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Secretary—Susan Herder
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Jody Larson (Consultant)

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Ann Coulston

From the Leadership Team ...

With our article in the September's *The Voter*, you now have an increased understanding of how the Santa Fe County League of Women Voters is functioning this year. Duties of the President have been dispersed among the Board of Directors. After our Board meeting in August, we made a decision to expand the Board by two members, with the expectation that a quorum would be easier to attain and that we would have more input on items that required discussion. You will note below that the list of Board Members is greater than we had indicated in last month's article.



BOARD of DIRECTORS

1st Vice President – Marcy Litzenberg
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Director – Laura Atkins
Director – Ann Coulston
Director – Coleen Dearing
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Immediate Past President – Suzanne Schmidt
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Action & Advocacy Chair - Hannah Burling



We have taken the responsibilities of the Board directly from the job description of the President.

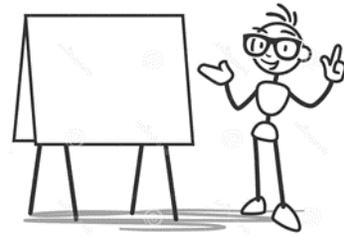
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD:

- Provide leadership to ensure financial soundness and compliance with bylaws, policies, reporting requirements, etc.
- Approve and oversee LWVSFC's structure and governance
- Provide fiscal oversight and budget management direction
- Set program priorities for the year and monitors progress
- Obtain necessary resources for organizational needs
- Represent and promote LWVSFC in the community
- Ensure compliance with "the League speaks with one voice"
- Approve LWVSFC's participation in community collaborations

- Support membership recruitment and engagement, leadership development, and succession planning
- Coordinate with the LWVNM via our official Liaison, Laura Atkins

As we considered our operational style during the July Leadership Team retreat, we developed a list of **LEADERSHIP TEAM TOUCHSTONES**. Our goal is to follow these touchstones as we conduct our business through the year:

- Be civil at all times to one another
- Listen to one another – hear each other out
- Provide mutual support
- Offer timely responses to requests with updates, as needed
- Work at being positive, not critical or negative
- Delegation is vital and will be encouraged
- Be welcoming to new members
- Be loyal – no negative talk or gossip
- Act with one voice supporting any final leadership team decisions
- Honor the process for determining who “officially” speaks for the League



We will highlight the roles and responsibilities of each Board member as seems fit. Some are more clear than others. **Marcy Litzenberg, in her role as 1st Vice-President (title from our current Bylaws) has taken the Administration Responsibilities.** Her list of duties is outlined here:

- Serves as first point of contact for the LWVSFC
- Evaluates administrative and office needs and recommends changes, as appropriate
- Establishes data management systems (including membership database, financial records and computer filing systems) and makes recommendations to the Board for improvements that would increase efficiency and minimize organizational risk
- Reviews all policies and job descriptions as required by the Bylaws and makes recommendations to Board for needed revisions, additions, etc.
- Establishes procedures for receiving/responding to incoming messages, information requests and other communications with the organization
- Establishes appropriate financial procedures and works with the Finance Committee to ensure compliance with all requirements for 501(c)(3) status
- Works with PR/Communications Committee to establish protocols for determining who can “speak for the League,” what can be said, and what the guidelines are for prior approval

As you read these “From the Leadership Team” messages, please don’t hesitate to contact me for further clarification, opinions, or concerns.

-Ann Coulston



October's Lunch with a Leader

Friday, October 20, 2017

11:30 – 1:30

Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe



Matthew P. Brown

Topic: Economic Development in Santa Fe

The speaker for our general meeting on October 20 will be Matt Brown, the new director of the city's Economic Development Division. Come to the meeting to hear Mr. Brown tell us about his plans for directing the city's economic development efforts. Dry, you think? Well, it's a large chunk of change, upward of \$1 million every year in city expenditures, and opportunities for focus and effectiveness, or lack thereof, abound. Some generally applauded recent recipients, include Meow Wolf and a broadband initiative; regular, ongoing recipients include the Santa Fe Business Incubator (nationally recognized for its work) and ¡Youthworks!

