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The Power of your vote: Why every ballot counts

The June primary is just around the corner. In fact, early voting process begins on May 7. Please access Doña Ana County elections via: DonaAna-CountyElections.com/election-information/ for detailed information on the June 4 primary election as well as the Nov. 5 general election.

In the grand theater of democracy. voting is a cornerstone. It's the most direct and effective form of individual influence that citizens have over their government and the policies that govern their daily lives. The importance of voting in elections cannot be overstated, and here's why: A voice for the voiceless voting is the great equalizer. Regardless of wealth, social status or education, every eligible voter's ballot carries the same weight. This means that voting is one of the key ways in which all citizens can speak, be heard and contribute to the national dialogue.

Shaping the future

Elections determine our collective future. They decide critical issues

such as healthcare, education and environmental policy. By voting, citizens have a say in shaping the policies that will affect future generations. Voting is a powerful tool for holding



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elected officials accountable. Leaders are more likely to serve the interests of their constituents when they know that voters are watching and will hold them accountable at the polls.

Promoting a healthy democracy

Participation in elections is a measure of a healthy democracy. High voter turnout is a sign that a nation's citizens are engaged and believe in the power of their votes to make a difference. The ripple effect is when individuals vote, they are more likely to encourage friends and family to engage in the political process, creating a ripple effect that strengthens

the democratic fabric of society.

The act of casting a ballot is a declaration of hope, a testament to the belief in the power of democracy. It's a personal statement that says, "I care about the future and choose to stand up and be counted." So, when the time comes to mark your ballot, remember that your vote is more than just a choice — it's a declaration of your commitment to yourself, your community and the principles upon which your country was built.

As each and every election comes around, I remember vividly my dad taking me to register to vote in the fall of 1973. Beginning that November, the tradition began as we would go vote together: my dad, mom and me. My dad, a World War II Army veteran, believed voting was not only a right, but a privilege. Voting to him was sacred and an heartfelt reflection of citizenship.

Remember, every vote counts, and your participation is crucial in shaping the world you want to live in. So, make your voice heard — vote!



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce held their inaugural Eggs & Conversation on Friday, April 12 featuring a one-on-one in depth conversation with Dr. Michael Law.

Leadership Las Cruces

On March 15, 2024, Leadership Class 31 embarked on its sixth group day. We were fortunate to learn about many helpful offerings within Las Cruces relating to health and human services.

We began the day at Workspace 141 with a thoughtprovoking conversation led by Debbi Moore regarding strategies of handling employee management as an effective leader.

Shortly thereafter, we began another wonderful conversation with panelists Dr. Michael Woods, assistant dean of preclinical education and professor of pathology at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medi-

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NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

WE LOVE **OUR MEMBER INVESTORS**

Say hello to our new & renewing members for April 2024. Take a few minutes to visit or call these wonderful businesses.

NEW INVESTORS

Las Cruces Lights LLC 7117 Meridian St Las Cruces, NM 88012 575-915-9135 LasCrucesLights.com Anniversary Date: 4/1/2024

NextEra Energy Resources 7349 Highway 26 Hatch, NM 87937 561-691-7010 NextEraEnergyResources.com Anniversary Date: 4/1/2024

Satori Wellness 1900 S. Telshor Blvd Suite C Las Cruces, NM 88011 575-652-1133 SatoriWholeBodyWellnessInc.com Anniversary Date: 4/1/2024

SmarTech Solutions by Mr. Phone Doctor 609 E Amador Suite F101 Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-202-2678 Smartech.mrphonedoctor.com Anniversary Date: 3/1/2024

RENEWING MEMBERS

Billy the Kid 2385 Calle de Guadalupa Mesilla, NM 88046 575-523-5562 mesilla.com Anniversary Date: 3/15/2010

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine 3501 Årrowhead Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88001-6056 575-674-2266 bcomnm.org Anniversary Date: 2/5/2016

Cornerstone Christian Academy 5301 Cortez Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88012-7150 575-532-0902 cornerstn.org Anniversary Date: 2/21/2013

Crown Building Maintenance, Inc. 801 E. Las Cruces Ave Las Cruces, NM 88001-2875 575-523-8729 nmcrown.com/ Anniversary Date: 3/29/2000

