

**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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JUNE, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TIM LARDNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS from Around Valencia County Schools:

**Isabella Vigil
Jordan Jaramillo
Nicole Lopez
Natalie Grimm
Jaime Williams
Elena Lopez**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES OF VALENCIA
COUNTY FROM BELEN HIGH SCHOOL, INFINITY HIGH
SCHOOL, CANON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, LOS LUNAS HIGH
SCHOOL, VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL, SCHOOL OF DREAMS,
AND UNM-VALENCIA!!
WOOHOO!!!**

SHINE, SHINE, SHINE!!

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GBCC Office Team

Del Plyler
Membership Specialist, Office Manager

HAPPENINGS



The Ribbon Cutting/ Dedication of the Gil Sanchez Magistrate Building on May 10th. A huge crowd and a beautiful building was on display!!



A wonderful time at our annual Tim Lardner Memorial Golf Tournament on June 2nd. Congratulations to Pavlos



Panagopoulos of Cetera for taking 1st place. The trophies by Rocky Mountain Stone were so beautiful!! Honoring Tim the Greater from our Chamber Board who passed away after an aggressive cancer in 2010.



PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS



Greetings Chamber Family!

It was a great time for everyone who participated in the Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament at Tierra Del Sol this past Saturday. We had 17 teams participate and they all enjoyed a nice round of golf. Rocky Mountain Stone did another fantastic job with the handmade trophies of granite and travertine. Tim would be so pleased. This year as part of our new branding, opened up scholarship opportunities to seniors from across Valencia County and we were able to present six scholarships this year. A special thanks to Nusenda Credit Union, our Title sponsor of the tournament as they step up year and year. Thanks to all who participated, sponsored, donated raffle items. The Chamber Board members who were able to help are very much appreciated.



We congratulate all the graduates from all the various schools around Valencia County. They will represent us well in their future endeavors.

Our Scholarship luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at UNM-Workforce Training Center. We will also be honoring our June Members of the Month: Genesis Healthcare and Noblin Funeral Services.

Our Chamber Office is now gearing up for our upcoming New Educator's Luncheon happening on July 26th and our After Hours at US Bank on July 12th at 5:30pm. Two events in July and the only event we have planned in August is our Valencia County Fair Parade which is scheduled for August 26th on Main Street in Belen!!!

And finally, our biggest event of the year, Rio Abajo Becker Street Festival on September 30th. We are now accepting vendor applications for food trucks and other vendors.

Thank you for your support. We so appreciate all of you who support our Chamber.

Sincerely,
Andrew Spears
2023 President
GVCCC Board



GREATER BELEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE NEWS



*Rhona Baca Espinoza,
Executive Director of Greater
Belen Chamber of Commerce*

A BIG Woo Hoo to Our Chamber Family!!!

A huge thank you to all who sent their support for our Tim Lardner Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament which was held on June 2nd. Tim the Great as he was lovingly called here was a constant source of support, friendship and loved his community in a big way. It is an honor to memorialize him with our scholarship. We presented scholarships at our June Scholarship Luncheon on June 7th!

Plans for Rio Abajo 2023 Becker Street Festival scheduled for the last Saturday in September (September 30th this year) are in the works. Many added events such as the a Health Fair, new food vendors and added children's events, a bigger car show, a bike run, beer and wine gardens, and a dance contest are part of this year's Rio Abajo which should be the biggest and best ever. It is all free to our attendees!!! If you would like more information on sponsorships, our tentative schedule of events or on becoming a food or non-food vendor at the event, contact our office at 505-864-8091.

Congratulations to our area high school seniors and UNM-Valencia graduates for making us proud!! We wish you the very best!! Please stay safe and know we are here for you!

Blessings Always,

Rhona Baca Espinoza
Executive Director
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New Members

13th Judicial District Attorney's Office

The 13th Judicial District Attorney Barbara Romo heads a wide and varied district that covers the New Mexico counties of Cibola, Valencia and Sandoval. One of the largest districts in the state, the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting criminal cases in all three counties seeing justice, protecting the vulnerable, through a fair and transparent judicial process. District Attorney Barbara Romo was sworn in as District Attorney in January 2021. The 13th Judicial District comprises 21,099 square miles and is the fast growing judicial district in the State of New Mexico. District Attorney Romo and her team volunteer consistently in the communities in which they serve and continue to work with legislators in the fight to expand the rights of crime victims, and is working to forge strong law enforcement partnerships, expand diversion programs and is dedicated to creating community education programs and partnerships. District Attorney Romo intends for her offices to be a value to the community not just a place that puts bad actors in jail. Thank you for your commitment to us all!

