

La Cordillera de Anza

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"The love of service to my King that I inherited from my fathers has carried me forward with the obligation to imitate them in every way possible. The one¹ served His Majesty thirty years at the Presidio of Janos. His merits are sufficiently manifest in the government of Nueva Vizcaya. The other,² with the same rank, was commander of this Province of Sonora and Captain of the Presidio of Fronteras. No one can improve the memory of his conduct ... his name is immortalized in this country."

Juan Bautista de Anza - Pitic, Sonora - April 16, 1769

News of the Society

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter will appear quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October. Although it will have regular features, it will only be as good as the information submitted. The name "La Cordillera de Anza" was chosen. *Cordillera* means "Mountain Range" in English, and certainly Anza crossed and rode as many or more mountain ranges on horseback than any man who ever lived. More, importantly, however, a *cordillera* in his day, was the route over which mail was delivered. Hopefully the *Cordillera de Anza* will reach a wide and diverse readership who have an interest in Anza.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Who would have guessed! In 1998 I resisted Reba Wells Grandrud's invitation to attend the Anza Conference in Arizpe. Now, less than 10 years later, I am President of The Anza Society. How things change. I hope I can live up to the confidence you have placed in me.

As the first President of The Anza Society, I have two primary goals for the next two years. First, let's strive to make Juan Bautista de Anza better known. In the tour business, I rarely meet anyone who knows who Anza is or his importance to the history of Mexico and the American southwest. I would like us all to work to have that changed. Spread the word, Juan Bautista de Anza and the societies that celebrates his life and times are important and need to be supported. My second goal is to unite the different Anza organizations

and organizations that celebrate Spanish Colonial history under one umbrella. As a larger group we can concentrate on working together to bring Spanish Colonial history to the forefront of American History. Since history has become one of those "minor" classes in the education system, it is up to all of us to fill in the gaps! This gap would be better filled if we all worked together. Who knows what we could accomplish if we cooperate. We might even succeed in getting some of the history books to include more Spanish Colonial history. Under that same umbrella, I would like us to exchange information on pertinent conferences and events taking place around the country. We do not want conflicting dates in the future and may be able to participate in each others events. To accomplish these two goals, I will need your help. Please don't hesitate to contact me either by telephone – 602-99-31162 Office or 602-300-5297 Cell – or by e-mail – touraz4fun@msn.com.

The Anza Conference will be in Hermosillo, Sonora March 8 – 11, 2007. We will be sharing the spotlight with the Sonora Historical Society. There will be bus transportation from Phoenix and Tucson or, now with the more easily accessible border crossing, you may want to drive yourself. Just remember, which ever way you decide to go, do not forget your passport. Additional information will be provided by the end of October and should be available on the Anza Society website, anzasociety.org, which is currently under

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construction. Feel free to call me for more information. If you would like to present a paper or speak at the conference on your favorite Anza topic, we would welcome your participation. Please let us know your topic by January 1, 2007 to be placed on the schedule.

On a further note, Don Garate will be leading a tour to the Basque country April 10 – 23, 2007. We will be visiting many of the towns and villages included in the Anza family legacy. We will also be visiting the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. This is a great opportunity to see the Basque Country and possibly trace some of your own family history. Terra Travel of Phoenix will be handling reservations. They may be reached by calling Jill McCarthy at 800-835-8646 or 602-375-1707. A \$2,000 deposit will be required by November 7th, with final payment due by February 1, 2007. She will be glad to tell you more about the tour if I am not available.

We have a sad note to report. Jane Sanchez died earlier this year. Jane attended our conferences in Arizpe and was a friend of the Anza Society. Reba Wells Grandrud has written more about Jane in more detail in this newsletter.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to work and grow together. Volunteers are always needed and it will be fun and educational to work together on future projects. We also want to include stories that interest you in the newsletter so send us your articles. The newsletter will be published quarterly, so the next one will be due out in December. Get your articles in to us by November 15. Keep us informed, we will try to do the same for you.

Linda J. Rushton President

BOARD NEWS

by Joe Myers

The Anza Society wheels are beginning to turn, ever so slowly. Sharon Myers agreed to act as temporary treasurer at the Yuma meeting, and with some difficulty in getting the correct papers, officially opened an account at Wells Fargo Bank in Tucson. After paying two outstanding bills, there is currently just under \$700 in the account and one estimate for board insurance was nearly \$1000. If we could each recruit a new member, it would help get the Society fiscally sound!!!! **Thanks** to many of you for extra contributions. A letter of thanks documenting the contributions should be sent out later this summer - after we get better organized.

