Dear Friends:

It is no secret that the P&J Center is going through a rough time. However, the light provided by those dedicated to the Center shines bright. First, we will call them the Persons of the Year: Cliff and Mollie Wilkie with the Saturday food distribution, never failing to bring much-appreciated food and cheer to those in need. They deserve a big Valentine of Thanks. We also have Martha Engberg, who has kept us chugging along this holiday season, going up this hill of challenges. And a big Valentine of Thanks is due to Sidni Lamb of the Coordinating Council.

We also wish all of our members a Happy Valentine’s Day. Our plan is to keep on keeping on with making the changes needed for the P&J Center to be a strong member of the forward-looking community.

Maureen Wright, Building and Grounds Committee
Sheng Zhen Meditation: Self-Care for Activists

Our world has many challenges that affect us deeply and that we must address. Capitalism, white supremacy and other forms of Oppression are not only outside us, but also internalized. Self-care practices allow us to heal ourselves. Sheng Zhen Meditation works to heal Body, Mind and Spirit. All are welcome, Tuesdays starting Feb. 11, 1pm at the Peace Center. For more information call Barb Singer at 401-3158.

The Conversation Continues

The Necessary Conversations group will continue a conversation on racial issues, currently using Ijeoma Oluo's book So You Want to Talk About Race. Friday, Feb. 21, 1-2:30pm We meet every 3rd Friday at the Peace and Justice Center. We will focus on the issue of intersectionality--what it is and why we need to understand and work with it to be effective in peacemaking and social justice work. We will also discuss the question: “Is police brutality really about race?” We are currently reading Chapters 5 and 6. This material takes time to get your head around so please read the material, if possible, before you come. You are welcome, even if you haven't read the book. And, if you can't come, read the book. Questions: brysondean.iowa@gmail.com

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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
Calendar of Special Events

Saturday, Feb. 1, 3:30pm only, no matinees
Screening of *The Resurrection of Victor Jara* (Dir. John Travers, 2015, 97m). Assoc. Producer Juan Carlos Vallejo to speak at the screenings, and L@sotr@s perform some of Victor Jara's songs after the shows, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. Info: guildcinema.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Saturday, Feb. 1, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by William Barber: “Why Iowa Matters” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Feb. 1, 7-9pm
NM Humanities Council presents *Harriet’s Return: Based Upon the Legendary Life of Harriet Tubman*, performed by Karen Jones Meadows at Kimo Theater, 423 Central Ave. NW. Advance tix: $15/adults and $10/students, via kimotickets.com or call 886-1251; day of show tix: $20/adults and $15/students. More info: nmhumanities.org

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 9am-Noon
**End Mass Incarceration Day of Action** at the State Capitol, hosted by ACLU of NM. More info: fb.com/events/451578029063194 or action.aclu.org/signup/nm-2020-days-of-action

Thursday, Feb. 6, 3:30-5:30pm
**International Day of Solidarity with Leonard Peltier and Political Prisoners.** Gather at 333 Lomas NW to hear guest speakers and updates; free coffee served. Questions? info@indigenousrightscenter.org

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30-9:30pm
**Burque Revolt Poetry Slam** feat. ABQ Queer Afro Latino Writer & Poet, Matthew Brown at Canvas Artistry, 3120 Central Ave SE. For more info, visit burquerevoltpoetryslam.wordpress.com & fb.com/BurqueRevolt

Thursday, Feb. 6, 7-10pm
*It Takes a Village* Benefit Concert feat. *Indigo Girls with Winona LaDuke and Lyla June Johnston*, at the Scottish Rite Temple, 463 Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe. Info: fb.com/events/963383630708350 and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Friday, Feb. 7, 6pm

Saturday, Feb. 8, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor: “The Power of Social Movements” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, Feb. 9, 4-5:30pm
**Respira: A QTPOC Burque Revolt Slam & Open Mic** presents Sierra Garcia-Charlie, an award-winning and published poet from Native American Community Academy. At Red Planet Books & Comics, 1002 Park Avenue SW. More info: burquerevoltpoetryslam.wordpress.com & fb.com/respirapoetry.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1pm
Weekly *Sheng Zhen Meditation* to heal Body, Mind and Spirit begins this day. All are welcome, at the Peace Center. More info: Barb Singer, 401-3158, and see also page 2.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30pm
**ABQ screening of *After Parkland***, about the mass shooting at a High School in Florida two years ago, and how the community dealt with it. Screenings will take place at the Regal Winrock IMAX & RPX, 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE, Bldg 400, when 50 or more attendees reserve their place via tickets.demand.film/event/9673. More info: rebecca@picturemotion.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 6
Calendar of Special Events

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8am-2pm

Respect NM Women Lobby Day at the State Capitol, hosted by ACLU of NM and numerous other groups. More info: fb.com/events/147989139959456, or swop.net/feminisms, respectnmwomen.org, eqnm.org, and iwrising.org