Delta Dental of New Mexico 100 Sun Ave Ne Ste 400 Albuquerque, NM 87109

505-218-2801 deltadentalnm.com/ Anniversary Date: 4/12/1999

Edward Jones - Bruce Ball 3880 Foothills Rd. Ste 2 Las Cruces, NM 88011-5143 575-522-5583 edwardjones.com/bruce-ball Anniversary Date: 2/1/2022

EnrichTheKids, Inc. 2704 Sandigale Drive Las Cruces, NM 88011-4546 575-571-7734 enrichthekids.org Anniversary Date: 5/4/2010

Getz Funeral Home 1410 E. Bowman Las Cruces, NM 88001-3001 575-526-2419 getzcares.com Anniversary Date: 5/1/2019

Haciendas at Grace Village 2802 Corte Dios Las Cruces, NM 88011-8140 575-524-1020 gracevillageLC.com Anniversary Date: 6/8/2012

Home Instead Senior Care 605 N Water Street Las Cruces, NM 88001-1225 575-522-7133 homeinstead.com/138 Anniversary Date: 10/1/1996

Las Cruces, NM 88012-8018 575-642-5963 ignitenow.net Anniversary Date: 4/1/2021

Junior League of Las Cruces PO Box 342 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0342 918-884-8691 illc.org/ Anniversary Date: 2/1/2021

La Mesa Lions Club PO Box 7 La Mesa, NM 88044-0007 575-649-1852 Anniversary Date: 5/1/2023

La Pinon Sexual Assault and Recovery Services 850 N Motel Blvd Suite B Las Cruces, NM 88007-8159 575-526-3437 lapinon.org/ Anniversary Date: 3/14/2008

Legacy Pecans, LLC 2355 Calle de Guadalupe Mesilla, NM 88046

575-527-9129 legacypecans.com/ Anniversary Date: 2/9/2015

Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant - Pan Am 1753 E. University Las Cruces, NM 88001-5780 575-521-3505 lorenzositalian.com/ Anniversary Date: 4/13/2011

NAI 1st Valley 1155 S. Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011-1009 575-521-1535 1stvalley.com Anniversary Date: 4/11/2001

Navy Federal Credit Union 143 Rock Island Ave White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002 575-323-6565 navyfederal.org/branchesatms/locations/usa/nm/wsmr/ Anniversary Date: 2/1/2022

Planet Development Design/Build 2380 Sun Valley Lane Las Cruces, NM 88007-5569 575-526-4321 planetdevelopmentcompany.com Anniversary Date: 9/29/2003

South Central Regional **Transit District** 300 W. Lohman Avenue Suite 115 Las Cruces, NM 88001-3666 575-323-1620 scrtd.org Anniversary Date: 2/1/2019

Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts 108 Spencer Rd. Alto, NM 88312-9559

575-336-4800 x114 spencertheater.com Ånniversary Date: 3/25/2011

The Emerald Isle Boutique 1701 Calle de Mercado #2 Las Cruces, NM 88005-8222 575-525-9177 eiboutique.com Anniversary Date: 4/26/2017

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico 150 E Lohman Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-646-2527 thebridgeofsnm.org Anniversary Date: 1/24/2011

Wienerschnitzel - El Paseo 1028 El Paseo Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88001-6030 575-524-7471 Anniversary Date: 5/9/2011



FUTURE EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-7:30-9:00am

Eggs & Conversations with Mayor Eric Enriquez Las Cruces Convention Center

May 16 - 11:15am-1:15pm In The Know Luncheon: Election 2024 Candidate Forum

3rd Judicial DA Candidates NM Farm & Ranch

May 23 - 5:30-7:00pm

Business After Hours Mesilla Valley Pharmacy 4119 White Sage Arc,

Jul 9 - 8:00am

Chamber University: **Maximizing Your Investment Chamber Boardroom**

June 7 - AM & PM Flights **Golf Classic**

"Business on the Green" **Red Hawk Golf Course**

Aug 2 - 6:00pm

Healthcare Awards NM Farm & Ranch

Nominations due Fri, May 31

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR CHAIR

The Ambassadors have had a very busy schedule these last few months with numerous ribbon cuttings celebrating new businesses and new Chamber members. We also had our Ambassador Spring Quarterly recently, in which all ambas-



BY LYNDSAY MARTIN 2024 Ambassador Chair

sadors get together for a lunch and enjoy great conversation and updates. At the quarterly, we inducted one of our yellow peppers, Miguel Acosta. At induction, the yellow pepper finds out if they are a red pepper or green pepper, and for Miguel it was green! I would like to thank Miguel for his participation and dedication to our group.

