

RSVP NEWSLETTER

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DEL RIO LADY SEWING GROUP RECEIVES HONORS FROM DEPARTMENT OF ARMY AFFAIRS



Lieutenant Colonel Herrera from Santa Fe, NM, along with the National Guard, honored the Del Rio Lady Sewing Group on November 6, 2010 with a ceremony at the Belen National Guard. Each Lady was presented with a beautiful Plaque and a Generals Coin. The Department of Army Affairs gave them a certificate of appreciation for civilians. These ladies make lap quilts for soldiers; they have now made quilts for 4 1/2 years and are distributed to three Army Medical Centers in Iraq.

The National Guard had men and women from the service returning from Iraq present to thank these ladies for all that they do. . .

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The [RSVP](#) office has moved to [Belen City Hall](#). Located at [100 South Main](#). Come visit us. Learn about our program, let us know how we are doing, do you have suggestions on how we can improve? We hold Advisory Council meetings the first Thurs. each quarter of the year, (**Mar., June, Sept., & Dec**). Meetings are open and held at City Hall @ 3:30pm in the Conference Room.



Belen Senior Center Christmas Luncheon



State Taxes

Tax season is coming upon us and many Seniors are in need of help filing their taxes. RSVP has been helping seniors with their state taxes for a few years now and this year we are in need of volunteers. Volunteers will help file the State taxes only. We do provide the facility and we make appointments. So if you are able to provide us with a few hours of your time please let us know so we may make a schedule to fit your hours.

If you are a Senior Citizen in need of help filing your State Taxes please call Bertha at 966-2566 so she may schedule you. All state taxes are done free of charge. We will start scheduling February 1, 2011 and taxes will be done Wed.-Fri. 12:30-3:30pm. Thru April 15, 2011

*Easy Valentine's Day**Recipe**Oreo Chocolate Truffles*

- 1 (16 ounce) package OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 2 (8 ounce) packages BAKER'S Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate, melted

Directions

1. Crush 9 of the cookies to fine crumbs in food processor; reserve for later use. (Cookies can also be finely crushed in a resealable plastic bag using a rolling pin.) Crush remaining 36 cookies to fine crumbs; place in medium bowl. Add cream cheese; mix until well blended. Roll cookie mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter.
2. Dip balls in chocolate; place on wax paper-covered baking sheet. (Any leftover chocolate can be stored at room temperature for another use.) Sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs.
3. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store leftover truffles, covered, in refrigerator.

Volunteers make a difference!

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

RSVP STAFF
&
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Advisory Council & Staff**

From left to right;

Jim Rickey, Mary T. Aragon, Mark Rosenblum, Marcia Amaro, Richard Ditrich, Selma Martinez
Front; Orlinda Duree

Not pictured; Wayne Gallegos,
Bertha Flores

Thank you to all our RSVP Volunteer Sites and Volunteers. We appreciate all you do for our communities. In the next coming months we are planning for the annual Volunteer Luncheon to be held April 29, 2011. We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate. Without you we could not have RSVP running. We are up to **201** volunteers, and over **5000** hours a month.

We will be adding a few more volunteer sites soon. On our next news letter we will be letting you know where they are so that if you are interested in volunteering or know of anyone who would be interested you can contact us here at the RSVP office.

We are always looking for new ideas to improve our program, and because you are our eyes and our ears we look forward to hearing your ideas. If you happen to see us at your site please feel free to let us know how we are doing. We take the bad along with the good.

We also will be introducing the two new members of our Advisory Council which are City Councilor Mary T. Aragon and one of our volunteers Mark Rosenblum. We hope with our new additions that things can change for the better, such as adding more volunteers & getting the hours up. We hope that the New Year brings you happiness.

Sincerely yours, RSVP Staff & Council Members

Telephone Tree Provided by

First Methodist Church

Ann Teague is a Volunteer and the Director of the Telephone Tree. The service provides each client with a phone call every day. Each call is letting the volunteer know how the client is doing. If the client is wanting an in home visit for the companionship the volunteers are more than willing to do so. The volunteers also will run errands; e.g. a prescription needs to be picked up, a little shopping needs to get done or maybe a ride to the doctor's office. Each client's needs are different. This service may be long term or short term.

