

PARK PLAZAS

Community Connections

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS

March 27 turned out to be a beautiful warm spring evening. Approaching the Chavez Center, my spirits ran high. It was fun to greet neighbors I knew, including two who had saved me a seat. There were approximately 125 people in attendance, with an all-time record of 49 percent of households represented either in person or by proxy.

Sadly, the Community Room is a dismal venue—both dark and gloomy, despite the soaring ceiling—and the acoustics are dreadful. One longtime resident said after the meeting that she was able to hear only about a quarter of what was spoken.

As the first order of business, the work of the Nominating Committee was recognized. The four PPCSA board candidates each had four minutes, including questions from the floor, to make their final campaign pitches.

While the votes were being tallied, the major reports were given:

- Manager Mike Strijek reviewed last year's work, especially focusing on storm damage. The big July flood resulted in remediation and prevention work in excess of \$96,000.
- The new chair of the Architectural Control Committee, Reid Michaels, described the committee's role and the upcoming inspection. (See page 2 for more information.)
- Treasurer Stan Holland discussed 2018 financials that showed an end-of-year net surplus of \$90,306.

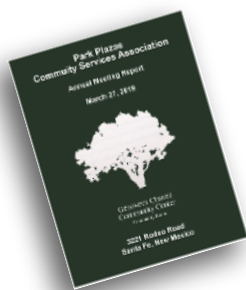
More details can be found in the [Annual Meeting Report](#), which is available through the office. Your copy of the [2019 OWNER DIRECTORY](#) can also be obtained there, along with documents pertaining to the bylaws work. (See page 2 for an update on the Bylaws Study Group.)

During the meeting, members thanked the board for its work, encouraged residents to become more engaged and educated, and expressed interest in opportunities for more communication among neighbors.

Finally, it was announced that the three new board members are Jean Lamunière (incumbent), Diane Graves and Ken Coldwell, listed in order of votes received. The loudest cheer of the night came not for the election results but for adjournment.

— Jane Morris

APRIL
Board Meeting
Wed., April 17
6:30 pm
Residents are encouraged
to attend.



Deanna Anderson - Doggone Good Idea!



The Rope-N-Go is a pet harness of unparalleled fit, ease of use, comfort and quality. They are now being made right here in Park Plazas by Deanna Anderson (Ristra). Each Rope-N-Go is individually handcrafted with soft rope and absolutely no hardware. Discover the benefits of using this ingenious rope harness/leash on your pet—it's safe and smart. Sizes range from extra small to large, priced from \$28.95 to \$33.95. Colors include bright solids, plus the multi-colored "Hippie" Rope-N-Go that Cisco is modeling. For more information, link out to Ropengo.com or send an email to Deannaropengo@gmail.com.



SPOTLIGHT
on your neighbor



There's a New Sheriff in Town!

ACC GEARS UP FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION

Reid Michaels (Molino) is the new chair of the Park Plazas Architectural Committee (aka Architectural Control Committee or ACC). At the recent annual meeting, Reid reported on the ACC's responsibilities, notably an annual inspection — conducted in May — to ensure that "all improvements, construction and alterations within Park Plazas conform to and harmonize with existing surrounding structures." ACC members use a standardized form to assess the exterior condition of each property.

In June, each homeowner receives an Annual Inspection Form detailing what, if any, actions need to be taken to bring the property up to Park Plazas standards. If necessary, a follow-up inspection is done in September and a re-inspection form is mailed to the homeowner. As Reid noted, the annual inspections have "contributed greatly to keeping Park Plazas looking fresh and kept. This in turn has grown property values to all-time highs."

In his report, Reid also made it clear that homeowners are required to obtain prior approval before making property improvements. The ACC Improvement Application (available on the PPCSA website or through the office) allows the homeowner to describe proposed improvements and obtain approval before any work gets under way.

