Eric Sirotkin presents:
“Truth and Reconciliation in Korea:
The Elusive Peace and Moving from Reaction to Relationship”

New Mexico lawyer, educator and mediator Eric Sirotkin has visited North Korea (DPRK) four times and travelled to South Korea and Washington multiple times to call for peace. He spoke at an international peace conference in Pyongyang, presenting his 12 Steps to Peace to the DPRK. While attending state functions he was able to speak with high officials about the possibilities of peace. He then took his “Roadmap to Peace” on the road, including to the State Dept. and Congress.

Learn what has driven this conflict for over 60 years, led to nuclear tests and now holds the key to halt the march toward increased militarization in Asia.

“Eric’s multimedia presentation shows you a side of the DPRK that gets lost in the shuffle, presenting a new approach to peace negotiations that can change the U.S. relationship to the world.”

Thursday, April 9, at 6pm at the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice, sponsored by Ubuntuworks Peace Education Project and ACP&J. For more info, visit www.uwpep.org or contact eric@ericsirotkin.com, 715-6630.

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
Regularly Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted

MONDAYS
350NM.org 1st & 3rd Monday, 5-7pm, 255-1222.
Veterans for Peace 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

TUESDAYS
ABQ Justice weekly 5pm, ANSWER Office, 305 Washington St. SE, Ste. C. abqjustice@yahoo.com
ABQ Hours New Member Orientation, 3rd Tuesday, 6-8pm, www.abqhours.org.
PFLAG Albq. (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, pflagalbq.org.
ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm, 881-6365

WEDNESDAYS
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:55pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
Stop the War Machine 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 6pm, 858-0882.
Call to confirm.
Agua Es Vida Action Team & Our Endangered Aquifer Working Grp 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 242-5311.
People for Peace 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
Peace Center’s Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, 5:30pm. Potluck and meeting. All are invited.

THURSDAYS
Peace Café Weekly, Noon-3pm, Free coffee, snacks, Wi-Fi, chess, jam session. Everyone welcome!
Women in Black Weekly, 12:30-1pm, silent vigil on Lomas between 3rd & 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.
Gay Men’s Group Weekly, 7:15-9pm, Frontier, 266-0884

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**1971** is a film that tells the full story of the break-in at FBI offices in Media, PA that revealed **COINTEL PRO**, covert operations against U.S. citizens. At Guild Cinema, 3405 Central NW, www.guildcinema.com

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Calendar of Special Events, continued

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Humanist Society of NM monthly Speaker Meeting: Judy and Madeline Aron present Festival House, 1951-1961: Colorful Stories from a Festive Inn, about an interracial hotel whose doors were open to all. At Botts Hall, Special Collections Library, 423 Central NE, free and open to the public. Info: www.hsnm.wordpress.com or email president@humanistsocietyofnm.org.

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Sunday, Apr. 26, noon-3pm
100 Years of Remembrance: The Genocide of the Christian Minorities in the Ottoman Empire. Luncheon and presentation with Keynote Address by filmmaker Suzan Younan and representatives from the local Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian communities. Luncheon $25 at noon; free program at 1:15pm. At the JCC, 5520 Wyoming NE. Info/Registration: 255-7952

Monday, Apr. 27, 7pm
People Before Profit Film Series presents: The Silence of the Lambs. Explore concepts of The Other in this feature film about a young FBI cadet who must confide in an incarcerated killer to receive his help in catching another serial killer. In the UNM SUB Theatre basement, post-film discussion led by Peace Studies class.

Save the Date:
Friday-Sunday, May 8-10 & Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17
Women’s Photo-voltaic Class and Systems Install, 8am-5pm each day; fee is $1,000/person for all 5 days, with lunch, snacks and all relevant material included. More info: mbwildwoman@gmail.com, 452-7202. See also Noticias. Please note: Peace Hall will be closed these five days to regular meetings and events so that the solar panels can be installed.

