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Change in VENUE:

See you at the Old Pecos Trail Café, September 13th at 11:30 am
(2239 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505 505-982-1943)

Handicapped access in the rear.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



'It's a Sign of the Times' by Petula Clark 1966

Dear Ladies,

Our luncheons are now a sign of the times. Everything is harder. People are on edge. We're once again donning our masks. The cost of food and other items are soaring, if you can get them at all. The Taliban are in charge in Afghanistan and under their watch 13

American service members and many Afghans were senselessly killed. As thousands of Americans try to escape, the Taliban is making speeches from the President's Palace just ahead of the 20th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on US soil. These events are all brought to us by the Biden Administration. It is a sign of the times.

As a result, we find ourselves in a slurry of bad options for our luncheon price and location. I remember two years ago when lunch went to \$25 and we all thought that was so high. We have contacted over a dozen restaurants in the downtown area, north to Buffalo Thunder and south to Old Pecos Inn. About 33% of the restaurants don't provide lunch these days because of a lack of staff. Those that gave us bids start at \$25 for the Old Pecos Inn, to \$46 at Buffalo Thunder, and \$50 at the Eldorado, etc. They cite increases in the cost of food and the difficulty in finding and keeping staff. Hence, we'll meet at the Old Pecos Inn in September.

While inflation has already hit American families hard, President Biden is pushing policies which would make this problem even worse.

According to BLS, the cost of many goods and services have increased significantly over the past year:

- Gasoline has increased 45.1 percent in the past 12 months.
- Energy 24.5 percent in the past 12 months.
- Bacon has increased 8.4 percent in the past 12 months.
- Fresh fish and seafood has increased 6.4 percent in the past 12 months.
- Fresh whole milk increased 7.5 percent in the past 12 months.
- Fresh fruits increased 8.4 percent in the past 12 months.
- Airfares increased 24.6 percent in the past 12 months.

Posted by Isabelle Morales on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021, 11:00 am [PERMALINK](#)

There are other options. We can perhaps meet at the Women's Club mid-morning and have coffee and pastries along with our speakers. Or we could meet for appetizers from 4:30-6:00pm at a similar location. We can also consider our offices at 1221 Parkway Drive which holds 20 comfortably or an adjacent property in the same business park that holds 50.

Be on the lookout (BOLO) for a survey from us to help us decide where to go next.

Your President, *Anita Statman*



Roundhouse Update

from Sharon Mottola

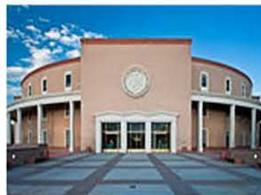
REDISTRICTING

As night follows day, redistricting follows the decennial census. The current update is now underway. This process is one of the most important ways by which our representatives are chosen. The committee is dedicated to develop district maps that allow New Mexican voters to choose their elected representatives, not the other way around.

Retired state Supreme Court Justice Edward L. Chavez leads the citizen Redistricting Committee to develop proposed changes to political district boundaries across New Mexico. Other members include: State Demographer Robert Rhatigan; Educator Joaquin Sanchez; former State Senator Lisa Curtis; Albuquerque Attorney Christopher Saucedo; former Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez; and former State Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Ryan Cangiolosi.

The committee will draw new maps for three U.S. House districts as well as the State Senate, House, and Public Education Commission which also oversees charter schools. Six public meetings, which were held both in person and on Zoom, enabled the committee to gather input from the public about where to draw the new district lines. Six more meetings will be held after the Committee has drawn its initial proposed district plan. You can access the Committee's website at www.nmredistricting.org. From there you can submit written testimony or your own districting plan and map. You can also contact Lilly Irvin-Vitela at lilly@communityconnectsconsulting.com, or call 505-234-0694 for help with the website and information about upcoming meetings. The final plan is expected to be completed by October 30, 2021.

New Mexico's current voting districts were drawn in 2012 by a state district court after former Republican Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed a plan from a Democratic-led Legislature. The court's goal was to minimize partisan leanings and keep intact communities with similar cultural, economic or geographic concerns.



We encourage you to write issue-based letters of support of our positions. We recommend that you follow the guidance on our website when writing letters. See: www.santafefrw.com/members
"How to write effective letters to Editors and Congressmen."

Caring for America / Caring for Santa Fe

from Barbara Dedmon

Bienvenidos Shelters Inc.

Thank you, gals, for your ongoing support at Bien Venidos. We have volunteered 5 different Sunday mornings and will again on Sunday, October 31. Montie Paquin is leading this effort and can be reached at 505-930-9499.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

Thank you, gals, who participated in the spring cleaning day at CARENET and helped out with the yard sale in July.

Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity – Third Quarter

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A HOUSE. We will be building a house with much assistance from the Habitat for Humanity staff on Saturday, October 2. We will start at 8:30 and may go until 3:30.

