

GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND VISITOR'S CENTER



Chamber Voice

MISSION: *Dedicated to the Growth and Retention of Commerce
Through Committed Partnerships
Enhancing Our Quality of Life*

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January 2023

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
2023 GBCC MARDI GRAS GALA

Sponsored by US Bank

Saturday January 7, 2023
6:00pm to 11:00pm

Celebrating Our GBCC Family

Tickets \$80/Person \$150/Couple \$700/Table
Available at the Chamber Office
505-864-8091

Isleta Casino Ballroom
11000 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque
Cocktail Hour Buffet Program Dance

Semi-Formal Attire
Hotel Room Block Available until December 23, 2022
Group Number: BELO123

rhona@belenchamber.org / 505-463-5558

2023 GBCC Board of Directors

Executive Board

Andrew Spears 505-658-4809
President, Edward Jones Financial

Tina Varela 505-983-7328
1st Vice President, State Employees Credit Union

John Padoven 505-864-8081
2nd Vice President, Sachs 5th Real Estate

Holly Chavez 505-463-3621
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Immediate Past President, Haloed Solutions

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TBA
Ex-Officio, UNM-VC

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Rhona Baca Espinoza 505-864-8091
Ex-Officio, Executive Director, GBCC

GBCC Office Team

Del Plyler
Membership Specialist, Office Manager

HAPPENINGS



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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



I want to introduce myself, my name is Andrew Spears, and I am a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments in Los Lunas. I have been an advisor since 2014 when I retired from the US Army as an MSG/1SG after multiple deployments. I am passionate about being involved with the community, especially the youth. I have coached at Rio Grande High School for the last eight years. Giving back and helping is something that drives me.

I want to extend immense gratitude to the full-time staff at the Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce. Rhona and Del work tirelessly to help facilitate the board and all our requests. They are the first impression of the chamber and do an amazing job. In addition, I would like to thank the past board and John Ivey for all the work and leadership they provided during the last few trying years. As everything gets fully opened and back to normal, we, as a chamber, look forward to assisting businesses in the Belen area and expanding across Valencia County.

The 2023 Chamber Board will continue to work with the City of Belen, Valencia County, the New Mexico State Government, and all its members, ensuring they feel represented and are introduced to great opportunities. We appreciate our members' support and the sponsors that have helped us along the way; we need your support to help promote our community. The more opportunity we create to grow makes the chamber a valuable commodity to the local economy. Challenge yourself to join the room if you are not a member and help the community grow and prosper. Have an amazing 2023, and we are here for your service.

Andrew Spears

2023 GVCCC President

GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Happy New Year Dear Chamber Family!!

For many of us, 2022 was a year of great triumphs and challenges but isn't that what life is? We put our hand to the plow and don't look back. As we look forward, we know we will prevail!!!

A special thanks to outgoing GBCC Board member Frances Duran for serving on our board and representing UNM-Valencia. We appreciate her great attitude and willingness to serve. We also thank Past President John T. Ivey for taking time away from his family and job to serve on our board this past year. We realize how much a sacrifice this can be and we appreciate. We look forward to the same support with our incoming GBCC Board President Andrew Spears and our wonderful incoming Board of Directors, many of whom will be brand new to our Chamber Board.



*Rhona Baca Espinoza,
Executive Director of Greater
Valencia County Chamber of
Commerce*

Our Chamber Office hosted its Holiday Luncheon at FUMC in Belen and it was a beautiful time. We honored 1st Care of NM as our December Member of the Month. It is always one of our favorite venues for our networking luncheons. Exciting presentation was made by Ben Romero of the Valencia County Incubator!

Our January Networking After Hours was hosted by Tome Art Gallery. It was a great time as we always enjoy their beautiful gallery. Thanks to all who braved the cold weather to be there with us.

Annual Report ads are available for a \$125.00 each and the Annual Report and Directory will be a professionally published magazine through the Valencia County News-Bulletin. We will be ordering 1000 copies to be distributed. What a deal!!!

As we begin our new year, let me take this opportunity to thank you for your support past year and look forward to making new and exciting memories with you in 2023.

See you soon!!!

Blessings always!

Rhona Baca Espinoza

Executive Director, GBCC

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Visit our website at : www.belenchamber.org

505-864-8091

New Members

Fancy Face Aesthetics

Fancy Face Aesthetics has been serving Valencia County and the surrounding communities since 2006. At Fancy Face Aesthetics we strive to make every client comfortable and at ease during their appointment. We specialize in personal, quality service and offer flexible scheduling so you can get treatments that fit your lifestyle. We offer services for men and women such as Botox, Dermal fillers, PDO Threads, Micro needling with platelet, rich plasma, chemical peels, IV hydration, weight loss programs, hormone optimization Biote method, hydrofacials, radiofrequency treatments and carry various skin care products. Call Mary Elizabeth Trujillo at 505-235-0769 or fancyfaceaesthetics.com for your appointment. They are located at 335 Highway 314 SW, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

Valencia County Business Incubator

We welcome Valencia County Business Incubator to our Chamber family. With a location at the Rio Communities City Hall in Rio Communities, they have been extremely successful in their mission to provide consulting, mentoring, office space, teambuilding, tech-gration, seminars. They aim to empower and assist entrepreneurs to increase their operations.

