



NEWSLETTER

November 2016

From the Vice-President

Kimberly Miller

We enjoyed a marvelous presentation at October's meeting. Mara Weisenberger shared some great stories about her work at the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge, along with a variety of photos as she explained the work done by the CCC. Jim Eckles followed with more photos and an explanation of the purpose and use of the tram to San Andres Peak, which begins just above Ropes Spring. In spite of having suffered a bad bike wreck earlier in the day, Jim was his usual entertaining and engaging self.

If you've been missing our monthly presentations, you've been missing out on some wonderful and informative talks. Be sure to mark your calendars for next month's speaker, Sally Kading. The brief bit she shared with me about genealogy work was fascinating, and I'm sure her talk will be as well.

Also at our November meeting, we will hold our elections, which are sure to be much less contentious than the national ones. Please join us on November 17th.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

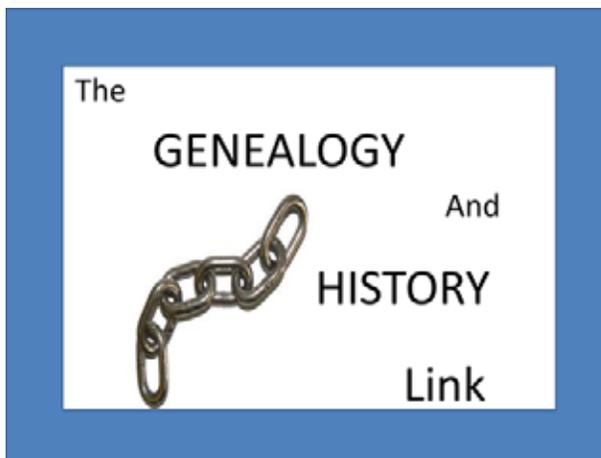
Susan Krueger, Past President

At the November 17, 2016 DACHS Membership Meeting at Good Samaritan, the membership will elect six Board Members. The following people, whose names were submitted to the Nominating Committee, were selected by the Board of Directors as the six nominees: Jim Eckles, Board member and Secretary; Gerry Veara, Board member and Treasurer;

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The Doña Ana County Historical Society's next meeting will be at 7:00 pm. on November 17th, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces.

Our presenter, Sally Kading, has a masters degree from NMSU. She worked at the NASA site retiring as a senior field engineer. Most recently she headed the Mesilla Valley Pioneer Project where local church records from 1850 - 1900 were transcribed and published. A copy of the eleven books can be found in the Thomas Branigan Library's Genealogy Department.



The November meeting will offer a presentation on how history and genealogy are linked. Where history concentrates on recorded events and places, genealogy concentrates on the people that created those events and places. You cannot have one without the other.

Sally Kading will give us examples where history has answered genealogy questions and where genealogy has contributed to form a fuller historic picture. Preservation is a common goal for both. Both groups recognize that the loss of historic records or places is unacceptable. From bits and pieces of pottery to old letters and photos we can connect to a past far different from today. The historic facts may be clear but the emotions and dreams that put them in motion are just as valuable.

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and Bob Gamboa, Buddy Ritter, Doyle Piland and Garland Courts as At-Large Board Members. Prior to voting, the Society will ask for nominations from the floor. Following the vote, the Board members will stand and introduce themselves. If you have a program or project you would like the Society to consider, please seek out a board member and bend his or her ear. ■

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Susan Krueger, Past President

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, at noon, the DACHS will hold its Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the Double Eagle Restaurant on the Mesilla Plaza. A reservation form for the Luncheon appears on page 3.

After lunch, the new Board Members will be installed and a selection of awards will be presented. The suggested awards include the Pat Garrett murder site for an Old Timers' Award; the new Las Cruces Plaza for an Old Timers' Award; John Smith for the Heritage Award; Friends of Fort Selden for the Hall of Fame Award; and the abandoned cemetery in Old Picacho as an Endangered Historic Property.

For definitions of the specific awards and a list of past honorees, visit the Society's web site at www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org.

Join us for an afternoon of good company, great food and news worthy history in a variety of forms.