May 10-14:
Border Awareness Experience facilitated by Annunciation House in El Paso. Activities include: tours of the border, trip to Juarez, Q&A with border patrol, presentations by local activists and organizers, eat, work and sleep alongside families and volunteers. Affordable and partial scholarships are available. Organized by UNM Peace Studies. More info: Georgia, gwe505@gmail.com & Sarah, swilkinson@unm.edu

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Office for Rent at P&J

There is **one office** for rent at the Peace Center available immediately. This office space is near UNM and inside the P&J, providing many opportunities for a grassroots social justice group to grow and get organized to the next level. The rent is affordable at $250 per month. Utilities plus Century Link internet are included, plus a parking space. Also includes complimentary PAJOLA membership, and two free uses of the peace hall per month. Office entry is from the Peace Hall. If interested in seeing the office, located in the southeast corner of the building, stop by Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. The P&J seeks tenants who are working on social justice issues and who support our mission. Rental application forms available at the front desk. Questions? Call Sue at 268-9557.

**Write a Letter to Kathy Kelly, In Jail for Direct Action against Drones**

by Sally-Alice Thompson

Kathy Kelly is doing federal time for entering a drone base and attempting to speak to its commander about the effects of drones on civilians. She will be released on April 21. She was accompanied by Georgia Walker, of Kansas City, an activist who works with people being released from jails and prisons. Georgia is gracefully serving one year of probation confined to western Missouri. Please write to Kathy Kelly, before her release:

Kathleen Kelly 04971-045
FMC Lexington
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 14525
Lexington, KY 40512

**The Earth’s Last Supper**

*The Earth’s Last Supper* is a pop-up environmental sculpture with representations of endangered species, air and water, as well as representations of healing figures. The Apronista Project will bring their healing dolls to this installation, pre-school children from A Child’s Garden designed and their teacher implemented a ceramic piece, and other children made small representations of animals. The installation will be at La Montañita Co-op’s Celebrate the Earth Festival on Earth Day, Sunday, April 19, and children of all ages can make seed starter pots from newspaper and fill them with compost and a seed. Stop by and sign the guest book in which you can state your concerns about climate change and tell us about some of the simple things you have done to address these concerns. For more info, contact Suzanne, 255-4074.

**Sally-Alice Thompson Receives Dolores Huerta Sí Se Puede Award**

As we go to press, we anticipate witnessing Sally-Alice receiving this prestigious award on Saturday, March 28th at Cesar Chavez Day. Here are the remarks by the Recuerda a Cesar Chavez Committee about Sally-Alice:

“Please congratulate our 2015 Dolores Huerta Sí Se Puede Award Recipient: Sally-Alice Thompson is a World War II veteran and a founding member of the New Mexico chapter of Veterans for Peace. She has been a leader in the efforts of the Raging Grannies Albuquerque, writing songs that call for an end to violence, exploitation and corruption. Sally-Alice this year led marches to call for getting the MOP (Money Out of Politics)! She celebrated her 91st birthday in November by marching 60 miles from the Albuquerque Peace Center to the Santa Fe Roundhouse in order to call for a reversal of the *Citizens United* decision. Her efforts with the Veterans for Peace in Albuquerque have been so significant that the Veterans for Peace chapter has been named after her and her late husband, Don Thompson. Sally-Alice has been a steady pillar of Stop the War Machine, an anti-war organization. In short, the lives of all who know her, and the lives of many who have never met her, are much richer as a result of Sally Alice’s constant efforts to call for peace, justice, dignity and an end to exploitation, corruption and empire. She has exemplified nonviolence in her struggles to make the world a better place.”

**Non-Violent Communication (NVC) Classes at the P&J**

There are currently two free NVC classes that are open to drop-ins. Everyone is welcome. On **Mondays from 3:30 to 5pm** there is a NVC practice group self-led by participants for those who have already taken an introductory class; and on **Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1pm** there is an NVC Introduction class led by certified trainer Bob Wentworth. Both classes/study groups are held at the Peace Center. For more info, call 268-9557.
Noticias continued...