In April, Joe Myers planned a three day horse trip with an old college room mate into Coyote Canyon in the Anza Borrego State Park. The day arrived, and

Phil Valdez popped up at the Horse Camp. He was taking an overnight trip in the same canyon, at the same time - on mules - with the caretaker of the state park horse camp, Dick Overturf. (Dick had been giving talks about the park, explaining to tourists all about the Mormon Batalion. He loves history but knew very little about Anza before Phil and I arrived. He learned enough on the trip to feel comfortable talking now about Anza around the park campfires and has joined our society.) Phil, as many of you probably remember, is an 8th generation grandson of the courier Valdez during the Anza expedition to California.

In May, Don Garate was invited to perform his now famous reenactment of Anza for a group in Albuquerque. Lou Fullen, Phil Valdez, Linda Rushton and Joe Myers traveled to Albuquerque the same weekend to hold a **special board meeting**. Lou had worked up a draft of Bylaws before the meeting, and over two days a lot of effort went into revising the draft. Board officers were also elected at the meeting as the four constituted a quorum of the board. Officially now, Linda Rushton is president, Lou Fullen is vice president, Phil Valdez is treasurer, and Joe Myers is secretary. It was agreed a short summary of the meeting should be sent to society members to let everyone know what is going on - so here it is:

The officers will serve two years, and new officers will be elected in March, 2008 at the Santa Barbara meeting. The (world conference) annual meeting of the Society in 2007 will be March 8 through 11, in Hermosillo. Linda Rushton and Eduardo Robinson will co-chair the committee and probably be contacting some of you for help for this meeting. Hermosillo is a short distance from the actual starting point of the expedition; at least Font joined the group and began his journal. In 2008 the Conference will be in Santa Barbara and Phil Valdez will chair that meeting. Again, some of you may be hearing from Phil for help on the 2008 meeting. In the past Jack Williams had been in charge of the Society web site, and Phil agreed to also tackle that project.

Anza World Conference

Put it on you calendars right now and join us next year for the 12th annual Anza World Conferenece on **March 8-11, 2007**. The conference will be held in Hermosillo, Sonora and will have a special emphasis on descendants of Juan Bautista de Anza, Senior, many of whom were born in Hermosillo (formerly Pitic). There will be no experience quite like it! Descendants from all over the world are being invited to come and share their family stories. As more of the details for the up-coming conference are worked out, they will appear in the next quarterly newsletter. You can also call 602-993-1162 or e-mail touraz4fun@cox.net for further information or to be among the first to register.

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Past Anza World Conferences

The Anza World Conference was established in 1996 and was held that first year in Arizpe, Sonora, the burial place of Juan Bautista de Anza, the younger. It was the idea of Ron Kessler of Colorado. He, Don Garate of Arizona, and Ignacio Pesqueira, presidente municipal of Arizpe presented the idea to a large group of interested people who gathered in Tucson, Arizona to determine what the goals, purposes, themes, etc. of the conference should be. It was decided at that meeting that the purpose of the conference would be to celebrate the life and times of Juan Bautista de Anza. It would be held in Arizpe the first year but would then go to a different site each year following – a site that was important in the life of Anza, or one where his life had had an effect. The conference was well- attended and everyone got their first taste of the fabulous hospitality of the people of Arizpe, Sonora, Mexico.

Because everyone had so fallen in love with Arizpe, it was decided at the first conference to hold the second in Arizpe, also. In 1997, the conference had the unique privilege of bringing six of the Anza family from Hernani, Gipuzkoa, Spain, the home-town of Anza's father (also Juan Bautista de Anza) to the conference. This conference truly met the goal of a world conference, including the United States, Mexico, and Spain.

From that time, the Anza World Conference has been held in the following places: Arizpe again in 1998; Monte Vista, Colorado in 1999; San Francisco, California in 2000; Pueblo, Colorado in 2001; Arizpe in 2002 and 2003; Salida, Colorado in 2004; Arizpe in 2005; and Yuma, Arizona in 2006.

