P&J Gets Matching Grant!
Help Us Meet Our Goal!

A generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous is giving the Peace Center a $2,000 Matching Grant. To raise the matching amount, our goal is to recruit 50 new memberships at $40 per person. We are half way to our goal already! Has your membership expired? Please renew today! Do you have a friend, family member or colleague who believes in the Peace Center mission and vision but is not a member? Please invite them to join.

With your help, the P&J continues to provide space, services and support for these and many other accomplishments:

- Creation of a community action network (Action NM) fostering collaboration of single-issue groups to advocate for peace and justice issues in the legislature
- Hiring additional coordinator Bob Allen and raising staff salaries
- Peace Café & Food Distribution fosters conversations, builds community and alleviates hunger
- Website calendar, newsletter and Grassroots NM on KUNM publicize social justice events
- Peace Hall continues to be an affordable space for events and meeting
- Mentoring of high school and college interns

Here is what two members said recently about the P&J: “It’s a great place to connect with positive community building peace and social justice movements.”
And, “the Peace Center is such an important center in our community. Thanks to all the good people who made it possible and continue to make it possible, thanks all you wonderful spirits—to another 30 years of peace and justice work in Albuquerque—andiamo!”

You can join online at ABQPeaceAndJustice.org, mail your membership form (see page 7), or come into the office at 202 Harvard SE, 87106. And meet our new Administrative Coordinator Bob Allen! Huge shout-out to the hardworking Membership Committee—Bob A., Cecilia C., Renee W., Sharyn K., and Troy F.
**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 Hours New Member Orientation, 3rd Tuesday, 6-8pm, www.abqhous.org.
PFLAG Alq, (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) 3rd Tuesday, 7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, www.pflagabq.org.

ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm, 881-6365

**WEDNESDAYS**

Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:35pm 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, 7-9pm, The Commons (parlor), 2300 West Alameda, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
People for Peace 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, The Commons, Santa Fe, (505) 983-3906.
Peace Center’s Coordinating Council 2nd Wednesday, 5:30pm. Potluck and meeting. All are invited.
Amnesty International Local Group 101 4th Wednesday, 6:45-8pm, 795-2881.

**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.

**FRIDAYS**

Peace Center’s Admin Committee 4th Friday, 1:30pm-3pm.

**SATURDAYS**

Food Distribution Weekly, 8:30am in Parking Lot.
Quote Unquote Media Center Board Meeting 4th Saturday, 10am-12:30pm, Call for location, 417-9178.
St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE, 345-3677, 977-4616.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.

**SUNDAYS**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on 3rd Sunday, 11am-2:30pm.
Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 1-4pm 203-4721.

**Calendar of Special Events begins here!**

Sunday, Feb. 1, 11am
ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF) hosts Jeanne and Bob Prochnow, speaking on “A Trip to South America,” at the P&J. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Feb. 2

Monday, Feb. 2, 7pm
People Before Profit Film Series: The Visitor (Ireland, 2008). A professor travels to NYC for a conference, finding a young couple living in his apartment. Free to the public, Peace Studies film class at UNM SUB Theater. Info: 306-0906, peace@unm.edu.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7pm

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1-2pm

Friday, Feb. 6, 5-6:30pm
Reception for new Art Exhibit on display in the Peace Hall by Stephanie Galloway. Light refreshments and live music. Info: talula7@gmail.com, see also Noticias

Tulane, 898-4544.
Friday, Feb. 6, 7-9
ABQ Peltier and (un)Occupy present International Day of Solidarity with Leonard Peltier and Political Prisoners, with speakers and more. A hat will be passed for Leonard, at P&J. Info: lpdocnm@gmail.com.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Cornel West: “Love & Justice” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 11am
AUUF welcomes Don Hancock, speaking on WIPP’s current status and future, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Feb. 9, 7pm
People Before Profit film: District 9 (USA, 2009). An alien population is segregated to a militarized refugee camp. Free to the public, Peace Studies film class at UNM SUB Theater. Info: 306-0906, peace@unm.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 12, 1-2pm
UNM Peace Studies holds info session about upcoming Border Immersion Experience, a trip to El Paso and Juarez scheduled for May 10-14. In the SUB Acoma A&B. Info: 400-2799, see also Noticias.

