You Are Cordially Invited to the

P&J Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 21st
11am - 1pm
at the Peace Center
202 Harvard SE

11am
A light lunch provided by
Olympia Cafe

11:30am Program
Meet new Administrative Coordinator Bob Allen
Highlights from past year by Sue Schuurman
Financial Report by Treasurer John Ellig
Affirm incoming Coordinating Council members:
Halima Christy, LeMoyne Castle, Janice Devereaux, Samia Assed, Charles Klinhenn

Guest Speakers:
Ilse Biel, ABQJustice, on community organizing around police brutality and homelessness

Sally McMillan, United Nations Assn, on the torture report and the P&J resolution

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
People Before Profit Film Series weekly, 7pm, UNM SUB 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.abqhours.org.
ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm, Call for location. 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 Group 1st Wednesday, 3pm @ SRCI, 242-5511.
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 6pm meeting. All are invited.
Amnesty International Local Group 101 4th Wednesday, 6:45pm -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, 1-3pm -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, 977-4661.
Tulane St. Peace Rally Weekly, Noon-1:30pm at Central & Tulane, 898-4544.
ABQ Hours Exchange 1st Saturday, 1-3pm, 610-0823
Humanist Society of NM 2nd Saturday, 10am-noon, 344-6102
Central NM Move to Amend 3rd Sat., 11am-1pm, 450-1268
Dialogue Group 3rd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 243-6174.
Economic Reform Advocacy Group 3rd Sat., 10:30am-2:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, Carlisle/Comanche, 323-0364.
ABQ Grandmothers Council 4th Saturday, 11am-1:30pm, caitemaya@yahoo.com

Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. Contact: 266-8823.
Peña Cultural / Coffee House Monthly, 7-10pm, Bandido Hideout, 2128 Central SE, 385-3670.

SUNDAYS
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-noon.
Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm, 440-6688.
Light Mission Pentecostal Church Weekly 1-4pm 203-4721.
(un)Occupy ABQ Weekly, 1pm at Yale Park, unoccupyabq@gmail.com, www.unoccupyabq.org.

ActionNM: Mid-Session Update
By Julez Bilowich, UNM Peace Studies Program
We all care about social justice and speak out for our individual causes. It’s time to work together for greater impact: The community action network ActionNM unites our diverse voices for positive change.
Longtime activist Mandy Pino and the ActionNM steering committee founded the community action network to collect pledges for action during the legislative session. Last year’s ~80 pledges grew to over 200 this session! Each week, individuals receive “Action Alerts” with updates on social justice-forward bills at our State Capitol.
The nature of the legislative session is fluid and unpredictable; with up-to-date information regarding the current committee and hearing date for each bill, these alerts are a great way to find out which Legislators to contact and what to say to push for peace and justice in our community. In line with ActionNM’s social justice platform, Action Alerts so far have covered:
- Educational Justice, such as opposing the controversial Third Grade Retention Act, a House Bill holding back students back in the 3rd grade based on test scores (HB 41);
- Good Governance, such as supporting the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, a House Bill encouraging fair and open campaigning and elections (HB 278),
- Economic Justice, such as supporting the Loan Interest Rates Caps Act, a Senate Bill requiring a protective caps on loan interest rates as opposed to the inhumane rates currently imposed (SB 72),
- and many more! Looking forward, ActionNM will keep the community informed about actions like opposing the New Mexico Right to Work (for Less) legislation, introduced as the Employee Preference Act (HB 75), as well as actions affecting Women’s Equality, Youth Empowerment, and Environmental Justice. Finally, ActionNM will send alerts urging support for the Create Office of Peacebuilding Act (SB 294) sponsored by Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino, which would establish a department geared toward building peace—it’s about time!
**Calendar of Special Events**

Sunday, Mar. 1, 11am

**ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (AUUF)**
welcomes Ohio veterinarian John Cicmanec to speak on Beekeeping at the Peace Center. 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, March 2

**Albuquerque NOW** is organizing a day trip to Santa Fe for International Women’s Day. Leave downtown ABQ via Railrunner ($7) at 9:30am to mingle with activists, sponsors and speakers; potential meet-and-greet with legislators. Program at Roundhouse 2-3pm, return by 6pm. More info: see Noticias (pg. 7) and visit facebook.com/NmWomensEqualityDay. Register: jibilowich@gmail.com or (419) 569-7173.