New York Life

We welcome Jon Paul Espinoza as a new member of our Chamber Family!

Located at 6565 Americas Parkway NE Suite 300 in Albuquerque, they offer every type of life insurance you need to ensure

your family is covered. Call 505-507-1400 and speak with JP Espinoza for your insurance needs.

GBCC Member News & WooHoos!

A beautiful Memorial Day celebration at the Veterans Memorial in Belen.



Los Lunas Branch Grand Opening

Ribbon cutting, refreshments, entertainment & more! You don't want to miss this GRAND event!



Saturday, June 10, 2023
 9 A.M. to Noon
 2270 Main St NW,
 Suite B,
 Los Lunas, NM 87031
 Directions

EVENT DETAILS

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION

We are Hiring!

PROFESSIONAL NEEDED

Member Service Representative

More Information:
Visit our LinkedIn

EMAIL RESUME TO
INFO@RECU.ORG

Visit our website:
www.RECU.org



Special Member Info



Belen MainStreet Partnership News

New Mexico Resiliency Alliance Grant Received!!!

***We are so excited and thankful that
NMRA through NMMS has awarded
BMSP a \$5,000.00 Pop Up Vendor Kits
Matching Grant!***

***We are moving forward with two
projects in our downtown!!***

***The Great Blocks Grant project Phase 2
will soon be applied for with
New Mexico MainStreet.***

***If you would like to volunteer to be on
our Belen MainStreet Committees and
Boards, Contact Rhona @505-463-5558.***

***We are movers and shakers in our
downtown revitalization efforts.***

Membership Renewals!!!!!!!

Tillery Buick-GMC	2221 Autumn Brush Road Los Lunas, NM 87031	505-565- 3333
Baca Law Offices	2214 Sun Ranch Village Lp. Belen, NM 87002	505-659- 1133
Paradigm Physical Therapy	1220 Camino Del Llano Belen NM 87002	505-864- 0093
Rutilio's NM Foods	455 North Main St. Belen NM 87002	505-864- 0093
Realty One Of NM	9674 Eagle Ranch Rd. NW #3 Albuquerque, NM 87114	505-883- 9400
Chsavez Brother's	210-B South Main St Belen NM 87002	505-861- 9667

MAY AFTER HOURS HIGHLIGHTS

Member of the Month : Harvey House Museum and Heart and Soul

Harvey House Museum

We are thrilled to honor our beautiful Harvey House Museum as our May Member of the Month. It has a beautiful history and is one of a very few active Harvey House Museums in the country. Fred Harvey's vision for providing an efficient lunchroom for travelers on the train became a reality all over the country as Harvey Houses hosted by uniform dressed Harvey Girls provided these lunches during stops along the train's journeys. Special art displays, an upcoming Whistlestop Café and a beautiful gift shop and other historical memorabilia is always ready for your enjoyment. **They are located at 104 N. First St. Belen, NM 87002** and hours are 12:00 Noon -5:00pm **Wednesday through Saturday. Guided Tours all day. Last entry to the Museum is at 4:00 PM. Entry fee is just a \$5.00 per guest donation!**

Heart and Soul

Our Chamber is proud to honor Heart and Soul as our May Member of the Month. Heart & Soul is dedicated to offering quality care to it's clients through our experienced providers and helpers. Our providers have years of experience in working with issues such as (but not limited to):

Therapy/ Psychiatry: depression, anxiety, anger, substance use/dependence, parenting, co-parenting, couples therapy, bariatric surgery preparation, grief, loss, hospice family support, relationship issues, and maintenance.

Comprehensive Community Support Services: independent tools and strategies, learning and working with mental health issues, job seekers, socializing, recreation, food insecurity, independent living, and housing.

We strive to help make our community better, one person at a time. We are truly grateful to have helped so many people on their journey, and hope we can help many more. Heart & Soul invites you to start living your best life....TODAY! Call 505-312-0040 for an appointment...THIS WEEK!



Harvey House representatives



Heart and Soul

A huge thank you to Friends of Whitfield Wildlife Refuge for hosting our May After Hours!! They were able to give the attendees a tour of the refuge and everyone had a wonderful time!!!!

Resources & Tools for Business Success



**The Greater Belen
Chamber of Commerce**

Gain access to over 1500 free and low-cost resources to help you start and grow your business!