Friday, February 13, noon

Saturday, Feb. 14, 6pm

Saturday, Feb. 14, 7-10pm & Sunday, Feb. 15, 4-6pm
Made in AfriQuerque! Arts, Crafts & Global Fusion Fashion Show at VSA North 4th Art Center, 4904 4th St. NW, $10 admission. Contact: Nkazi Sinandile, 435-5741.

Sunday, Feb. 15, 11am
AUUF welcomes speaker Lisa Silva for the National Preach-In on Global Warming, at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Feb. 16, 7pm
People Before Profit film: Occupation 101 (USA, 2006) presents facts and causes of the Palestine-Israel conflict, including U.S. involvement. Free to the public, Peace Studies film class at UNM SUB Theater. Info: 306-0906, peace@unm.edu.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 5:30-7:30pm
PAJOLA Potluck/Meeting--Get updates and share info about the 60-day State Legislative Session (Jan. 20 -Mar. 19) and ActionNM, the Peace & Justice Action Network. Share your group’s activities, and bring some food or drink. Info: Sue at 268-9557.

Saturday, February 21, 1:30-3:30pm
Dialogue: Free Speech. What does this mean? Let us hear your opinion. We listen and reflect without trying to convince. For info: Judith 243-6174.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6pm

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7pm
AUUF view and discuss Blue Collar and Buddha, part 1 at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Feb. 23, 7pm
People Before Profit film: District 9 (USA, 2009) presents Manning Marable: “Malcolm X & the Politics of Race” on KUNM 89.9FM or kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2pm
Sr. Joan Brown, Exec. Director, NM Interfaith Power & Light speaks on “Environmental Justice as Peacemaking” at Westminster Presbyterian Church-Gallup (151 State Hwy 564 - Boardman Drive) for their weekly Lenten Forum. More info: Pastor Lorelei Kay, (505)905-3247/290-5357, wpcgallup@gmail.com.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents Manning Marable: “Democratic Values & Economic Inequality” on 89.9FM or kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Save the Date!
Monday, Mar. 2
Albuquerque NOW- Celebrate Women's History and Equal Rights at the NM Capitol rotunda in Santa Fe. Program: 2-3pm; Info tables all day. More info: smrcmd@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 6-8pm
Jorge Armando, director of the Chico Mendes Reforestation Project in Guatemala, presents at the Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE; donations welcome. ChicoMendes.webs.com or joan@nm-ipl.org.

Friday, Mar. 6
Deadline for applications to attend Ampersand Internships May 22-July 17.Find scholarships, retreats, and residencies at ampersandproject.org

Saturday, Mar. 21: The Peace Center’s Annual Membership Meeting!

Saturday, Mar. 28: Cesar Chavez Day March & Rally!
Staff Changes Announced by Coordinating Council
By Judith Kidd

We are pleased to introduce Bob Allen, Administrative Coordinator of ACPJ. Bob was selected from a pool of talented candidates and we appreciate all who applied. Bob will team with Outreach Coordinator Sue Schuurman.

Traditionally, ACPJ was coordinated with a two-person team, but due to circumstances several years ago the Coordinating Council gave Sue Schuurman full responsibility as Coordinator. Now Sue will work on outreach while Bob handles volunteer coordination and membership. They share many other tasks required to maintain and grow our work. Sue continues at 30 hrs./wk. and Bob starts at 15 hours. We hope to raise Bob's position to 20 hours soon.

We want to thank Cecilia Chavez Beltran, membership data base, and Mollie Wilkie, volunteer coordinator, for their work during a long transition period.

