



# NEWSLETTER

April 2010

Doña Ana County Historical Society

## President's Comments

By: George Hackler

A reminder, if you have not renewed your membership, please do. Your dues subsidize the annual banquet, pay to bring programs to our monthly meetings, subsidize field trips and the annual picnic. Your dues and support pay for the preparation of the monthly News Letter and the Southern New Mexico Historical Review and pays for the printing, distribution and mailing of both publications.

If you are on the mail list a red dot will appear next to your mail label as a reminder that your dues have not been received for the 2010 calendar year. If you receive communications via the internet, a gentle reminder will be sent your way.

All classes of membership will have full voting rights at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Society.

### Annual dues are:

- A. Individual adult Membership ..... \$20.00
- B. Family Membership ..... \$25.00
- C. Student Membership ..... \$8.00
- D. Contributing Membership ..... \$40.00
- E. Benefactor ..... \$150.00

An apology to Karl Laumbach, Doyle and every one who attended the Thursday meeting for the delay caused by the malfunction of the DACHS's projector. Thanks to Doyle for the presence of mind to bring his own projector and save the program. Our projector was checked Wednesday and found to be in perfect working order. It was checked Friday morning and again found to be in perfect working order. I will be

## April Meeting

Following the regular monthly meeting of the Doña Ana County Historical Society on April 15, 2010 at 7:00 pm, the program will be;

### The Life and Work of Eve Ball

by: Lynda A. Sánchez

Our program is a second presentation by Lynda Sanchez who will share her personal experience with and recount the life and work of Eve Ball. She collaborated with Eve Ball on the book INDEH, a masterpiece of oral history of the Apache people. She has published over 100 articles on Southwest history topics. Lynda's latest contribution to Southwest History is a pictorial biography of Eve Ball.



Lynda Sánchez speaking at book signing in Lincoln

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sending an e-mail to EPSON asking for an analysis of our trouble.

Only three members requested the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* on a CD in our pre-distribution survey. The Board previewed the CD and realized that it was far superior to either the printed version or the version placed on our web site. the Board decided, to make a copy available to any member that wanted one. Copies of the *Southern New Mexico Historical Review* on CD were distributed to members at the close of the Thursday meeting. The CD is for viewing on a computer so you can take full advantage of the content. We hope to accomplish most of the distribution at our monthly meetings to save postage. Members that are unable to pickup a CD this way should send an e-mail request with directions for forwarding a CD. Send request to: riburn@q.com.

## Calendar

- Thursday, April 15, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Lynda Sanchez – **Eve Ball**
- Thursday, May 20, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Enrique Lamadrid – **Chautauqua - Rafael Chacon**
- June thru August - **No Meeting**
- Thursday, September 16, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Mary Salopek - **History of Salopek family**
- Thursday, October 21, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Martha Shipman Andrews – **Letters**
- Thursday, November 18, 2010 @ 7:00pm  
Ed Sweeny – **Apache Warfare**
- December, 2010  
**No Program**
- All meetings of the Society are normally at 7:00pm  
on the third Thursday of the months of Feb. - May  
and Sept - Nov. in the Good Samaritan Auditorium  
at 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

### Eve Ball from Page 1

Eve Ball was a retired school teacher living in Ruidoso. Through years of patience, she earned the trust and respect of the Apache Indians living on the Mescalero reservation. She nurtured this trust first with the women and through the women she was able to gain access to the men and draw out their tribal history, personal experiences in the Indian Wars and the recollections of deceased relatives who participated in the Indian Wars. This most unusual oral history created an entirely new perspective of the period history. At first the academic community was reluctant to accept the value of this source. That has all changed today and Eve Ball and her work holds an honored place among Western historians.

(The following from a New Mexico historical Marker)  
*Eve wrote over 150 articles and numerous books chronicling Mescalero and Chiricahua Apaches, Anglo and Hispanic settlers. Her honesty, patience and determination to learn from them, won the confidence of the Apache elders, saving oral histories certain to be lost without her.*

Linda Sanchez spoke to us last April about the history of Fort Stanton and led us on a tour of the Fort. We are indeed fortunate to have her come back and visit us again. She will have copies of her recently published book about Fort Stanton which many of us bought on the recent field trip. ■

## 2010 Award Series

At the Annual Banquet held the 30th of January, the Society's Awards Committee presented several awards. With this issue, we continue featuring some photos and the award story for various people and/or places honored with awards.



