



Doña Ana County Historical Society

Newsletter

February 2008

Don't miss our next regular meeting this month! See Below

This Month in History

February 7, 1706 — The villa San Francisco de Alburquerque was founded by Gov. Francisco Cuervo y Valdes and 12 families. It was named after the Duke of Alburquerque who resided in New Spain (Mexico). Later, English-speaking people dropped the first "r" from its spelling in the early 19th century, as noted in the 1807 narratives of the Zebulon Pike expedition.

February 18, 1878 — John H. Tunstall is murdered near Tinnie while driving horses to Lincoln. His death inflamed his young



cowhands, including Billy the Kid, who sought revenge. It was the beginning of the Lincoln County War.



President's Corner:

"THE BANQUET"

The DACHS annual Banquet this year was a great success. I thought the food was great and the service very good. Maybe a reflection of new management.

"Cactus Chris Buethe" was really well received. A self proclaimed Educator-Geezer.

His cowboy poetry was very good and funny as promised.

Dr. Buethe left us two of his books, which he signed.. These will make a welcome addition to our archives or door prizes at DACHS meetings.

Pat Beckett also left us with several books. They came in too late for the silent auction, so we will give these out as door prizes at DACHS meetings.

The Mary and J. Paul Taylor Scholarship Endowment

Please consider contributing to this scholarship endowment as a way of achieving the long-term mission of the Society. Donations can be mailed to DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces NM 88004 made out to the Taylor Endowment Fund. Your contributions are fully tax deductible. If you are interested in a memorial or estate provision please contact George Helfrich at 522-3477or

Calendar

Thursday, February, 21

7pm: Leon Metz: *"The Saga of Pat Garrett."*

Thursday, March 20 7pm

Paula Moore: *"The Cricket Googler Murder"*.

Thursday, April 17, 7pm

Kathryn Flynn: *"New Deal Art and Architecture in NM"*

Thursday, May 15, 7pm

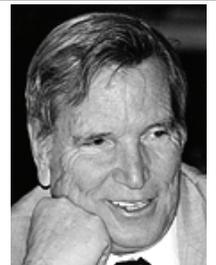
Donna Eichstaedt: *"Silver City's Bear Mountain Lodge-The Untold Story"*

Saturday, April 19, at 1pm, 2008.

Field Trip to the WSMR Museum and Missile Park and the Desert Ship at Launch Complex 35. Details to be announced in the next newsletter.



Leon Metz will be our speaker at the February General meeting of the Doña Ana County Historical Society. Anyone interested in the history of the closing days of the American West will want to hear about the legendary lawman, Pat Garrett. *More information on page 3.*





Alice Helfrich always has a smile

More Banquet reports:

The silent auction was a howling success; the first count showed us a net profit of \$1600.00. Most of you know this is our major fundraiser over and above dues. We had over 80 lots on display for bidding and sold out just about everything. Thanks to all for donating and for your generous bids. We may have sold out because we had less than normal attendance, and more items, allowing more bids of fewer dollars. We did sell the \$400.00 rug, thank you.

Storage Unit

We have given up our storage unit that was costing us \$600.00 to \$700.00 per year.

That, however, presents a storage prob-

lem with year-to-year leftover silent auction items and books. Does anyone have dry, dustproof storage space on their property that they might let us use? We won't need it this year as we have few items. Most of the leftover books we will donate to COAS.

Regarding the lower than normal attendance we are open to suggestions for improvement, please respond with your good ideas for improvement.

The architectural awards presentation was greater than ever this year; the PowerPoint really livens up that show.

This year we awarded the first Mary and J. Paul Taylor Scholarship to Ms. Frankie Miller. DACHS members should be very proud to give this award, as should be Ms. Frankie Miller to receive it.

