

# GLOBALTIES > ABQ

April - June 2015

## *A Letter from The President*

Dear Citizen Diplomats,

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy moving forward with the ideas of our task force. We are in the process of changing our membership levels, and the new membership structure will make allowances for those who would rather volunteer twenty hours per year rather than pay for membership. In addition, we are also in the works of putting together membership benefits for those that contribute both funds and time. We are looking forward to sharing this with you later this year.

Our program manager, Adelle Lees, has also been working on professional development programs and we will be going to the schools again in the fall with our culture boxes. We are hoping to attract retired teachers to help with the school programs, and if any of you would like to volunteer, please call or email Adelle.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend the summer party in Mike & Babs Langner's beautiful garden. It will be a potluck with the main dishes and drinks provided, and you are asked to bring a side dish, a dessert, or a contribution to our Hospitality Fund. That Fund was reintroduced at our Christmas party, and it is a source of funds for volunteers that escort visitors around our exceptional city. If you decide to bring a check, please make it out to ACIV.

Perhaps the biggest event of the year will be on October 28 when our national president, Jennifer Clinton, will help us honor our volunteers and community resource participants. We look forward to sharing more details as they become confirmed.

Thanks to all of you for your support for our organization and for your participation in our citizen diplomacy. We receive letters of thanks from around the globe, praising the people of Albuquerque for their caring commitment both to our own citizens and to citizens of the world.

Sincerely, Sandy Steen  
Board President

## Our Board Members:

Sandy Steen, President  
Lisa Marbury, Vice President  
Carol Yarnall, Immediate Past President  
Terry Crowe, Secretary  
Mike Langner, Treasurer  
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## Join Us for the Annual Summer Potluck!

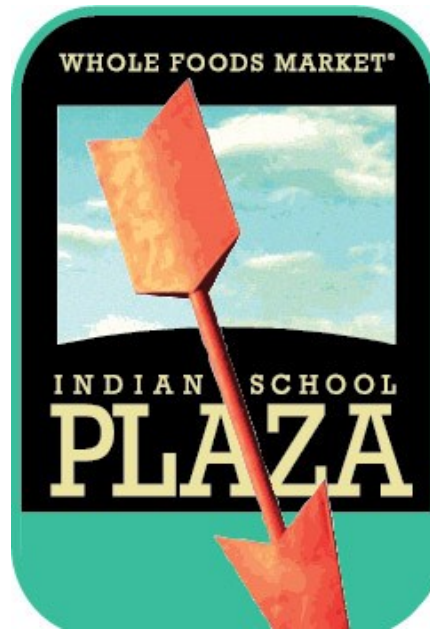
### Member-Only Event

**Please Join us on July 26th, 2015 at 5 pm for our annual summer event. Please RSVP by July 17th by contacting the office. More info on the web**



Global Ties ABQ would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Whole Foods on Indian School for donating **four gift cards.**

These cards went to select non-board member, Home Hospitality hosts that have helped out multiple times this year by opening their homes. We wish we could give everyone a gift card!



## A Huge Thank You to All of Our Volunteers!

We would like to take the time to thank all the volunteers who have hosted visitors in their homes and escorted visitors around Albuquerque this quarter. All of our volunteers are a special part of our program and are the reason why our organization is so special. The program would not be complete without all your hard work and efforts!

### Escorts

Mariela Clemenson, Bruce Harrill, Sameera Kassam, Mike Langner, Judy Love, Carmen Martin, Donna Pedace, Sandy Steen, Rose White

### Home Hospitality

The Crowe's, The Ghoreishi's, The Langner's, Simon Lees & Lee Ann McIntyre, Carmen Martin, Audrey McKee, The Schaedla's, Susan Severt, The Steen's, The Wagstaff's, & The Yarnall's.

## Our Upcoming Projects...

### June & July

June 15-20: Indigenous Communities in the US—Regional Project for South and Central America

July 26-29: African Women Entrepreneurs—Regional Project for Africa

### August & September

**TBD:** Cultural Preservation; Parks and Protected Areas; Indigenous Leaders; Workforce Development and Alternative Higher Education

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteer committee members to join the Nomination Committee for the board. We are also accepting Nominations or letters of interest for new board members. If interested, please contact Lisa Marbury at [lisa@globaltiesabq.org](mailto:lisa@globaltiesabq.org)

Mrs. Berta Wagstaff is currently Global Ties ABQ Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in conducting home hospitality or escorting an upcoming group. Please Call her at (505) 899-0236. Special Thanks to Carmen Martin, the previous volunteer for all her efforts!



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*Albuquerque was an unforgettable memory.*

*- Mohammad Khirkhuia  
(Afghanistan)*

*Pow Wow was a fantastic experience, a precious opportunity.*

*- Ann Green  
(Interpreter)*

*I've discovered another world, a new culture, a new method of working.*

*- Isnail Boudrous  
(Morocco)*

## Our Most Recent Projects...

### April

- March 31st—April 4: Effective Municipal and Local Government—Afghanistan
- April 14 -18, 2015: Ending Gender Based Violence - Regional Project for Latin America
- April 16 - 21, 2015: Volunteerism and Civic Engagement – Regional Project for Near East & North Africa
- April 23 - 28, 2015: Global Wildlife Conservation – South Korea

### May

- May 2 - 7, 2015: Special Education for Students – Regional Project for North Africa and Near East
- May 13 - 19, 2015: Community Health and Wellbeing from Papua New Guinea
- May 17 - 20, 2015: Health Challenges in Kuwait: Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, High Blood Pressure, and Obesity
- May 17—20, 2015: Advancing Women's Economic Participation for Kosovo
- May 23—27, 2015: Reporting on Gender-Based Violence for India