



Twenty Years of GSHA

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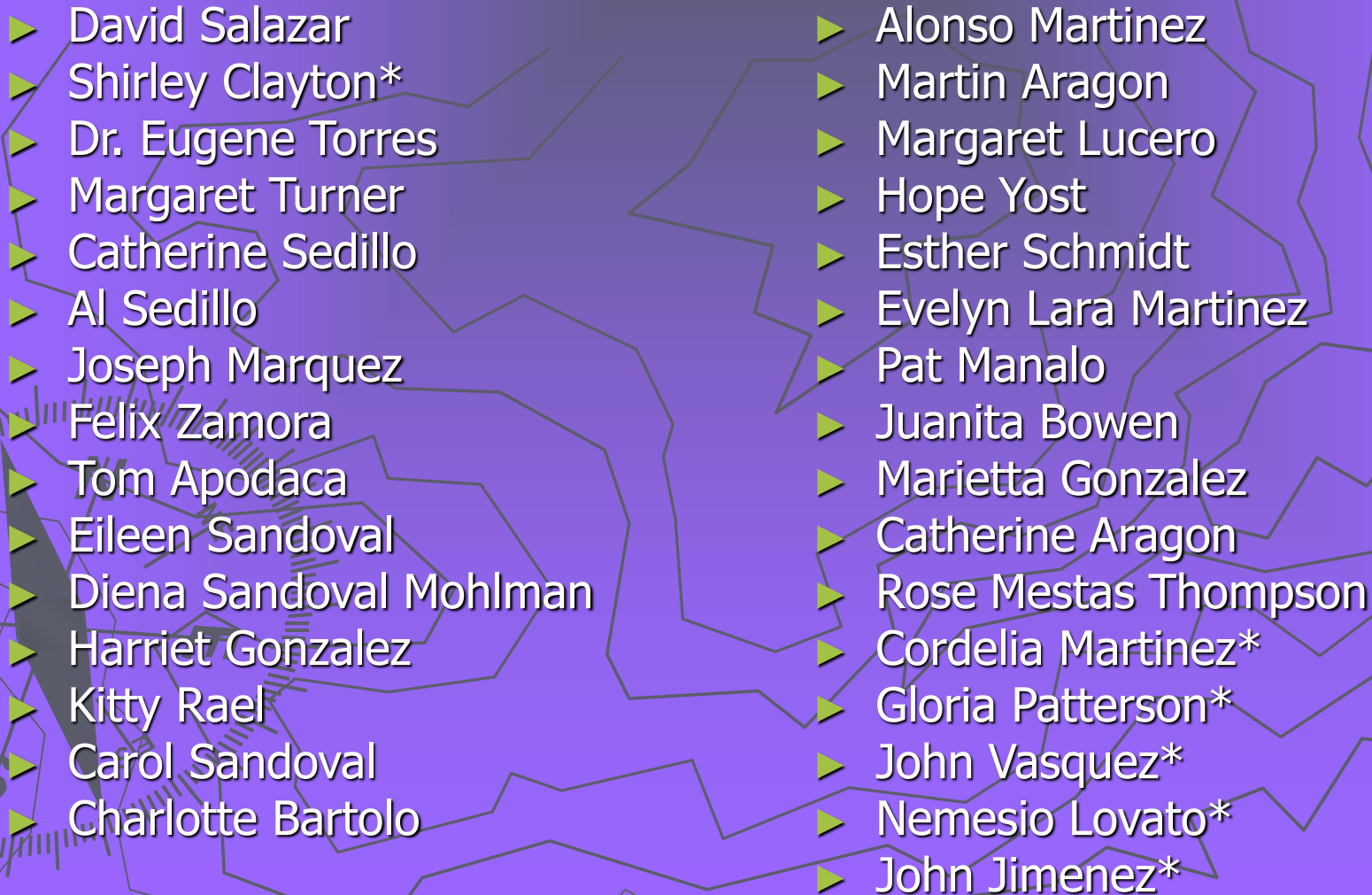


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► Hispanic Genealogy Group Forms

The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America will meet for the first time at 2 p.m. Saturday in the conference room No. 1 of U. S. West's office building, 1801 California Street, Denver. The non-profit organization's purpose is to research Hispanic Genealogy, according to founders. The society plans to preserve and index public and private genealogical records mainly in the American Southwest.

