You are cordially invited to the
Peace Center Holiday Gala!
Saturday, Dec. 12, 6pm - 10pm
First Unitarian Church, on the corner of Carlisle & Comanche

Dance to the reggae sounds of Native Roots!
Plus music by L@sOtr@rs and the Raging Grannies!
Suggested donation $15
(no one turned away for lack of funds)

Food and drink for sale at additional cost.
Enjoy steaming hot bowls of homemade posole, green chile stew and yummy tamales and burritos from Mujeres en Acción!

Social justice info / vendor tables!
Please call 268-9557 if you can bring a dessert to sell, a silent auction item, and/or can make posole or stew.

Donations of warm clothing, jackets, socks, underwear for un-housed members of our community appreciated.

Thank you for supporting the P&J at our most festive fundraiser of the year!

Celebrate the holiday season with your favorite social justice activist friends!

Pictured right: Native Roots

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

TUESDAYS
NVC Discussion Weekly, 11:15am-1:15pm, 243-6174
Race Dialogue 2nd Tuesday, 5pm, 917 Vassar NE, 272-5085
ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6:30-8pm, call for location: 881-6365

WEDNESDAYS
Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:55pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
ABQ Peace Café weekly 5:30pm at a private residence, for info: abqjustice@yahoo.com.
The Water Groups 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRIC, 243-6174 .
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, meeting at 6pm (optional potluck at 5:30). All are invited.

THURSDAYS
Peace Café Weekly, Noon-3pm, Free coffee, snacks, Wi-Fi, chess, jamb session. Everyone welcome!
Women in Black Weekly, 12:30-1pm, silent vigil on Lomas between 3rd & 4th streets. All invited, wear black. 341-9307.

FRIDAYS
P&J Movie Night 3rdFriday, 6-8pm, 604-1261
NVC Book Club 3rd Friday, 10:30-12:30pm, 881-4536

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Canines: Sasha, Romeo, Lisa, Blackie

Peace Center’s Admin. Committee 4th Friday, 1:30pm-3pm
call to confirm 268-9557.

SATURDAYS
Food Distribution Weekly, 9am in Parking Lot.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4661.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.

SUNDAYS
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm, 440-6688.
Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 1pm-4pm 804-8787
Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community Weekly 11am at SWOP, 211 10th SW. 352-4061.
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 4-5:30pm
The Lannan Foundation presents Richard Falk speaking on “The Israeli End Game versus the Palestinian Solidarity Movement” at The Hibben Center, UNM. More info: lannan.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1-2:30pm
Wise & Wonderful Older Women meeting welcomes Halima Christy, speaking on “Handling Stressors” at the Erna Ferguson Library Conference Rm., 3700 San Mateo Blvd NE, near Comanche. All welcome.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7pm
Richard Falk with Ali Abunimah, speaking on Israel/Palestine issues at Lensic Performing Arts Center, 211 W. San Francisco St. in Santa Fe. Visit lannan.org/events/richard-falk-with-ali-abunimah for info and tickets.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6pm
Holiday Stroll for Climate Hope begins at Triangle Park, Central NE & Monte Vista during the Nob Hill Shop’n’Stroll. Sponsored by ABQ Climate Coalition, of which the P&J is a member, and 350.orgNM. More info: 328-0619.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 7-8:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 5, 3:30-5:30pm
Medicine Drum Circle (new PAJOLA group!) invites everyone to create community through drumming. Connect with your own sacred rhythm and raise the vibration of the planet one drum circle at a time at the Peace Center. Donation suggested, all welcome; info: 417-4704.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Christian Parenti: “Climate Crisis” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 11am
The ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF) welcomes Jerry Ortiz y Pino, speaking on the upcoming state legislative session, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6pm
ACLU NM teach-in on how to use the new “Mobile Justice app” for smart phones to document encounters with law enforcement, at the Peace Center. More info: sayrahn@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7pm
An evening of music, humor and cheer with Flying J Wranglers, and a light dinner for sale starting at 6pm. Santa Claus will also be there for visits and photos, at (and benefitting) First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE. For tickets/info: flyingjwranglersdec8.brownpapertickets.com.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 3:30-5pm
UNM’s Nuclear New Mexico class share final projects addressing nuclearism in NM, at the Peace Center. Potluck, more info contact Instructor Eileen Shaughnessy: eileens@unm.edu.

Friday, Dec. 11, 9am-3pm
Open House/Craft sale at Los Altos Christian Church, 11900 Haines Avenue, NE, raises funds for Immigrant and Refugee Resource Village of Alb. (IRRVA) projects. More info: Nkazi Sinandile, 435-5741, womensglobalpathways@gmail.com.