Ann would be happy if she had more clients to work with. She has had a drop in her clientele and would like to pick it up once again. She wants everyone to know that she offers these services to all who are in need.

There is always a need for more volunteers, and anyone interested in volunteering can sign up with **RSVP** and ask to be located to the telephone tree. Anyone interested in adding one of their family members or themselves to be a client of the telephone tree please contact **Ann Teague (505)864-4573**.



The Belen Public Library has many things to offer, **Children** can enjoy stories, music, and crafts. Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Library is offering a **Free Movie Night** held on Thursday. The start time is 5:45pm until 8pm (Patio Entrance only). So if you and your family are interested in any movie you can call to the Library and find out what is playing.

There are also computers that can be very useful to all. The Library's free computing workshops are presently suspended due to lack of staff. The Library will resume these workshops as soon as staff and funding are available. For now, we have selected some resources available online that will help you get started using a computer and internet.

One of the most outstanding additions to the Belen Public Library when it was remodeled, was the addition of a library just for teens. A place where teens can hang out and call their own. In fact they call it "**The Teen Hub**". The Teen Hub has it's own collection of books for young adults as well as 14 computer workstations where teens can research the internet, do homework or just play games. The Belen Public Library promotes Internet safety. This message is brought to you in part by the National Crime Prevention Council. **The Library opens at M-F 1PM to 5PM. Phone # 966-2600**

Friday Afternoon Movies

Movies begin at 1:30 PM in the Lecture Hall.

January 7 - Disneynature: Crimson Wing (2010) - NR, 78 min.

January 14 - Ladyhawke (1985) - PG-13, 121 min.

January 21 - Invictus (2009) - PG-13, 134 min.

January 28 - Picture of Dorian Gray (1945) - NR, 110 min.

Thursday Night Movies

Patio Entrance opens 5:30 PM. Movies start at 6 PM.

January 6 - Shrek Forever After (2010) - PG-13, 93 min.

January 13 - Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole (2010) - PG, 97 min.

January 20 - The Grapes of Wrath (1940) - NR, 128 min.

January 27 - Inception (2010) - PG-13, 148 min.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Come Join in all the Fun and Games provided by the Senior Olympics.

Senior Olympics is for anyone who is 50 years of age and older. We will be taking applications for the local games in March. It costs \$20 to apply for any or all local games. You must qualify at the local level in order to be eligible for the New Mexico games to be held in Las Cruces in July 2011.

We offer Basketball, Table Tennis, Pool, Track and Field, Discus, Shot Put, Javelin, Long, jump, High Jump, Shuffle Board, Horseshoes, Swimming, Archery, Badminton, Cycling, Bowling, Dance, Frisbee, Golf, Race Walk, Racquetball, Shuffleboard, Push Ups, Pickle Ball & Washers. Also included is a Talent Show .

To sign up please call Bertha, Senior Olympics Coordinator at 966-2566.



DEL RIO LADY SEWING GROUP

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The service people were telling stories of all their comrades that have been hurt and are using the quilts. There was a young lady there that told a story of her friend that had his legs blown off. She went to visit him in the hospital and he was using his lap quilt. She said that her friend was so proud to have that quilt and he loved it. The women are very happy that the quilts are being distributed to the men and women who need them the most, and are happy to bring a little joy to as many troops as they possibly can.

The Ladies present at the function were, Mary Chavez, Bert West, Luis Pettis, Fillie Baca, and Dee Hull. Not present were Mildred Hammer and Shirley Atencio.