Last April, after a lengthy study by the economic development committee, the Santa Fe League adopted a position on local economic development. After our unit meeting at which the consensus was reached, and just before the board meeting at which the position was adopted, the City of Santa Fe published its Crossroads report, which detailed the recent history of economic development in the city and presented a set of choices that local leaders need to make in order to move forward with a coherent strategy. The authors had used many of the same sources that our study committee had consulted, and reached some of the same conclusions.

Members of the study committee met with city staff, including Matt Brown, who had just been appointed as the new director, to share insights on the League's position and to learn more about possible new directions for the city's efforts. We were in agreement on many issues, and agreed to keep in touch. Since then, some changes have already occurred: the city's advisory committees on economic development have been restructured; Matt Brown has had some time to learn the ways of city government, as well as how the city interacts with the county and the region in determining needs and applying resources to meet them; and Councilors Maestas and Harris introduced some new ideas about economic development on July 26, but those have not yet been made available to the public.

Come to our general meeting on October 20 to hear Mr. Brown tell us about the directions in which he is leading the city's economic development staff. We hope that he will be able to give us the scoop on the new proposals, as well. Come find out how the city makes decisions on economic development goals and awards. It's our money.

- Jody Larson

Make a reservation and pre-pay \$25.00 for lunch by mailing a check to the League office to arrive no later than October 13, or use Pay-Pal on the League's website www.lwvsfc.org, again no later than October 13. Pre-payment has been effective in resolving the loss of League funds due to no-shows.

Recap of September 23, 2017, event



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World

As mainstream news media downsize and disappear and new media claiming to be news sources multiply, it has become harder to distinguish real news from fake. Research shows that the majority of millennials receive their news almost exclusively from nontraditional sources such as the Internet and social media. A recent Stanford University study showed that, while students are constantly receiving news from media sources, more than 80% of them can't tell the fake from the real. So, how can we encourage the kind of critical thinking necessary for modern media literacy?

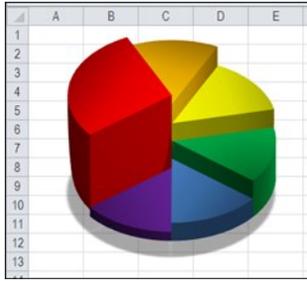
A distinguished panel of media professionals, moderated by Inez Russell Gomez, editorial editor of the SF New Mexican, presented their perspectives on that question on Saturday, September 23rd at the Southside Library. The program was sponsored by the Northern New Mexico Press Women, in partnership with the League. After making a strong case for why it's more important than ever to be able to distinguish between real and fake news, the panel gave the audience some pointers on how to spot fake news, including:

- Consider the source: investigate the credibility of both the news source and the author.
- Watch out for excessive punctuation, photo-shopped pictures and/or sensational headlines.
- Look for a current publication date, legitimate quotes, and references to primary sources.
- If the story seems too good to be true (even if it confirms your beliefs), it's probably fake.

- Marcy Litzenberg



L-R: James McGrath Morris, author; Mark Oswald, editor *Albuquerque Journal North*; Inez Russell Gomez, editorial editor *SF New Mexican*; Staci Matlock, editor *Taos News*; Kathleen McCleery, *PBS Newshour* correspondent; Tom Johnson, coordinator *It's the People's Data.org*.



November's Lunch with Leaders

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

11:30 – 1:30

Hilton Hotel, Santa Fe

Topic: **Local Government Tax Options**

The taxes that support city and county governments have been in the news in the past few months as both the city and county asked voters to approve new taxes and were turned down in both cases. The League's November 15 lunch at the Hilton will feature a discussion of local taxes. Our speakers will be Adam Johnson, the city's finance director, and county manager Katherine Miller. We have asked our speakers to address policy issues about taxes, such as how local governments determine which taxes, and in what amounts, they decide to levy to fund various government operations and programs.

We have asked the speakers to assume that our members know the basic facts about the major taxes that support local governments – property taxes and gross receipts taxes (GRT). This article is intended to refresh our members' knowledge of those tax basics. Save the date—November 15—and bring your tax questions.

Property Taxes: Property taxes help support operational expenses of city and county governments as well as the local school district and community college. They also support debt service on general obligation bonds of these entities and the state.

The importance of property taxes in city and county budgets is quite different. In FY2016, the city got only 8% of its tax revenue from property taxes, but the county got a much larger percentage—54%.

Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the *net taxable value* of each property by the *mill rate* calculated for the area where the property is located. The net taxable value is one-third of its assessed value, less any applicable deductions. For example, homeowners living in their house are entitled to a \$2,000 head-of-household deduction.

The mill rate is the dollars of tax paid per thousand dollars of net taxable value. If a property's net taxable value is \$100,000, and the mill rate is 23.973, the property tax is \$2,397.30. The mill rate used to calculate property taxes is the sum of about a dozen different mill rates, one for each governmental unit (state, city, county, school district, community college) and purpose (government operations or debt service).

Property taxes for *government operations* are restricted by the New Mexico Constitution to 20 mills, divided among state, county, municipal, and school district governmental units. The legislature allocates the 20 mills, and has tried several different allocation schemes over time. Since 1987, counties have been allocated 11.85 mills, municipalities 7.65 mills, and school districts 0.5 mills for operating expenses.

These are the maximum rates these governmental units can impose for operations. Imposition of the 0.5 mills allocated to school districts is mandatory for all school districts, but cities and counties do not have to impose the maximum. Santa Fe County imposes 11.850 mills, the maximum allowed, for county operations. The increase adopted by the city council this year will bring the city's imposed rate to 3.183 mills in the 2017 tax year, less than half the maximum permitted. Community college operational mill rates are not included in the 20-mill total. Each college's maximum operational rate is approved by voters in the district it serves. A maximum rate of 3 mills was adopted by the voters in 1991, and SFCC's board has imposed that 3 mill rate.

In addition to mill rates for government operations, there are mill rates for debt service on general obligation bonds available to all governments, including the state, but these must be approved by voters. Debt service mill rates and operational mill rates are calculated differently.

- Debt service mill rates are calculated by dividing the payment due on outstanding bonds by total net taxable value in the area to which the tax applies.
- Operational mill rates are calculated by a formula called yield control. Yield control does exactly what the name implies—it controls the yield from a particular tax by limiting the total collected each year to the amount collected in the previous year multiplied by a growth factor based on the value of new property added and an inflation index. Mill rates subject to yield control are calculated separately for residential and non-residential properties.

Several rules that apply to property tax calculations reflect the fact that many people in New Mexico are land rich and cash poor. This has been a notable problem in Santa Fe, where rising property values in the 1970's raised property taxes to a level that many long-time residents could not afford. The legislature has responded to their concern in several ways. In addition to the adoption of yield control in 1979, laws have been passed allowing counties to offer property tax rebates and limiting increases in the assessed values of residential properties:

- Since 1994, counties have been allowed to offer property tax rebates to low-income taxpayers of a percentage (based on income level) of the county and municipal operating portions of their property taxes, but the amount of the rebate may not exceed \$350. Santa Fe County enacted a rebate program in 2009.
- Since 2001, increases in assessed values of residential property have been limited to no more than 3% annually. In addition, no increase in assessed property values is now allowed for those over 65 or disabled whose income is below a specified amount. However, when property is sold, its assessed value may be raised to its market value.

The 3% cap on annual increases in assessed value has raised controversy because it led to what was labeled “tax lightning” (i.e., sharp increases in property taxes) when properties were sold. In 2009, in response to a lawsuit challenging the law, a judge ruled it unconstitutional, only to have the ruling reversed on appeal.

Gross Receipts Taxes: Most gross receipts taxes (GRT) are divided among the state government, county governments, and municipal governments. The state share is 5.125 cents per dollar of receipts; of this, 1.225 of the GRT collected within a municipality is returned to the municipality. County and municipal shares vary, depending on decisions made by their governing bodies and their voters. In addition, Santa Fe County is part of a four-county regional transit district (RTD) authorized by the state legislature, and voters in the district have authorized a 0.125 cent GRT to support the regional transit system in the District.

The city's tax revenue comes mostly from GRT; in FY2016 GRT provided 80% of the city's total tax revenue. GRT accounted for 44% of the County's total tax revenue in FY2016.

State legislation specifies the increments of GRT which may be imposed by counties and municipalities; these are known as local option taxes. For each increment, the law specifies which governing body—city or county—may impose the tax, the amount per dollar of receipts that may be charged, and the purposes for which it may be used. In addition, the law specifies whether it may be imposed by the governing body alone or whether voter approval is required. For county GRT, the law specifies whether a given increment may be imposed throughout the county or only in areas of the county outside municipalities.

