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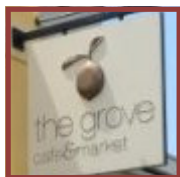
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Today's presentation was by Andrew LoBue—Grove Cafe



Andrew LoBue (pronounced Lo Boo) is the General Manager of The Grove Café & Market. He has been with them since opening day about 11 years ago. The Grove is owned by Chef Jason Green and his wife, Lauren; and Lauren is Andrew's sister. When Lauren told Andrew of the plans for a new restaurant, Andrew's first thought was that there would be a good opportunity for a summer job as he progressed through school. At the time, he had just completed a three year entertainment tour of University of Colorado Boulder, and had returned to Albuquerque to get a sort of "shot-gun degree" from UNM. (That means that shortly after receiving a high school diploma in 2003, Andrew headed to Boulder in pursuit of a college degree. After 3 years, his grades apparently indicated that he had been looking for an education in all the wrong places. At that point, Andrew's father gave him the ultimatum of returning to Albuquerque to finish the degree search at UNM...or begin paying his own way to finish in Boulder, however long that may take.) The decision to return to Albuquerque seems to have been the smart choice. Andrew did receive a degree from UNM—the Pre-Med plans had gone south after the first chemistry class; and the Architecture route was derailed by thoughts of potential trouble in the then-existing economic downturn; so the younger Mr. LoBue finished his higher education with a Sociology Degree. The most beneficial result of that degree pursuit, appears to be that it kept Andrew near the place where he would find his current career. Andrew advanced from that part time summer job, to the very full time General Manager of the Grove. In that position, he is responsible for, among other things, all employee operations at the business. The number of employees has increased from 16 at the start, to 30 now, and the management thereof has increased as well. Andrew is responsible for hiring and occasional firing; service training; and teaching every Barista the importance of proper preparation and presentation of a well made and decorated latte or espresso. It was obvious from his enthusiasm that Andrew is really enjoying the job; and his success in maintaining a quality, service oriented staff, is also obvious in the Grove's very positive reputation. Andrew may hold the title of General Manager, but he also has others titles that are more important to him. He is "Husband" to Lauren and "Dad" to Reagan and Rowan. Andrew shared some of his more prized pictures of the family, but presentation time limits did not allow him to show us all of his 28,000+ photo stash. Probably some would have been repetitive anyway. Andrew and Lauren are obviously still on the road to happily-ever-after, and as a team, are managing the challenges that they encounter along the way. Their son, Rowan, is the youngest of their two kids. He is currently trying to keep up with his older sister in Karate - and both have recently earned their orange belts. Daughter, Reagan, is six years old and just starting in the first grade. Reagan's health has been one of those challenges for the LoBue family. At the age of 18 months, Reagan was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Initial discovery of the illness was a traumatic adventure of its own. Lauren noticed Reagan's abnormal behavior and made the decision to get the youngster to an emergency room. That mother's instinct was a life saver, literally, because it resulted in Reagan receiving needed medical treatment just in time. A day or two later would have been too late to save the little girl. Since then, Andrew and Loren have spent a lot of time educating themselves about Type 1 diabetes so that they can properly care for their youngster. Because of her unpredictable eating schedule and actual food intake, it was very difficult to properly monitor and regulate sugar levels when Reagan was very young. Now that she is a bit older, and has been living with the illness for five years, the process has become somewhat more manageable, and a little (very little) less worrisome. Having a child with an illness is always disconcerting for parents, but very few of us can relate to how stressful it must be to have a youngster with an illness that is as serious, and long term, as Type 1 diabetes. Andrew and his family are amazing. As a side benefit to watching Reagan's diet, the family has become very conscience about nutrition and healthy food. That concept certainly matches the operations at the Grove Café. The restaurant uses quality ingredients sourced from growers and producers around Albuquerque and throughout New Mexico, as well as the Southwest region. They use local and organic products whenever possible - and always the highest quality available. If you want to know more about the Grove Café & Market, or take advantage of their expanding catering services, contact Andrew LoBue at 505-248-9800. If you just want to experience a quality breakfast or lunch, served by well trained and professional staff, stop by the Grove Café & Market at 600 Central SE. Order a latte and one of Andrew's educated staff members will provide you with some art in a cup.

