Welcome Our New Executive Director

Dear P&J Family,
We are thrilled to share some good news. The Albuquerque Center for Peace has hired our first ever Executive Director, Jim Harvey!

The Coordinating Council has worked for months on defining the path forward in leadership roles. We concluded that we should transition from the Co-coordinator model into an Executive Director one. The CC understands that full-time leadership was critical in realizing our mission and vision for the center. The Hiring committee had over a dozen applicants; three made it to a second round. All were excellent candidates, but Jim fit the leadership model that the center currently needs. Thanks to all of the applicants, and to the community members who helped in this process. We would also like to recognize our exiting interim Co-Coordinators Monique Salhab and Jiva Manske. We appreciate all their hard work at the center, and wish them well in their future endeavors!

Jim Harvey officially started work on 2/4/2020. He brings over 30 years of experience in Non-profit Organizational and Human Development, Programming and Finance. He recently completed work with the Rape Crisis Center, served as a counselor for Restorative Justice programs and was the State manager of volunteer resources at the American Red Cross in New Mexico. Jim is also Chair of the Board of the African American Performing Arts and Cultural Center.

Jim commented:
“I am a proud product of the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 60s, and I feel as if I have come full circle, reliving some of our darkest moments in modern times. What divided us then must not separate us now.

After 35 years of work in Public Health and 15 years in sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and counseling, I believe I have landed where I am supposed to be, especially at this critical time in our history. Joining the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice as the new Executive Director has placed me in the midst of some incredibly dedicated community leaders.

Our struggles continue and we can only prevail if we stand together. I look forward to this Noble Journey.”

The CC is looking forward to co-creating a restorative and transformative justice space. We are committed to Peace and Justice centered in transparency and community accountability. We now have the team to do it!

Thank you,
Coordinating Council Chair Samia Assed, Sidni Lamb, Pelatia Trujillo, Rashid Ahmad, Margarita Mercure Hibbs and Amelia paradise!

Send your submissions for monthly newsletter to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org by the 20th of the month prior to your event. Send submissions for web calendar to web@abqpeaceandjustice.org. Contact Coordinator at abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.
**Regularly Scheduled Events**

**MONDAYS**
- Veterans for Peace ABQ: 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 720-4939
- Non-Binary Support Group: 2nd/4th Monday, 7-9pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086

**TUESDAYS**
- Resist Tyranny Protest: 1st Tues. Noon-1pm, Simms Bldg. at 4th & Gold, downtown ABQ. resistabq@gmail.com
- ABQ NOW: 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, quarterly, 459-9860

**WEDNESDAYS**
- Chair Yoga: Weekly, 1:30-2:30pm, lisbethcarlisle@aol.com
- Grassroots New Mexico: Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.
- Nuclear Issues Study Group: 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, El Chante, 804 Park Ave SW. 879-8547
- Ally Work Group: 4th Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, TGRCNM, 149 Jackson St. NE, 200-9086

**THURSDAYS**
- Activist Community Podcast: 2nd/4th Thurs., 1-3pm, 450-1268
- P&J Center Coordinating Council: 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm, all are welcome. 268-9557
- ABQ Move to Amend Working Group: 4th Thursdays, 6-8pm, 238-2398

**FRIDAYS**
- Al-Anon weekly, 5:15-6:15pm, thatgirlhasapainting@gmail.com
- Sierra Club & Root Beer: 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767
- Transformative Communication (NVC): 2nd/4th Fridays, 11:30am-1pm, 881-4536
- Necessary Conversations: 3rd Friday, 1-2:30pm. Contact: brysondean.iowa@gmail.com
- Bldg & Grounds Cmte.: last Fri. 2pm, mgwright@comcast.net

**SATURDAYS**
- Good Food Distribution: Weekly, 9am. 315-4167
- Sitting for Peace: Weekly, 9-10am, Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence. 265-2178
- St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass: Weekly, 5-7pm, 1st Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE. 345-3677, 977-4661.
- Diné Bizaad Study Group: 2nd/4th Sat. at 1pm, 1421 Central Ave. NE. rrzayas@unm.edu
- Vigil for the Children: Weekly, Noon, U.S. Fed. Courthouse, NW corner of 3rd/Lomas. medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com
- Medicine Drum Circle: 2nd Sat. 1:30-3pm, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal, 425 University Blvd NE, 417-4704
- Gray Panthers: 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. 266-8823.

