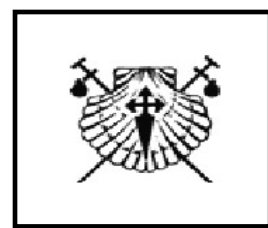




NEW MEXICAN HISPANIC CULTURE PRESERVATION  
LEAGUE  
*LA VERDAD CON ORGULLO*



13 TH ANNUAL FIRST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 6:00pm**

**AZTEC Room Best Western Inn Old Town**

1015 Rio Grande Blvd., NW ALBUQ.NM, 87104

We CELEBRATE the first Thanksgiving ever held in the present United States on April 30, 1598. The Spanish gave thanks for reaching a new homeland just before crossing the Rio Grande to settle what is now New Mexico, Arizona, Eastern California, Southern Nevada, Western Texas, Western Oklahoma and Southwestern Kansas.

**Speaker/ Topic Pending**

EACH YEAR AT OUR BANQUET we honor a man and a woman who have served as role models for others and exemplified in a positive manner the attributes of New Mexico's Hispanic culture. Like Don Juan de Oñate and Doña Eufemia. This year is no different:

Adelantado Award: ~ Sonny Rivera, Artist & Doña Eufemia Award ~ Hope Rivera

Millie Santillanes Education Award: ~ Dr. Henry Casso,

*“Come, noble soldiers, knights of Christ, here is presented the first opportunity for you to show your mettle and courage and to prove that you are deserving of the glories in store for you.” Juan de Oñate*

*Reminder that the Albuquerque Founder's Day Festivities will be held on Sat. April 9, 2011  
All Day Old Town Activities*

**2:30 PM** Meet at the Gov. Francisco Cuervo y Valdez Statue  
at Mt. Road, Romero St, & Rio Grande Blvd. to parade into the Plaza

**DEADLINE For DINNER Buffet RESERVATIONS April 25, 2011**

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Buffet Dinner: \$35.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_ April 30, 2011 @ 6:00pm

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total # \_\_\_\_\_

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(Tickets provided at door, April 30, at 6:00 pm ~ AZTEC Room—Best Western Old Town, Albuquerque)

## President Melvyn Montano's Message

The NMHCPL is now in the planning stages of our annual Thanksgiving Banquet. The awardees have been selected. The announcements and details are inside this Newsletter. Several activities have taken place during this month. Some members of the NMHCPL attended the "Walk Through History Event" at Madison Middle School on February 24th. This program was planned by Mr. LaRue, a teacher at the school and former Millie Santillanes Education Awardee. It is intended to teach and mentor children at the school about our New Mexico history which is the mission of the NMHCPL.



Other events taking place are the 16th Annual – International Conference of the Anza Society on March 10-13 Hotel ALBUQUERQUE and the March 5 Baca Chica Horse Conservancy, for Spanish Colonial Horses a "Matanza" Fundraiser at the Baca Chica Farms, 09 Joty Rd, Belen. It is \$5.00 a plate, Silent Auction, Music, and Raffle, plus activities for the kids.

On February 18, Conchita Lucero, President Emeritus, and I met with Mathew Padilla from Senator Udall's office to review and refine the new legislation for the Congressional Gold Medal for our Bataan Veterans. Also attending the meeting were Mr. Ernest Montoya, Bataan veteran, Bernadette Charley Gallegos, her husband, and Mary Herrera, former Secretary of State.

The Board of the NMHCPL encourage members to attend events and Board meetings. The "Walk Through History Event" was a unique opportunity to teach and mentor children of our New Mexico history. Can you imagine the thrill these "kids" experienced when adults took time to interface with them and talk about our culture. What a novel concept, adults taking time to pay attention to children and sharing experiences and stories of history that is rarely found in print. The youth sincerely listened and paid attention!

*Sincerely, Melvyn Montano, President*

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#### **Prayer Requests**

The Middle East, Our Troops, our youth and answers to our personal petitions, NMHCPL Members and all most in need of healing!

May this lenten season bring every opportunity for inner reflection and growth!  
March 9 thru April 24, 2011

Pope Benedict XVI, "through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an even more radical way."

### ALBUQUERQUE'S Founders Day Fiestas

This is a REMINDER that the 305th Founders Day Fiestas will be celebrated in Old Town. There is still time to plan your participation in this Fiestas. Plan to dress in 1700's Spanish dress to honor our ancestors so to demonstrate our pride!

#### April 9, 2011 Old Town Albuquerque:

1:00 to 2:00pm

**Spanish Dances and History**

2:00 to 2:30 pm **Mariachi**

**3:00 to 3:30 pm Parade and Proclamations**

3:30 to 4:00 pm **Flamenco**

4:00 to 5:30 pm Hillary Smith band

The Albuquerque Founders Day, Inc (AFD) committee will meet at the Gov. Cuervo Statue to distribute the Banners for those interested in helping carry the banners and walking into the Plaza, for the Proclamation. The "parade" will include and display the same 24 Banners from last year. So we will need at least 24 carriers, children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Dress should be 1700's Era type if at all possible.