Business Leads:

None noted today

Reciprocity:

None written down today

- ◆ President Dave's Tech Tip for the week: Often, websites require an email address before allowing access to needed processes, downloads, etc. If you find yourself in one of those situations, but do not want to provide your normal email address, go to the website 10minutemail.com That site will provide you with a valid email address, that becomes inactive after 10 minutes. Having the temporary email address will allow you to access the data you need without compromising your own email address...and without having to set up your own bogus one that has to be managed and periodically reviewed and emptied.

- ◆ Second Announcement of a potential new member:

Revelco of New Mexico
Representative: Andrew Sanchez
Category: Automobile Security
Sponsor: Mark Tobiassen

- ◆ Second Announcement of a potential new member:

Team 1st Technologies, LLC
Representative: David Dworsky
Category: Audio Visual and Interactive Technologies
Sponsor: Mark Tobiassen

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

- ◆ In order to raise funds to help offset some of the costs of our annual Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot, we are raffling off a firearm. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You can purchase them from T. J. Maloy at any of the next few Tuesday meetings. The raffle will take place on the Tuesday before the shoot (which is Friday, September 22nd). The firearm has been built by Black Briar and you can see it up close and personal at Los Ranchos Gun Shop. . Below is a components list provided by Michael Predika.

Black Briar Upper/Lower Receiver Set
Black Briar 16", 1:7 Twist, M4 Contour 4140CM Barrel, with a Black Salt Bath Nitride (SBN) finish
Black Briar Ultralight 12" Hand Guard, full top rail, with small accessory rail and sling QD socket.
Caliber: 5.56mmX45mm NATO, will shoot 223 Rem
BCM Gunfighter Ambidextrous Charging Handle
NiB-X Nickel Boron Bolt Carrier Group (BCG)
NiB-X Nickel Boron Mil-Spec Fire Control Group (FCG)
Ergo Aggressive Textured Black Pistol Grip
Ergo F93 Pro 8-position Adjustable Stock Assembly
H2 Heavy Buffer
Magpul MBUS Sight Set
Magpul Angled Fore Grip
Magpul 30 Round PMAG
Patriot Ordnance Factory Tri-Port Muzzle Brake

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◆ From Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper. Some thoughts about possible categories for new members: Funeral Home Real Estate Appraiser Physicians Podiatrist

◆ Stay tuned for information about a possible EAGA sponsored tent at this year's Balloon Fiesta.

Badge Board Greeters

Aug 29th
Sept 5th No Meeting—Labor Day Holiday
Sept 12th Jim Asperger—Crest Mechanical
Sept 19th Phil Houser—Document Solutions
Sept 26th Andrew LoBue—The Grove Café
Oct 3rd Soren Thomsen—TEMA Furniture
Oct 10th Lou Rodges—Retriever Merchant Services
Oct 17th Raul Rodriguez—Kings of Wrap
Oct 24th Jukka Jumisko—WSI Web Enhancers
Oct 31st Jeff Barkoff—Servicemaster Clean
Nov 7th Paul Jew—Moji Studios
Nov 14th Mark Tobiassen—Action Coach Business Coaching
Nov 21st Kit Turpen—HUB International
Nov 28th

Upcoming Speakers

Aug 29th Lynn Sharp—Sharp Law Firm
Sept 5th No MEETING—Labor Day Holiday
Sept 12th Klint Hall—Lobo Wealth Strategies
Sept 19th Jack Thompson—Legacy Mortgage
Sept 26th Kevin Lorenzen—Aflac
Oct 3rd Raul Rodriguez—Kings of Wrap
Oct 10th Adam Tafoya—New York Life
Oct 17th Lou Rodges—Retriever Merchant Services
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