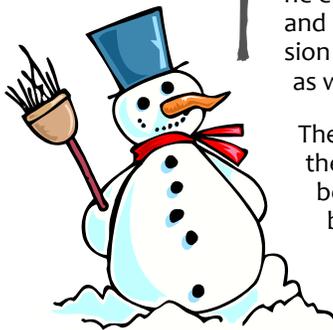




ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 9, 2010 – 6:30 pm

Manzano Mesa Center (map p2)



The end of 2010 is fast approaching, and December once again brings us an event not only fun and social, but also important to the furtherance of Albuquerque Wildlife Federation's mission into the future. On December 9th, please join us to celebrate with members and friends as we host our traditional potluck dinner and Annual Meeting, our final event of the year.

The dinner is about enjoying some wonderful home cooking provided by attendees (among them several hunters who put interesting wild game dishes on the table, though there will be vegetarian fare as well). The Annual Meeting is about electing next year's officers and board who will, with the endorsement of our membership, determine the direction of AWF's positions and activities. (*Election Slate is presented on Page 2.*)

The elections are open only to members, but the process doesn't take much time. So please do plan to participate and visit with the people who help make AWF such a vibrant and active organization. If you receive this newsletter...you're invited!

We'll start arranging dishes on the serving table about 6:30 pm as people arrive and visit, then begin the buffet line around 6:50. Bring whatever food you would like to share, and we'll hope for a good mix of main dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts. Plates, flatware, cups, coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Come have fun!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been my honor to serve these past two years as president of Albuquerque Wildlife Federation. To say it has been a "learning experience" is an understatement, as I've always been more of a background person than the one out front. So conducting meetings and representing the organization has been something of a stretch for me. But it has been good in many ways...and definitely has improved my ability to speak to a group.

However, I have decided to resume a background role next year. Fortunately, AWF can rely once again on Gene Tatum to serve as president. Gene spent four very productive years as president from 2005 through 2008, moving AWF forward on so many levels including project participation, communications, name recognition, and finances. We are in a secure and confident place right now. We have even recently become an official 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

But I offer a cautionary note: as in past years, AWF has now become reliant on a few core individuals. Take a look at the current list of officers: we are two sets of husbands and wives. Our collective commitment to AWF's mission is strong, but dedication has its limits. We have other interests and activities in our lives, and apportioning time among them becomes a difficult balance.

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Jim Hubert's

Notable Quote of the Month

"Persistent bears occasionally are trapped, hauled away and released elsewhere. That's a popular strategy with people who like bears, but it doesn't always work for the bears. Many of them end up dead. Some are killed pillaging new garbage cans, bird feeders and goat pens. Many others are killed by resident dominant bears, or end up as road kill in attempts to find their way home."

— Dan Williams, *New Mexico Wildlife*
Fall 2010 (publication of NMDGF)

Election Slate

President	Gene Tatum
Vice President	Michael Scialdone
Secretary	Patricia Hester
Treasurer	Glenda Muirhead
Board Members	
Stephen Bohannon	Linda Patterson
Larry Dwyer	Luke Shelby
Dennis Muirhead	Bill Zeedyk
Kurt Nolte	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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If AWF is to continue to thrive, new people are critical. You've seen it happen in other groups: that dedicated core gets burned out and progress falters, interest wanes. Ask yourself if you want that to happen. Ask yourself if you can do just a little bit more. Spreading tasks among many hands makes for shorter work. We all know that.

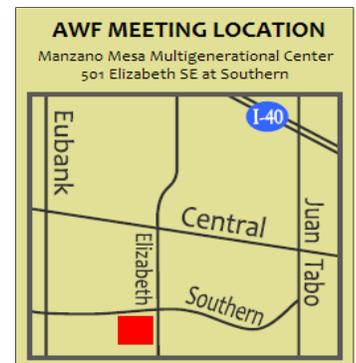
I have written about this situation before and asked for new volunteers to accept more responsibility. We have had a gratifying response from people willing to assist in planning and executing projects, an exceptionally important part of AWF's mission. Now we're hoping for someone with an interest in conducting meetings.

Please be thinking about this next year, because 2012 may well become a critical time for AWF. What happens if there is no one to serve as president? It would be immensely sad for us to fall short of reaching our centennial year of 2014, a milestone since Aldo Leopold founded the group in 1914, because no viable leadership is in place.

Glenda Muirhead

SORRY ABOUT THE NOVEMBER MEETING ...It didn't happen!

Imagine our consternation when we arrived at Manzano Mesa Center for AWF's 6:30 pm Board meeting on November 11...and found the building locked and dark. Even worse was that we were expecting to hold our General Meeting at 7:30 with guest speaker Andrea Chavez from BLM, with a prairie dog presentation, and members and friends in attendance. Well, we eventually figured out that City buildings are closed on Veterans Day, and we hadn't factored that into our meeting plans. Four of us stood around in the cold parking lot to advise prospective attendees that the meeting wasn't going to happen. We left about 7:40 and apologize to any late-comers who may have arrived after we departed and were puzzled by the unexpected turn of events. Andrea was very gracious about this mix-up and we will try to reschedule her program for another month.



MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Just a reminder that AWF dues run on a calendar-year schedule, so it's time to renew your membership. If you're not sure when you made your last payment, please check with treasurer Dennis Muirhead (505-281-2925 or damuirh@usfamily.net) to determine the amount payable; dues will be prorated based on month of joining.

Dues become delinquent after January 31, 2011. **THANK YOU!**

OTERO MESA RALLY - THIS SATURDAY

December 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the KiMo Theater in Albuquerque • FREE
Sponsored by New Mexico Wilderness Alliance

Governor Richardson recently wrote a letter to the President, urging him to use his power under the Antiquities Act to declare Otero Mesa a National Monument. Now it's our turn to show that there is mass public support for protecting Otero Mesa. Please come to the rally Saturday and show your support for this beautiful desert grassland.

RSVP to Nathan Newcomer nathan@nmwild.org

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