Monday, March 2, 7-9pm

**International Women’s Day Celebration** with panel of speakers, entertainment and refreshments, sponsored by UNM Peace Studies and Oxfam NM. At UNM SUB, Acoma A&B. Info: facebook.com/oxfamactioncorps.

Monday, Mar. 2, 7pm

**People Before Profit Film Series: Budrus** (USA 2009).
A Palestinian leader unites Hamas, Fatah and Israelis to save his village from destruction. Free to the public, Peace Studies film class at UNM SUB Theater. Info: 306-0906, peace@unm.edu

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 6-8pm

NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice et al present Jorge Armando Lopez Pocol, director of the **Chico Mendes Reforestation Project** - hear about Guatemalan sustainability work, indigenous survival, and grassroots activism at ABQ Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard NE. Info: joan@nmipl.org, ChicoMendes.webs.com.

Wednesday, Mar. 4, noon-1:30pm

**Chico Mendes Reforestation Project** Tour, 2nd ABQ date – same as above, at ABQ Vipassana Center, 200 Rosemont NW. Co-sponsors: ACP&J, NM Interfaith Power and Light, Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice and ABQ Vipassana Center. Contact: joan@nmipl.org.

Thursday, Mar. 5, 2-3pm

**Police Violence & Social Control** lecture series:
“Pattern of Police Violence in ABQ” featuring Sam Costales, former APD officer at UNM SUB 3rd Fl. Info: dcorreia@unm.edu

Thursday, Mar. 5, 6pm

ABQJustice hosts a **Public Forum on Homelessness** at the P&J discussing sustainable, long-term solutions to our city’s homeless issues, at the Peace Center. More info: ABQJustice on Facebook, also see Back Page.

Friday, Mar. 6

Deadline for applications to **Ampersand Internships**
May 22-July 17. Learn by living sustainable systems. Scholarships, retreats, and residencies at ampersand-project.org

Saturday, Mar. 7, 6pm

**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Loretta Napoleoni: “The ISIS Crisis” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Mar. 7, 6-8:30pm

Fundraiser for **NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice**—an evening of local poets (inc. Margaret Randall, Demetria Martinez), music, friendship and generosity, at The Kosmos, 1715 5th St. NW, donations welcome. Contact: tiska@unm.edu.

Sunday, Mar. 8, 3-5pm

**International Women’s Day Celebration** at American Postal Workers Union, 401 Kinley Ave. NE. Silent auction, refreshments will be served. For more info contact Eleanor, 401-4732.

Sunday, Mar. 8, 11am

**AUUF** welcomes Catherine Dowling, speaking on “Awareness, Social Justice, Self Care” at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Saturday, Mar. 14, 1-4pm

ABQJustice hosts a **Peoples’ Tribunal** on the anniversary of James Boyd’s killing by APD. Free & open to the public, at 217 Kinley Ave NW. More info: ABQJustice on facebook, also see Back Page.

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2pm

Abq. Chapter UNA/Soka Gakki Int’l honor winners of the **Victory Over Violence Essay Contest** at the P&J. Winners will read their essays, and prizes will be awarded. All are invited, refreshments will be served.

Saturday, Mar. 14, 6pm

**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Reese Erlich: “Cuba & the U.S.: A New Beginning” on KUNM 89.9FM, or kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.
Sunday, Mar. 15, 11am  
**AUUF** view and discuss *Blue Collar and Buddha* pt. 2 at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Monday, Mar. 16, 7pm  
**People Before Profit Film Series:** *Salt of this Sea* (France, 2008) A Brooklyn-born Palestinian woman returns to claim her grandfather’s fortune. Free to the public, Study Peace film class at UNM SUB Theater. Info: 306-0906, peace@unm.edu.

