

## DID YOU KNOW?

The 2013 Socorro Electric Members' Meeting is set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had that event at the Macey Center with the biggest quorum and member attendance ever! Plenty of parking, plenty of bathrooms, air conditioning, comfortable seats, and decent acoustics. There was a nearby picnic area for a free hotdog, popcorn, and drink giveaway. Macey's rent was @\$800. This year Macey Center is available for rent on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

But the SEC Board decided to rent Finley Gym instead. Parking is a big problem in that neighborhood, there is no air conditioning, bathrooms are inadequate, there are concrete bleachers but folding chairs must be rented and set out, and it is very difficult to hear the program. Finley's rental price is \$750 plus the chair rental.

In April 2010, Battalion Chief Mario Amaro said Finley was overcrowded and asked nonvoters to leave the building. This with a smaller crowd than would be present in 2012 at Macey. Members told to leave a Members Meeting!

Does this make sense to you? To me, it appears the SEC Board does not want the member owners to attend. Finley has smaller capacity, no parking, no air conditioning, additional cost for chairs and setup, almost equal price. If you think this shows a real disrespect to the members who own this co-op, call Socorro Electric and speak your mind. Attend the Socorro City Council meeting Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and ask city officials to respect the members and refuse Finley's use. Macey Center is available and the city will cancel the contract.

Commentary:

Wonderful when other members decide to weigh in on the issues! The attachment deals with the movement to hold the 2013 Annual Meeting in a too small, inconvenient venue.

It should be obvious that several members of the SEC Board of Trustees, the SEC management and lawyers are attempting to keep people from attending the upcoming 2013 Annual Meeting. The move to put the meeting on a Wednesday in the evening was stopped by the President's tie breaker vote. The vote to rescind the action of the old board which voted to place the strongly defeated trustee amendments on the 2013 ballot will come to a vote at the February board meeting on TUESDAY, February 26, 2013. We need members present at this meeting to let the board know that these bad and already rejected trustee amendments have no place on this year's ballot. They should also be told that their actions have consequences. October 2013 will be the election for the trustee from Socorro, District 3. Any present trustee acting against the member's interest should not be considered for a future seat. We also need members at the City Council Meeting this upcoming Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6 P.M. to speak in favor of Macey Center for the 2013 Annual Members' Meeting. The reasons are in the attachment. There are just a few hurdles remaining on this long road to a good SEC. Please make your voices heard.