

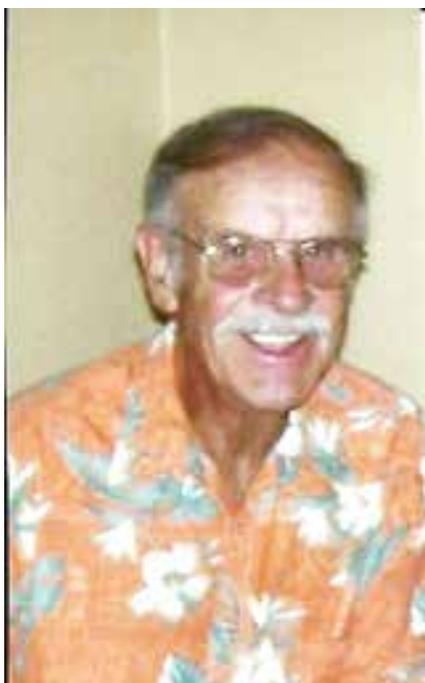


NEWSLETTER

November 2013

DACHS Book Sales Carl B. Eichstaedt

Photo Courtesy of: Annie Eichstaedt-Dillenburg



Carl sells history books...

Carl was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, and attended the University of Illinois at Chicago for two years. He majored in Physical Education and minored in Biology. Carl lettered in both football and baseball. He then transferred to Illinois State Normal University in 1956 and lettered in both football and baseball and was most valuable player in both sports his senior year.

It was here that he met the love of his life, Donna. She was a music major and also twirled the baton with the INSU marching band. They were married in the summer of 1958 and moved to his first teaching and coaching job in a small junior high school in Danville, Illinois, where he taught Physical Education, General Science and 6th grade math. Interestingly, when he interviewed for the job, and asked the superintendent what he would be teaching, he said, "Boys P.E.," (his major), "Science," (his minor), "and math." He explained that he had no math in his undergraduate studies, and the superintendent asked, "Can you add and subtract?" Carl answered, "Yes..." The superintendent

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Our October Program

Our November 21st meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The program will feature a presentation by Bill Cavaliere. Bill, who gave our April program on early border settlers, will return with a talk on the two surrenders of Geronimo .



Bill Cavaliere
Photo Courtesy: Bill Cavaliere

Bill Cavaliere retired last summer after a career of 28 years in law enforcement. He is the former sheriff of Hidalgo County, NM. He was also an instructor for the National Counterdrug Center, located at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is a historian specializing in local history, particularly the Chiricahua Apaches, and is currently gathering material for a book he is planning on writing. His research has taken him all over the southwest, as well as deep into Mexico. He currently sits on the board of the Cochise County Historical Society, and he frequently leads guided tours to sites of historical interest. His hobbies include hunting and writing cowboy poetry. He has two grown children; a daughter currently attending NMSU, and a married son who has blessed him with two grandchildren, all of whom live in Las Cruces. Bill and his wife Jill live on a cattle ranch outside of Portal, Arizona.

November 21st Program

Bill Cavaliere's presentation is a power point that lasts about 30-40 minutes. With the Q&A period afterwards it totals about an hour. It is entitled "The Surrenders of Geronimo." It covers the two times that Geronimo surrendered in 1886; the first time in March in Canon de los Embudos, Mexico, to General George

Crook (Geronimo reneged on this surrender and escaped), and the second and last time in September in Skeleton Canyon to General Nelson Miles. It also covers how Geronimo was never actually a chief and how the real chief, Naiche, made the actual decisions but Geronimo got all of the publicity because of his reputation.

During the first surrender in March in Mexico, General Crook allowed a photographer to come along, who took a group of remarkable photos of the negotiations. Bill went back to this location with these photos and found the exact spots where they were taken. He then took his own photos of the same shots 120 years later. During his power point, he shows both sets of photos for comparisons. ■

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replied, "Then you can do the job." Carl says "I believe there are still some people in Danville, Illinois, who can only add and subtract—my fault!"

It was in Danville where their first beautiful daughter, Ann Renee was born. After two years they left Danville and returned to Illinois State University where he received his M.S. in School Administration. Carl hated it! He knew then he would never go into school administration!

Carl's next teaching jobs were both in the suburbs of Chicago: Park Forest (Rich East High) and Deerfield, (Deerfield High School). While living in neighboring suburb Highland Park they had their lovely second daughter, Susan Michele (Susie).