In addition, the ACC has developed a list of recommended and prohibited plants for residents who wish to make landscape improvements on community property outside their immediate lot lines. A Common Area Landscape Improvement Application must be submitted before any planting is done.

Members of the ACC, all dedicated volunteers, are Wayne Darnell (Mariposa), Nora Haskins (Fresa), Jean Lamunière (Molino), Gary Lutes (Piñon), Debra Sorenson (Nieve) and Deirdre Stiles (Orquidea).

BYLAWS STUDY GROUP REPORT

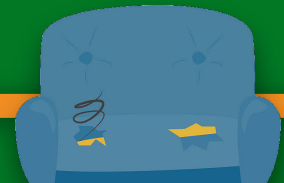
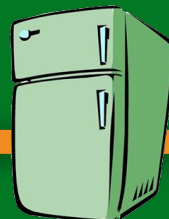
In March, the Bylaws Study Group met with members of the PPCSA Board to continue work on the draft recommendations. At the March 27 annual meeting, an overview report was made available to attendees. This report presents next steps in the process and a preliminary time frame for this work. All documents, including the overview report are posted to the Park Plazas website. Or, follow this link to the *Community Connections* website for these documents: <https://www.parkplazascommunityconnections.org/bylaws-study-group>.

Attendees at the annual meeting expressed an interest in opportunities — in addition to any formal meetings — for residents to become educated about the proposed updates to the bylaws and covenants.

As discussed in the reports, the proposed documents are being reviewed by two attorneys to eliminate conflicts between the documents and ensure compliance with legal statutes. At the end of their review, a number of additional steps will be taken that will culminate in members reviewing and approving the documents. These steps are also discussed in the reports.

Helpful TIP

Trash Amnesty Day



On Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 am to 4:45 pm, the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station (BuRRT), located at 2600 Buckman Road in Santa Fe, will hold its first-ever Trash Amnesty Day. Bring your unwanted household waste to BuRRT for **free**!

This is a great opportunity to get rid of bulky items such as large old appliances, furniture, mattresses and box springs. Have some unwanted materials left over from a remodeling or building project? Carpet, tiles, concrete, bricks and metals are all accepted.

No materials will be accepted from businesses, and no trailers are allowed at BuRRT. For more information, link out to <http://keepsantafebeautiful.org/event/trash-amnesty-day>.



V GREAT Volunteer GIGS

Why I'm a Volunteer at the International Folk Art Market

One magical long weekend each July, Museum Hill is transformed into the **International Folk Art Market | Santa Fe**. Now in its 16th year, this year's Market is July 12-14. Our content editor, Jane Morris (Ristra), started volunteering at IFAM in 2012—her first full year living in Santa Fe—so this will be her eighth IFAM weekend.

Q. Santa Fe has many volunteer opportunities. What made you choose IFAM?

A. IFAM is truly a worldwide community. Volunteers provide expertise, resourcefulness, dedication and a genuine spirit of friendship to make IFAM the largest folk art market of its kind. In 2018 alone, more than 1,774 volunteers (ages 12 to 94) worked during Market weekend, putting in 15,684 hours in 3,202 shifts. They traveled from 38 states and 27 countries to be part of IFAM—a volunteer from Australia made the longest trek to Santa Fe! As Charlene Cerny, one of IFAM's founders, has written: "Can you believe that over the Market's history we've hosted nearly a thousand artists from close to 100 countries, with sales of folk art totaling \$28 million? It's really astonishing."

Q. What does this mean for the artists themselves?

A. The artists keep 80% of their earned income, which allows them to serve as catalysts for positive change in their communities. They are able to improve employment, health care, education and overall well-being.

Q. What kinds of jobs are available to volunteers?

A. It seems to me there's something for everyone. Link out to <https://folkartmarket.org/> and check out some of the sections aimed at volunteers. Multilingual volunteers are always in special demand, to serve as artist assistants and also as interpreters who help out as needed. Across the entire Market, more than 50 languages are spoken! In addition, there are set-up and take-down opportunities. In particular, dozens of Ambiance Decorating volunteers turn Museum Hill into a colorful, bustling global marketplace starting about three weeks before Market. See Facebook under IFAM for photos and more.