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO Join Us**

Hispanic Cultural Preservation League monthly meetings, for info and directions call: 239-4335

**NMHCPL meetings are held on the second Wednesday, of each month. JOIN US IN 2011!!**

**FRONTLINE FAITH.org.** This much needed project delivers MP3 players FREE to our troops. The player is pre-loaded with spiritual content, especially as it pertains to military service, to members of the armed forces, currently deployed to or returning from deployment, with special emphasis on injured troops stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan. For a tax-deductible

donation of \$24.00, can place a FRONTLINE FAITH MP3 player in the hands of one of our Troops.

The FRONTLINE FAITH Players include an audio rendition of the Mass celebrated by The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services; a "Warrior Rosary" conceived by Lynda MacFarland, the wife of a career military man, using the sorrowful mysteries; "Centurions of Rome," a presentation made by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; children's letters to soldiers read by the children themselves; an examination of conscience; and two-and-a-half hours of stories about faith in military life, including "The Grunt Padre" about a priest who ministered to infantry soldiers and a tale of a soldier who carried the Eucharist into battle. [info@frontlinefaithproject.org](mailto:info@frontlinefaithproject.org) or **P.O. Box 341991, Austin, TX., or 1-800-682-1729 or [www.frontlinefaithproject.org](http://www.frontlinefaithproject.org).** Our youth will be well served by this mission!

Pope John Paul II, " *Freedom always comes at a high price, it requires a generous heart, ready for sacrifice. We can not excuse ourselves from our own responsibilities for freedom. There is no such thing as Freedom without sacrifice.* "

Anthony M. Martinez, Editor and Chief has created a new and interesting website: [HispanoNewMexico.com](http://HispanoNewMexico.com). It hold interesting articles and points of views on many things so many are interested in knowing.

**NM History Museum** reports that "*El Hilo de la Memoria*" of Americas first European contact by Spain exhibit, which closed on January 9, is available as an educational component of the exhibit and made accessible to students, teachers, and visitors in perpetuity at their website at: <http://online.nmhistorymuseum.org/threadsofmemory>. It is a welcome to see our Spanish history included in NMHM efforts, since the permanent display still reflects "La Leyenda Negra"/ Black Legend issues not addressed.

### **World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain August 2011.**

The "Days in the Diocese" (DED) will take place in 61 Spanish dioceses (over Gibraltar and Bayonne) from 11 to 15 August before the World Youth Day. Plans are being made to welcome world youth to programs of these days before the Madrid Papal visit, and will vary from diocese to diocese. An integration of Spanish cultural, historical tours, holiday times, especially times of prayer and celebration of faith in Jesus Christ are included by the parishes. Spain has many shrines and pilgrimage sites as part of local religious identity. Each diocese will offer free accommodation in schools, parochial schools, gymnasiums and private homes. Each diocese plans vary with respect to maintenance, or in some cases will be offered free of charge, but other pilgrims will be asked a small contribution to cover economic costs to poorer parishes. Go to [www.dedmadrid11.com](http://www.dedmadrid11.com) for more information and details. This is a great opportunity to visit Spain this year!

### **16th Annual Anza Society World**

**Conference March 10-13, 2010** to be held in Albuquerque. See Juan Bautista de Anza Society website at: [www.anzasociety.org](http://www.anzasociety.org). The Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town is site of the Friday, March 11 Presentations from 8AM-4:30pm, evening banquet 6:00-8:30, with speaker John Kessell. Saturday, March 12, Bus to tour Pecos and Santa Fe from 8:00-5:30, dinner 6:00pm in Santa Fe, than back to Hotel Albuquerque. Registration Costs are as follows:

\$45.00/person for Friday talks, lunch & breaks

\$85.00/person for Friday talks, lunch, breaks & Evening banquet.

\$154/person for the entire conference, excluding Hotel.

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If interested in staying at the Hotel Albuquerque, call (505)843-6300, indicate you are attending the conference, some rooms with special rates may still be available when you call.

### **LA CAPELLA de SANTO NIÑO en Chimayo**

By: S. Pauline Anaya

In my last visit to Chimayo, one I make as often as possible, usually with cousins, Judy, Gertrude and friend Tina, we make a point to take a day out of our busy lives, for this enchanting pilgrimage, as passed down. Leaving Albuquerque by 8:30am in order to make daily morning Mass at El Santuario De Chimayo, allows us a few hours for personal prayer and meditation. We also seek out dear Fr. Rocca for a blessing and conversation, after going through the gift shops. Finally making a stop at "La Capilla de Santo Niño de Atocha" on our way out, to Ranchos de Chimayo for dinner, was a surprise.

This time as I approached, "La Capilla de Santo Niño" I wondered why two modern cartoon type angels were placed at the entrance. (Odd indeed) but soon found they signaled the odd changes inside. Never could I have imagined such profound and complete destruction of this very simple rural and humble chapel would have happened. This place that held an essence, an emphasis of life experienced by its early Spanish founders. For me it was a small connection to my past. The rural, Spanish Provincial historic traditions were once felt here. This rarest of New Mexican Spanish "Capallas", of my childhood had reflected, my heritage, a Spanish presence of past, whose simple forms spoke to its origins. Now gone, it is a treasure I will miss. The Spanish Founding Culture, their Catholic traditions and practices as reflected in the minimal material resources present in that presentation at, "La Capilla de Santo Niño," is a difficult reality to accept, but one I must. I am still perplexed at how what is in its place seems like a "mockery" to what had been and is now. Does everything have to be about commerce? At minimum, I still feel insulted.