Need help getting your business off the ground?

Our Start-up Help section includes

- Business Entity Wizard – to help you choose the right type of legal entity
- Access to free business plan software
- All of the necessary forms to create a business entity
- Links to free one-on-one assistance
- Sales tax, quarterly estimated tax and other forms required throughout the year
- Business License and other local requirements

Tired of searching the web for answers?

Find all the resources you need in one place!

- Local, State, and Federal Programs to help businesses
- Training programs for Owners and Employees
- Easy Ways to "Go Green"
- Going Global
- Marketing and Selling Resources
- Business Plan Resources
- Disaster Preparation and Recovery
- Links for specialized Industries

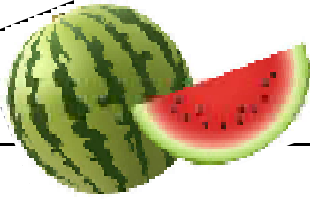
Is your business in compliance with HR law?

Stay up to date on ever-changing state and federal requirements

- Information about local and online business training resources
- New Hire Email Service – provides new employees with required forms
- Using social media to promote your business
- Workplace safety and HR resources
- Six Sigma Quality for small businesses
- Links to one-on-one help
- Find all the forms you need to become an employer, hire employees and keep your business in compliance
- Job description tools
- Workplace ergonomic tools

**Need help
gaining a
competitive
edge?**





JUNE



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th: Chamber Office Closed

July 12th: After Hours at US Bank in Belen at 5:30pm

July 25th: GBCC Board Meeting

July 26th: New Educator's Luncheon: Tierra Del Sol

July 25th: Belen MainStreet Board Meeting

The Greater Belen Chamber Office will be open and meet with our members by Appointment Only for at least the month of June. Call Rhona at 505-463-5558 and we can set up an appointment. We are here for you and we are working hard to keep you abreast of the latest news and resources ensuring you are able to re-open your businesses in a successful way. We love you.

SHOP THESE LOCAL MEMBERS-GET A DISCOUNT!**Member's Discounts Page**

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 GVCCC Members: Call Tony Black: 388-8117

Cucos Chelas Y Mas: 10% discount on your total ticket to GVCCC Members: 5055046544.

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

Infinite World Healing: \$50.00 off a \$200.00 analysis

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

Saiz Accounting & Tax Preparations, Inc.: 15% for all Chamber members on Tax Prep

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

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712 Dalies Ave.
BELEN, NM 87002
505-864-8091

July GBCC After Hours

Wednesday, July 12th

US Bank

Reinken in Belen

Celebrating our July Member of the Month

Call 505-463-5558 with any questions



GBCC

New Educator's Luncheon

Thursday

July 26th 11:30 - 1:00PM.

Tierra Del Sol Golf Club

Celebrating our August Member of the Month:

and our Scholarship Recipients

*And All the New Hires of our School
Districts*





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***CASA PARTNERS 4NMKIDS
BACK TO SCHOOL FUNDRAISER***

Every school year CASA Partners 4NMKIDS provides a \$100 gift card to every foster child in Valencia County to help them buy necessities for school. Please help us to continue our gift giving to the foster children of Valencia County by contributing to this worthy cause.

**PLEASE DONATE NOW!
[CASAPARTNERS4.ORG/DONATE](https://casapartners4nmkids.org/donate)**

THANK YOU!

Valentine's Day Specials

Join us here at Rutilio's (Belen) for a special menu on February 14 and feel the love we have, serving our community.

7a.m.-10a.m.

Lovely French Toast \$8.49

2 pieces of French toast topped with our fresh, warm natillas, strawberry compote, and, whipped cream.

Dinner Special

4p.m.-8p.m.

Prime rib, baked potato, mixed vegetable and a mixed green salad

\$21.99/person

Add a fried ice cream or natillas to your order,
for only \$3.99

Starting February 13th Rutilio's (Belen) hours will be:

Sunday: 7a.m.-2p.m.

Monday-Saturday: 7a.m.-8p.m.

Join us Wednesday 2/22/23

For our yearly Lent special,

and every Friday following until 4/7/23

Thank you,

for your continued patronage.

~Rutilio's (Belen)



Summer Special

\$14.99

2 Burritos

2 Iced Teas

Rice, Beans, Cheese & Red or Green Chile

No Substitutions



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Travel with Friends



Seniors 60+ Ride Free Every Wednesday



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