Meet Bob Allen, new Administrative Coordinator

Hi folks. My name is Bob Allen and I want to introduce myself as the new part-time Administrative Coordinator. I will be primarily responsible for coordinating volunteers and membership. I grew up in Newtown, CT and studied Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor ME and earned a BA in Art from Mass College of Art, Boston MA. I have been involved in many personal causes such as ActUP/Boston and Project Open Hand, San Francisco. Recently, I owned a small fair trade import business and worked with artisan families and women’s craft cooperatives in Peru. In 2003, I moved to Albuquerque from Berkeley CA. Two years ago, I helped start ABQ Hours Exchange, a local service exchange (Time Bank). My passions are art, folk art, travel, ethnic cooking and gardening. I am looking forward to meeting members I don’t know and am excited about working together to make our world more peaceful and just.

Candidates for the P&J Coordinating Council

Halima Christy: I’ve been a peace activist since college days at UC Berkeley in the 1960’s. I have an MA in Music and Psychology and my career has included training and work as a mental health therapist (UNM Children’s Psychiatric Hospital, West Montana Regional Mental Health Ctr., Mt Tamalpais Day Treatment Ctr., CA); Special Ed. teacher (Desert Hills Residential Treatment Ctr., Del Mar Jr. HS), a family therapist (Laguna and Acoma pueblos, Valencia and Bernalillo counties) and musician. Currently I am director of Ecosage Peak Resilience Programs. Past community volunteer work includes producing “Sage Health on Call” on KUNM-FM and serving on the Board of the United Nations Association, ABQ chapter. Presently I volunteer at Outpost Performance Space and at the Peace Center. As an interim member of the Coordinating Council and a member of the Admin committee at the Peace Center, I am enjoying serving and meeting so many inspired and informed community activists in the membership and over 50 PAJOLA groups. Another focus for me is expanding the NVC (nonviolent communication) classes, workshops and speakers series.

John LeMoyne Castle: Trained as a computer and software engineer, I have contributed to LibreOffice (formerly OpenOffice). Around and after involvement with Occupy Albuquerque, I started the local Move To Amend affiliate. Now I find myself following in the footsteps of fellow MTA activist Tom Dent: I have been participating in ACP&J Coordinating Council meetings and assisting at the front desk for nine months.

My interest and involvement in the ACP&J has focused on Clarity/Governance as I learn about the ACP&J. In the next year I will bring the Movement Education Project of MTA to the Peace Center and I will seek the participation of local experts (?) to enhance that course and ground it in our community.

I strive to operate from the fundamental principle of MLK and A Course In Miracles: to always choose love (acceptance) over hate and fear (rejection). I believe that creation of the Beloved Community is a fundamental part of any solution to the multifarious impending crises of the world. Peace is the inner work on the only person we can change: ourselves. When all are peaceful none suffer harm, and justice is attained.
Noticias continued…

Action NM Peace and Justice Action Network Hosts Legislative Forum

The Peace Center launched its Action NM community action network at a legislative forum at the ABQ Mennonite Church on Jan. 15, 2015. Moderated by Rick Miera, panelists were Senators Jerry Ortiz y Pino and Mimi Stewart, Reps. Christine Trujillo, Georgene Louis, and Sheryl Williams Stapleton. To pledge to take action in response to action alerts, go to our new website, www.actionNM.org, email info@actionnm.org or call the P&J.

Solar Panels Grant Approved by PNM

Thanks to the generosity of the PNM Resource Foundation's Reduce Your Use fund, the Peace Center was approved for a grant to put up another kilowatt of photo voltaic panels. The Peace Center already has seven panels on our roof; the additional panels will further reduce our electric bills. The Peace Center's mission includes environmental sustainability and this project is yet another step in our building's sustainability retrofit project. The money will be used to purchase the panels, other materials and supplies; the labor of the installation is being donated by a teacher who will install the system with an all female student crew in May 2015. Stay tuned! For more info on PNM's Reduce Your Use program, go to pnm.com/reduceyouruse.