This will lead to an increase in businesses, jobs and gross receipt taxes in the community. We at the Chamber are excited to partner with them and look forward to a great partnership! Call Ben Romero at ben@vcbinm.org or 505-514-5555.

Member Woohos

Woohoo!! In 2023, Deborah Okon, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, is serving as president-elect of the New Mexico Psychological Association. :-)

Special Member Info



Belen MainStreet Partnership News

WooHoo!!! BMSP was awarded a \$10500.00 Wells Fargo Community Grant earmarked for needs around our MainStreet community, namely a special business needs. Seven applied and received up to \$1500.00 towards their business needs. More exciting projects are planned for 2023!!!

Would love to have you join us on a project or two!!!
Believe in Belen is now an initiative of Belen MainStreet Partnership!!!
Contact Rhona @505-463-5558!!

Membership Renewals!!!!!!!

David C. Chavez, P.A.
P.O. Box 1615
Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-865-9696

Belen Consolidated Schools
520 N. Main Street
Belen, NM 87002
505-966-5000

Care Net Pregnancy Ctr.
601 Main St. Ste. 26
Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-565-3838

Rick DeRose Photographer
P.O. Box 325
Jarales, NM 87023
505-864-0488

UNM Valencia
280 La Entrada
Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-925-8547

La Dos Gringas
2100 Camino Del Llano
Belen, NM 87002
505-569-8888

Valencia Flying and Retrieval Society
P.O. Box 1002
Peralta, NM 87042
505-350-7205

Business Women of Valencia County
P.O. Box 588
Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-866-9014

December and January Members of the Month



GBCC December Business of the Month Award went to 1st Care of NM

Congratulations to 1st Care of NM as our December Member of the Month! Why choose 1st Care of NM? At 1st Care of New Mexico LLC, we provide a wide range of home health care services to client's all throughout the metro area. Our staff goes above and beyond to make sure you get the best quality care possible, and are committed to providing you with all the resources you need in order to get back on track with your daily assisted activities.

It was a beautiful luncheon and we thank FUMC for the delicious meal and Ben Romero from Valencia County Incubator for the exciting presentation.



January Member of the Month: TLC Plumbing

We are so honored to announce TLC Plumbing as our January Member of the Month!!!

TLC is a different kind of company than most, and their intent is to stay different in a good way. TLC was founded and built with Honesty and Hard Work as the foundation to earn their customers' trust through Consistency and Compassion, and we continue day-after-day to do the right things for the right reasons. We honor you for being such a great example!!!

Resources & Tools for Women in Business



Gain access to over 1,500 FREE and low-cost resources to help you start and grow your business!

Get answers to these questions and more!

Provided by Resources 4 Business Success

Business Ownership Demographics

- 42% of all US businesses are owned by women
- 50% of women owned businesses are owned by women of color
- 21% Growth in number of WOB from 2014-2019
- 8% Employment growth within women-owned business
- 1.8% Employment growth across all businesses

Government Contracting & Private Business

All provided under the Special Groups and Industries section

- ✓ Federal Government Contracting SBA
- ✓ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Bonding Assistance Program
- ✓ Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program
- ✓ Women's Business Enterprise Council

•You'll Also Find•

How To:

- Start Your Business •
- Find Special Groups & Industries •
- Survive a Pandemic/Recession •
- Get Free One-on-One Help •
 - Grow your Business •
- Get Free Business Training •
 - Find Financing •
- Hire/ Manage Employees •
- Find Local Resources •
 - See What's New •
- And much much more •

Business Assistance & Development

- ✓ DreamBuilder: The Women's Business Creator
- ✓ National Women's Business Council
- ✓ Female Founders Alliance
- ✓ Expanding Opportunities for Women in Business
- ✓ Office of Women's Business Ownership
- ✓ National Association of Women Business Owners
- ✓ SBA's Women's Business Resource Toolkit
- ✓ Get the Facts on Women Business Owners

Financial Help

- ✓ Export-Import Bank Assistance for Women-Owned Business
- ✓ Bank Loans for Women
- ✓ Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy
- ✓ WoB Loans from the Tory Burch Foundation and Accion

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**2022 GBCC Annual
Award Winners**

**Citizen of the Year:
Randy Gettings**



2022 Non-Profit

Friends of Whitfield Conservation
Area



2022 Amigo Award:

TLC Plumbing



**2022 Infinity Award
Romero Funeral Home**



**2022 Member of the
Year: Small Business
UPS Store**

February

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Luncheon La Dos Gringas	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Pilot Club of Belen Meets	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 BMSP Meets	23	24	25
26	27	28 GVCCC Board Meets				

February UPCOMING EVENTS

- GBCC LUNCHEON: 11:30-1:00PM February 2nd at La Dos Gringas
- ANNUAL REPORT/MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15th

SHOP THESE LOCAL MEMBERS-GET A DISCOUNT!

MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Bar Y Pet Hotel: 14 day care for the cost of 13 days Call Bobbie, 864-2251

Bella Vida Healthcare Clinic: Non-insured patients are able to be seen for \$40.00 office visit; sports physicals-\$25 Call 916-5446 for more information

Black's Smuggler's Winery: Free Wine Tasting for GBCC Members: Call Tony Black: 388-8117

Del Rio Laundromat: Use code CHAMBE1 at checkout for 10% on orders online

Images By Rosa: FREE one hour sitting for GBCC members, call 505.250.2982 or email imagesbyrosa@aol.com to make an appointment.

View the site at <http://imagesbyrosa.exposuremanager.com/>

H2Academic Solutions: 10% discount for Chamber Members. Holly: 505-453-3621

Johnson Chiropractic Clinic, LLC: 10% discount for military and law enforcement and for payment in full at the time of service. Call 505-565-0548

Paradigm Physical Therapy Belen: 10% Discount on One Month Gym Membership, Call 861-1200

Professional Contracting: Senior Discount: 505-859-4220: Laura Rosales

Rutilio's: Discounts available depending on service Call 864-0093

Sew What?! 10% discount on multi-piece orders, 565-2677

US Bank: 20% off standard checks and reorders. *Belen only!* Call 861-1900

Valencia Animal Clinic: 10% off annual vaccinations, 864-4075

Valencia County News-Bulletin: 40% ad Discount on monthly Chamber Page, 864-4472

Wright Choice Learning Center: Discounts available depending on service Call 864-2530

e-mail: belenchamber@belenchamber.com

The Greater Valencia County Chamber of
Commerce Presents!

February Mix Mingle and Munch

Celebrate with your Chamber Family all the new possibilities in 2023! What's the latest tax news for 2023? How should you invest in 2023????

February 1, 2023

11:30-1:00pm

LA DOS GRINGAS RESTAURANT

CAMINO DEL LLANO, BELEN

\$20 PP

CALL DEL AT 505-864-8091 OR

DEL@BELENCHAMBER.ORG

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505-261-9696

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505-400-7777

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United Way
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Call us to find out if you qualify



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- Pastries
- Sandwiches
- Hospitality
and more



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HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL



...
Saturday, April 29 - Sunday, April 30
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
129 S. 3rd ST, Belen, NM 87002
...

Craft Vendors, Car Show,
Silent Auction, Food Venders,
50/50 Raffle, Kids Corner, Live DJ

For craft vender inquiries please email Noelle at noellecerw@gmail.com or stop by
506 Becker Ave in Belen to sign up.
For car show inquiries please email rachaelmrs@gmail.com





FREE **BOOKS** **FOR KIDS** 0-5

SIGN-UP ONLINE. IT'S EASY!

Valentine's Day Dinner



FEBRUARY 14, 2023

4:00PM &

6:30PM

SEATINGS



Greater Belen Chamber of Commerce
Db a Greater Valencia County Chamber of
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712 Dalies Avenue • Belen, New Mexico 87002 • (505) 864-8091
www.belenchamber.com • del@belenchamber.org

Dear Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce Member,

I am pleased to announce that the Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce is partnering once again with the *Valencia County News-Bulletin* in developing the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 GBCC Membership Directory which will be published in March 2023.

Please consider placing your full color ad in our Annual Report and Directory for only \$125.00!!

The full-color magazine will be distributed to all of our Chamber Members, will be put on the Chamber website www.belenchamber.org, and distributed to local businesses and public entities throughout the county as well as in relocation packets sent throughout the year from our Chamber office. Last year's publication was a huge hit and all 1000 were distributed. Thank you so much.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the information above. If you decide to once again place an ad and would like to create a different ad from last year's, please attach to your completed form. Thanks so much!

Best regards,

Rhona Baca Espinoza

Rhona Baca Espinoza, Executive Director

Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce

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To all Greater Valencia County Chamber Members:

Promote your Business or organization with an advertisement in the upcoming 2022 Annual Report & 2023 Member Directory Full-Color Magazine!

Who will see the report and your ad for an entire year?

- All Greater Valencia County Chamber members
- All relocation inquiries about the Greater Valencia County Area
- All non-member businesses solicited by the Chamber
- All visitors to business offices and public buildings in the Greater Valencia County Area
- All www.belenchamber.com visitors

Cost of Full Color, 1.5" x 2.5" ad in Annual Report.....\$125

Publication Date.....March 2023

Regular reservation deadlineFebruary 20, 2023

Invest in promoting your business ~ sign up and save today!

Yes! I want an ad in the 2022 Annual Report ___Yes___No

Please attach a business card above that will serve as your ad.

I would like:

Business ad in Annual Report publication _____\$125

Total \$ _____

Business Name: _____

Contact & mailing address: _____

Email: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Fax:** _____ **Ph#** _____

Payment type: Check # _____ **Credit Card:** ___Visa___MasterCard___American Express

Signature: _____

(I would like an invoice sent to (name and address is different than above):
