



# NEWSLETTER

January 2013

## DACHS Board Member Charles Winfield (Buddy) Ritter



Buddy is a fifth generation native of Mesilla and Las Cruces. His Grandmother's grandfather was one of the first Surgeons in Mesilla, arriving soon after the Civil War.

Buddy attended High School at New Mexico Military Institute and majored in Banking and Finance at Tulane University in New Orleans. He received his BA from New Mexico State University and entered Michigan State's graduate program becoming the first Certified Hotel Administrator in New Mexico. Buddy served with the U. S. Army Military Intelligence Group at Ft Meade, Maryland.

He has been in the hotel and restaurant business for 52 years, owning four hotels, eleven restaurants and two breweries in New Mexico and Arizona. He served two terms as President of the New Mexico Hotel Motel Association and served 2 terms on the National Board of Directors of the American Hotel Association. He also served on the International Board of Directors of Holiday Inns for 6 years and on their University Board of Regents for 2 terms. He has served on the Board of Directors of Pioneer Bank of New Mexico,

Colorado and Texas for 27 years.

New Mexico State University presented Buddy with the President's Award for Service, after serving as Chairman of the President's Associates and of the NMSU Foundation. He was the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Business and one of the Outstanding Centennial Alumnus of the College of Business. He served as Chairman of the Dean's Business Council, Chairman of the tri-culture Traders monument committee and founding Chairman of the State Economic Forum.

In 1984 and 2010 he was named Citizen of the Year of Las Cruces in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service to the community. Buddy is the founding Chairman of the Las Cruces Economic Forum of community and business leaders. He served as State Crusade Chairman of the New Mexico Cancer Society and as Co-chairman of the New Mexico Bicentennial Commission. He enjoys studying New Mexico's History, Art and Culture and served 2 terms as President of the Board of Regents of the Museum of New Mexico and as a Trustee of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation Board. He served on the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance. He served as chairman of the Amador Museum Trustees and as founding Chairman of the Amador Museum Foundation. He has served as a member of the Doña Ana Historical Society Board of Directors for the past 8 years. He has served the past six Governors on Boards and Commissions. He was inducted into the New Mexico Tourism Hall of Fame in 2003. Buddy was selected as New Mexico's 2012 Restaurateur of the Year.

His office is located in the 163 year old historic Double Eagle and Peppers on the Mesilla Plaza, which was his grandmother's, grandfather's Doctors office. Buddy married Margaret Bonnell, a fourth generation New Mexican, who attended the University of New Mexico and received her BA from New Mexico State University. They have three children; John, Elizabeth and Win. ■

The Doña Ana County Historical Society would like to express our gratitude and extend a formal thank you to all the individuals who contributed to the production of “Sagebrush and Sand Dunes, An Anthology of Articles from the Southern New Mexico Historical Review 1994-2012,” edited by Martha Shipman Andrews and Rick Hendricks, and published by the Dona Ana County

## **SAGEBRUSH AND SAND DUNES**

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**If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2013,  
Please renew your Membership Today. See form on Page 3.**



You are invited to the Doña Ana County Historical Society's Annual Awards Luncheon

January 26th, 2013, Picacho Country Club 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. On the BBQ Buffet the choice will be Brisket, Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, and Cobbler with real Whipped Cream. The cost is \$20.00 per person payable in advance or at the door. For your convenience, a reservation form is included, and you may email your reservation directly to Xandy Church at xbchurch@com-cast.net Or, if you prefer, you may print it, fill it in, and snail mail it to Xandy Church, c/o DACHS, P.O. Box 16045, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Following lunch, Scott Green of New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum has graciously volunteered to be the Master of Ceremony for our annual awards and to treat us with a reminder of the Butterfield Trail Stage Drivers Life on the Trail.

If you have any questions, please call Xandy at 526-9774.

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**DACHS will recognize the following Past Presidents and DACHS honorary members at the Annual Awards Luncheon.**

Name	Term	#
J. Paul Taylor	Nov 1965 - Nov 1966 Feb 1977 - Mar 1979	3rd 8th
Charlotte Priestley	Nov 1966 - Jan 1969	4th
Calvin Traylor	Jan 1969 - Feb 1977	5th
Austin Hoover	Apr 1981 - Oct 1983 & 2004	10th 23rd
Linda Harris	Jan 1993 - Jan 1995	15th
Charles (Chuck) Miles	Jan 1995 - Jan 1997	16th
Clarence Fielder	1997	17th
Eva Jane (Janie) Matson	1998	18th
Beverly Pirtle	2000 - 2001	20th
Robert L (Bob) Hart	2002	21st
Charles (Chuck) Murrell	2005 - 2006	24th
Roger Rothenmaier	2007 - ½ 2008	25th
George Helfrich	½ 2008- 2009	26th
George Hackler	2010 - 2012	27th

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