**SUNDAYS**
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Weekly, 11am noon. Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
- ABQ Climate Movement: 2nd/4th Sunday, 2-4pm. 433-7217
- Generation Justice: Weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

**Brief Announcements**

The members of the Building and Grounds Committee are: Maureen Wright, Mollie Wilkie, Jim Bown, and Nick Aragon. If you would like to join us, we will be meeting the last Friday of the month at 2pm.

**Medicine Drum Circle** hosts a Drum Vigil for families and children separated at the border every Saturday at noon, 3rd & Lomas, US Federal Courthouse. Come stand witness with us. For more info, call 417-4704.

**American Friends of Combatants for Peace**: We do work in the US to support CfP, a bi-national, grassroots organization of Palestinian and Israeli former combatants who have put down arms to work peacefully to end the occupation.

** Resist Tyranny** meets the 1st Tuesday of the month in front of the Simms Bldg (where offices of NM MOCs are) at 4th & Gold, to protest the agendas and actions of Trump and The GOP. We hang out on the corners with banners and signs while chanting and protesting. We make phone calls to local, state, and Congressional leaders. Representatives from Senator Udall and Rep. Haaland make announcements and answer questions. The Raging Grannies lead us in song. Announcements are made from activist groups. Good times in community!

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**Students/Interns**: Tristan Collar

**Front Desk Volunteers**: France Daniels-Thompson, Tim Wood, Maureen Wright, Michelle Meaders, Eliza Schmidt, Sharyn Kaye, Jones, Sarina Carruthers, Elizabeth Smith, Yolanda Torres-Martinez, Julia Oviedo, Courtney Montoya, Steve Anderson

**Canines**: Sasha, Pepie


**New Mexico Diversity Conference for Youth**

Saturday, March 7, 9:30am
Main Campus, 525 Buena Vista Dr SE. Info: 2020 New Mexico Diversity Conference for Youth.

**Rio Grande Chapter Outings Leader Training**

Saturday, March 7, 8am

**Freedom Center Book Launch for César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández**

Thursday, March 5, 7pm
SUB Santa Ana A & B. Info: César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández Book Launch on March 5th.

**Wednesday, March 4, 11:45am**

Dr. Natasha Howard of UNM Africana Studies will be the speaker for the next Cortez Williams Lecture Series, talking about #The South-Broadway: Spatializing blackness in Albuquerque, in the UNM SUB Santa Ana A & B. Info: fb.com/UNMAfricana.

**Thursday, March 5, 6pm**

César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández presentation and book signing for Migrating to Prison, at Nat’l Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW. Info: bkwrks.com/migrating-to-prison, and see also Noticias, pg. 5

**Thursday, March 5, 7-9pm**

**Building Solidarity, Building Drums and Building Chants** draws upon a practice of building instruments and rhythms, chants and messages to occupy public space, as we gather to honor women’s suffrage and women’s issues. At SWOP, 211 10th St SW, abqtodo.com/addmievent/building-solidarity-building-drums-and-building-chants.

**Sunday, March 8, 3-5pm**

March 8th Women’s Committee hosts “Climate Change & Migration: No Place Left to Go” panel discussion for International Women’s Day at IBEW Local 611, 4921 Alexander Blvd NE. More info: fb.com/events/1468178840017373

**International Women’s Day Celebration**

Sunday to Thursday, March 8-12, 4pm & 8:15pm

**Made In Bangladesh** (Dir. Rubaiyat Hossain, 2020, 95m): A woman attempting to organize her garment factory co-workers encounters many levels of resistance, in this compelling drama of exploitation and empowerment. At Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. youtube.com/watch?v=6162tlQLnS4. guildcinema.com.

**Advocate** (Dir. Philippe Bellaiche & Rachel Leah Jones, 2019, 108m) follows the career of Lea Tsemel, a Jewish-Israeli attorney who has defended Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli courts for 50 years. At Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. More info: youtube.com/watch?v=6162tlQLnS4, guildcinema.com.
Tuesday, March 10, 10am
Ceremonial groundbreaking for ABQ’s **Tiny Home Village** at ABQ Indian Center, 105 Texas St. SE. Please **RSVP by March 5** to ilsebiel@icloud.com. More info: 468-1355, tinyhomevillage@bernco.gov, or cathylopez@bernco.gov.

