Representative*

Patsy Vasquez, *Southern California Representative*

Mary Ellen Burciago, *Fray Angelico Chavez Chapter Representative*

Margie Victoria Delgado, *Utah Chapter Representative*

Donie Nelson, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, *Nuestras Raices Journal*

Charlene Garcia Simms, Editor, *Noticias de Nuestras Raices Newsletter*

Photos on front page:

Photo to the left was taken in 1953 and it is a woman's physical education class at the San Luis Institute of the Arts and crafts in San Luis. They are: Margie Cordova, Josephine Prezzia, Lucille Ortega, Sally Trujillo, Henrietta Lobato, Loyola Romero, Viola Garcia, Irene Arguello, Ninfa Romero, and Delfina Rael.

Photo to the right is of Filiberto Gonzales taken in a saloon in Gulnare, Colorado, (Las Animas County), courtesy Denver Public Library.

Deadline for GSHA Bylaws Changes Approaching – February 1, 2019

You may find our bylaws on our website at gshaa.org by going to "About us" and scroll down to bylaws. Any GSHA member in good standing may submit a proposed amendment to the bylaws. See Article XV printed below for guidelines. All proposed amendments must be received in writing by February 1, 2019. You may email changes to our secretary, Jeanette Martinez at jeanette1904martinez@gmail.com or mail them to GSHA, PO Box 3040, Pueblo, CO 81005.

ARTICLE XV -- Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Procedure

Any member in good standing desiring to offer a proposed amendment to the Bylaws and/or the Standing Rules of Procedure may petition the Rules Committee directly or through the Executive Committee no later than February 1 of each year. The petition should include a short explanation or rationale for the proposed change. The Rules Committee will submit its recommendations for Board action no later than March 31.

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