Saturday, Dec. 12, Noon-7pm
Come to Gruet Winery at 8400 Pan American NE for a FREE wine tasting; bring home some bottles and Global One to One will receive 10% of your purchase when you mention us at checkout. More info: facebook.com/Global1to1.
Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, Dec. 12, 1:30-3:30pm
*The Grandmother’s Council of NM* meets at the Peace Center. More info: 797-8032 or 610-8258.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Naomi Klein**: “Transitioning to Climate Justice” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: www.alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 6-10pm
**Peace Center Holiday Gala** featuring food, drink, silent auction, live music and dancing! $15 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Food and drink for sale at additional cost, at First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle NE; more info on cover page.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 11am
AUUF weekly meeting: **Sally-Alice Thompson** reports on her trip to Cuba, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, www.abquuf.org.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 4:30-6:30pm
Father Frank Quintana of BORCC is available for visits and photos as **Santa Claus**, free to all families at the Peace Center. Info: blessedoscarromercatholiccommunity.org or call 352-4061.

Friday, Dec. 18, 10:30am-12:30pm
Those interested in Waging Peace are invited to join the **NVC Book Club** in discussing *Gandhi and the Unspeakable: His Final Experiment with Truth* by James Douglass. Please call 268-9557 for details & to RSVP.

Friday, Dec. 18, Noon
**2015 Homeless Persons’ Memorial Vigil** begins at Healthcare for the Homeless Memorial Wall (1217 First St. NW), with a silent march at 1pm to the vigil and open mic, at St. Johns Cathedral. For more info: ilsebiel@icloud.com

Friday, Dec. 18, 6pm
**P&J Movie Night** presents Oscar-nominated film *Omar*, about a Palestinian arrested after the death of an Israeli soldier. Agreeing to work as an informant, his true motives and alliances remain hidden. This will be followed by discussion. Doors open 5:30pm, light refreshments served; contact 268-9557. Co-sponsored by **UNM Students for Justice in Palestine** and **Jewish Voice for Peace ABQ**.

Saturday, Dec. 19,6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Henry Giroux**: “The Costs of Neoliberalism” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: www.alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 11am

Monday, Dec. 21 - Friday, Jan. 1
**The Peace Center will be closed for the Winter Break.** Previously scheduled events will still take place, including the Peace Café TBD. Questions, call 268-9557 or Mollie, 315-4167.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Vandana Shiva**: “Radical Compassion” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: www.alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016, 5pm
Singer/songwriter **Laurie Demaronis** from will give a presentation about global warming and what we can do to reduce our carbon footprint in a fun and inspiring way. More info: email Enid via kwanyin76@aol.com.
**Noticias**

**Remember the P&J for End-of-Year Giving!**
Donations from friends and members are an important part of keeping the ACP&J work ongoing. If you are planning some end-of-the-year donating, please consider a tax-exempt gift to the Peace Center. The easiest way is through our web site, abqpeaceandjustice.org. Just look for the word “Donate” in the menu at the top. Thank you for supporting the work of the ACP&J. If people want to donate to the Peace Center at their work place throughout the United Way of Central New Mexico campaign, they should write us in on the United Way Pledge Form at the bottom of box #2. Write in: Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Consider Joining the Peace Center Coordinating Council**
Persons with a history of commitment to peace and justice and membership in ACPJ are eligible to apply for Coordinating Council (Board) membership. CC members have an important role in funding, management, and strategic planning.

Applicants should attend at least two CC meetings and become familiar with CC policies. Qualified nominees will submit a short bio to be placed in the February newsletter. Once approved by the existing Council they will be presented and affirmed at the annual membership meeting in late March.

**Help Grow the Lee Sims Fund!**
By Judith Kidd

Lee Sims was a member of the Peace Center for many years, and an intrepid activist. She traveled often to protest nuclear weapons production and support social justice. In 2014 a longtime friend created the Lee Sims Fund in her memory. The fund gives mini-grants to help cover travel/housing expenses associated with organizing social justice or environmental campaigns.

The fund has helped persons travel for immigrant justice and to combat homelessness and police brutality. Funds also paid for a PC member and a busload of people from Albuquerque to attend the Creative Nonviolence National Conference activities in Santa Fe last August.

We invite you to contribute to this fund to help others. They will represent us all in creating positive change. Thank you! For info: 243-6174.

