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JULY NEWSLETTER -- WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Yes, we got back from Dallas, Texas after driving for 20 hours. It was so nice to see the hills and mountains of New Mexico again. Thanks to Gary for feeding our dogs and other critters for those days!

RSOL CONFERENCE IN DALLAS: 170 men, women, lawyers, pastors, counselors, registered people and family members met for two and half jam packed days with a good number of speakers. The general feel of the conference was we have made a lot of progress, there is much more to do because our cause is just, the registry is absolutely unconstitutional and we must get rid of it, perhaps piecemeal but it has to be done. There were six of us from New Mexico and states from Florida to California were represented. The theme was collateral damage. Not only does the registry affect the 800,000 registered citizens but their whole family which would total in the millions.

NEW MEXICO had an important part in the program with Larry Neely and Rick Dean making announcements, helping with the flow of meetings, Pat meeting everyone and Lloyd Swartz leading a workshop on "Small Business As a Path to Success." He remarked that "you will never be gainfully employed again." If you do fine a job and are working for a while then someone shows up in the workplace who doesn't like you because of your registration, you will be fired. Lloyd outlined how to put your own business together. He gave a list of about eight items to consider when starting a business. The result of your very hard work will result in self-esteem, good results for your children, a plan you and your family working very hard can achieve. You don't have to report to anyone about your registration because you are the boss! I hope Lloyd writes this up as I don't have the space here.

MS.NANCY FORSTER was successful in getting hundreds of registrants off the registry in Maryland – those who were convicted before 1995. Maryland is not complying with Sorna. They continue working for registrants. She says be sure and look at the state you want to move to.

BRENDA JONES, DIRECTOR OF RSOL NATIONAL gave good pointers on going to your legislature. She said we must develop relationships with legislators. That might mean letting them know you are voting for them, dropping by their office when the legislature is not meeting. Most are hard-working lawyers probably living near you and will recognize you if you go out of your way to promote some of their other interests. Titus House had two senators, Senator Lisa Torracco and Senator Ivey Soto attend our Christmas dinner one year. They need to know the real issues we are facing and facts to back them up.

PANEL WITH MORE SUGGESTIONS --- Walk the block for your legislators, show them pictures, let them know 16 million people have been affected by the sex offender registry, women raising kids alone,

prison miles from their homes so visits are almost impossible.. One pointed out that faith is involved. Be true to your faith, believing God has a plan. There were many Christians in the group.

PAUL SHANNON, original leader of RSOL, told us they are working on a national project aimed at ending the public registry. The focus of this campaign is to make the registry available to Law Enforcement Only. This is the goal of all of us.

DR. STEVEN DAVIDSON, well educated counselor, teacher, pastor said the family is the key to survival. Intimidation, isolation and instability are the social devices designed to destroy the quality of life for the RSO. The family must prepare for the battle and they need good skills not to resort to acts of bitterness and resentment. I believe this is where **TITUS HOUSE** jumps in with encouragement, prayer, letters, calls to family and an active *Circle of Concern*. Dr. Davidson emphasized following one's faith, learning forgiveness, believing that Jesus taught mercy, that we don't get what we deserve but we are forgiven anyway!

EMILY HOROWITZ had a session on protecting our kids. When sex offenders are continually monitored and publicly identified, children are negatively affected! Sex offender panic prevents policymakers from addressing the true threats to children – poverty and growing inequality.

JANICE BELLUCCI, dynamite lawyer from California, is out to prove that registration for sex offenders is punishment. Government at every level is making new laws and applying them retroactively. Janice has successfully charged 26 cities in California with unlawful "presence" restrictions. Later many more cities also dropped their restrictions. It had come to be that registered people could not live in various communities.

TRAVEL OVERSEAS BY Paul Rigney – I was amazed at how many people in attendance have traveled overseas and how many would like to. There are lots of tricks to that and I can't list them all here. Going to Canada or Mexico and buying tickets there is one plan.

BLESSINGS FROM BILL – Bill wants to remind us that in spite of lock downs (just had a long one), losing a lot of one's property, God is still there and He is with us. God is not hidden and is waiting and ready for us.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Sunday, July 12th, 6:00 to 7:30 at Foothills Church, corner of Tramway and Candelaria NE, Albuquerque. Adults 18 and over invited to come and share their concerns.

Our love, Don and Alice