



# NEWSLETTER

December 2013

## Outgoing President Marcie Palmer



It has been an interesting and busy two years. My term as president will end in January when the new board will be installed at the 2014 Banquet on January 25.

These past two years you have met the members of the board and committee chairs each month in the newsletters. I hope you have enjoyed seeing their picture, and learning who they are and what they do, besides working for the Society. It has been a wonderful board to work with and they have worked hard, especially since we are all volunteers. It has been a full board of 12 members plus the committee chairpersons, the web master and our liaison from City museums. To me it has been a successful two years. The list of these people are in the newsletters on the back page in case you need a reminder of who they are.

We have had so many good programs at



our Thursday night meetings and the newsletter has kept you informed about all of them. The Thursday evening meetings are a good way for everyone to meet and greet, as well as have punch and cookies after the programs. I hope you have had the chance to look at our website. We are proud of it. Different things are added to it regularly and a lot of information is on it. The website address is on the last page of this and each newsletter.

The Banquets are always great and the awards have been unusually significant. If you have missed them, you have missed something special. Just ask those who have been there. We have an extra special one coming up this January 25. I hope you have saved the date and are planning to be at the luncheon at the Double Eagle. We hope you have been supporting our corporate sponsors when you see them and tell them thank you for their support, their names are on the back page of the newsletter also. We do thank all the members who support the printing of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review each year.

This term we have moved our board meetings back to the original home, Branigan Cultural Center, where the board meetings were held in the beginning. This year we have given the past Presidents an honorary membership. I am the 28th President so 28 in these 50 years. We found all but two. Fifteen are still living, found all of these but one. This honor also can be giv-

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You are invited to the Doña Ana County Historical Society's Annual Awards Luncheon

January 25th, 2014, Double Eagle Restaurant on the Mesilla Plaza; 12:00 noon

Seating for the Annual Awards Luncheon will begin at noon with the buffet lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. The Buffet includes Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Cherry Tomato Mozzarella Vinaigrette Salad, Carrot Raisin Salad, Medley of Fresh Vegetables, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Sliced Roast Beef, Green Chile Cheese Enchiladas, Hot Bakery Rolls and Butter, Assorted Desserts, Ice Tea and Coffee. The cost is \$25.00 (includes Tax and Gratuity) per person payable in advance or at the door. For your convenience, this reservation form is included, and you may email your reservation directly to Xandy Church at xbchurch@comcast.net Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in, and snail mail it to Xandy Church, c/o DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6045.

Following lunch, Dr. Jon Hunner and his Mesilla Park neighbors will present their historic district project.

If you have any questions, please call Xandy at 575-526-9774.

RESERVATION FORM due by Saturday, January 18, 2014

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

If you have others who would like to attend, this is for their reservations. We need names for name tags at the door. Thanks

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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\$25.00 per person TOTAL enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will pay at the door

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**If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2014, Please renew your Membership Today. See form on page 3.**

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en to any person whose activities have contributed to the objectives of the Society. They shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of the members present at a regular meeting. We voted at a regular meeting this year on September 20th and it was unanimous. We celebrated our 50th year as a Society and the 20th year of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review with tokens. If you did not get yours please pick one up at the next meeting.

Susan Krueger who has been your Vice President, program chairperson, awards chairperson and much more these past two years will be the 2014 - 15 President. The board members were elected at the November 21st meeting. I will be the past President, so I will be around just visiting with everyone at the meetings.

There are many extra things planed for the future and the membership will be happy they are a part of it. We have 143 members on our membership list about 40 have not paid dues for a year or two. If we do not hear from them we will be purging after the first of the year. If you are not sure if you are in good standing, several of us have a list and can check it for you. We are happy to see 50 or more at a meeting but sad to see less than 35.

Please support the organization and attend as much as you are able. We depend on you being there

and like to see you. It would not be anything without you, so please plan to be with us. The meetings are open to the public and you do not need to be a member to attend.

Be seeing you, Marcie Palmer

**Election of Vice-President and Four at-large Board Members**

At our November 21st meeting, an election was held to fill positions of Vice-President and four at -Large Board Members.

Current Vice-President Susan Krueger presented the nominees selected by the Nominating Committee as follows:

For Vice-President; Dr. Jon Hunner

For Members at-Large; Mary Kay Shannon, Jim Eckles, Sara Wagner and George Helfrich.

Susan then opened the nominations for nominations from the floor. Having no nominations from the floor, the above slate of candidates was unanimously elected by voice vote.

Our By-Laws stipulates that the serving Vice-President automatically assume the President’s position at the end of the serving president’s term. Therefore, Susan Krueger will become President at the time the above elected members are installed at our January 25th Awards Banquet.

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Doña Ana County Historical Society, P. O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004-6045

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Please renew/enroll my/our membership in the Doña Ana County Historical Society. Memberships are active for the calendar year of enrollment and fees are deductible within legal limits for Federal and State income tax purposes. If you are unsure of your status or have questions regarding membership, please contact the Treasurer, Xandy Church, at 575-526-9774 (during business hours) or the President, Marcie Palmer, at 575-496-4736.

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Individual \$20  Family \$25  Student \$8  Contributor \$40  Benefactor \$150  Life \$300   
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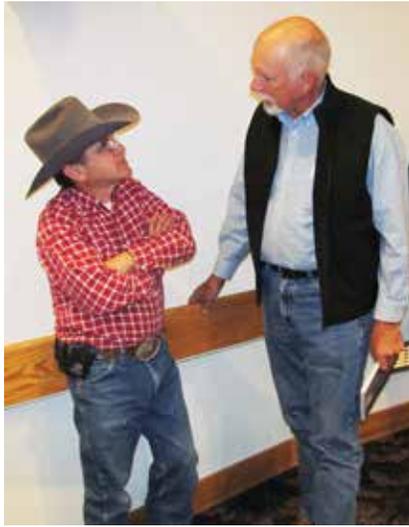
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How would you like to receive your copy of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* (SNMHR)?  
Printed Version  Society Website Version  PDF on CD Version

At our November meeting, Bill Cavaliere gave a very interesting and informative PowerPoint Slide Presentation on the two surrenders of Geronimo. He told about the several locations that the Chiricahua Apaches, who were considered as Prisoners of War, were sent to live over the years. The last place was Fort Sill Oklahoma. They spent so much time there that they eventually became known as the "Fort Sill" Apaches, essentially losing their original identity. When the POW status ended, some stayed in the Fort Sill area and some accepted an invitation from the Mescalero Apaches to join them in Mescalero, New Mexico. ■



Bill Cavaliere, on the left, talks with an audience member after his presentation

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