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Today's presentation was by Rob Thomas — New Mexico Dream Center



Mr. Thomas is a long time resident of Albuquerque. He has three now grown children. One attending UNM; one about to become a member of the local fire department and one that escaped to San Diego. During his time here, Mr. Thomas has filled various religious and business positions. His most recent challenge will be as founder / CEO of New Mexico Dream Center. The Dream Center is a faith based volunteer organization established to find and fill the needs of the most at-risk members of our community. The organization's mission is to restore the dream of the helpless, hopeless, hurting and the broken. It does not intend to be just another homeless shelter or just another feeding program. The Dream Center's concept is a progression of the Los Angeles Dream Center that was founded in 1994. That program is still successfully filling the needs of more than 80,000 people per month. In 2004 the Phoenix Dream Center was founded and it is currently filling the needs of nearly 40,000 folks per month. What actually is the Dream Center? The program is mobile hunger relief; it is medical programs; residential rehabilitation programs; shelter for victims of human trafficking; transitional housing for homeless families; foster care intervention programs; job skills and life skills training; counseling; basic education; Bible studies; and more... but on a large scale. By 'large scale' Mr. Thomas means "very large scale" His organization is in the process of purchasing the 529,000 square foot complex that was previously the Lovelace hospital facility in southeast part of Albuquerque. When fully in use, this facility will be almost 50% greater than the size of the LA facility noted earlier. If the Albuquerque version can have the same impact as the LA Center, it would have a phenomenal affect on not only the participants of the program, but on the community itself. In the first four years of the LA groups operation, violent crime prosecution in that community degreased by 73%. And the progress continues. 138,000 violent crimes in LA the year that their Dream Center started; last year violent crimes were reported at only about 16,000. The LA Center has served over 1.4 million meals in the last 4 years; has helped 750 families with foster care intervention; has had 5,600 people go through their live-in program,—with over 90% success rate; currently they have 790 on-site residents. The Phoenix Dream Center has had proportionally similar activities and results. There are currently 52 organizations operating in the Albuquerque area with the same desire and intent to help the less fortunate people. The Dream Center does not intend to just become number 53. The Dream Center intends to operate a program on such a large scale that it will be able to assist those other programs by coordinating services; increasing capabilities; and be fulfilling the needs that are currently unfulfilled because of the large demand and small capability caused by limited facilities at the smaller organizations. The NMDC intends to create strategic partnerships with the current programs so as to minimize duplication and increase overall effectiveness. The New Mexico Dream Center has big dreams of its own. They want to mimic the success of the LA and Phoenix Centers, and with the size differences (remember the Albuquerque location would be about 50% larger than the LA facility) the Albuquerque organization has so much more potential. If you would like to know more about the New Mexico Dream Center; want to become a volunteer; or want to contribute your time and / or talents and/ or money to the fundraising efforts of that program, contact Mr. Thomas directly at 505-254-2231. They hope to raise enough funds to begin a limited operation of the first phase of the program by September 1st of this year.

◆ EAGA Board of Directors' meeting will 5:30 PM, Tuesday, August 9th, at Rio Bravo Brewing Company.

◆ First announcement of a prospective new member:

Keller Williams Realty

Representative: Carlos Martinez

Category: Residential Real Estate

Sponsor: Phil Houser

If you have an objection to this company becoming a member, or if you have any information that you feel should be considered during the application review process, please contact Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper, (jdzipper@comcast.net - 505-259-5959), as soon as possible.

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Business Leads:

- KINESIO Holding Corp is moving into a new office at 4001 Masthead NE.
- Dr. Dental is going in at 800 Juan Tabo NE.
- BAHAMA BUCK'S is going into Montgomery Plaza.
- Lionel Specter—Zeon Signs

Whenever you encounter a lead, take action immediately so that you don't forget it. Email or text the lead to me right then and it will be recorded in the next bulletin. bmccabe@bowlintc.com text to: 575-635-1470

Reciprocity:

- Thank you to Joe Kirkpatrick—AAA Windshield Repair. Great job quick replacement of a windshield.
- Thank you to Timmy Simms for the purchase of a new truck.
- Damian Lusch—Rich Ford

- ◆ President Mark 's thoughts for today: Most people want more free time. There are 3 ways to get more time:
1) Prioritize---At the end of each day, write down the 6 most important things that you want to get done the next day, and leave the list on your desk for action tomorrow. 2) Focus ---Specifically set aside a period of time when you do not allow interruptions so that you can concentrate on the desired project. 3) Discipline ---You are probably already prioritizing and focusing, to a degree. Discipline means making that extra effort to increase the focus time.
- ◆ Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper noted some potential categories for new members:
Restaurant/Catering Liquor Distributor Wholesale Foods Supplier
- ◆ The EAGA Jim Fanning Memorial Trap shoot will be on Friday, Sept 23rd. Sign up sheets and raffle information will be available at our meetings, beginning next week.
- ◆ On Wednesday, August 10th, there will be a meeting to discuss EAGA Member cruise to Norway. The meeting will be 6:00 PM, at the home of Pat and Mary Beth Maloy—10801 Elena NE. If you plan to attend this meeting, please send an email to marybeth@maloystorage.com . The trip has to be finalized by the end of August, so this meeting is quite important to anyone thinking of participating in the cruise.

Badge Board Greeters

- Aug 9th Phil Menicucci—Paramount Custom Cabinets
- Aug 16th Chris Fogel—Aspiron Accounting & Consulting
- Aug 23rd Robert Biernacki—Waterquest Landscaping
- Aug 30th Jim Asperger—Crest Mechanical
- Sept 6th No Meeting—Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 13th Soren Thomsen—TEMA Furniture

Upcoming Speakers

- Aug 9th Adam Halpern—Dental Cooperative
- Aug 16th Lou Rodges—Retriever Merchant Services
- Aug 23rd
- Aug 30th
- Sept 6th No Meeting—Labor Day Holiday
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