

## NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, INC.

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To Members of the Association:

You and your friends are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the New Mexico Association on Indian Affairs on Monday evening, January 28th, at Palen Hall, 311 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner, tickets for which may be obtained for \$1.25 from any of the officers or Board members, or by sending your check to the office at the above address. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30. Please be sure to make your reservations early as space is limited.

The enclosed ballot lists candidates for President and Secretary, and for the Board of Directors. Please mark the ballot to indicate your choice, either for the candidate named or for a substitute whose name may be written in the blank space provided. Then either mail your marked ballot to the office or bring it to the meeting.

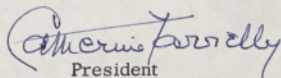
Dr. Michel Pijoan will be the speaker at the meeting. He will discuss different aspects of Indian health. His experience as medical officer on the Navajo Reservation and his acquaintance with the Pueblos, together with his exceptional standing as a medical practitioner, are assurance of an informative and profoundly interesting talk.

Attached is our Annual Report which we hope you will read attentively, because it is a condensed account of a very active year. The Association has made constructive progress in helping the Indians to help themselves and you will surely find that our programs merit your enthusiastic support.

Also attached is Notice of Dues for 1957. If you have already sent in your check, please disregard it; but if not, will you seriously consider sending an additional donation. The Board was not willing to raise the minimum dues for New Mexico residents, but if we had more funds in our treasury the Association could extend its work to areas where help is greatly needed.

For example, health statistics of New Mexico and Arizona Indians show plainly that their condition is well below that of these states as a whole. This is a responsibility of every citizen, since it would be possible to show great improvement by supporting the Federal and State Programs. Another place where help would improve conditions is by giving encouragement to recreation and liquor control programs, as well as by giving a helping hand to young Indians who are struggling to get a college education.

It is our hope that you will send in your dues promptly--those who haven't done so already--with as generous a contribution as you feel you can make, so that your Association may continue its valuable work.

  
President