I'd like to thank everyone that worked on the Banquet this year for his or her effort that resulted in a great time, and for all of you that attended. *Roger Rothenmaier*

Banquet photos by Morris Southward



John Hunner accepts his award

Membership Dues

DACHS membership is on an annual basis so if you have not renewed your membership, please do so by mailing it to DACHS, P.O.Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Your membership entitles you to a free issue of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review.

Note that 2008 membership dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for family. Please indicate if you are willing to receive your newsletter by e-mail.

If you have a red dot on your address label, it indicates that we have not received your renewal check. Please submit asap.



While Roger Rothenmaier speaks board members are lining up in front from l to r: Chuck Murrell, Lorraine Southward, Felix Pfaeffle, Frank Parrish, Richard Majestic, Marcie Palmer, George Helfrich,, Xandy Church and Donna Eichstaedt

February Speaker

The DACHS February 21, 2008 speaker will be noted El Paso writer and western historian, Mr. Leon Metz who will talk on "*The Saga of Pat Garrett*". This is the 100th anniversary of the killing of Pat Garrett in the Alameda Arroyo leading into Las Cruces. Mr. Metz has a long history of speaking to our Society going back to the 1960's when he first visited us and spoke on Pat Garrett. Since then he has authored numerous books, including the popular "*Pat Garrett - The History of a Western Lawman*". Leon Metz can often be seen on the History Channel when the subject of Southwest history, famous lawmen, or notorious gunmen is featured. The Doña Ana County Historical Society normally meets at 7:00pm on the third Thursday of the month, except during the summer, at the auditorium of the Good Samaritan Village at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For additional information please call George Helfrich at 522-3477.

Southern New Mexico Historical Review

The Southern New Mexico Historical Review, Vol. XV is now available and will be mailed to out of town members in March. For local members who did not attend the Banquet, Volume XV will be available at the regular monthly meetings. For local members unable to attend a monthly meeting, please call George Helfrich at 522-3477. If you are interested in submitting an article for the Review, now is the time to start working on it. For more information please contact Rick Hendricks at Rhend03@Comcast.net

Pictures from the Past

Sometimes I come across, by accident, some suitable material, either text or pictorial, ideal as a reminder of some event or of people who lived in our area before us. So it is with the photographs shown here. They were submitted to me by Wolfgang Schlauch when he was our society's Historian several years ago.

I had put these pictures away "for future use". Well, here they are, together with descriptions furnished by Mrs. Eddie Lou Miller who lives in El Paso. The top photo (ca. 1900) shows Frank Burke irrigating his apple orchard south of Mesilla with water from his wells, using the first pumping plant in Doña Ana County.

The middle photo shows Frank Burke using a team of horses harvesting hay on his first farm south of Mesilla. The bottom photo was taken on Christmas 1922, showing Hannah Burke with her children and grandchildren. When her husband died, she sold the orchard and bought this house from A. B. Fall in 1906 or 1907. Those in the picture from l. to r. are Baylis and Edith Burke, R. B. and Helen Waggoman,



Hannah Burke, Francis Burke, Edna and Lython Taylor, Baylis Cade Jr (on tricycle) and Eddie Lou and Raymond Taylor.

We invite you, the DACHS members to submit photos and descriptions to our newsletter for future publication.

Felix Pfaeffle

Welcome New Members:

David Thomas
Art & Lois Gilcrease
Joyce Brumley



Attention: Please watch for more announcements concerning the 2008 New Mexico History Conference presented by the Historical Society of New Mexico and the Luna County Historical Society.

The Society wishes to thank its Corporate Sponsors:

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Membership Form

Please renew/enroll my/.our membership in the Doña Ana County Historical Society. My check for \$_____ is inclosed.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Membership Fees

Individual \$ 20 Student \$ 8 Benefactor \$ 150
Family \$ 25 Contributor \$ 40 Life Member \$ 300

Memberships are active for the calendar year of enrollment. Membership in the Society is deductible within legal limits for Federal and State income tax purposes. If you are unsure of your status, please check with Membership Chairman George Helfrich at 522-3477.

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