I would also like to welcome and recognize our new yellow peppers: Diego Acosta, Brian Dabbs, Vivian Frietze, Michael Howard, Jonathan Rafferty and Maximilio Ortega. These yellow peppers have been very active within our group already and we are grateful to have them.

You may be wondering, "what is with all the colored peppers?" Well, when you join the Ambassadors, you start off as a yellow pepper. Once you have been involved and participated at our many events, we will hold an induction ceremony at our spring and fall quarterlies in which the yellow pepper will "ripen" into a green or red pepper.

We have a friendly competition between the red and green team throughout the year. The losing team will eat hot dogs at the summer quarterly while the winning team eats steaks. (Everyone ends up eating steaks.) It's mainly for bragging rights and if you ask someone what team they are on, I guarantee you, they will proudly represent their red or green team.

We have a great group of ambassadors and I am very grateful that I have the honor of being the Ambassador Chair this year. We are always happy to welcome new ambassadors into our group so if you are interested in joining us, please reach out to me for more information at lynd-say@suncapitalhotels.com.

Leadership continued

cine; Jamie Michaels, director of health and human services at Doña Ana County; Candice Truiillo. Southwest Regional WIC program manager; and Deryl Palmer, executive director of Amistad Family Services. That conversation allowed the panelists to offer their perspectives on leadership both generally and in their respective roles. It also included discussion on the progress that Las Cruces has made regarding health and human services in addition to areas that still need improvement.

Following the panel, we traveled to Memorial HealthPlex to tour their outpatient surgery center and women's diagnostics. That tour was led by Raul Gonzalez and Karen Mathews, who each did an excellent job of educating

the group on the inner workings of the facility.

Our next stop was Peter Piper Pizza for lunch. That stop provided us the opportunity to enjoy a variety of options in the lunch buffet and decompress before continuing our day. development and selfrenewal activities to inspire hope, confidence and resilience in girls and women. Program Director Kelly Koerper gave us a tour of the grounds on which the program takes place, and educated us on the positive and long-last-



After that, we bussed over to Bridle Up Hope Las Cruces. Bridle Up Hope is a program that combines equestrian training, life skills ing impact her program is making on our community.

Our last stop was MountainView Regional Medical Center, to tour the OR and maternity care department. That stop was organized by Alex Hummer and Alexia Severson, who placed us with wellversed faculty and staff to tour some of MountainView's many services. One highlight included the daVinci, a technological advancement which allows surgeons to operate on patients through their control of robotic arms.

We would like to thank all our speakers, tour leaders, and donors for making health and human services day a success. The day allowed us to gain a deeper appreciation for Las Cruces' forward progress on servicing our residents' health needs.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



On April 5, NGAGE New Mexico held a ribbon cutting with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce to launch Vamos Niños, the new children's museum bus. Southern DAC ECE Coalition Coordinator Cindy Duran and Museum Development Coordinator Kimmie Cravens held the proclamations while Executive Director Lori Martinez cut the ribbons.



Ashley Furniture, 3299 Del Rey Blvd., held a ribbon cutting on April 19 to celebrate their grand reopening. General Manager Jesus Duran held the proclamation while owner Wanda Bowman and Sales Associate Logan Bowman cut the ribbon.



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce joined together for a ribbon cutting to launch the start of the inaugural Las Cruces Pecan Festival on April 12. Vice President Sam Belletete and vendor representative Sarah Bigler held the proclamations while President Kristen Worthington and Camille Plante, CEO and founder of the the Wee Warrior Project, cut the ribbons. Also pictured are Secretary Megan Stewart and Treasurer Amber Carreras.



On April 23, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce welcomed new member LNA Interiors, 1024 S. Main St., with a ribbon cutting. Owner Lindsey Potts is joined by friends and family as she cuts the ribbon. Also pictured is Assistant Designer Leann Andrews.

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