Thursday, Mar. 19, 2-3pm  
**Police Violence & Social Control** lecture series: “Victims of APD Violence” featuring two fathers of the slain, at UNM SUB 3rd Fl. Info: dcorreia@unm.edu

Thursday, Mar. 19, 6-8pm  
**David Barsamian**, founder/director of Alternative Radio, speaks on “The Rise of Drone Warfare: What it means for us and the rest of the world!” at the Peace Center. Admission is free, donations accepted. Info: Stop the War Machine, 858-0882

Thursday, Mar. 19, 6pm  
Contra Santolina Working Group hosts **Santolina Community Forum** at the South Valley Multipurpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Rd. SW. Prep for the Bernalillo Cty. Commission Hearing on the Santolina Master Plan set for March 26, at 1:30pm. Info: Contrasantolina on facebook or contrasantolina.wordpress.com

Saturday, Mar. 21, 6pm  
**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Avi Chomsky: “Immigration & the New Illegality” on KUNM 89.9FM, or kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Mar. 21, 11am-1pm  
**The Peace Center’s Annual Membership Meeting!** Speakers, light lunch, and music in the P&J Peace Hall. Info/RSVP: abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com or 268-9557, also see Cover Page

Saturday, Mar. 21, 1-3pm  
Veteran activist **Allen Cooper** shares vintage political posters from his recently-archived collection along with stories from their historical context at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE, $5 suggested donation. Q&A follows, with Allen accompanied by fellow veteran activist Bob Anderson, and hosted by David Cooper. More info: www.guildcinema.com.

Sunday, Mar. 22, 11am  
**AUUF** view and discuss *Native America: Voices from the Land* at the P&J. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org

Mar. 26, 2-3pm  

Saturday, Mar. 28, 11am-1pm  
**ABQ Grandmothers Council** meeting; a potluck followed by formal Native American-style Council using a “talking stick.” The first half hour is to meet and greet, with everyone seated by 11:30am. Contact: Caite, caitemaya@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Mar. 28, 6pm  
**Alternative Radio** presents a lecture by Richard Wolff: “21st Century Capitalism” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Saturday, Mar. 28, 10:30am-3pm  
**Cesar Chavez Day March & Rally** begins and ends at National Hispanic Cultural Center, 4th St. & Bridge Blvd. SW. Info: www.cesarchaveznm.org or 256-7647. Call 268-9557 if you can help P&J table on the plaza, see Noticias for more.

Sunday, Mar. 29, 11am  
**AUUF** welcomes Mandy Pino, with a New Mexico Legislative Report at the Peace Center. Info: 440-6688, abquuf.org.

**Save the Date:**  
Fri.-Sat. April 10-11:  
**Breaking Bueno: a Resilient ABQ - Transition Training** Reduce oil and gas dependency, create resilient, self-sufficient communities. $150 for two days of workshops, lunches and materials at The 1st Unitarian Church of ABQ, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE. Info/Registration: www.TransitionABQ.org. More info: MaggieSeeley44@gmail.com or cmjaunak@gmail.com
Noticias

Small Offices for Rent at P&J
There are two offices for rent at the Peace Center available immediately. This conveniently located office space near UNM and inside the P&J could be a great opportunity for a PAJOLA group to grow and get organized to the next level. The rent is affordable at $250 per month for each office. 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 either office, stop by between Monday-Friday, 9am to 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.

Coordinating Council Candidate Bios

Charles Klinhenn: most call me “Charlie.” This is to inform the Peace and Justice membership that I would like to join as I feel I may be able to help. To me it is an honor. I have been helping out at the Peace Cafe on Thursdays and the food distribution on Saturday mornings as well as behind the front desk whenever needed. You know, it’s been a long time since I’ve had the pleasure of being around so many “real” people at one time.

Janice Devereaux: I have been involved in community groups and organizations for the past fifteen years with a particular focus on social justice issues. I have been an out transgender activist for the last ten years. Some of my current community work includes sitting on the board for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and also an equine assisted therapy facility. The majority of my educational background is in the field of Social Work. My experience with the Democratic Party has solidified my commitment to cause of keeping money out of politics and being an advocate for those without voices. During my brief time at the Peace and Justice Center, I have met many inspiring people who have a fire in the belly for social justice. I hope that the Peace Center can continue to be an incubation place for social justice projects during these turbulent times we live in.

No More Deaths “Alternative Spring Break”
No More Deaths is an organization committed to ending death and suffering of migrants in the Mexico-U.S. borderlands. As part of NMD’s “Alternative Spring Break 2015,” this 3rd week of March Renee Wolters and Cecilia Chavez (as their own super-grassroots effort “Para los Niños” Fundraisers) will experience being part of “Camp Byrd” located 14 miles north of the political border of Mexico/U.S. in Arizona.

