It is with deep sadness that I report that Helen Feick, former president of SCLA and wife of current president Bill Feick, passed away on May 31st. She had been suffering from liver disease for some time and was on the transplant list, but she succumbed to kidney failure on Tuesday.

Helen is survived by Bill, her son Bud, his wife Diane and their son Wes, and her mother. She was 65.

Helen and Bill have been members of SCLA since 1993. They have been active members of the association with Helen's special interests being showing, the youth program and fiber. She organized the 2000 and 2005 SCLA educational conferences and she helped with Christmas playdays, parades and regional youth shows around the state of Texas. Whenever there were people having fun with llamas, Helen was sure to be on hand!

A memorial service will be held for Helen on Saturday June 4th, at 3 PM, at the Friedens Church in Geronimo, TX. The church address is: 2555 Friedens Church Rd., Seguin, TX 78155 Phone: 830-303-7729

See map at: http://www.friedens-church.org/whenandwhere.htm

Susan Leslie and her 4-H group will be hosting a light dinner following the service at her ranch, Leslie Lane Llamas. Her address is 4317 FM 539, LaVernia, Texas. Here are the directions from the church to Susan's ranch:

From Geronimo, you will take 123 south to Interstate 10. Take 10 West toward San Antonio. Go about 1 or 2 miles to TX 46. Exit right on TX 46. At the bottom of the ramp turn left, then go to the stop light where you will turn left again. You will stay on TX 46 for 4 miles. Turn right on FM 467. Stay on FM 467 for 8.8 miles until you come to a blinker. At the blinker you will turn left onto FM 539. Go 3 miles on FM 539 and we are on the left hand side - address is 4317 FM 539, cell number is 830-401-0819, llamas and longhorns will be in the fields in the front yards.

Donations in Helen's memory may be made to the SCLA Youth Program or to the Jim Graham Youth Scholarship, as the donor prefers. Please mail your check-payable to SCLA, with a note on the memo line as to which fund should receive the donation, to: SCLA, PO Box 163654, Austin, TX 78716-3654.

Condolences may be mailed to: Bill Feick PO Box 131 Geronimo, TX 78115-0131

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