Saturday, Mar. 14, 10:30am-Noon
Sylvia Ramos Cruz lecture: **They Won the Vote: Suffrage & Suffragists in New Mexico**, at Special Collections Library, 423 Central Ave. NE. For more info: abqlibrary.org or call 311.

Saturday, March 14, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Jenny Brown**: “Women: Birth Strike!” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, March 15, 1-5pm
3rd Annual **Tularosa Basin Downwinders fundraiser** at the Nat’l Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW. This is the 75th year since the Trinity Test, still with no justice for the unwitting participants in NM. Info: trinitydownwinders.com, info@trinitydownwinders.com, fb.com/trinitydownwinders, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Sunday, Mar. 15, 3-5pm
**Seeking Peace and Justice in the Holy Land: A Palestinian Christian Perspective**, with Rev. Alex Awad. All are welcome, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE. The event will be live-streamed at standrewabq.org/live-broadcast. Info: 881-9626, pastor.standrewabq@aol.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Tuesday, March 17, 6-8pm
**Anti-Colonial St. Patrick’s Day Teach-in**, about ongoing Irish liberation struggles, hosted by The Red Nation at Larry Casuse Freedom Center, 1421 Central Ave. NE. More info: fb.com/therednation

Friday, March 20, 9am–3pm

Saturday, March 21, 12-2pm
Join CESOSS, SVRAA, and the MRGCD to recognize and celebrate the **Primer Agua/First Water** event of the 2020 Irrigation Season. Welcome and Blessing begin 12:30pm at Atrisco Acequia Madre (parking lot at Central & Sunset), followed by an Acequia Talk & Walk at 1pm. More info: fb.com/Cesoss and cesoss.org.

Saturday, March 21, 2-3pm
**Conversations for Climate Action** is 350 NM’s monthly introduction to their climate activism in and around NM, at Cherry Hills Library Mtg. Rm, 6901 Barstow St NE. Info: 350newmexico.org.

Saturday, March 21, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Eric Foner**: “The Legacy of Reconstruction” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org.

Sunday, March 22, Noon-2pm
Landmark Native American movie **Neither Wolf Nor Dog** by Scottish director Steven Lewis Simpson, screening at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th St. NW. For more info: vimeo.com/204839186, neitherwolfnordog.com.

Friday, March 27, 8am
The **Peace Talks Radio** series on peacemaking and nonviolent conflict resolution on KUNM 89.9FM focuses on “Addressing White Privilege and the Lure of Extremism”. Streaming online at kunm.org/listen; more info: kunm.org/programs/peace-talks-0

Sat. March 28, 10am
**Annual César Chávez March & Fiesta** at Nat’l Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St SW. The Peace Center will be tabling at this event and carrying a banner in the march; call the office at 268-9557 if you’d like to help! For more info: fb.com/cesarchaveznm, fb.com/events/2465461600435237, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Saturday, March 28, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Joseph Stiglitz**: “A New Social Contract” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Save the Date:
Monday, April 27, 6:30-8pm
Streaming of the **Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Ceremony** from Tel Aviv, at Congregation Nahalat Shalom, 3606 Rio Grande Blvd NW. This huge, grassroots call for peace is produced and led by Combatants for Peace and others. Info: afcfp.org
**Noticias**

**So who is Jim Harvey?**
Hi There! My name is Jim Harvey and I am honored to join you at the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice as your new Executive Director. I come from a long history of activism in civil rights and anti war campaigns dating back to the 60s and as I often tell people; we are coming full circle with the struggles that I remember so well. We have so much of the same work to do all over again as we struggle on new fronts as well. I bring you a background in public health with strong emphasis on organizational development for non-profits. The Center has quickly become the place where I belong and where my past experiences combined with my professional background and skills can hopefully make me a real asset to the work that must be done here. I arrived in Albuquerque nearly nine years ago and I have worked in community service settings ever since I got here. I have devoted much of my most recent professional life to sexual assault and domestic violence prevention and education as part of an overall commitment to Restorative Justice. The word Justice remains at the center of my determination to make a difference in the society in which we live. Facing the realities of the struggles that challenge us today, my only response is to say that we will get to where we need and deserve to be but we can only make it there if we do it together. I look forward to meeting all of you and working to make change happen...together.

