

EAGA Business Builder

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Today's speaker was Tim Stewart—Impact Nations



Tim, and his wife of 23 years, Betheny enjoy traveling. That is fortunate given his chosen career / path through life. The photos of recent trips do indicate that some of the adventures did include a good amount of fun. But most of Tim's world involves Impact Nations, one of only a couple of intentionally not-for profit organizations in EAGA. Right at the beginning of this morning's presentation, Mr. Stewart noted that he is from Canada. Had he not made the comment, we may have never guessed. His presentation was in very understandable English and any financial data shown had already been converted to US dollars for us. But no matter the source country, or places of office, Impact Nations' main job is to rescue lives. Their primary countries of operation right now are Pakistan, India, Nepal, Uganda, Columbia, and Gaza (because of the dire need for food there). In 2024 the organization had a budget of \$1.8mil. Of that, 89% goes directly to their programs and only 11% goes to administration. With that money, they were able to provide 1million meals (which often included groceries to last 2 or 3 weeks); get 897 people out of human trafficking slavery; provided 1million doses of medicine—primarily for malaria; and bring 300 children out of brick factory work and put them into the local school systems (particularly in India, generations of families are trapped in 'indentured servant' type of work attempting to pay off a never-ending debt. Children as young as 5 years old were being pulled into that world. Through negotiations with factory owners, Impact Nations has been able to somewhat break that cycle to get the kids an education). In 2024, the organization also rescued teen moms and their babies (901 of them) that had been banished from family because of their situation—that was often caused by a family member. Impact Nations then provided the moms and children with shelter and medical care, and future self-sustaining training for the moms. The organization also purchased a much-needed ambulance for use in Uganda; finished work on 2 training centers (in Uganda and Nepal) to teach the rescued people skills to get jobs in the areas where they live. Over a short-time these new facilities are expected to contribute another 1,500 graduates to the already 2,195 that have completed training in other Impact Nation schools. Impact Nations estimates that their former training graduates earned nearly \$3.1mil in 2024. It is likely that the money was used for a better quality of life for the ex-students, but also to improve the lives of many other people, by providing necessities for grandparents, parents, children and siblings. Impact Nations is so successful with their operations because of their hard work, but primarily as a result of their approach. They don't arrive at a place with the attitude of "Here we are and here is what we are going to do for you!". Instead, they discover a need, then approach the leaders of the related community(ies) and ask "What can we do to help you solve your problem?". The Spring Campaign is beginning now and Tim and his group are planning on 2025 being even better for assisting those in need. One of their goals is to save 1,000 moms and babies this year while finishing the childhood development center and continuing to increase the number of meals, medicine, training programs in areas that need those services. Tim is well aware of the old adage "Give someone a fish and they will eat for a day. Teach them to fish and they can eat for a lifetime." But the emerging situation in a large part of the world is hunger and starvation. Trying to get someone to learn how to fish doesn't work if they are too weak to holdup a rod. For a short period of time, they need to eat and get their health back. Then comes the fishing training. If you want to assist Impact Nations with their work or want to find out more about the organization and how they do what they do, Give Tim a call at 505-900-5395 or contact him via email at tim@impactnations.com. Tim noted that he is very appreciative of EAGA. He has been in the organization for 2 years and last year members contributed over \$140,000 to Impact Nations. What a great thing!

◆ **Welcome to our two newest members:**

Duke City Cages

Representative: **Kalvin Shrader** Phone: 505-239-7302 email: kalvin@dukecitycages.com

Absolute Powder Coating

Representative: **Chris Damon** Phone: 505-369-1641 email: chris@powdercoatingabq.com

◆ **An update on services for IB Hoover:** Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held May 20th, 2025 at 10:30am at Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. NE, IB was a long time EAGA member, and a great friend to many of us.

◆ **This is almost the very last call for participation in the EAGA Golf Tournament that will be held on May 10th.** Sign-up sheets will be available Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact John Mead (505-342-9200) or Mario.

◆ **The EAGA Summer Bash Committee is launching for this year's event.** Their first committee meeting will be at 5:30pm on Wednesday, April 23rd at Rio Bravo Brewery. If you are new to EAGA or if you just want to get to know members a little more, join the committee. Participation by wives and significant others is encouraged as well. The group always has a great time while pulling off what one could say is our most favorite event of the year. The Bash will be on Saturday, July 12th. Contact one of the Committee Chairmen - Pat Maloy or Dan Mowery if you have questions...or just come to that meeting to get info, a drink and food.

Badge Board Greeters

- Apr 22nd Randy Allen—Next Level
- Apr 29th Rick Shubert—Lifetime Green Coatings
- May 06th Erik Mease—SMPC Architects
- May 13th Johnny Carroll—ABQ Headshot & Portrait
- May 20th Todd LeCesne—Althera Alternative Care
- May 27th Robert Schuerman—Medical & Commercial Communications
- June 3rd Nestor Romero—The Payroll Company
- June 10th

Scheduled Speakers

- Apr 22nd Mark Tobiassen with guest UNM head football coach Jason Eck
- Apr 29th Guest Speaker—Dr. Tracy Bower—Steelcase
- May 06th Guest Speaker—Colonel David Wyrick, Deputy Commander 377th Air Base Wing, Kirtland AFB
- May 13th Jerry Schalow—Rio Rancho Regional Chamber of Commerce
- May 20th Lawrence Herrera—The Performance Ranch
- May 27th No Meeting—Memorial Day Holiday
- June 3rd Rich Ringrose—Albuquerque City Magazine
- June 10th Randy Allen—Next Level
- June 17th President's Round Table

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