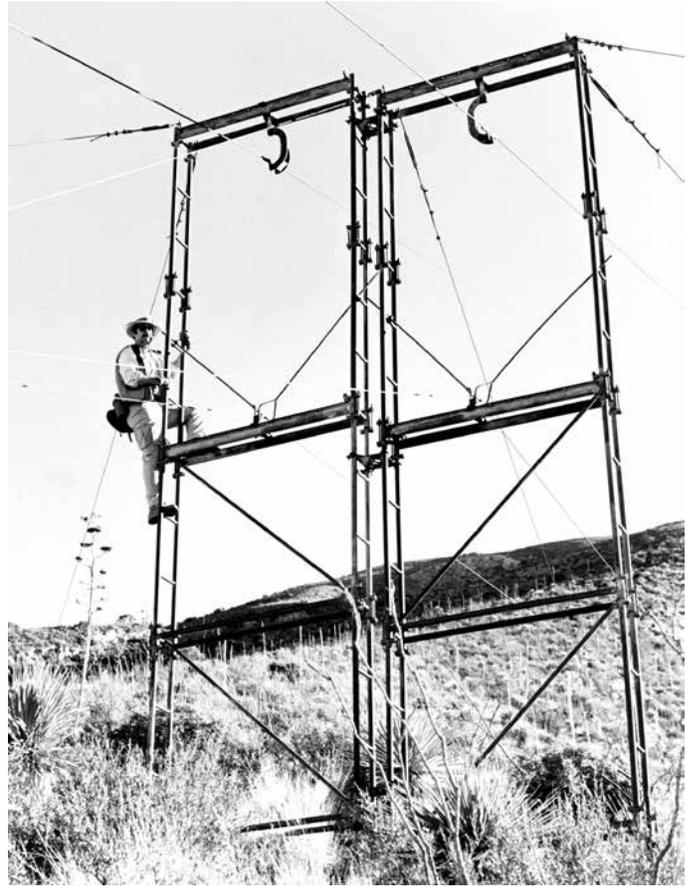
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

November will be our last Membership Meeting in 2016. However, watch for the December Newsletter for more information on the Awards, a copy of the Luncheon Menu and a list of suggested programs for February through May, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The last event in the series "NMSU Celebrates the National Parks" will take place on November 3, 6 to 7 p.m., in O'Donnell Hall, Room 111, 1220 Stewart St. The speaker will be Julia Washburn, Associate Director for Interpretation and Education, NPS. Her topic is "Achieving Relevance: A Vision for the Next 100 Years of National Park Service Interpretation and Education."

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Harry McCaffrey up on one of the towers supporting the WSMR tram to the top of San Andres Peak. There were 11 such pairs of towers covering the 7,200-foot long tram.

CALL FOR PAPERS

In addition to original articles, we are looking for book reviews and museum reviews. If you'll look at the last issue of the Southern New Mexico Historical Review (<http://www.donaanacountyhistsoc.org/HistoricalReview/2016/2016HistoricalReview.pdf>), you will see we included several book reviews - as usual - but also included a museum review. It would be nice to get another local museum review for the upcoming Review. The deadline is rapidly approaching.

Your input will appear in the next annual Review (Volume XXIV, January 2017). Biography, local and family histories, oral history, student papers and articles focusing on the history of the Southwest and Northern Mexico will also be considered. Small monetary awards are available for some pieces.

The editors prefer submissions electronically as Word or simple text documents. Other formats can be negotiated. To submit an article or to ask questions, contact Jim Eckles by email at 19dachs63@gmail.com or by phone at 575-521-8771. ■

**You are invited to the Dona Ana County Historical Society's
Annual Awards Luncheon to be held
Saturday, January 28, 2017, 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 12:15. The cost is \$25 per person payable in advance or at the door. For your convenience, a reservation form appears below. It includes spaces to list guests as needed. You may email your reservation to Susan Krueger at skrueger575@msn.com. Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in and mail it to Susan Krueger c/o DACHS; P.O. Box 16045; Las Cruces, NM 88004.

The installation of Board Members and the Awards program will take place following lunch. If you have questions, please call Susan (575) 525-0654.

RESERVATION FORM DUE BY MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

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Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

\$25.00 per person TOTAL enclosed

Will pay at the door

**If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2017,
Please renew your Membership Today. See form below.**

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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 Susan Krueger, at 575 525-0654.

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Mara and Jim talking after their program. Photo is by Dennis Daily, the new Department Head of Archives and Special Collections at the NMSU Library.



The Ropes Spring swimming pool photo was in Mara's part. It is courtesy of DACHS member Bob Gamboa whose family obviously visited the place.

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