You are invited to donate some needed items: hats, socks, handkerchiefs, backpacks, and medical supplies (moleskin, gauze, and disinfectant) to assist the migrant travelers coming from southern lands through the desert. Please bring your contributions to the Peace Center by Wednesday, March 12.

This is being made possible in part by a grant by the Lee Sims Activist Fund, established in 2014 at the Peace Center. As usual, Renee & Cecilia will be sharing their experiences at a presentation in the near future. In the meantime, you are invited to take a look at NoMoreDeaths.org. For more info on this R & C new adventure or about “Para los Niños” Fundraisers, you can call Renee at 504-0463 or email Cecilia.chavez.beltran@gmail.com.

Peace Center Volunteers Needed
• For Peace Center info table at the 22nd Annual Cesar Chavez Day Festival on Saturday, March 28, from 11:30am - 3:30pm at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Plaza. Also, someone to help carry the banner in the march at 10:30am.
• For Youth Outreach at the UNM Student Union Building during the lunch hour, twice monthly until May.
Please email Bob Allen, Admin Coordinator at rallen@abqpeaceandjustice.org or call him at 268-9775 if interested.

Need Help Fixing Your Computer?
Call Joal Galvan at (505) 267-1834 or email him via joaluno@hotmail.com. Se habla Español, Mac, and PC. Many thanks to Joal for recently donating his help with the Peace Center computer.

Please Drop Off Donations of Toiletries
by Katie Sartor, Peace Cafe volunteer
The Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice will be accepting donations of toiletries to be held for distribution to people in need around our local area. Donations can be dropped off with the front desk volunteer during regular hours. Please contribute to this project by bringing by essential items for hygiene and health, such as: toothbrushes and toothpaste, tissues/toilet paper, soap or hand sanitizer, shampoo and conditioner, sunscreen, chapstick, lotion, pads and tampons, and deodorant. Thank you for contributing to this project that aims to restore the confidence, comfort, and dignity of those who have been living without these basic items. For more info, call the P&J.
Noticias continued…

Peace Center Project against Torture
By Sally McMillan

Following the release of the Senate Intelligence Committee Report on the CIA Detention and Interrogation Program, Eugene Duran of our Administrative Committee asked the Peace Center to make a statement against the use of torture by the U.S. A committee consisting of Eugene, Tom Dent, Mary Pat Day, Mona Durgin, Sally McMillan and, ex officio, Sue Schuurman was set up to look into this suggestion. With input from Sue and Eugene, Sally wrote a Resolution Against Torture, which was approved by the committee. It was then brought to the Coordinating Council meeting of Feb. 11.

The Council approved the committee’s request to adopt this as a Peace Center project. Further work on circulating this resolution for signatures was approved. Work has begun on the circulation of the resolution and signature pages, and over 100 signatures have already been obtained. This is a good start for further action. The committee is looking into additional ways to attract widespread support and they are hopeful that members of the Peace Center will join in. Copies of the resolution and signature pages are available in the P&J for anyone willing to sign or to help circulate. Group endorsements are being collected as well as individual signatures. Let’s see if we can make this project a real agent for change.

The resolution, as an expression of concern and outrage at the crimes being committed in our name, is based upon the UN Convention Against Torture and the Geneva Conventions, both of which the U.S. is signatory to, and form the law of our land. It calls on our government to ensure that these kinds of illegal and immoral acts, which go against values that we claim as a nation, will not be repeated ever against anyone. It also calls on our government to strongly condemn these acts, to hold those responsible accountable, and to make amends where possible to people who have been subject to them. Info: 293-9693.

Students visit Peace Center

On Wednesday, February 11, 24 tenth-grade students from Aldo Leopold High School, a charter school in Silver City, came by the Peace Center for the afternoon. They were in Albuquerque for the week and wanted to learn about the Peace Center and the work we do. Their school is based on an experiential learning model. They told me they do a lot of community service projects around Silver City and even went on a 4-day wilderness camping trip to learn about ecology and nature. They were interested in learning more about police violence issues they had heard about in the news and environmental issues; Ilse Biel who works with ABQ Justice came and spoke to them about the Albuquerque police and the homeless encampment and Jim McKenzie, spoke with them about 350.org and global warming. They were really engaging kids and had lots of great questions for Ilse and Jim. It was very inspiring to meet involved and engaged youth who are really concerned about the world. They promised to come back to visit again.