**Wish List**
For future issues of the P&J newsletter, let’s start keeping a wish list of items, skills, trainings, help, or anything else we can think of to make the Peace Center function more effectively. Suggestions can be emailed directly to monthlycalendar@abqpeaceandjustice.org.

For example: We’re in need of a new tenant at the P&J! We have a single room office available in the building for groups working on social justice issues. It comes complete with a desk and a storage closet. The space rents for $250/month. Please call 268-9557 or stop by 202 Harvard Dr. SE to see the office and/or to pick up a rental application form. For more info, email abqpeaceandjusticecenter@gmail.com.

Also...we are searching for a pro bono Quick Books trainer.

And finally… we value our volunteers greatly, and extend a warm welcome to new and returning volunteers. Volunteers with skills like building maintenance, grant writing and general office skills are sorely needed, too. Thank you so much.

**César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández: Presentation & Book Signing**
*Migrating to Prison* is a powerful, in-depth look at the imprisonment of immigrants, addressing the intersection of immigration and the criminal justice system.

For most of America's history, we simply did not lock people up for migrating here. Yet over the last thirty years, the federal and state governments have increasingly tapped their powers to incarcerate people accused of violating immigration laws. As a result, almost 400,000 people annually now spend some time locked up pending the result of a civil or criminal immigration proceeding.

In *Migrating to Prison*, leading scholar César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández takes a hard look at the immigration prison system's origins, how it currently operates, and why. He tackles the emergence of immigration imprisonment in the mid-1980s, with enforcement resources deployed disproportionately against Latinos, and he looks at both the outsized presence of private prisons and how those on the political right continue, disingenuously, to link immigration imprisonment with national security risks and threats to the rule of law.

Join us **Thursday, March 5, 6pm at The National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW**, as Prof. García Hernández makes a compelling case for closing immigration prisons in the U.S. immediately. He argues that these facilities cost taxpayers millions of dollars a year, do not keep us safer, and treat inhumanely the men, women, and children lawfully seeking residency or protection. There is another way to manage immigration, he writes: “leave migrants alone.” In the past, immigrants were not assumed to be criminals. Acts of trying to live and work in the United States were not punishable. In fact, they were often encouraged.

This is a free event open to the public, at the NHCC Library in the History & Literary Arts Bldg. More info at bkwrks.com/migrating-to-prison or nhccnm.org/event/cesar-cuauhtemoc-garcia-hernandez-presentation-book-signing.
A Palestinian Christian Perspective

Born and raised in Jerusalem, the Rev. Alex Awad has been a lifelong follower of Jesus, practicing his Christian faith in the places Jesus walked. He was instrumental in starting Bethlehem Bible College, the first and only evangelical college in the city of Jesus' birth. He has taught classes on Mission, Peacemaking, and the Bible in the Holy Land.

He will bring his years of knowledge and experience to ABQ Sunday, March 15, 3-5pm at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa Ave NE, offering a unique Palestinian evangelical perspective on the Holy Land, answering questions many people in the U.S. have, such as:

- What prevents peace between Israel and Palestine?
- What does the Bible say to the situation in the Holy Land today?
- Who are the Palestinian Christians?
- What are the challenges and opportunities of interfaith dialogue?

He has spent years sharing about these hotly contested topics with Christian love and kindness. Don’t miss this chance to hear Rev. Awad speak about this pivotal part of the world. This event is free, and open to the public, sponsored by the Mission Networking Committee of Santa Fe Presbytery.

About Necessary Conversations

By Bryson Dean

Necessary Conversations is a conversation about systemic racism. Hopefully we will gain enough awareness that we can develop projects to address this locally, statewide, and nationally. Unfortunately, white people are often very reluctant to discuss race or don't know where to begin. This is understandable as it can be difficult to come to the realization that we have been largely undereducated on the true impact of racism for people of color in this country. Take the idea that we--white people (I am one)--need to start to understand the impact of our words on people of color in spite of our good intentions. This has taken me some time to understand in a way that leads to a more attuned awareness and I will need to continue to work on this. Put succinctly: Impact over Intention. Fortunately there are many resources online. For the group that meets at the P&J Center we are using So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo. For our meeting March 20, 1-2:30pm at the P&J, we will be reading Chapters 7 and 8, How can I talk about Affirmative Action? and What is the school-to-prison pipeline? Even if you can't attend the meeting, buy the book and discuss with anyone you can. Questions: brysondean.iowa@gmail.com