P&J Fiscally Sponsors Grassroots Jerusalem

Grassroots Jerusalem (GJ) is an organization located in Sheikh Jarrah that has partnerships with over 70 community-based organizations from 38 Palestinian communities in Jerusalem. GJ is a grassroots network representing community voices that disobey, oppose and resist the occupation. This five-year-old nonprofit was founded by Micha Kurz who spent three years in Taos, NM. GJ has a community center and workspace for Palestinians to organize, meet and freely discuss daily challenges and realities. It also hosts a legal clinic for residents of Jerusalem to obtain legal assistance, information about their rights, and participate in human rights workshops. For more info about Grassroots Jerusalem, check out their website at grassrootsalquds.net.

New Peace Hall Art Exhibit Features Works by Stephanie Galloway

Some of Stephanie Galloway's earliest memories revolve around walks down Canyon Road in Santa Fe with her parents. Canyon Road etched a deep appreciation for contemporary art into her psyche. As the child of parents who are artists, Stephanie always found it natural to experiment with and create images. The power of her experiences has a large influence on her art and her love for art. She has a passion for painting and making music and one of the biggest highlights of the creative process for her is sharing her creations with others. She has also been writing poetry since she was a child and still loves to explore the magic in words and their power to touch others deeply. She taught art to children as the Children’s Zone Leader of the Rail Yards Market and is the founder of Free Art Friday Albuquerque.

Reception will be held on Friday, Feb. 6 from 5-6:30pm in the Peace Hall. Light refreshments and live music. Exhibit runs through March 15th. For more info, call Art Exhibit Coordinator Bill Orzen 319-6955.
Noticias continued...

Gaza Sister City Project & Aid Appeal
By Jeff Haas

In July 2014, Israel attacked Gaza, with the 1.8 million people living there trapped in a virtual outdoor prison. Israel used U.S.-financed and supplied military hardware of every kind. Over 2,100 Palestinians were killed and over 100,000 were made homeless with the massive bombings of Palestinian homes. UN schools, mosques, hospitals, and civilians were targeted as well as the generating station and water treatment plant. Israel also destroyed the tunnels, which were the lifelines of subsistence support to the people of Gaza and which Egypt had allowed and actually taxed for over a decade.

Gazans are left without warm clothes, blankets, electricity, drinking water or adequate shelter to withstand a brutal freezing rain and snow storm, which has flooded Gaza this January. Three infants have frozen to death and thousands remain sheltered in UN schools without adequate drinking water or sanitation.

Santa Feans for Justice in Palestine/Israel, with support from Jewish Voice for Peace ABQ, the Peace and Justice Center, Friends of Sabeel ABQ and other groups is forming a people’s city project with Khuza’a, a village which suffered massive destruction in the Israeli attack. Together we are asking New Mexicans to make contributions to the Middle East Children’s Alliance, designated for Khuza’a, to help Gazans survive. We are also working to expose and stop US support for the cruel, inhuman, UN-condemned Israel blockade. Join us! Contact Jeff Haas at (505)469-0714.

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to MECA, 1101 8th St. #100, Berkeley, CA, 94710, or donate online at www.mecaforpeace.org.

Border Immersion Experience: A Student's Perspective
By Julez Bilowich, Peace Studies student

The U.S.-Mexican border is only four hours from Albuquerque, but it’s another world. In November, the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice sponsored a research delegation to learn about the crisis in our own back yard. With the trip split between El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico, we saw that both sides of the border are painful and beautiful in their own way.

A Catholic nun, an emergency room nurse, a UNM student and four more participants met with community members in Juarez. A pro-bono doctor tells of the body they found and of the school whose teachers were held at gunpoint. Still, Dr. Mendoza operates a 3-room dental and primary care clinic, serving over 2,000 patients annually for only $2 per person. Nearby, a one-room community library fills with hundreds of patrons every week, showing the resiliency of the human spirit to continue learning and living.

In a neighborhood only recently safe to visit, we met with a cooperative of women sewing clothing together to sell, many of them earning independent income for the first time. All of them experienced abuse, yet none are victims; all are survivors.

Back in the U.S., we met with border patrol agents, refuge house aides, and immigration lawyers to learn about El Paso’s response to this very human crisis. As the community rallies to find shelter and legal aid for the influx of immigration, many in the U.S. still talk of a drain on the economy and of food stamp abuse. The disconnect between U.S. fear and actual immigrant suffering—and survival—is jarring.