Saturday, Feb. 15, 3-5pm

Faith & Politics Forum entitled Climate Crisis - What Can I Do?, held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE. The event is free and open to the public, and will be live-streamed via standrewabq.org/live-broadcast. More info: 881-9626, pastor.standrewabq@aol.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Saturday, Feb. 15, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Robert Fisk: “Chaos in the Middle East” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Monday, Feb. 17, 2-4pm

All African People's Revolutionary Party-NM host We Saved Ourselves: Africans and the Abolition of Slavery, at Siembra Leadership H.S., 524 Central Ave. SW. Light snacks will be provided, children are welcome and childcare provided as well. Please note that some of this history is violent, so parents please use your best discretion. More info via fb.com/aaprpaq or aaprneumexico.org

Friday, Feb. 21, 1-2:30pm

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Friday, Feb. 21, Noon

Sylvia Ramos Cruz lecture: They Won the Vote: Suffrage & Suffragists in New Mexico, at NM State Library, 1209 Camino Carlos Rey in Santa Fe. More info: (505) 476-9700

Saturday Feb. 22, 1pm ONLY, All Seats $7

Indigenous Women Rising screen Young Lakota (Dir. Marion Lipschutz & Rose Rosenblatt, 2012, 83m) at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. Proceeds will go to the Indigenous Women Rising Abortion Fund. More info: guildcinema.com, iwrising.org, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Michael Lerner: “Faith, Politics & the Left, Part 1” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. More info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, Feb. 29, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by Michael Lerner: “Faith, Politics & the Left, Part 2” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. More info: alternativeradio.org

Save the Date:

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. More info: abqlibrary.org or call 311.

Sunday, Mar. 15, 3-5pm

Seeking Peace and Justice in the Holy Land: A Palestinian Christian Perspective, with Rev. Alex Awad, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE. The event is free and open to the public, and will be live-streamed via standrewabq.org/live-broadcast. For more info, call 881-9626 or email pastor.standrewabq@aol.com.
**Film about Victor Jara**
*The Resurrection of Victor Jara* (Dir. John Travers, 2015, 97m) is a feature length film exploring the legacy and cultural resurgence of South American singer-songwriter and activist Victor Jara, who was brutally killed in 1973 following a military coup in Chile. Weaving interviews and archival materials (some rare), supported by an original sound score and a generous helping of his songs, the film reveals why Jara’s values and music transcend multiple generations, remaining a powerful cultural symbol in the ongoing global struggle for human rights and social justice. Includes interviews with Judy Collins, Bono, Holly Near, Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seger, Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul & Mary, plus many others! Assoc. Producer Juan Carlos Vallejo will speak at the screenings, and Lasotras will perform some of Victor Jara's songs after the shows! **Saturday, Feb. 1, 3:30pm only (no matinees)**, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. More info: guildcinema.com, vjvive.com

**Honor the Earth Presents: It Takes a Village Benefit Concert**
It takes a village to raise our children and our food, to care for our elders and Earth, to live in sustainable harmony with all life. Honor the Earth and Traditional Native American Farmers Association, 2 non-profit organizations, invite you to a live event featuring the Indigo Girls with Winona LaDuke and Lyla June Johnston, **Thursday, Feb. 6, 7-10pm at the Alhambra Theater in the Scottish Rite Temple in Santa Fe, 463 Paseo de Peralta on the corner of Paseo De Peralta & Washington Ave.** Tickets are $30 and up via universe.com. A pre-show reception from 5:30pm to 6:30pm will be held at the Ballroom in the Scottish Rite Temple for the Patron Pass holders and the Collaborators. This is the “Floor Front + Reception” tickets for $125. This is a fundraiser for Honor the Earth & Traditional Native American Farmers Association. Our goal is to develop vitally active collaborations that strengthen our community to care for new families and the Earth.

**SCHEDULE:**
5:30-6:30pm: Reception in Ballroom
6:30pm: Doors Open
7:00pm: Blessing by Vickie Downey, Tesuque Pueblo Elder, and Welcome with Clayton Brascoupe, Traditional Native American Farmers Association
7:10-8pm: Lyla June Johnston
8-8:30pm: Winona LaDuke
8:30-10pm: Indigo Girls

**ORGANIZERS:**
- Winona LaDuke, Amy Ray & Emily Saliers, Founders for Honor the Earth
- Vickie Downey, Tesuque Pueblo Elder
- Clayton Brascoupe, Founder and Executive Director for Traditional Native American Farmers Association
* Leslie Larsen, Event Producer and owner, Global Gathering Productions
- Hosted by Honor the Earth and The Indigo Girls

For more information, visit honorearth.org or fb.com/events/963383630708350.
The Climate Crisis is upon us! Is there hope? What can New Mexicans do? Attend the Faith and Politics Forum entitled *Climate Crisis - What Can I Do?* **Sunday, Feb. 16, 3-5pm at St Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa NE.** The event is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Albuquerque Forum on Faith and Politics, and hosted by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

To start the forum we will hear from three young people expressing their hopes and fears about the climate crisis. They will be followed by two speakers: Tom Solomon, Coordinator for 350 New Mexico will discuss “Climate Crisis: Today and In Our Future”, and Larry Rasmussen, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics emeritus, will discuss “Climate Ethics”.