Marvin Tessneer, on the left with his award, listens as Natasha Hales, from the Las Cruces Bulletin, talks about the positive influence Marvin has had on the Bulletin staff.

## THE PASAJERO DEL CAMINO REAL AWARD 2010

### Marvin Tessneer

*The Pasajero Del Camino Award honors an author or authors of a significant historical publication about events, persons, places, or issues in Doña Ana County or the nearby vicinity.*

Few local historians have informed more people about the history of Doña Ana County than journalist Marvin Tessneer. Both through his "Looking Back" column in the Las Cruces Bulletin and a similar column he wrote for years at the Las Cruces Sun-News, Tessneer has given readers the news highlights from 75, 50, 25, and 10 years ago.

The column features a select historical picture from NMSU's Rio Grande Historical Collection, and contemporary accounts of Las Cruces most prominent and influential citizens, and of events that are still remem-

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bered today. Even Tessneer says he is sometimes surprised how the names and actions of the past continue to influence and be reflected in the issues of the present.

Tessneer started reporting for the Las Cruces Sun-News in 1965, when he first moved to the Mesilla Valley. Though he's covered all news beats, and has worked as a reporter since the 1950s, Tessneer has largely focused on business and agriculture, especially since he started working with the Las Cruces Bulletin six years ago. ■

## Attention Authors

A mailing was received from a publishing company that specializes in local, narrow subject, historical books. Since we have a number of authors in the Doña Ana Historical Society we thought we should pass this information on to the members. The company is THE HISTORY PRESS, 100 Jade Street, Broomfield, CO 80020. Contact Becky LeJeune. Phone 843-991-4357 or becky.lejeune@historypress.net. ■

## New Mexico Historical Society Meeting

Just a reminder, the New Mexico Historical Society is holding its annual conference and meeting in Hobbs this year. Dates are April 29....May 1st. ■

## 2010 Southern New Mexico Historical Review

By Doyle Piland

There have been several mentions of the version of the Review available on a CD, but not a lot about what makes this special. Let me to talk about some features that you will totally miss if you don't have the CD version.

Our co-editors, Rick Hendricks and Martha Shipman Andrews along with those who contributed articles, were very creative with the use of available technology to add features that can only be appreciated with a computer.

First, there is an article written by Robin Robinson concerning Pancho Villa's Use of the Silent Newsreel in the Mexican Revolution. The article is well written and contains lots of information. However, at the beginning of the article on the CD, there is a short video which combines several Newsreel clips, with music added. You can see the kind of things that are discussed in the article, giving you a better understanding of the things you will be reading.

In an article by Brigadier General Hugh M. Milton, Edited and Annotated by Martha Shipman Andrews

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### 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 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 526-9774 (May-Sept. 575-536-9728) or the President, George Hackler, at 521-4458.

### Annual Membership/Sponsorship Rates

Individual \$20  Family \$25  Student \$8  Contributor \$40  Benefactor \$150  Life \$300   
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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  No Preference

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from a transcription of a dictated memoir, you can listen to an audio clip from his actual memoir.

There are several high resolution maps and photos which are best viewed with a computer to enlarge them for clarity. There are also several photos in an article by Rick Hendricks and Charles B. Stanford on "Panoramic Photography in the American Southwest." To really appreciate these photos, you have to be able to enlarge them and view them with a computer.

Even if you don't have a computer, get a copy of the CD and ask a family member or friend to show it to you. I think you will be amazed at how much technology enhances your appreciation of the articles. ■



Archaeologist Karl W. Laumbach after his talk at our March 18, 2010 meeting

At our March 18, 2010 meeting, Archaeologist Karl W. Laumbach gave us a very interesting talk on the little known "Battle of Round

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Mountain." Karl was one of a group who did some preliminary archaeological investigation at what is currently believed to be the location of the April 17, 1868 battle approximately 9 miles east of Tularosa on US Highway 70. This battle involved five soldiers and 26 volunteer civilians from Tularosa against an unknown number of Mescalero Apache Indians. The battle lasted about six hours. All soldiers and civilians returned safely from this battle. Everyone seemed to enjoy Karl's presentation. ■

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