Kaleb McCain, Director of Volunteer & Family Services, will be at our September meeting and tell you more about Habitat and what chores and tasks you might find yourself doing when you come.

Please let Barbara Dedmon, who is heading up our “Caring for Santa Fe” committee, know if you will be participating. Phone/Text: 505-690-9831; Email: barbaradedmon@gmail.com

Youth Shelters and Family Services – Fourth Quarter

We can help by providing hygiene products – tampons and pads (all sizes). Also new socks, new underwear, and bras. So, let’s look for sales and start collecting. We will deliver in November so please start bringing items to the meetings.

“Man fights for liberty and wins it with hard knocks. Their children brought up easy let it slip away again, poor fools. And their grand children are once more slaves.”

D.H. Lawrence



Are you ready for the upcoming local elections in Santa Fe?

Alexis Martinez Johnson is a candidate for the 2021 mayoral race in Santa Fe where she resides with her family. She won the 2020 New Mexico Republican Primary for U.S. Congress with the support of many New Mexicans across party lines. In the general election of 2020, she garnered the most votes for a conservative candidate in the history of the seat by 28,436 votes. Her career experience includes working as an environmental engineer & consultant in areas such as hydrogeological investigations and environmental site assessments. Her love of Santa Fe and New Mexico is what keeps her steadfast and focused on results.



Alexis Martinez Johnson, Candidate for Mayor City of Santa Fe.
Alexis@alexisjohnsonnm.com

Lee Garcia for Santa Fe City Council District #3

Lee Garcia, Planning Commissioner, is running for City Council District #3. Garcia's family runs the local Garcia Tires business.

Sterling Donner for Edgewood City Council District #5



@SterlingDonnerForNM

My name is Sterling Donner & I am running for Edgewood District 5 Commissioner. I am running because I care about the future of our town. I currently live in Edgewood with my beautiful wife & two amazing kids. My focus is Growing Edgewood Together!



Key events and dates for Santa Fe County November 2, 2021 elections:

Request absentee ballot through the [NM Secretary of State](#).

Submit absentee ballot at any early voting location building by you, immediate family, or caregiver at the 8 locations listed below, that will have secured containers after the 16th.

Early Voting October 5th- 15th

Where: County Clerk's office at 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM

Expanded Voting: October 16th -30th

Where: Expanded early voting at 7 community centers, plus at the clerk's office

- Abedon Lopez Community Center
- Edgewood Administration Building
- Santa Fe County Fair Building
- Pojaque Satellite Office
- Southside Library
- Christian Life Church
- Max Coll Corridor Center
- Santa Fe County Clerk's Office at 100 Catron Street, Santa Fe, NM

Election Day November 2, 2021

Where: All 8 above locations. For more information: <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/>



41st Biennial Convention 2021

Date: October 21, 22, & 23

Location: Bodega Burger
Company Restaurant,
and Econo Lodge Motel

Socorro, New Mexico

Looking for a few good women.

We're packing our bags and going to Socorro October 21-23, 2021 for the Bi-ennial New Mexico FRW Convention.

Any FRW women can register to attend.

Go to SantaFeFRW.com/events to learn how to attend. Deadline mid September.

I'm seeking a handful of you to be a part of the Santa Fe FRW delegation and help choose the NMFRW officers for 2022 and 2023. If interested contact me at Anita.sffrw@gmail.com You will still need to register at SantaFeFRW.com/events and get a hotel room.

Election Integrity Update

Election Integrity starts with you and me. It's only when we are informed about the things that can go wrong before, during, and after an election that we feel empowered to comment on these processes. When you and I are empowered, we can explain election security and voter integrity to our friends and family.

Here are some opportunities to become empowered in our election process ahead of the November 2.

Become a Voter Registration Agent of the County Clerk

September 8th, Wednesday @ 3pm

Location TBD

Register with Faye Miller at fayebmiller@aol.com

Become a Poll Challenger and learn all about Election Integrity

September 25th, Saturday @ the Hilton Doubletree at 4048 Cerrillos Rd., 1-5pm

Register with Barbara Dedmon at barbaradedmon@aol.com

Work the phones for our Republican candidates

Get trained to make calls from the office or your home.

We give you a script and your computer makes the calls.

Calling Republicans and Independents.

Register with Sherry Morrison to help. pvtortuga@hotmail.com

Participate in cleaning the voter rolls

Contact Anita. Anita.sffrw@gmail.com

Welcome to these new members who have joined SFFRW or renewed since the last newsletter in March 2021:

Connie Kinsey, Brigitte Laing, Elaine Pinar, Jeanne Sei, Karen Lafferty, Ruth Kelly, Sandra Sellars, Dora Horn, Lee Ann Dunn, Rebecca Graham, Sharon Graham, Carrie Norris, Anise Golden Morper, Patricia Carlson, Bernadette Wiegel

Picnic Scenes

The Great American Picnic was a huge success, netting over \$8,000! Thanks to all who contributed time, raffle items, and donations!

