

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 11am-1pm - [Tanoan Country Club](#)

March 2016

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This month's speaker is 2015 National Association of Home Care Hall of Fame Winner Vern Peterschmidt, who brings to NMACC 50 years of experience in the financial side of healthcare. Here's some background information on him:

- 50 years in the financial side of healthcare.
- Worked with all levels of Medicare providers.
- Has owned Medicare financial consulting firm for 37 years.
- Owned and operating a Medicare certified Home Health Agency.

“A Better Understanding of Medicare”

- Medicare and Medicaid are mysteries.
- Acute care payments and post acute payments keep us all up at night, whether we are receiving the service or seeking reimbursement for it.
- Medicaid's and Medicare's effect on outpatients and the confusion concerning who pays what are important to everyone involved in the provider or the end-user side of eldercare, so make sure to attend.
- *Please invite a friend if they are personally challenged by this complex world of exclusions and entitlements.*

Topics Discussed by Mr. Peterschmidt include:

- How July 1, 1966 started the change in the healthcare delivery system.
- Acute care payments based on diagnosis and the effect on outpatients and post acute payments.
- Confusion concerning long term care and who pays what.
- The emergence of home care.
- The difficulty of the patient trying to understand the Medicare/Medicaid benefits and who pays what.

Related Hot Links:

[National Association of Homecare](#)

[What is Medicare?](#)

[The Benefits of Medicare](#)



President's Piece:



Family. It means different things to different people. But I want to talk about the NMACC family. With the passing of NM Secretary of Health Retta Ward (see pg. 2) and other people within our own senior community, we should never take for granted the time we spend with each other, our friends and last, but certainly most, our families.

One of my favorite quotes is from an unlikely source, the man's man, Theodore Roosevelt. "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." Whether it's Teddy Roosevelt, Zig Ziglar or John Maxwell repeating it, the message is clear. You want to create trust? Show genuine interest in others, their life, their family. The formula is easy on paper: listen, rinse and repeat. No go hug someone a little more tightly today (with their permission, of course...).



NMACC Snacks: (non-profit events & causes...)

- [Senior Spotlight Services](#) will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM at Las Colinas Village. The address is 500 Paisano St. NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87123. Bring a door prize and invite a guest! Please RSVP to Janet Laswell at info@spotlightseniorservices.com if you plan on attending.
- [Silver Horizons Golden Variety Platinum Show](#), a fundraiser for seniors in great need, will be held on Saturday, Mar 19, at 7pm at Posh Nightclub in Downtown ABQ. Local talent, including visual artists, comedians and musical artists are all donating their time to this event. Silent Auction/Live Auction. \$20 per person. For more info, find SHNM on Facebook or call 800-1400.

NMACC Sac: (fast links to helpful educational tidbits...)

- [Haven Behavioral Hospital](#) will be having a presentation hosted by Sheila McDermott-Lord, CEO, titled "Bullying: Disbanding the Myths (Senior Bullying & Bullying in the Healthcare Field)". The event will be held on March 30, 2016 from 5 PM to 7 PM at 5400 Gibson Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM, 87108 at the Haven Behavioral Hospital of Albuquerque Health Partners Auditorium.

NMACC Tribute: (an appreciation for someone close to the organization...)



New Mexico Health Secretary Retta Ward died in Santa Fe the morning of March 3, 2016 after an apparent medical episode that led to a car crash. Governor Susana Martinez said "She was an amazing public servant who enjoyed her job immensely and earned the respect of fellow colleagues."

The NMACC board and membership strongly agree with the Governor. She gave multiple educational presentations to the organization and was loved, appreciated, and respected in our community. She will be dearly missed.



NM Secretary Retta Ward speaking at NMACC last May.



Please bring some extra cash for those raffle tickets! All proceeds benefit the NMACC Education fund, and who knows? You might just be lucky enough to win something really cool!

NMACC Almanac: (Upcoming Meetings)

Apr 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec TBD (holiday party)

NMACC to Go submissions for announcements of any kind will be published the month of the event, unless the event scheduled is before the date of distribution. For accuracy, "series" events (reoccurring meetings) must be submitted monthly. Please provide a link and email contact/phone number to your event. Send submissions to: [NMACC to Go](#)

Deadline for the next edition: **April 7, 2015**

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