Tour of Anza Homeland

BASQUE COUNTRY TOUR April 10 – 23, 2007

Rate: \$3,607.00 pp/double occupancy
\$4,207.00 pp/single occupancy

Deposit Due at Booking - \$2,000 per person to insure air, tour and insurance

Price is subject to change until paid in full
Payable by check or credit card

Final Payment due by February 1, 2007

Tour Includes: Round-trip air fare from **Phoenix**

All transfers

12 nights hotel accommodation

12 breakfasts

2 dinners (Welcome dinner upon arrival and Farewell dinner on the last day both in Barcelona)

gratuities for tour director, driver, 2 local guides,

portage: 2 suitcase pp in/out of hotel

air-conditioned motor coach

travel protection plan

Local airport taxes are NOT included

A valid passport **must** be in your possession. It must remain valid for at least 6 months following your return. NOTE: If you arrive at the airport without a passport and cannot make arrangements to secure it before we leave Phoenix, you will not be going with us.

To Reserve your space, please call:

Jill McCarthy

Terra Travel

13466 N. 7th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85022

602-375-1707 or 800-835-8646

We are making a loop tour which will start in Barcelona and include the following cities:

Balaguer, Zaragosa, Pomplona, St. Jean Pied de Port, Ciza (if possible), San Sebastian, Hernani, Tolosa, Azpetia, Azkoitia, Oñati, Arantzazu, Bilbao, Durango, Zeánuri, Eleijabieta, Santander, Burgos, Haro, Logroño and back to Barcelona. Tours included are: Barcelona – Gothic Quarter, Rammblas, Segrada Familia; San Sebastian - St. Ignatius Monastery (fee included); Bilbao – Guggenheim Museum (fee included); Burgos – Cathedral (fee included)

Don Garate will be our Anza Historian on board and our tour director will be an English speaking guide. We have requested that he/she be familiar with the history of the area. If you have traveled with Don in the past, you are aware that we will be stopping at interesting places along the way. The bus company has been advised that they should be prepared for slight detours to interesting places.

Please be aware that you must have a passport. Also, it is my suggestions that while we will be checking our luggage through to Barcelona, you bring on a carry-on with at least one outfit so that if your luggage gets lost or stolen you have something to wear until it is returned.

Contact Linda Rushton with any questions you may have – 602-300-5297 (cell). She can answer most of the logistical questions but Jill McCarthy is the person with all the answers. Do not hesitate to contact her at 800-835-8646 or 602-375-1707. We must have 25 people to make this tour a go and we need reservations and deposits placed through Jill at Terra Travel ASAP. Let's make this tour a go! Call Jill and make your deposits through her. Come join the fun and learn more about Spanish Colonial and European history. We will have a great time!

Anza Tidbit

Juan Bautista de Anza, the father, was baptized in Hernani, Gipuzkoa on June 29, 1693 by his uncle, Padre Domingo de Sassoeta. You can see the stone font where he was baptized on the aforementioned trip.

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Obituary

Society members and friends who enjoyed the last trip to Arizpe in May 2005 will remember **Jane Sanchez** from New Mexico who was with us for all the fun. Word has been received in Arizona that Jane had a heart attack and died at her Albuquerque home, on Sunday, February 12, 2006. She had not been ill and her death was totally unexpected by her family. She will be missed by those who knew her.

Sanchez was raised on her father's ranch (the San Marcos Land Grant) in Cerrillos, New Mexico. Her late husband, Manuel P. "Pat" Sanchez, was also descended from many generations of New Mexico families with ties to major land grants near Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Sanchez, a playwright and author, graduated from the University of New Mexico in the early 1950s with a major in languages, worked for

the *New Mexico Historical Review*, and maintained a lifelong interest in the Spanish Colonial Period. She was adept in translation of original Spanish and Mexican land grant documents and colonial mining, and wrote a number of articles for the *Review* utilizing that knowledge. She was especially intrigued with the early Spanish explorers, Francisco Vásquez de Coronado, Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca, and Juan Bautista de Anza, and made two trips to Spain, and, later, to London to continue her research.

Even in her death, Jane Sanchez' love of the Southwest and its Hispanic culture is evident. In addition to a generous endowment to the Historical Society of New Mexico, Jane's will specified that her life's work with land grant research (microfilm, books, papers) be donated to those involved in similar research.



In the back of a pickup on a trip through Arizpe's fields at the Anza World Conference 2005, L to R: Lousie Williams, Linda Rushton, Jane Sanchez, Reba Grandrud, Don Garate, and Jack Williams