**Welcome new PAJOLA group:**
**Medicine Drum Circle**
Welcome to our newest PAJOLA group, Medicine Drum Circle, led by Lisa Lucero. This group’s mission: “We create community through drumming and in doing so we connect with our own sacred rhythm. Our goal is to raise the vibration of the planet one drum circle at a time.” Their first drum circle is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5th at 3:30pm at the Peace Center. Everyone is welcome! Drums will be provided. You can reach Medicine Drum Circle at medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com or call 417-4704.
Homeless Persons’ Memorial Vigil

On December 18, Albuquerque will again be able to reflect on and mourn the homeless people who have died during the year. The annual Homeless Persons’ Memorial Vigil will start with lunch and an opening ceremony at the Healthcare for the Homeless Memorial Wall (1217 First St. NW) at noon. Participants will then march silently at 1pm. to St. Johns Cathedral, 318 Silver SW, where a candlelight vigil and open mic tribute to the people who had died during 2015 will take place starting at 1:45 pm.

This will be the fifteenth time that Albuquerque participates in the National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day campaign. The campaign is co-sponsored by the National Coalition to End Homelessness, National Health Care for the Homeless Council, and the National Consumer Advisory Board and culminates on December 21, the first official day of winter and the longest night of the year. The motivation for the campaign is to create awareness within communities nationwide of the dire need that continues to exist within each community and of the harsh consequences of life on the streets.

The names of Albuquerque residents who died during 2015 while unhoused or because of conditions related to homelessness are still being collated. However, 61 people were remembered during the 2014 memorial vigil. These memorial vigils are frequently the only time that the passing of a homeless individual is recognized and mourned. Consequently, the program is designed for inclusivity and the poignant open mic portion provides friends and family with the opportunity to express themselves in words and music and celebrate the lives of the deceased. For more information on the program and to find out how you can become involved, contact Ilse Biel at ilsebiel@icloud.com.

Meet our new Service Learning Student from South Valley Academy: Victoria Morales!

Hello, my name is Victoria Morales. I am a tenth grader at South Valley Academy. I am doing my Service Learning at the Peace Center. I am 14 years old, almost 15. I was born and raised here in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both of my parents are from México; my mom is from Juárez and my dad is from Durango. Most all of my mom’s side of the family lives over there. My sister and I usually spend our summers in Juárez hanging out with all my cousins.

I’m here at the Peace Center because my school offers a class called Service Learning, and I got placed here every Thursday for the school year. When I get here at noon, I usually get to work in the Peace Café with Mollie Wilkie and the rest of the crew. I help serve food to people, keep the counter clean and also greet people and make them feel welcome. After the Peace Café is over I go ask Sue if she needs help. So far I have been helping her file, covering the front desk and other office tasks.

I really like it here because I get to meet people I wouldn’t usually meet. I like that everyone here is working together and that not just one person gets to make all the decisions. I’ve also learned more about some of the issues people and groups are working on including Palestinian rights, environmental justice topics like the jet fuel spill, and global warming. Doing my service learning at the Peace Center gives me a chance to go outside my comfort zone and have more confidence.
Photos from the November 13 opening reception for the VSA “Making Peace with our Differences” exhibit in the Peace Hall. The exhibit runs through Dec. 17th.
No Dead Natives, No More Exposure Deaths, Gallup, NM
By The Red Nation

Last winter, 20 unsheltered Native people froze to death in Gallup, N.M. Many were Diné (Navajo). The National Weather Service predicts, because of climate change and El Niño, this winter will be abnormally cold and wet. This harsh, unusual weather makes our relatives living outside especially vulnerable. Many in Gallup are still denied access to shelter, services, and dignity. They are in dire need.

The Red Nation, the Gallup Immediate Action Group, and Radmilla Cody’s For the People call on all people to remember our relatives forced to live on the streets. Their lives matter because they are our relations.

We demand zero exposure deaths this winter. Immediate action is needed! Our relatives need your help! No one should be neglected or denied care! We are setting up collection centers for warm coats, water-proof gloves, scarves, hats, winter gear, sleeping bags, backpacks, camping gear, blankets, canned food, non-perishable food, MREs (meals-ready-to-eat). Please bring XL sizes for all clothing.

We are also accepting monetary donations that will go directly the Gallup Immediate Action Group. This holiday season, please remember those most in need. Any contribution helps.

All help is welcome. This is for the people.

Albuquerque Collection sites (call before delivery):
ANSWER Office- 305 Washington St. SE, Ste. C, 359-5659
South Valley- 1735 Blake Rd SW, 605-680-0669

Want to volunteer or set up a collection site? Call 605-680-0669 or email contact@therednation.org.
Facebook: facebook.com/TheRedNation. Twitter: @The_Red_Nation. Web: therednation.org