BREAKING BUENO: A Resilient Albuquerque - Transition Training
We want Albuquerque to be more than the Breaking Bad story line; we want to change the story line, transitioning Albuquerque into a desirable, safe, and sustainable community and destination. Be a part of the conversation to answer the question: “What can we do to create a sustainable Albuquerque?” Could we become a solar capital, a water conservation Mecca? Examples of successes are ABQ Hours, a community time bank, and ABQ Old School, which teaches courses on cheese making, grey water recycling, and gardening.

TRANSITION is an international movement to reduce oil and gas dependency by creating resilient, self-sufficient communities. Come to a two-day Transition Training, Fri-Sat April 10-11, at the First Unitarian Church of ABQ, 3701 Carlisle NE. Together we can change the story.

Go to www.TransitionABQ.org for more information and to register for the training. The cost is $150 for two days of excellent workshops, lunches, and materials on getting your neighborhood into the process and networking with terrific people. For additional information, contact Maria, emijaunak@gmail.com, or MaggieSeeley44@gmail.com, 268-3339. Facilitators include Dr. Bruce Milne, UNM Sustainability Studies; Mark Juderman of Transition Houston, TX and Kat Steele of Transition Big Sur, CA.

Nusenda/NMEFCU Annual Meeting
Member-owners of the New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union now called Nusenda may wish to attend the 79th Annual Meeting. It will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm at the Albuquerque Marriott Uptown Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE, with light refreshments served at 5:30pm. For information about how to be nominated for the board of directors, call Nadine Waslosky at 889-7755. For more info on organizing a response to the sudden name change, call 702-4203 or 858-0882.

UNM Peace Studies Mentorship Network
Want to be a mentor? Join the UNM Peace Studies Program’s new Mentorship Network! Share the knowledge and experience of your field with UNM Peace Studies students, who in turn will mentor area high school students. Our volunteer-based, low time commitment Mentorship Network connects people by interest so we can build up our community of knowledge-sharing and support!

All fields and backgrounds welcome. Email Alex at acatwell@unm.edu or call Julez at (419) 569-7173 to register your area of expertise and your availability. After discussing individual needs and preferences, we will pair you with a college student beginning late Spring, Summer, or Fall.

Women Only Hands-On Photovoltaic (PV) Workshop
By Marlene Brown
SolarizeNM is sponsoring a Women Only Hands-On Photovoltaic Design and Installation class this spring. It will be held for 5 days over two weekends, May 8-10 and May 16, 17 at the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice.

In the workshop, you will learn how to size a PV system, ways to reduce energy consumption and have a more efficient home or business. The class covers planning the best location for a PV array for maximum energy production, including details on how to configure stand-alone (off-grid) and grid-tie (utility-connected) systems. In hands-on labs, students will learn about wiring sockets and switches. Learn safety and quality throughout. No prior knowledge is needed. Over the second weekend, the class will install a system at the Peace Center.

Marlene Brown and Taiyoko Sadewic will instruct the class. Marlene has worked with PV systems for over 25 years and has installed hundreds of systems in the U.S. and abroad. She has taught PV classes for over 20 years with her own home being one of the projects. Taiyoko is co-owner of Positive Energy Solar, having also installed hundreds of PV systems.

Why women only? This is a chance for women to work together, empowering each other in a non-competitive way, on design of a PV system, the use of power tools, and the installation of a fully functional solar electric system.

The 5-day workshop spans two weekends (Fri-Sat-Sun-Sat-Sun), 8am to roughly 5pm each day. The cost for both weekends is $1,000 per person and limited to 20 women. There is also a 3-day workshop option. If you are interested in learning about PV in a classroom setting, you can choose to participate in the first weekend only, for $600. There is not an option to attend the second weekend without attending the first.

