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Today's speaker was Larry Kennedy — Walla Engineering

Larry is a native of Denver, but was able to put that in his past by the time he was 12 years old. Now in Albuquerque for about 40 years, we are able to proudly call him a real New Mexican. After being divorced for a few years, Larry married for a second time in 2011. Although he says that he is quite happily married to that second wife, rumor has it that Larry actually spends most nights with his first wife. However he worked it out, Mr. Kennedy has two great children. His daughter is a Frontier Airlines flight attendant living in Denver (watch out Larry, don't let that drag you back there). His son is a "Top-Gun" student at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona - working toward a commercial pilot career.

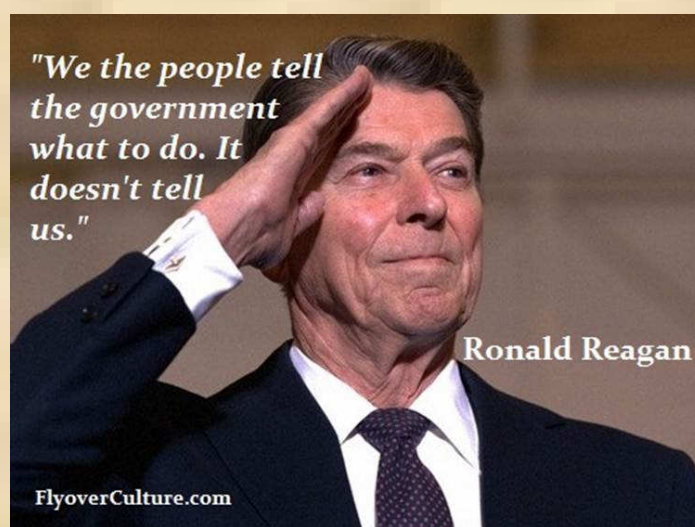
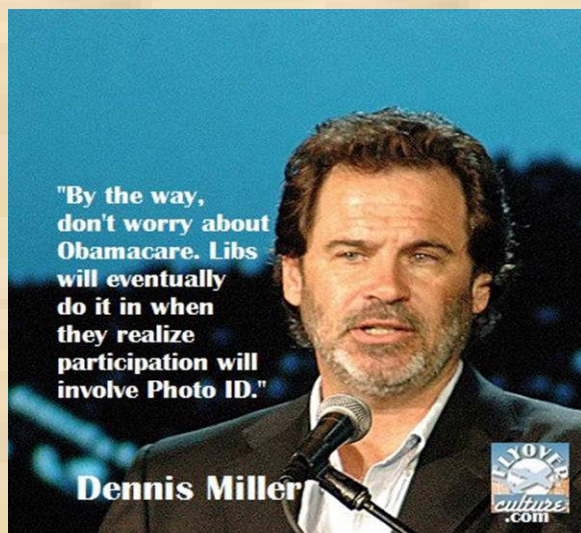
Larry's professional time is spent with Walla Engineering. They are a small, 4 person, Civil and Structural Engineering firm, working jobs throughout the region. Additions to the Career Enrichment Center in Albuquerque; schools in Farmington and in Church Rock; MRI addition for Lubbock's University Medical Center; and quite a few smaller commercial jobs in a variety of places.

Larry the community supporter, is heavily involved in the STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) charter school that will occupy a 41,000 sq ft building at the old Eclipse facility. They have about 270 students and include a pilot training component.

And in his spare time, Larry is NM State Fair Commission Chairman. Although it is a self-sustaining entity, the Commission, with Larry at the helm, has reduced debt by about 65%, kept all the operating expenses paid and managed to put on successful State Fairs, while keeping the facilities in use and generating revenues throughout the rest of the year.

If you would like some quality engineering; a tour of State Fair Grounds; or if you just want to talk to a really good guy, give Larry a call 505-881-3008.

- ◆ Congratulations and a hearty WELCOME to our newest member: Don Clark — Abq1
- ◆ Board Members please note that there will be a meeting after breakfast next Tuesday—February 11th



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Business Leads:

Walmart will be opening a 'neighborhood market' in the former Rio Rancho Twin Theater building.
— Bob Cote - Gallery Painting

Reciprocity:

Thank you to:

Demand Printing Solutions — Stephen Douglas - He Designed and printed a 'Thank You' card on which we can insert a business card and hang on the rearview mirror after customer installations.
- Phil Kenny — Trucks Unique

Karl Kirsch — O'Malley Glass and Pat Maloy — Maloy Mobile Storage from TJ Maloy

Tom Keleher — Keleher & McLeod from Robert Biernacki

Larry Kennedy—Walla Engineering from Troy Otero

David Rodriguez -Computer Solutions Group and Jack Zipper from Soren Thomsen

- ◆ There are a couple of Greeter slots available in March. Give Mario a call and get your name on the list.
- ◆ Excellent attendance the last few weeks. You might want to start arriving around 6:45. The early group has some pretty interesting conversations. Jack, Jack and Damian will have time to tell you about the newest guns; and there is a better chance to get one of the few seats without a table leg in the way.
- ◆ Two blonde women find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station. One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."
- ◆ A blonde was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly she has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls her over, so she tells the cop about all the trees in the road. The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"

Badge Board Greeter

Feb 11th Mike Blomker — Merry Maids
Feb 18th Jason Ross — Ross Family Dental
Feb 25th Tom Keleher — Keleher and McLoud
Mar 4th Don Clark — Abq1
Mar 11th Bill Maxey — Butterfield Jewelers

Upcoming Speakers

Feb 11th TJ Maloy — Waterjet Cutting
Feb 18th Guest Speaker from Popejoy Hall
Feb 25th Guest Speaker Ron Gibbs from First Tee
Mar 4th Garrett Hennessy — Express Employment
Mar 11th Mark Tobiassen — Action Coach Business Coaching
Mar 18th Patrick Garr — Expense Reduction Analyst
Mar 25th Mike Blomker — Merry Maids
Apr 1st Don Clark — Abq1