Witness the pain and the beauty of the border for yourself by joining the Faith Coalition or the UNM Peace Studies Program’s 2015 alternative spring break trip to the border. Visit the info session Feb. 12th, 1-2pm at SUB Acoma A&B, for the Peace Studies Program Border Immersion trip scheduled for May 10-14. For more info, contact UNM Peace Studies interns: Georgia at 400-2788, gwe505@gmail.com or Julez at (419) 569-7173, j.bilowich@gmail.com. Special thanks to Sue Schuurman and Kathleen O’Malley for your support!

Photo to right: Rita Erickson, Iris Keltz, John Ellig, Renee Wolters, Sonia Dickey and Susan Schuurman with the P&J banner in the MLK parade.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.org NM 255-1222
ABQ Friends House (Quakers) 843-6450
ABQ Grandmothers Council caitemaya@yahoo.com
ABQ Hours Exchange 610-0823
ABQ Mennonite Church 254-1824
ABQ N.O.W. NOW.ABQNM@gmail.com
ABQ Raging Grannies 228-6075
ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 344-6688
Aquas Vida Action Team 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 268-2488
Bookworks 344-8139
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping 319-1117
Caring Economy Campaign, ABQ 573-6526
Casa Clara Community 266-3331
Center for Global Awareness info@global-awareness.org
Central New Mexico Move to Amend 450-1268
CitizenAction 262-1862
CitizenClimate Lobby 604-8247
Civilian Medical Resources Network (505) 750-2221
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 Sabeal Albuquerque 828-0546
Gray Panthers of Greater Alb. 266-8823
Guild Cinema 255-1848
Humanist Society of New Mexico 344-6102
Jewish Voice for Peace—ABQ lhrudolph@gmail.com
Leisa Richards Family Law Office 242-2835
L@s Otr@s 365-3670
Light Mission Pentecostal Church 203-4721
Media Literacy Project 828-3129
Nahi-Zaai/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
Project Peacepal 255-2042
Quote Unquote Media Center 417-9178
SokaGakkai 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 LGBTQA 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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$40 Basic $60 PAJOLA Basic Supporting
$15 Student/Low-Income $120 PAJOLA Advocate Supporting
$50 Supporter includes one free monthly use
$100 Advocate of the Peace Hall
$500 Life

Please send my monthly newsletter via: email _____ snail mail_______

Would you be interested in volunteering with us?_____________________
What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?_____________________

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

ACPJ is a 501(c)3 organization, and your donation, above the cost of membership, is fully tax-deductible.
In Memoriam: Helayne Abrams
By Mark Rudd

After a decade of marching and protesting the Vietnam War, Helayne turned her energies in the late 1970s to organizing opposition to first WIPP, the nuclear waste dump in Carlsbad, and then to uranium mining in Grants. She was a founder of the Mt. Taylor Alliance and helped mold it into a coalition of Native Americans, Chicanos, and Anglos opposed to all the stages of the nuclear fuel cycle in New Mexico. Through this anti-nuclear struggle, in the early eighties she became involved in support work for Navajos at Big Mountain, AZ, who were facing relocation due to the Hopi-Navajo land dispute, which was a proxy war around coal mining. She helped found Educators for Social Responsibility as a response to the insane nuclear arms race. She was active in Cuba solidarity work and also solidarity for the people of Central America when the U.S. attacked in the ‘80s.

In the course of all this work, Helayne found time to join the Board of the ACPJ, serving in various fund-raising and educational capacities. During her tenure on the board, the Center expanded enormously, relocating from a tiny storefront tucked away on Silver SE to a large and prominent rental space at 144 Harvard SE. Helayne passed away Dec. 15, 2014 in Seattle, WA, at the age of 77. She will be missed by many of her friends at the Peace Center.

Donations in her name can be made to the ABQ Center for Peace and Justice and the ABQ Preschool Scholarship Fund, two organizations close to her heart.