While at Deerfield High School, The physical education director and Carl became concerned that there were some students, those with disabilities, who were being excused from Physical Education. They asked, "Can P.E. be adapted to meet their special needs?" They both agreed and a new concept was developed. He carried this thought with him and found that other P.E. professionals were also interested. One of the colleges, the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, had a doctoral program in this concentration and called it "Adapted Physical Education," and was awarding extensive graduate assistantships sponsored by the federal government. Donna and Carl, Annie and Susie, packed up and left for New Mexico.

After completing his Ph.D., an assistant professorship opened at Illinois State University where he had received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees. They moved back to Normal, Illinois. This was 1974 and Donna was able to go back to school in the department of history and completed her B.S., M.S. and Ph.D degrees.

Carl, too, was growing, and in the next 20 years was the senior author of two college text books in Adapted Physical Education: "Developmental/Adapted Physical Education: Making Ability Count", (641 pages; 3 editions: 1982; 1987; 1993) McMillan, and "Physical Activity for Individuals with Mental Retardation: Infancy Through Adulthood", (365 pages; 1992), Human Kinetics.

Additionally while at ISU, he was awarded 10 years of a federal grant to train 38 graduate (Masters level) students in the concentration of Adapted Physical Education. His final status at Illinois State University was that of Professor Emeritus.

In 1993, daughter Annie, her husband Larry, and their three children, Gabe, Cory and Carly were living in McLean,

Illinois, in the middle of the cornbelt and were not ready to retire. Susie and her husband, Keith, and their children Jackson and Lanie were living in Las Cruces where Susie was owner and trainer at Red Sky Farm Hunter/Jumpers Equestrian Facility. Donna and Carl were still fascinated with New Mexico and the wonderful people and the weather it provided, so they decided to make Las Cruces their retirement heaven. They play golf all year long!

Donna taught college classes in History for UTEP and Dona Ana Community College, with a special emphasis on WWII and New Mexico history. She was also president of the Dona Ana Historical Society.

Carl still lives on the East Mesa in an authentic adobe house they bought when they moved here in 1993. Their 18 acres, which abut the Alameda Arroyo, sits a mere 4½ miles from the Organ Mountains. It is home to his 7 rescue dogs, two barn cats and 7 hunter/jumper horses. We call it Red Sky Farm.

Carl says, "I miss my Donna, who passed away from brain cancer in January 2011, with all my heart. I dedicate the above material to her and my wonderful daughters Annie and Susie who have been more than helpful and loving." ■

Officer and Board Member Election

At our November 21, 2013, membership meeting, the DACHS will elect a Vice President and four at-large Board members, with each to serve a two year term. The following people have submitted their names to the nominating committee for consideration: for Vice President, Jon Hunner; and for at-large Board members, Mary Kay Shannon, Jim Eckles, Sara Wagner and George Helfrich. In addition, prior to voting, the Historical Society will accept nominations from the floor. NOTE: In accordance with provisions of our By-Laws, our current Vice-President, Susan Krueger, will automatically become President for the next two years.

Please take a moment to visit with the candidates and if there is a committee you are interested in or a program you would like the Society to consider, please talk with Susan Krueger. ■

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Please, after you read this, find your 2014 calendar or log on to your computer and check to see if you have entered "DACHS Luncheon" in the space for Saturday, January 25, 2014. The General Membership meeting and Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, the 25th, at noon at the Double Eagle Restaurant on the Mesilla Plaza. Along with sharing great food and good company, we will install the board members elected in November.

Then for the highlight of the afternoon, the DACHS will give an award to the citizens of Mesilla Park in recognition of a Neighborhood Worthy of Preservation. Dr. Jon Hunner and his Mesilla Park neighbors will talk about their work-in-progress to document Mesilla Park as an historic district and to use that documentation to nominate Mesilla Park to the State and National Registers of historic places. Rather than considering things past and complete, we will have the opportunity to learn about history taking shape in the now. ■



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

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

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Jim Eckles, (facing camera), our program speaker at the 17 October membership meeting, talks with audience members after his presentation on part of the history of White Sands Missile Range. Jim's presentation not only included some of the history of the Missile Range itself, but also part of the history of the land that makes up the Range. His talk was very informative, interesting and well recieved by the audience. ■

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