By Mary Chavez



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Jan 17, 2011**—Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil. To be held at Anna Becker Park, 6pm.
- **Jan 17, 2011**— 10th & Ross Volunteer Clean up Begins at 3pm.
- **Jan 3, & 18, 2011**— City of Belen Council Meetings begin at 6pm. All meetings held 1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
- **Jan 6, & 20, 2011**— City of Los Lunas Council Meeting begin at 6pm. All meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each Month.
- **Feb 1, 2011**— State taxes for Seniors to be scheduled at RSVP. 966-2566
- **March 1, 2011**— Enrollment begins for Senior Olympic Local Games.
- **March 3, 2011**— RSVP Advisory Council Meeting begins at 3:30 pm.
- **Tuesdays** - Belen Senior Center Dance -Begins at 10am.
- **Wednesdays**— Del Rio Senior Center Dance— Begins at 10am.
- **Thursdays**— Fred Luna Senior Center Dance- Begins at 10am
- **Valencia County Commission meetings**—
 1st Wednesday of each month will meet at 9:30 AM
 2nd Wednesday of each month meet at 5 PM
 3rd Wednesday of each month will meet at 9:30 AM

January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Years Day!
2	3 Belen City Council Meeting	4	5	6 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12 Valencia County Commission meeting 5pm	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 Belen City Council Meeting	19	20 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	21 Valencia County Commission meeting 9:30 am	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 RSVP State Taxes Scheduling	2 Valencia County Commission meetings	3 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	4	5
6	7 Belen City Council Meeting	8	9 Valencia County Commission meetings	10	11	12
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 Valencia County Commission meetings	17 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	18	19
20	21 Belen City Council Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Senior Olympics Local Games	2 Valencia County Commission	3 RSVP Meeting at Belen City Hall 3:30pm	4	5
6	7 Belen City Council Meeting	8	9 Valencia County Commission meetings	10 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16 Valencia County Commission meetings	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21 Belen City Council Meeting	22	23	24 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Belen City Council Meeting	5	6 Valencia County Commission meetings	7 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13 Valencia County Commission meetings	14	15	16
17	18 Belen City Council Meeting	19	20 Valencia County Commission meeting	21 Los Lunas Village Council meeting	22	23
24 Easter Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 RSVP Volunteer Luncheon	



10th & Ross Park Clean Up.
RSVP Adopted the park in August 2010.



Pickle Ball has moved to Eagle park Community Center. If you are interested to join please call Helga Woerner at 864-8779 for more information and the playing times are Mon. & Wed. 11am.– 2pm. Tues. & Thurs. 5pm–7 pm Lessons will be available on Mondays by appointment.



If you have anything to add into our News Letter such as stories about Volunteers or any dates that you like to add into the

Calendar for special events please feel free to contact Marcia Amaro RSVP Director at (505)966-2567 or E-mail me at

marcia.amaro@belen-nm.gov

We appreciate all you do and we would love to recognize all our volunteers and sites for all they do for the Community.

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Visit the website for the
Belen Chamber of
Commerce
@ belenchamber.org



Top: Tenth & Ross Park clean up
Thank you to all the volunteers!!



Halloween dance thrown by the
Belen Senior Center.

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Lead With Experience



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Rita Karson
Fillie Baca
Virginia Lehman
Annie Sanchez
Martha Wallace

Valerie Wilde
Lawrence Brenner
Mary Gutierrez
Mary Knipp
Cynthia Gomez

Richard
Gettings
Ralph Paiz
Joan Burnett
Mavis Moyers
Michele Osborn

Ramona Baca
Blas Hernandez
Dorsie Blanford
Terese Ulivarri
Richard
Fredricks

Mary P. Chavez
Lourdes Sanchez
Magdalena Velasquez
Robin Holbrook
Orlinda Duree
Millie Schlipf

Louisa
Rodriguez
Helen
Maestas
Sheila Winter
Bertha
Lightfoot

Jackie
Bloom
Genaveve Sanchez
Mildred Garley
Dolores
Garcia
Lua Scott

David Mintz
Gloria Chavez
Priscilla Urtega
Paul Ridley
Adela Aragon

Natalie Clark
Gloria Mocera
Gerard
Michaud
Lydia Lopez

Ramona
Sanchez
Maria
Sanchez
Rosalie Marques

Nellie Cordova
Laura Hawes



Birthdays January, February, & March

We Hope That You Have A Wonderful Birthday!! May All Your Wishes Come True.

