

# EAGA Business Builder

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**We did not have a meeting today because of the 4th of July Holiday.**

The history of the 4th of July is well known so it is probably not necessary to re-print it all again here. But it is still important, and probably even more necessary in today's political environment, to remind people of the dedication and bravery displayed by the Founding Fathers in making the Declaration of Independence. They knew that they were putting everything, including their own lives, on the line by taking actions that were considered to be treason against the King of England. The 56 men that signed the Declaration of Independence should be remembered as incredible heroes of our country. They ranged in age from 26 to 70 (Edward Rutledge the youngest and Benjamin Franklin the oldest). Most (39) were less than 50 years old. Eight of them were not born in what would become the USA. Three were from Ireland, two from England, two from Scotland and one from Wales. Although a few had multiple professions, 25 were lawyers, 22 were landowners or merchants, 4 were physicians, 2 were scientists, 2 were ministers and 1 was a farmer. Some fought as soldiers during the revolution, and a few actually died as a result. But fourteen lived into their 80's and 90's. Many of them lost everything they owned. Those men should be remembered and appreciated for their bravery—and for their wisdom in setting the foundation for our still great nation. The last 3 pages of this bulletin contain the text of the Declaration of Independence, and a list with the names of men that signed it.

- ◆ You are invited to Atmosphere Commercial Interiors (Michael Kocurek) for a happy hour and worklab tour from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on July 9th. Please see the flyer on page 2 of this bulletin for more details. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Michael.kocurek@atmosphereci.com.
- ◆ FINAL NOTICE\*\*\* Sign-up sheets for the Summer Bash will be available for the last time at our July 9th breakfast. Please add your name to the list if you are able to attend the event. Rick Reese is making it easy for you to get on the list before time runs out. Call or text Rick (505-249-5709) right now and he will get you added to the list — but that option also expires on July 9th.
- ◆ The Bash will be on Saturday, July 13th at 3 El Nido Amado Rd SW, the home of Kit and Toni Turpen. The theme for the event is “En Blanc” which means “in white”, so come dressed in white. Everything begins at 5:00pm with hors d'oeuvres, drinks and games. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. There is no cost for members and their spouse/significant other. Guests maybe invited at a cost of \$30 for an individual or \$50 for a couple. Don't miss out on the fun! Sign-up now.
- ◆ Board members please note that the next Board of Directors meeting will be at 5:30pm on July 11th at Jinja. Contact Mario if you have any questions.

## Badge Board Greeters

July 9<sup>th</sup> Michale Kocurek—Atmosphere Commercial Interiors  
 July 16<sup>th</sup> Robert Biernacki—WaterQuest  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 July 30<sup>th</sup>


## Scheduled Speakers

July 9<sup>th</sup> Rich Ringrose—Albuquerque City Lifestyle Magazine  
 July 16<sup>th</sup>  
 July 23<sup>rd</sup> Michael Manning—Beehive Homes  
 July 30<sup>th</sup> PHOCUS Real Estate  
 Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

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You're invited to join us for happy hour +  
a worklab tour on

**TUESDAY JULY 9TH**  
**4:30 - 6:30 PM**

at  
**ATMOSPHERE COMMERCIAL  
INTERIORS**

5351 Wilshire Ave NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

Beer | wine | hors d'oeuvres | task chair raffle

RSVP to Michael Kocurek  
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## In Congress, July 4, 1776

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America**, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of

justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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**Georgia**

Button Gwinnett  
Lyman Hall  
George Walton

**North Carolina**

William Hooper  
Joseph Hewes  
John Penn

**South Carolina**

Edward Rutledge  
Thomas Heyward, Jr.  
Thomas Lynch, Jr.  
Arthur Middleton

**Massachusetts**

John Hancock

**Maryland**

Samuel Chase  
William Paca  
Thomas Stone

Charles Carroll of  
Carrollton

**Virginia**

George Wythe  
Richard Henry Lee  
Thomas Jefferson  
Benjamin Harrison  
Thomas Nelson, Jr.  
Francis Lightfoot Lee  
Carter Braxton

**Pennsylvania**

Robert Morris  
Benjamin Rush  
Benjamin Franklin  
John Morton  
George Clymer  
James Smith  
George Taylor  
James Wilson  
George Ross

**Delaware**

Caesar Rodney  
George Read  
Thomas McKean

**New York**

William Floyd  
Philip Livingston  
Francis Lewis  
Lewis Morris

**New Jersey**

Richard Stockton  
John Witherspoon  
Francis Hopkinson  
John Hart  
Abraham Clark

**New Hampshire**

Josiah Bartlett  
William Whipple

**Massachusetts**

Samuel Adams  
John Adams  
Robert Treat Paine  
Elbridge Gerry

**Rhode Island**

Stephen Hopkins  
William Ellery

**Connecticut**

Roger Sherman  
Samuel Huntington  
William Williams  
Oliver Wolcott

**New Hampshire**

Matthew Thornton