



Roamin' Catholics Southwest Chapter Newsletter – July 2007

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Message from Our President:

Ben Avila is our new Vice President, replacing Richard Hiel. Ben says he will work on membership. Thanks Ben.

We enjoyed our weekend at San Miguel Archangel Mission. The earthquake four years ago did severe damage to the whole complex, most has been retro fitted except the church. As soon as they have \$15,000,000 they will restore the church. Monica took us on a tour of the property including areas not open to the general public. What history.

There is a parish there as well as the Mission. They are raising money to build a multi purpose building to be used as a church until the Mission can be restored. They had a fiesta at the church on Sunday. After Ben and Donna left, our daughter and son-in-law came up from Atascadero to enjoy the food with us. The Mission Fiesta Committee raised \$2500 toward their building fund.

I received a nice thank you note from the pastor. He said he and his parishioners were grateful for the work we did on the court yard and the cemetery.

Hoping to see you soon. God Bless. Helen White, President

National Director's Report – June 2007

As most of you know there will be a National Convention in Redmond, OR. in August. They will be voting on new National Officers. I need your input regarding the voting, especially from our National Directors, I believe we have 5 in our RCSW chapter. If you have any questions or want to give me some information please call me. We want the officers to keep the expenses down and work for the membership.

The resumes are in the June FMCA magazine.

Helen White, National Director

Good Information to Keep: Gen Perry found this contact phone and website to find Mass Times while traveling: (410) 676-6000 or www.masstimes.org.

Highlights of San Miguel Campout

An excellent campout was held at San Miguel Mission (built in 1787) near Paso Robles on May 30-June 2. The Mission is also a novitiate for the Franciscan Order. The mission is a huge facility. A reconstruction program is underway pending funds for major projects. Our contribution of volunteer work consisted of cleanup duty with rakes, wheelbarrows, shovels provided and we provided the physical stamina. Our “group” was small but mighty and consisted of Jack and Helen White and Ben and Donna Avila. Several other couples had planned to assist but had last minute unavoidable problems. The areas we worked were the front gardens and the huge cemetery where 2000 Indians were buried.

Mission wall in background and reinforcement on wall to right-->



Cemetery



2 Hardworking fellows in front courtyard

Our hostess, Monica, was very appreciative as was demonstrated by the delicious taco dinner she at the senior center provided for our group.



Just in case you wondered how much we raked...

We ended our work tours at an interesting restaurant in Paso Robles called “Cool Hand Luke” where we enjoyed a wonderful dinner.

Ben Avila, Vice President

Future Plans:

Where shall the Roamin' Catholics go next? Best dates (sometime between September and November 2007).

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If you will not be available during those months, send your suggestions anyway and we will see you in Indio in January 2008.

Welcome New Members:

Nanette Caldwell, Yucaipa, CA
Sonny & Carole Gillespie, Mission Viejo, CA
Michael & Helen Larkin, Santa Cruz, CA
Gary & Corinne Robinson, Grand Terrace, CA

Website Information:

Our Roamin' Catholics, Southwest, website has just been updated with our latest trips. The URL is: <http://www.fmcanw.org/rcsw/>. Also, the 2007 Chapter Roster for our members only is: <http://www.fmcanw.org/rcsw/members.html>. If any of your information needs to be updated, please let me know by email at: mrzdotz@pacbell.net. Thanks, Donna

SMILES:

How do you make Holy Water? Boil the hell out of it.

Talk is cheap – until a lawyer gets involved.