2020 Annual César Chávez Day March & Fiesta

The Recuerda a César Chávez Committee is proud to once again host our annual celebration and marcha to honor the late, great César Chávez. We are honored to have Dolores Huerta join us again as our special guest, along with community leaders and dignitaries. We are also working with Las Mujeres on their unveiling of the new Avenida César Chávez / Avenida Dolores Huerta Blvd. SW. This all takes place Saturday, March 28, 10am at The Nat'l Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW.

Schedule:
10am: *Ribbon-Cutting:
Naming of Avenida César Chávez / Avenida Dolores Huerta Blvd. SW.
10:30am: La Marcha starts at NHCC
Noon-3pm: La Fiesta featuring Ivón Ulibarri and The Café Mocha All Star Salsa Band
*Ribbon-Cutting and Marcha start at 4th St. and Avenida César Chávez / Avenida Dolores Huerta Blvd. SW. For more info, visit fb.com/cesarchaveznm or fb.com/events/2465461600435237.

The Peace Center will be tabling at the event and carrying a banner in the march, and we’d love it if you could join us! Please call the office at 268-9557 to get involved.
PAJOLA — Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms

350.org NM 350-6000
ABQ Combatants for Peace jlevitt4@gmail.com
ABQ Friends Meeting (Quakers) 843-6450
ABQ Industrial Workers of the World 585-4499
ABQ Mennonite Church 254-1824
ABQ Nat’l Org for Women (NOW) 459-9860
ABQ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 440-6688
Activist Community Podcast trident4@msn.com, 450-1268
Adults Abused As Children 264-8444
Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity 306-9742
Alternative Radio 800-444-1977
Alternatives to Violence Project of No. NM avpnm@yahoo.com
Animal Liberation ABQ Animal.Liberation.Albuquerque@gmail.com
Bioculture Planet Earth info@biocultureplanetearth.com
Calming Four Swing Dance 256-0668
Campaign Nonviolence New Mexico (714) 420-6771
Carnivores Anonymous 306-1533
CASHEW 268-6112
Center for Global Awareness drames@globalawareness.org
Citizen Action New Mexico dave@radfreenm.org
Civilian Medical Resources Network 750-2221
Coalition to Stop 30 Billion to Israel 898-4544
Colombia Solidarity Committee of NM 281-8422
Common Ground Rising ecimino10@gmail.com
Conservation Voters of NM Education Fund info@cvnm.org
Cottonwood Medicine Collective cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com
D.O.P.E. Services dopeservicesnm@gmail.com
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Multicultural Council 994-2335
ECC St. Mary Magdalene Community 345-3677
First Unitarian Church, Social Justice Council 884-1801
Food and Water Watch ebravo@fwwatch.org
Good Food Distribution 315-4167
Friends of Sabeel 828-0546
Generation Justice 277-1831
Global One to One sarah.global1to1@gmail.com
Grandmothers Council 610-8258
Gray Panthers of Greater Abq. 266-8823
Guild Cinema 255-1848
Inscape Ministries (714) 420-6771
Jewish Voice for Peace ABQ albuquerque@jvp.org
Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment 577-8438
Medicine Drum Circle 417-4704
Mindful NM guisuis@hotmail.com
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NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice 307-2218
NM Interfaith Power and Light info@nm-ipl.org
NM Japanese American Citizen League 600-1549
NM Peace Choir kmayers@ix.netcon.com
NM Women’s Global Pathways 435-5741
New Energy Economy info@newenergyeconomy.org
Notable Healing notablehealing@gmail.com
People for Peace 886-6876
Power Through Peace powerthrupace@gmail.com
Rio Grande Sierra Club, Central Group 243-7767
Santa Feans for Justice in Palestine/Israel (505) 995-9866
Santuario de Karuna 803-9903
Showing Up for Racial Justice—ABQ suriaq@gmail.com
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 881-9626
St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community 352-4061
St. Tim’s Lutheran Church 255-8001
Stop the War Machine 268-9557
SW Hypnotherapists Examining Board 877-2766
The Water Groups 242-5511
Trinity House Catholic Worker 842-5697
United Voices for Refugee Rights (UVRR) 362-8301
UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute jai@unm.edu
UNM Peace & Global Justice Studies 277-4912
UNM Sustainability Studies Program 277-3325
Veterans For Peace palahberb@gmail.com, (207) 332-8026

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Would you be interested in volunteering with us?

