



# NEWSLETTER

January 2016

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Susan Krueger

Holiday events have settled down and we are off into 2016. I want to focus on the membership meeting and luncheon, so these notes will be brief and to the point.

**The date for the 49th Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon is Saturday, January 30, 2016, at noon, Double Eagle Restaurant on the Mesilla Plaza; and the absolute last day to register for the luncheon (\$25/person) by email or phone is Wednesday January 27 at noon, BUT please don't wait till then.**

You may call in your registration to me at 575-525-0654. If I don't pick up, the answering machine will come on; please leave the names of the guests attending and confirm that you will pay at the door. Or if you prefer, email me the information at: [skrueger575@msn.com](mailto:skrueger575@msn.com). Or a third choice is to fill out the registration form in this newsletter and send it to DACHS, P. O. Box 16045, Las Cruces NM 88004 by Jan. 23, and enclose payment or check the box to pay at the door. Below the registration form is the DACHS Membership Renewal form. If you haven't renewed for 2016, please do so now; and if you have questions about the banquet registration or membership renewal, please call me.

We will open the Membership Meeting with two matters of business: first the election of a vice president and second the installation of officers. Then Jon Hunner, the newly installed President, will introduce the awardees. To begin, Buddy Ritter will share with us one or two highlights from his book *Mesilla Comes Alive* and to round out the program, we will hear from the BLM about the Management Plan for the



Prehistoric Trackways National Monument.

Join us; there will be an opportunity to make new friends and to catch up with old ones.

Another thought, since we will be electing a vice president during the Membership Meeting on January 30th, if there is anyone whose membership is current and who would like to take part in the business matters and enjoy the awards program, but skip the luncheon, please contact me on or before January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

The Nominating Committee has nominated Kimberly Miller to fill the position of Vice President 2016–2018, and, if selected, Kimberly is most willing to serve. She holds a B.A. in History from University of California, Davis, and a M.A. in History, concentration in Public History, from NMSU. Her passion for history was evident in high school when she volunteered for the California Historical Society in San Francisco and continues to be evident in her current organizational commitments, including American Alliance of Museums, Museums Association (U.K.), and National Council of Public History. Her son is a distance runner and works at Run Culture in the Downtown Mall. The rest of her family lives in California.

Kimberly enjoys reading, hiking, dog agility and photography and has participated in the DACHS Board of Directors as the liaison for the

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Kimberly Miller and a Friend

NMSU History Department.

### PROGRAMS FOR SPRING OF 2016

Jon Hunner has put together the following list of potential speakers for the spring of 2016: Rick Hendricks, State Historian, speaking on a topic of his choosing; Sarah Stanley presenting on the Chope family and heritage preservation through food; Jim Eckles speaking on how the atomic age and the space age started in our backyard; a BLM representative presenting on the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument; and David Thomas speaking about his book on the history of theater in Las Cruces.

Spring meeting dates are: February 18; March 17; April 21 and May 19; at 7 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Please mark your calendars. Details matching speakers and dates will follow in the February Newsletter. ■



### JANUARY 30, AWARDS LUNCHEON BUFFET MENU, DOUBLE EAGLE RESTAURANT

Green Chile Cheese Enchiladas  
Cactus Barbeque Brisket  
Oven Baked Potatoes  
Medley of Fresh Vegetables  
Freshly Baked Dinner Rolls  
Fresh Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings  
Tomato, Cucumber, Onion Vinaigrette Salad  
Cherry Tomato Mozzarella Salad  
Chefs Assorted Dessert Table  
Ice Tea and Coffee

### Hembrillo Battlefield Tour

The Hembrillo Battlefield trip is still scheduled for Feb. 13, 2016. Don't forget to register with Jim Eckles starting January 10th if you want to go. If you have a high clearance vehicle and can drive, he'll need the kind of vehicle and how many passengers you can carry with you. All names for registration are due by Feb. 2 so the missile range security folks can run a background check on each participant.

Eckles can be contacted at nebraska1950@comcast.net or by phone at 575-521-8771. The road is not in very good shape but still does not require 4x4 for access - lots of oil pan rocks for the careless. ■

### Editor's Note:

In the December Newsletter, under the caption of a 1937 photo I stated: *Do you know what the person is doing at the front of the vehicle? He is cranking (starting) the engine. There were no electric starters back in those days.*

Dr. John Bloom sent me a comment stating "The picture is of a truck of pre-1930s vintage although the picture is dated May 1937. .... not true! Electric starters were pretty standard by the middle, certainly before the end of the 1920s. My first car, 1929 Model A Ford, had one."

Thanks Dr. Bloom. Obviously this truck didn't have one. ■

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

**January 30th, 2016, 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 cost is \$25.00 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 Susan Krueger at [skrueger575@msn.com](mailto:skrueger575@msn.com) Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in, and snail mail it to Susan Krueger, c/o DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Following lunch, there will be the awards program and the installation of new Board members.

If you have any questions, please call Susan at 525-0654.

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

**DACHS Membership Form**

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 President, Susan Krueger, at 575 525-0654.

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2nd Lt. Charles Gatewood

2nd Lt. Charles Gatewood led a company of Apache Scouts at the Battle of Hembrillo, the location of the field trip scheduled for Feb. 13, 2016.

Lt. Gatewood is mentioned in several interviews with Apache leaders conducted by Eve Ball and quoted in her book titled "ENDEH". It seems that Lt. Gatewood was one of only a few US Cavalry Officers that was respected and trusted by Apache leaders with negotiations of various kinds. This is somewhat odd since he had commanded an Apache Scout company and most Apaches considered all Scouts as Traitors.

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