A Disturbing Anniversary: WIPP Explosion One Year Later
By Janet Greenwald, for CARD

It has been a year since the accident at WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, near Carlsbad NM) released radionuclides into the air and contaminated 22 workers (Feb. 14, 2014). Since then workers have gone back to work shoring up the salt mines with 18-foot-long roof bolts and videotaping the room where a drum exploded. However, instead of work boots, jeans and hard hats the workers are indistinguishable from Ebola workers with their own oxygen supply and complete cover suits tucked into special gloves and boots.

No one in authority has offered a definitive answer as to why the accident happened in the first place. We know that there were numerous mistakes and violations of Los Alamos and WIPP’s permit but an explosion has not been duplicated.

For all of our sakes, we need an independent investigation of what happened: what was the cause of the accident? Can the underground be decontaminated? Can we provide a safe work environment for the workers and assurance to the surrounding communities that they will not be endangered by another accident? A year later we have more questions than answers. For more info on how to get involved, email contactus@cardnm.org.

Larry Foster, Andrew Thomas, Amanda Blackhorse, and Lenny Foster spoke at perhaps the largest gathering of supporters of Leonard Peltier in recent years, with an unofficial count of 125 guests in the P&J’s Peace Hall for the “International Day of Solidarity with Leonard Peltier and Political Prisoners” on February 6. Supporters are urged to call the White House at (202) 456-1111 at every opportunity and ask that the President “Free Leonard Peltier.”

Photo by Peter Clark.
Come hear why the time for ERA is NOW!
March 2nd, 2pm-3pm in Santa Fe

Much work is still going on nationally and in NM to have women’s rights (which are human rights) written into our U.S. Constitution. Laws, judicial decisions and executive acts help to ensure that women’s innate and inalienable rights are protected. However, all these are temporary remedies as they may be overturned, repealed, ignored and chipped away whenever a group of legislators decides women’s rights are politically expedient and expendable.

Only a Constitutional amendment that explicitly states that women are entitled to “Equal justice under law” will guarantee that laws discriminating against women on the basis of sex will receive the strictest level of judicial scrutiny by the Supreme Court. That is the same level of scrutiny that is already accorded to cases of discrimination based on race, religion and national origin.

The Equal Rights Amendment is as relevant now as it was when first written 92 years ago by Alice Paul because women’s rights are constantly under attack. Only a Constitutional amendment will guarantee women equal justice under law. Join us at the NM State Capitol Rotunda in Santa Fe, March 2nd, 2-3pm!

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ABQ Justice Events on Homelessness/Police Violence
ABQ Justice is presenting a Public Forum on longer-term, sustainable solutions to the homelessness crisis in Albuquerque on March 5 at 6pm in the Peace Hall. The police killing of Abba (James) Boyd, and then Tent City—later Camp Faith—has brought the plight of the homeless into the public eye and energized the activist community of Albuquerque. However, it has been almost a year since Boyd was killed by APD, and Tent City was never the only such concentration of homeless people within the city. The City of ABQ has yet to provide anything but the barest of Band-Aids. ABQ Justice members have been working with the residents of Tent City, which is now dispersed, since October last year. We feel we can no longer wait on the city leaders, and this forum is intended to brainstorm together as a community on substantive solutions. As the forum is focused on working towards a positive outcome, it is not a platform for people who want to simply criticize the homeless.

ABQ Justice is also convening a People’s Tribunal on March 14 from 1-4pm at 217 Kinley Ave NW. The Tribunal is in memory of the first anniversary of Abba Boyd’s killing by APD. It is free and open to the public. While the DOJ Report identified a pattern of “use of excessive force, including deadly force” within APD, it did not acknowledge the experiences of all marginalized groups. This Tribunal will be an attempt to highlight the problem areas excluded from the Report and to include some of the silenced voices in order to present a more holistic perspective on this recurrent problem. Members of ABQ Justice and ANSWER have been collecting testimonials from people on the street, people who are generally excluded from publicity platforms, but who have first-hand experience with APD. These testimonies, along with those from expert witnesses, will be presented to a diverse panel drawn from the mental health, LGBTQ, care for the homeless, media, youth, and other pertinent sectors. A People’s Report will be presented at the Tribunal. This Report will be a living document and we will continue to add to it as a more equitable representation of the people of Albuquerque.

For more info and updates, email ABQJustice@yahoo.com or visit our FaceBook page.