Founders and Early Officers

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- The background of the slide is a purple map of a region, likely in the southwestern United States, featuring a winding river and a compass rose in the lower-left corner. The map is overlaid with a grid of white lines.
- ▶ David Salazar
 - ▶ Shirley Clayton*
 - ▶ Dr. Eugene Torres
 - ▶ Margaret Turner
 - ▶ Catherine Sedillo
 - ▶ Al Sedillo
 - ▶ Joseph Marquez
 - ▶ Felix Zamora
 - ▶ Tom Apodaca
 - ▶ Eileen Sandoval
 - ▶ Diena Sandoval Mohlman
 - ▶ Harriet Gonzalez
 - ▶ Kitty Rael
 - ▶ Carol Sandoval
 - ▶ Charlotte Bartolo
 - ▶ Alonso Martinez
 - ▶ Martin Aragon
 - ▶ Margaret Lucero
 - ▶ Hope Yost
 - ▶ Esther Schmidt
 - ▶ Evelyn Lara Martinez
 - ▶ Pat Manalo
 - ▶ Juanita Bowen
 - ▶ Marietta Gonzalez
 - ▶ Catherine Aragon
 - ▶ Rose Mestas Thompson
 - ▶ Cordelia Martinez*
 - ▶ Gloria Patterson*
 - ▶ John Vasquez*
 - ▶ Nemesio Lovato*
 - ▶ John Jimenez*

GSHA PRESIDENTS

1988

▶ David Salazar

1993

▶ Shirley Clayton

1996

▶ Catherine Sedillo

1997

▶ Eugene Torres

1998

▶ David Salazar

1998

▶ Wilfred Martinez

2001

▶ Nancy Ligon de Ita

2003

▶ Victoria Arellano

2007

▶ Cathy Archuleta



The Success of an organization is based on its chapters

- ▶ Pueblo
- ▶ (1989)
- ▶ California
- ▶ (1992)
- ▶ Trinidad
- ▶ (1994)



Growing Pains



- By 1995 there were three chapters of GSHA outside Denver. The IRS advised us that we had to formally adopt chapters to continue operating and this would have to be done by forming a national organization that would provide an umbrella for the chapters to operate under. An amendment was introduced at the 1995 annual meeting and a motion was made and voted on in 1996 to go national. By this time there were over 600 members.

GSHA Goes National



- ▶ On July 19, 1997, in Southern California at our annual meeting national by-laws were approved. We became a full-fledged national organization that started operating on January 1, 1998. The first meeting via telephone conference took place on January 24, 1998.

Change Brings Change

- By the time GSHA went national, there were almost 800 members. Initially, there were two Denver based GSHA chapters in Denver, and within a year, these two groups became independent organizations that continue to flourish. We now all benefit from these viable Hispanic genealogical organizations that preserve our Hispanic heritage.
Adelante!

Communication is vital

▶ Journal Editors:

- ▶ David Salazar
- ▶ Metro College
- ▶ David Salazar
- ▶ Maryellen Salazar
- ▶ Deborah Jeppson
- ▶ Pauline Salazar

▶ Newsletter Editors:

- ▶ David Salazar
- ▶ Metro College
- ▶ Diane Mason
- ▶ Charlene Garcia Simms
- ▶ Pauline Salazar
- ▶ Editorial Committees

NUESTRAS RAICES

Huellas Y Veredas de Nuestra Gente



1992- Fiesta Day Parade, First Place for Most Original: Theme was Somos Primos



Mike Baca, first president FACC;
David Salazar, a Founder and
first president of GSHA

