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Dear FACC Members:

Please mark your calendars for August 17-19 to attend our annual GSHA conference. This year it will be held in Pueblo at the Rawlings library located at 100 East Abriendo. Following is information on the conference.

- The host hotel is the Marriott Hotel located at 110 West City Center Drive. We have been given a discounted rate of \$110 per night. Reservations may be made by calling: 1-719-542-3200.
- The cost of the conference is \$135 for members who register by July 31. Late registration is \$160. This fee covers the following:
 - President's reception and entertainment on Friday evening
 - Continental breakfast on Saturday
 - Lunch on Saturday, (requires reservations)
 - Banquet on Saturday night and entertainment (requires reservations, seating is limited to 180)
 - Refreshments on Sunday
 - All presentations including our keynote speaker
 - At least six "how to sessions" such as using Ancestry.com, Family Search, Evernote, Legacy software, etc.
 - We will also have presentations by DNA experts to answer questions about DNA testing, clarifying matches and interpreting results.
 - Last but not least is our vendors who have products from genealogy to beautiful jewelry.

This only includes some of the perks you can anticipate. There is no value that you can place on the networking that is done each year and you are usually guaranteed at least one new cousin and many new lines filled on your charts. We don't need to mention all the *abrazos* when we see old friends and family. Each year we also look forward to the new people we will meet and who will enrich our lives. We will once again have a raffle and a silent auction which provides a lot of excitement. We can start accepting raffle donations in June and any monetary donations are always welcome to help defray costs.

This is the 29th annual conference. It's hard to believe that our genealogy family keeps growing and our DNA matches keep adding up. We are truly meeting our mission of *promoting Hispanic genealogical and historical research and education and to expand awareness and knowledge of Hispanic culture, and history and traditions.*

We look forward to having a wonderful conference because of each one of our members who attend. Updates will be on our chapter and national website with the new address of: (gshagenealogy.org) including the registration and vendor forms. The next newsletter will be published in mid-April with more detailed information on speakers, tours, entertainment, etc. If you have any questions email us as follows;

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