Q. Are there others from Park Plazas involved?

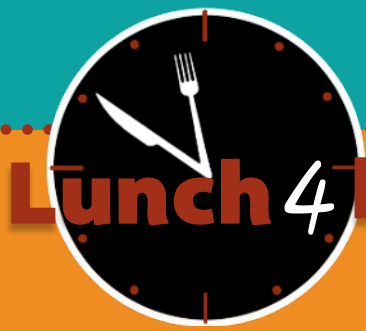
A. Of course! A complete list isn't available, but I know Beth and Gary Lutes (Piñon) have been involved in previous years. Up on Museum Hill, I've seen Gary driving a golf cart and Beth welcoming volunteers as they check in before starting their shifts. Maxine Gold (Colina) and Sandy Nelson Price (Cisne) are also IFAM stalwarts. Pat Harrison (Papagayo) and I are now volunteering together. We work in Ambiance Sales, where we sell lower-priced folk-art items and literally thousands of commemorative T-shirts. Our profits are part of the financial support that makes it possible for participating artists to take so much of their income back home.

Q. Can you summarize what brings you back to IFAM each year?

A. As my favorite IFAM tagline says, "It's Not Just a Market. It's a Miracle." For me, being part of this miracle is both fun and fulfilling. It's very special to know that your work is helping keep precious traditions alive and improve lives in communities all over the world.



CREATING CONNECTIONS



Lunch4Life at Presbyterian Santa Fe Medical Center

On Thursday, May 9, plan to join some of your neighbors for the first in our informal Lunch4Life series. This initial event is also part of a "lecture over lunch" series sponsored by Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation. The luncheon presentation will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Teaching/Community Room, which is located on the Lower Level of the new Santa Fe Medical Center. There is no charge and a light lunch will be served.

Dr. Nancy Guinn, Medical Director Presbyterian Healthcare at Home, and Lorrie Griego, Director Advanced Healthcare Planning, will lead an important and informative discussion on consideration of personal values and current health conditions, the meaning of quality of life to each of us, and how we can best ensure that our wishes are communicated to others.

In the months to come, Lunch4Life will feature presentations by Park Plazas residents who are recognized experts in their fields. We are looking forward to having Karen Hyatt (Manzana) talk about downsizing and decluttering. We are also eager to hear Lorie Dwinell (Ristra) address issues of grief and loss. We know many of you have requested lunchtime get-togethers, and we hope Lunch4Life will prove popular.

For the May 9 event, seating is limited, so please RSVP to Laurie Glaze at laurieglaze@gmail.com before May 2.

Welcome to Our New Sponsor: Karen Hyatt and Estate Pros

Estate Pros LLC offers professional and confidential assistance for the dispersal of personal possessions due to a move, illness or death. Karen Hyatt (Manzana) started Estate Pros in 2011 with the primary goal of serving those who are left with the overwhelming responsibility of organizing and distributing what remains after someone dies. Over the years, Estate Pros has moved into related services, including downsizing, which Karen describes as "an emotional and detailed task that often requires assistance." She continues: "Estate Pros can help you sort through and disperse personal possessions, making your current or new home both cozy and uncluttered." We are delighted to have Karen and Estate Pros as a *Community Connections* sponsor. For more information, link out to <http://www.estateprosnm.com/>.



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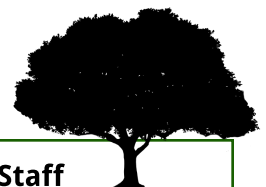
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Mission Statement:

To produce a warm, personal, engaging and timely community-focused publication that creates and nurtures connections among all residents of Park Plazas. *Community Connections* is about people – highlighting what makes our neighbors interesting, makes them real, and makes others want to learn more about them.

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