The second hour will feature breakout sessions for discussion of actions that individuals could do to help meet the climate crisis. The goal will be for each individual will have a list of actions that they feel comfortable carrying out. More info: email pattye@swcp.com

Film Screening for Day of Action against Gun Violence

Part of a national Day of Action this February 12th, a film called *After Parkland* commemorates the second anniversary of the mass shooting at a Florida high school.

Filmed in the days after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, this intimate chronicle weaves together interviews, verite footage, and personal videos into a moving portrait of grief and one community's crusade to turn tragedy into progress. You can watch the trailer on the website (afterparklandmovie.com) or at youtube.com/watch?v=QVvgDty_PhQ. To amplify the call to end gun violence in America, our goal is to have 100 screenings across the country that evening.

The Albuquerque screening takes place **Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6:30pm at the Regal Winrock IMAX & RPX, 2100 Louisiana Blvd NE, Bldg 400.** Screenings can only take place if at least 50 attendees reserve their place via tickets.demand.film/event/9673, and we would love to have members of your community present. Questions/More info: Rebecca Strawn, rebecca@picturemotion.com.

Indigenous Reproductive Rights Film Returns

*Indigenous Women Rising* screen *Young Lakota* (Dir. Marion Lipschutz & Rose Rosenblatt, 2012, 83m) on **Saturday Feb. 22, 1pm only, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE.** All seats are $7.

The Pine Ridge Reservation is no stranger to strife and heartbreak, stark realities and inspired idealism. In *Young Lakota*, we are brought directly into the emotional and often uncertain journey of Sunny Clifford, her twin sister Serena, and their politically ambitious friend Brandon Ferguson, who all share the compelling desire to make a difference for themselves and their community. Their political awakening begins when Cecelia Fire Thunder, the first female president of their tribe, defies a proposed S. Dakota law criminalizing all abortion by threatening to build a women’s clinic on the sovereign territory of the reservation. Sunny, just back on the reservation after two years in college, Serena, unwed and with a toddler, and Brendan with two little boys, find themselves immersed in this political battle as they struggle between opportunity and principle; between selling out or staying the course through twists and turns that they could not have anticipated.

This is a uniquely sensitive portrayal of bright young people finding their way, as the film follows the surprising highs and lows of the statewide referendum on abortion and a divisive tribal election. Young Lakota tells the tale of the diverging paths Brandon and Sunny begin to take. Ultimately it is the complex interplay of personal choice, cultural, economic and political circumstance that defines who they are and what kind of adults they are becoming. Beyond the divisiveness and turmoil, the stark disappointments and heady triumphs, it is Sunny’s courage and Cecelia Fire Thunder’s wisdom which gives Young Lakota a sense of enduring possibility and of life being lived deeply that will resonate with any audience.

Proceeds will go to the Indigenous Women Rising Abortion Fund. More info: guildcinema.com, iwrising.org

Letter to Teachers and Other Creatives:

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima (Aug. 6) and Nagasaki (Aug. 9), and a good time to revive the story of *Sadako and the Thousand Cranes.* A nice accompanying project is to make and assemble strands of origami peace cranes to be donated for decoration for the Veterans For Peace National Convention, which will be held **August 5-9, 2020 at the Crown Plaza Hotel.** After the convention the cranes will be placed on the Children’s Peace Statue at the Balloon Fiesta Museum. For further information contact Sally-Alice Thompson, 260-8336 or 710-8020.
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Important for Recipients of the Print Version of the Newsletter:

After this February issue, ACPJ will no longer be sending out a print version of the monthly newsletter.

- Financial cost is almost $1,000 / month (staff time, costs to print and mail) for a mailing list of fewer than 200 persons.
- Sustainability impact of paper/ink use and the larger carbon footprint.

The monthly web version will still continue. We also understand that digital communications are not everyone’s preference. So there will always be print copies of the newsletter available to read at the Center. Over the next few weeks, we will call everyone on the print newsletter mailing list to make accommodations when requested.

We are committed to strengthening communication channels with the entire ACJP community in different ways (Potlucks, membership meetings, volunteer trainings, social media, community events, phone calls, other). We want you to stay informed and engaged about the incredible peace and social justice movement and activities happening in our city. Let us know what best works for you.