

Pike National Historic Trail Association Newsletter

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Greetings from Kaunas, Lithuania, home of the National

Champion Basketball team beating Vilnius 85-63 5/6. (I will be returning from Europe on May 29.)

- **2013 Annual Meeting - Cañon City, CO** We are looking forward to the Association Annual Meeting in the Bighorn Mountaintop Lodge overlooking the Royal Gorge and Pike's Gulch on Saturday, June 1st. We plan to arrive on Friday afternoon and share an Italian meal in Cañon City at 6:30 pm and warm conversation. In the evening we will have a lively debate regarding Pike legislation and Pike Interpretive sites. Lodging will be available Friday evening in the Lodge. Reserve- 303/816-7424.
- The main topic at the meeting (9:30am to noon) 6/1/2013 will be Passing the new Senate and House bills, our Congressional Legislative effort for the *Pike National Historic Trail*.
- Follow up on Association initiatives being planned after the last Annual meeting.

- **Federal Legislation** The Feasibility Study step **NEW STRATEGY**

- *To Establish federal designation of the Pike National Historic Trail*

The Pike legislation was reintroduced in the Senate by our Cosponsors- US Senators from We are seeking the support of the Senators from Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri hopefully with the continued co-sponsorship of Senator Clair McCaskill. PLEASE ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THOSE STATES TO JOIN IN CO-SPONSORSHIP.

★ Within the Association, there is a growing concern for-

1. The introduction of a companion bill in the US House.
2. Perhaps some think that our legislation an entitlement and Conservatives in the House should reconsider.
3. We need to gain a stronger position in the Senate and now House. Or, at least, further educate Congressmen about our effort and be noticed. The Feasibility Study should be enacted so that options are made available and the economic, educational, recreational, historic preservation and historic interpretations advantages will be realized.
4. We should gain State Legislative resolutions in the Pike states similar to the unanimous resolution of support passed in Colorado.
5. We should seek letters of support from governors in the Pike states.
6. We should re-approach County Commissioners in the Pike states outside CO for support letters.

We have County Commission support letters from 3 counties in MO, 2 in KS, 2 in NM, and one in TX.

7. We need to approach the Pueblo - 17 tribal groups along Rio Grande the in New Mexico - for active support.
8. We need to bring those County Commissions, mayors, historical and preservation organizations, etc. up to date.

★ OUR RENEWED EFFORT- We have begun this effort with more vigor -

1. We will be approaching the US House members from Colorado who represent folks in "Pike Districts" to begin dialog about the sponsorship of a House companion bill. WE NEED A RESIDENT IN CONGRESSMAN LAMBORN, GARDNER, AND TIPTON DISTRICT TO BE PRESENT WITH US AT AN INITIAL MEETING. A CONSTITUENT. PLEASE CALL 303/816-7424 FOR VOLUNTEER AN HOUR OR SO.
2. We will ask what are the Congressmen's concerns about granting a Feasibility Study.

3. We will make the economic, educational, recreational, historic preservation and historic interpretations advantages better known.
4. New Mexico will soon be considering a Joint Resolution of support. New Mexico residents must join in Brian Murphy's efforts. Please call 303/816-7424 to volunteer.

In other states we are asking that you contact your State Senator and Representative to take the lead on such an effort in your state. Copies of the Colorado Joint Resolution are available.

5. We will be approaching the Colorado Governor's office. Because of the amount of support we have in Colorado, we believe he will be sympathetic. We need you to do the same in your state.
6. We ate dinner with a County Commissioner in Sierra County, NM, and met with the County Administrator in Socorro County, NM. Brian Murphy will be attending the Santa Fe County Board meeting to gain their support. Materials to help you approach your County Board are available.
7. We met with a staff member for the Governor of the San Filipe people and hope to meet with the other 19 tribes, 17 of whom live on land where Pike was brought.
8. We will be contacting our support.

Please help us in whatever way you can.

• *Membership* - Thank you for our new members and those who have renewed their membership in the Pike National Historic Association! Many have not.

• To be able to continue to be effective, we must request that, if you have not done so, renew your membership yearly. The life members have helped us greatly, some giving well over their one-time share.

See the web site for a membership form.

Thank you for the additional donations some of you have given in addition you your membership!

Friends of Pike- Address: Tom Rollings Friends of Pike 26490 Range Dr. Buena Vista, CO 81211 friendsofpike.org is the website.

Please consider joining us with your membership. The membership form is on our website or contact us at 303/816-7424.

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