I have not had anyone else express their amazement about this, but I truly regret the loss and than what it was replaced with. I think of my ancestors and what they felt as they saw the New Mexican Spanish history and culture disregarded in their times and lives, as well. I realize life is change, and one adjusts in time, as loss is inevitable and we accept.

## **MARCH** - Saint.Days/ (Feasts)

- 5 San Marcus San Juan Jose de la Cruz
- 6 San Julian of Toledo
- 8 San Juan de Dios
- 9 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 17 San Patricio (Chama)
- 18 San Patricio & San Jose (Raton)
- 19 Mission San Jose de la Cienega (Santa Fe)  
San Jose, (Anton Chico) (Cerrillos) (Springer)  
(Mission San Jose-San Felipe de Neri) (Los Ojos)
- 25th Our Lady of the Annunciation (ALBUQ)

## **MARCH**- Events

- 7 1539 Marcos de Niza enters New Mexico
- 11 HCPL Meeting 6:30pm
- 13 Daylight Saving Time
- 17 Día de San Patricio
- 19 Día de San José
- 26 1862 Battle of Glorieta

## **APRIL**

- 4 San Ysidore de Seville

A Lenten reminder : Fasting helps people overcome selfishness and self-centeredness; almsgiving is a reminder of the sharing that should mark each day of a Christian's life; and time dedicated to prayer is a reminder that time belongs to God and his desire is for people to spend eternity with him. *Pope Benedict XVI*

## **Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of New Mexico (HGRC of NM)**

President Ronaldo Miera Monthly meeting on the first Saturday of the month to be held at Lourdes Hall Room 132 on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe campus, **March 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM:** Presentation by Ruben Salaz, *"The Mexican Years of New Mexico: 1821-1848."*

The U.S. Vice-Presidents Residence completed in 1879, in Washington, DC, still remains on display a Bust of Christopher Columbus, that was removed from the Spanish cruiser "*Christobal Colon*" by the crew of the USS Montgomery after the Battle of Santiago in 1898, with the defeat of Spain, in the Spanish American War.

## **Baca Chica Horse Conservancy**

2011 Annual "Matanza"

Fundraiser \$5.00 per plate, Silent Auction, Music, and Raffle! Plus, activities for the kids! Event will be held at Baca Chica Farms

09 Joty Rd, Belen (*Just off*

*Hwy 47 approx. 1.4 miles No. of Reinken/River Road)*

March 5 from 11:00am to 3:00pm for additional info:

**Contact: Annette Gonzales at (505) 286-9656**

**Or email: [annettegonzales@q.com](mailto:annettegonzales@q.com)**

*We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, your tax deductible donations are always appreciated! Baca Chica Horse Conservancy, 34 Shade Tree lane, Tijeras NM 87059*

*www.bacahorseconservancy.com or email us at: [info@bacahorseconservancy.com](mailto:info@bacahorseconservancy.com)*



Our Lady of Guadalupe in Santa Fe is working on a project: "The Hill of Tapeyec of Santa Fe" they just completed the retaining wall and the side of wall. These are the first steps in creating their hill. They will have six tile panels 5'x10' laying on the ground slope; one of San Juan Diego and five of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, four to San Juan Diego and one to his uncle Juan Bernadino. They will have Arlene Sisneros Sena paint the original paintings of 3'x5'. The cost will be \$2,500.00 per painting. So far they have 3 paintings donated. Thanks to those who donated them. Then we will use the original paintings on the left side of the altar in the main church. Any help in donations are welcomed

## **NM Historic Preservation Association~**

**Announcing NMHPA Conference in 2011 April 6-9**

**in Las Vegas, NM. THEME: Championing Sustainability: Preserving New Mexico's Heritage.**  
*Attendance acceptable for full conference or daily.*

Go to website for details at: [www.nmheritage.org](http://www.nmheritage.org)  
or Call 505-345-9684 or email: [Chavez.22@comcast.net](mailto:Chavez.22@comcast.net).

**Basilica Cathedral in Santa Fe** offers on the First Sunday of the month, at the 12:00pm Mass anointing of the seriously sick. For those who are battling depression, or undergoing surgery, or seriously ill, are invited to attend.



**Have you renewed your Membership? Will you consider giving a Student Membership gift?**

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**Mission Statement :**  
**The mission of the New Mexican Hispanic Cultural Preservation League it to Preserve the heritage, Spanish language and the history of Hispanic New Mexico, to promote the education and understanding of the contributions of Hispanics to the development of New Mexico and the nation, to protect the history of the New Mexican Hispanic heritage and culture. To achieve this mission, we will seek the TRUTH of our heritage and history, and re-store the TRUTH and PRIDE of our New Mexican Hispanic Culture.**

