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Today's presentation was by Paul Losey—Covenant Schools of America



Mr. Losey is a Wisconsin native, but in this case that will be OK since his wife, Pat, is from Dixon, NM. Paul has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and is a licensed Registered

Nurse. He has worked as an Intensive Care Unit nurse; and has owned companies that specialized in medical technology and implants. In 1989 he sold his companies and was trying to figure out what would be the next step in life. He was encouraged by other folks to get into the education field and was attending a conference regarding that subject when 'the light turned on'. He decided that he could make a difference in the world by providing proper education for children, beginning at an early age. Paul and Pat (she has a Masters Degree in Education) have founded the Covenant Schools of America and now have two locations—one on Wyoming in Albuquerque; and one on Barbara Loop in Rio Rancho. Their goal is to "provide an exceptional education in a safe and nurturing environment where children can grow in the Christian faith". The schools provide a proper balance of play and learning for children from infant to pre-kindergarten age, via five different levels, or groups. The *Infant Program* is more than just a day care for the babies. The staff does attend to the child's physical and emotional needs, but they also provide a nurturing environment to stimulate physical, cognitive and language development for the tiny youngsters. The *Toddlers Program* is for walking children who are between 13 months and two years of age. The curriculum for this group, as well as for those in the *Twos Program* (obvious the age group of that program), is designed to provide social, emotional, language and motor development skills. It includes activities for language development; creative expression and exploration. The fourth group is *Preschool Beginners* and is for children that are at least 30 months of age. The students are involved in a phonics based program for learning the foundations of letters and sounds and preparation for reading. This age group is also exposed to the concepts of math and computer literacy; music (learning songs and introduction to various musical instruments); poetry; creative arts (coloring, painting, cutting, gluing); and also a chance to play outside in a playground that is filled with developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The final group is the *Pre-Kindergarten Class* with a curriculum specifically designed for the learning abilities of the 4 year olds that make up the class. The purpose of this program is to ready the children for school—and more. When students have progressed through this class they will have acquired advanced reading skills (some will be reading at 2nd and 3rd grade levels); the ability to count and do simple math; and many more writing, learning and social skills. Along with providing a 5-Star accredited (by ICAA) education for their students, Covenant Schools is very concerned about the physical safety of the students and staff. They have a variety of security measures in place—from fingerprint activated access; multi level door and classroom locks; staff trained in CPR and Pediatric First-Aid and APD Active Shooter Training courses. Paul has given some thought to expanding their schools to include other grade levels, but currently is satisfied with providing the very best education and environment for the infant to pre-kindergarten ages. Paul also notes that today's children learn more, quicker and at an earlier age than did prior generations. A large amount of the credit for that should be given to the parents and guardians whom are regularly involved with the child's learning process. If you have children, or grandchildren, that could benefit from the attitude, care, education and genuine concern offered by Covenant Schools of America, give Paul a call, 505-797-7577, to get a more thorough explanation of what they can provide, and how it can be of benefit to those you care about.

- ◆ We are sad to announce the passing of another one of our long time members: Doyle Pargin passed away on June 11th. We offer our condolences to his family.
- ◆ Steaks will be on the menu for breakfast on June 20th in celebration of Father's Day.
- ◆ On Tuesday, we will hold elections for one new Board member.

Business Leads:

Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle NE, will "namechange" to Wyndham.

Paradigm Physical Therapy & Wellness opening at 3900 Las Estancias Ct. SW

Star Brite Cleaners opening at 6601 4th NW

There is a "Coming Soon - Boost Mobile" banner on the old Valley Pawn location at 4th & Menaul.

Lionel Specter—Zeon Signs

Reciprocity:

Thank you to Lionel Specter—Zeon Signs for removing old signs from a building on short notice.

Thank you to Karl Kirsch— O'Malley Glass for installing a new store front on my building for a new tenant.

Jay Weingardt—The Fitness Superstore

Thank you to AAA Roofing for getting my daughter's roof fixed before it rained again.

Jack Zipper

- ◆ Our Summer Bash will be on Saturday, July 8th at the home of Phil Houser, 1508 Alfredo Garcia, Los Ranchos. There is no charge for EAGA members and spouse/significant other. Adult guests are welcome at \$35 each. Sign up sheets will be available at our next couple of meetings. Sign up as soon as you can so that the committee will know how to plan for food, seating, etc. More information regarding parking; Uber; etc will be provided at our meeting on Tuesday. If you have specific questions, please contact committee co-chairmen Pat Maloy or Dan Mowery.
- ◆ Mario added another table to the breakfast venue and still only a couple of chairs have been available. Badge Board Greeter and Speaker slots are all taken through August. Thank you to all members for the great participation and involvement.

Badge Board Greeters

June 20th	Scott Lardner—Rocky Mountain Stone
June 27th	Garrett Hennessy—TLC Plumbing
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	Mark Bidwell—Rio Grande Title Company
July 18th	Rick Reese—Blue Ristra
July 25th	Kevin Lorenzen—Aflac

Upcoming Speakers

June 20th	Mark Abramson—Los Ranchos Gun Shop
June 27th	Damian Pascetti—Pascetti Steel
July 4th	No Meeting—4th of July Holiday
July 11th	Scott Gorman—Gorman Industries
July 18th	Soren Thomsen—Tema Furniture
July 25th	Tom McMahon—Sunquest Advertising

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