What talents and/or skills could you offer ACP&J?

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For more info, please contact your local Peace and Justice Group.
Sally-Alice Thompson: A Life Dedicated to Peace and Justice for All

By Joline Gutierrez Krueger, from World Beyond War, 6/19/2019, originally in Albuquerque Journal, 3/24/2019

Sally-Alice Thompson has led a life so full of incredible accomplishments and adventures that it’s hard to know where to start.

We could begin with the time she traveled 450 miles by foot and by bus with a group of Americans and Soviet citizens in 1987 from what was then Leningrad to Moscow to promote peace and nuclear disarmament. “At every town, we were welcomed enthusiastically,” Thompson, 95, recalled. “They brought us flowers and big, flat loaves of bread and little treasures that meant something to them. They were so happy to see Americans who didn’t hate them.”

We could start with how she participated in a similar anti-nuke walk, called the Great Peace March, a year before that, beginning in Los Angeles and ending in Washington, D.C., nine months later.

Perhaps we begin with how she was one of the first women to serve with the Albuquerque Police Department. Or how she served in the Navy during World War II. Or how she taught elementary school in Albuquerque for 20 years.

Maybe we start with how she and her husband, Donald Thompson, also a Navy veteran, school teacher and a former state legislator, founded the Albuquerque chapter of Veterans for Peace after both came to believe the cost of war was far too high and the justice shown veterans far too low.

Maybe we begin with the many other marches she has participated in against the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, the 2005 protest at then-President George W. Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas. Or how in 2014 at the age of 91, she trekked for 13 days from Albuquerque to Santa Fe in support of MOP, or Money Out of Politics.

It might do well to begin with a discussion of her travels around the globe from Turkmenistan to El Salvador to teach and to learn, and how that global awareness prompted her to open her Ridgecrest home to refugees and immigrants.

Or we could start with her affiliation with the Raging Grannies, women of a certain age who detest and protest war and injustice. Thompson taught herself to play guitar and compose some of the songs the Grannies sing at protests.

We might begin with the two books she has written – one a memoir, the other a novel.

Or how she and her husband became charter members of the Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice and paid off the mortgage to its location at Harvard and Silver SE. “She’s inspired many, including me,” said Samia Assed, president of the center’s coordinating council. “She’s active to this very second.”

But perhaps the most important story is the one that begins with Thompson as a child of the Great Depression, the oldest of five children born to parents who moved the family from farm town to farm town throughout the Midwest in search of a better life they never found. “Everyone was poor, and we were the poorest,” she said.

She recalls that her parents were both anti-war, that her father was a conscientious objector during World War I. Despite her parents’ opposition, she joined the Navy. “I was a rebel from Day One,” she said.

The military, she said, was a way out of poverty and a way into higher education. For her, it seemed the only way. That, she said, already seemed wrong. “We should not have to go to war just to go to college,” she said. “Education should be accessible for all, no matter how rich or poor.”

It was that sense of fairness for all, that desire to make something from nothing, that became the catalyst for why she has marched, protested, toiled and sung her truth. “I’ve always been concerned with justice,” she said. “I don’t think being born in America makes you special. We don’t choose where we are born. People, wherever they are born, deserve to have rights, deserve to have justice and peace.”

Thompson walks six miles each day, but she is slowing down – not being as efficient, as she puts it. Her body is stooped and frail, her hearing fading, but her mind and her memory are as sharp as ever. “I outlived everybody,” she said, referring to her husband, her two children and her siblings and parents. “I don’t know why.”

She still sings with and writes songs for the Raging Grannies, still mails out newsletters for the Center for Peace and Justice, still makes phone calls for candidates and causes, still cares about a world that she still believes is worth fighting for.

These days, she sees the pendulum swinging toward authoritarianism and privilege for the few. But she also sees the slow rise of a new generation willing to keep fighting for peace and justice, to protest, to march, to care.

It’s just going to take time for them to catch up to her.