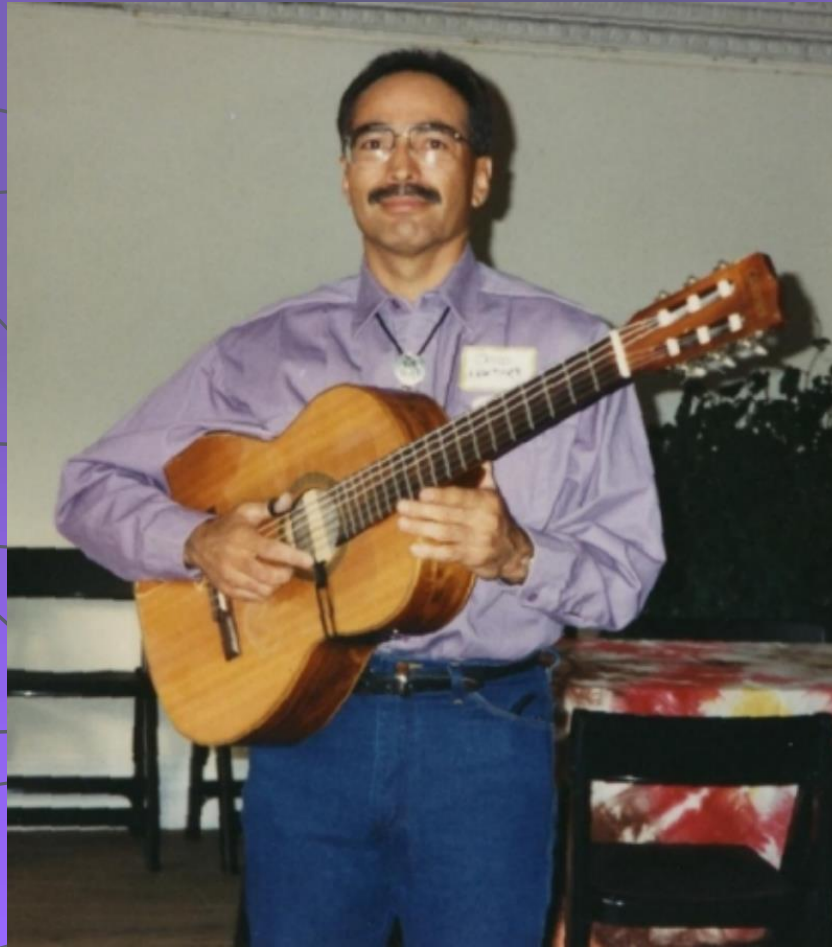


1994, Trinidad Conference Dr. Eugene Torres and Shirley Clayton



1994, Trinidad Conference

Chico Martinez



1994, Trinidad Conference

Larry Trujillo portraying Bishop Lamy



1994, Trinidad Conference

Jose Antonio Esquibel and Dr. Torres



Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Valdez, namesake of Hispanic Heritage Center in Denver



1996 Conference Pueblo

Charlene, Nora Chavez (Fray Angelico's sister) and Lucy Gettler, accepting the honor of FACC name



1996 conference, Two of our anchors, Lydia Montoya and Nancy Garcia



Our indigenous side, Ron Roybal





1996 conference, La Placita Architects

Abel, Virginia, Lucy, Nancy and Alfie
Missing (Bill and Pearl Trujillo)



1997 conference, California cmgs, Donie and Pauline Bent



1997, Our youth, Fashion Show, Long Beach, California



1997 Conference in California

Party Time at the reception



1997 Conference, California

Dr. Torres and his lovely wife, Amparo



1997 Conference, California

Marietta, Charlene & Donie



Pueblo Bash, Dedication of El Pueblo Tragedy memorial, Ercilia Luna, granddaughter of Benito Sandoval, cutting the ribbon (1998)



1999 Conference, Fort Garland, Colorado

Mariachi San Luis (Our Youth)



1999 Conference, Fort Garland

Presenter, Estevan Rael y Galvez (Genizaros)



1999 Conference (Alamosa) Dr. Luis Trujillo accepting lifetime achievement award



1999 conference San Luis



1999 Conference San Luis

Presenter Maclovio Martinez (Penitentes)



2000 Conference, Pueblo
Dr. Wilfred Martinez, President,
with Betty Duran and Marge Martinez



2000 Conference, Marlow Fisher GSHA – Southern California



2000 Conference

Dr. Maria Montoya and Family



Albuquerque Conference, 2003

Nancy Ligon de Ita, President (center)



Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

Trinidad Conference, 2004



2004 Trinidad Conference, dedicated to Olibama Lopez Tushar, Dolores Valdez de Pong, Olivama (Olive) Valdez and Pat Wilkes (Olibama Lopez Tushar's cousin)



Trinidad Conference, our special friend Roberto Torrez (left)



GSHA-SC President Doug Daniels Trinidad Conference



Vickie Arellano, President 2003-2006



Cathy Archuleta, President 2007-2008



Volunteers are the bloodline of an organization
Virginia and Abel Santistevan...



Richard Arellano...and many many more
What more can we say but mil gracias



GSHA

Looking forward to
what the next
generation of
genealogists
accomplish in the next
20 years.