To register, click on the PayPal link at: https://sites.google.com/site/nmcpnorg. For other questions or to register by check, email nmcpn.org@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you in May! Non-profits interested in having a PV system installed as a class project in the future, please call 452-7202.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.orgNM255-1222
ABQ Friends House (Quakers) 843-6450
ABQ Grandmothers Council caitemaya@yahoo.com
ABQ Hours Exchange 610-0823
ABQJustice abqjustice@yahoo.com
ABQ Mennonite Church 254-1824
ABQ N.O.W. NOW.ABQNM@gmail.com
ABQ Raging Grannies 228-6075
ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 440-6688
Agua es Vida ActionTeam 242-5511
Alternative Radio www.alternativeradio.org
Amnesty International Local Group 101 795-2881
Animal Compassion in Action 286-0973
A.N.S.W.E.R. — NM 359-5659
Bookworks 344-8139
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping 319-2881
CitizenAction 262-1862
Citizen Climate Lobby 604-8247
Civilian Medical Resources Network (505)750-8221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Support Network 281-8422
Community Family — comfam5@yahoo.com
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Center 994-2335
Erda Gardens & Learning Center, 610-1538
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Friends of Sabeel Albuquerque 828-0546
Gray Panthers of Greater Alb. 266-8823
Guild Cinema 255-1848

Humanist Society of NM 344-6102
Jewish Voice for Peace — ABQ Ihrudolph@gmail.com
Leisa Richards Family Law Office 242-2835
L@s Otr@s 385-3670
Light Mission Pentecostal Church 203-4721
Media Literacy Project 828-3129
Nahi-Zaa / Nahi-Zaad 505-427-4828
NM Advocates for Change, 459-5308
NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 307-2218
NM IndyMedia 304-3144
NM Interfaith Power & Light info@nm-ipl.org
NM Loretto Community 892-9633
Partners in Health 805-403-7034
People for Peace 983-3906
PFLAG (Parents, Fam, Friends of Lesbians & Gays) 873-7373
Quote Unquote Media Center 417-9178
Soka Gakkai International 843-6031
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St. Mary Magdalene Community 977-4661
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
Students Organizing Action for Peace (SOAP) 256-0668
SW Earth Festival Association (SWEFA) 507-1020
SW Hypnotherapists 877-2766
SW Organizing Project (SWOP) 247-8832
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
Turquoise Trail Performing Arts 369-6886
United Nations Assn. - Albuquerque Chapter 881-4536
UNM LGBTQ Resource Center 277-5428
UNM Peace Studies 256-0668
UNM Students for Justice in Palestine (603) 204-9684
(un)Occupy Albuquerque — unoccupy@gmail.com
Veterans for Peace 271-9274

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$60 PAJOLA Basic Supporting
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includes one free monthly use

of the Peace Hall

Please send my monthly newsletter via: email ______ snail mail________

ACPJ is a 501(c)3 organization, and your donation, above the cost of membership, is fully tax-deductible.

Mail to: ACPJ, 202 Harvard SE, ABQ, NM 87106, pay your membership on the website via PayPal — ABQPeaceAndJustice.org, or bring it in person - we love to visit with you!

Would you be interested in volunteering with us?_____________________________________________________

What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?_____________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
ABQJustice Hosts Public Forum on Homelessness
By Heather Hawkins (P&J intern) and Ilse Biel (ABQJustice)

On Thursday March 5, the Center for Peace and Justice hosted a public forum run by ABQJustice to brainstorm and discuss more immediate interim as well as longer-term sustainable solutions to the homelessness crisis in Albuquerque. The meeting brought together a range of community members concerned about both the continuing eviction and relocation of the by-now iconic Tent City residents and the large general population of unsheltered people in the city.

The meeting agreed that community involvement is key in addressing these issues. One of the suggestions can be practiced by everyone: have plastic ziplock bags handy filled with for instance small sized toiletries items, lip balm, and a granola bar and give these to people one encounters who need it. Participants subscribed to an email distribution list and three working groups formed: to pursue a sanctioned tent city, to engage with politicians and city officials, and to explore ways in which the stereotypic image of the homeless can be reframed. Further meetings are planned. For more information and updates, including ways to become involved, please email ABQJustice@yahoo.com or visit the ABQJustice Facebook page.