Increases in the GRT supporting the RTD must be approved by a majority of the voters in the District's four counties which participate in the tax election.

There are a number of exemptions from GRT. Perhaps the most enduringly controversial has been the exemptions of food and some medical services which the New Mexico legislature adopted in 2004. To compensate counties and municipalities for lost revenue, the state initially provided “hold harmless” payments. However, in 2013 the legislature passed a bill to phase out the hold harmless payments over 15 years, beginning in 2015. At the same time, the legislature approved new increments of GRT, called Hold Harmless GRT, to allow cities and counties a stream of revenue to make up for the loss of the state payments if they chose to enact those increments.

Under this change, cities and counties are allowed up to 3 Hold Harmless increments of 1/8 cents (0.125) each. Santa Fe County imposed the first increment as of July 2015, and in June of this year, the county commission voted to impose the second Hold Harmless increment beginning in January 2018. The city has not yet imposed any of the Hold Harmless increments.

In June of this year, the County Commission also voted to impose an additional 1/16 (.0625) cent increment of County Gross Receipts Tax, but opted voluntarily to let the voters decide whether this increment should be imposed; voter turnout was extremely light (only 8% of the county’s eligible voters), but this increase was defeated overwhelmingly, 70% to 30%. The fact that the two tax increments were proposed simultaneously may be partially explained by the fact that the legislation authorizing the 1/16 cent increment provided that it must be imposed by June 30, 2017.

As of July, 2017, GRT in areas of Santa Fe County outside municipalities was 7 cents on the dollar, with 1.875 cents going to the county, and 5.125 to the state. Of the county’s 1.875 rate, 1.375 was imposed county wide, and 0.5 was imposed only in county areas outside municipalities. In January 2018, the rate in areas of Santa Fe County outside municipalities will increase to 7.125 cents on the dollar.

In July 2017, GRT in the city of Santa Fe was 8.3125 cents on the dollar, with 1.8125 cents going to the city, 1.375 to the county, and 5.125 to the state. The rate in the city will increase to 8.4375 in January 2018, as the county’s share increases to 1.5 cents on the dollar.

Other Taxes: Municipalities in New Mexico are prohibited by state statute from imposing many other types of taxes, such as income tax or an alcohol tax. However, they may impose taxes on specific products or services that are not precluded by state law if such taxes are approved by a majority of voters in a referendum. This is the provision that allowed the city to place a sugary drinks tax to support early childhood development on a referendum ballot, but voters rejected that tax 58% to 42%.

- Neva Van Peski

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Despite a cold, rainy September 23, League member Mary Ellen Gonzales registered voters at the Santa Fe Public School’s *Back to School Bash* at Franklin Miles Park.

Proposed New Rules on Campaign Finance Disclosure for New Mexico

I attended the hearing on July 13 in Santa Fe on the proposed campaign finance disclosure rules issued by the office of the Secretary of State. As expected, there were people representing groups that are strongly for and against the new rules. Though many of those who testified in favor of the rules thought the proposed contribution limits to be too low and the reporting requirements too onerous, they believe in the principle that large sums of money spent by a handful of wealthy people on campaigns and advertising distort our democracy and diminish the voices of citizens to the point where most of us aren't heard at all.

The arguments against disclosure were articulated by experts. Privacy concerns were one of their key arguments - that if donors were disclosed, it would subject them to harassment. Maybe so, but as one person stated, if these donors have the courage of their convictions they should be proud to state them. Their secretive behavior suggests that they know that their proposals are not in the best interests of the country so they hide behind a curtain of anonymity. One reason that politics is so divisive today is the extreme positions presented in political advertising being promoted by the very same donors who wish to remain anonymous. More transparency might serve to civilize the debate and force partisans to base their arguments on facts, which would be far more educational to the citizens than ultra-partisan grandstanding.

Another argument by those opposed to the disclosure rules postulates that issue ads and attack ads serve to educate the citizens, and that without these ads, citizens would not have the information they need to make informed decisions. This argument hinges on speculation that disclosure would have a chilling effect on free speech, and that this would deprive citizens of a point of view. This holds no water. Most of the ads that these groups pay for are at best half-truths, and at worst, 'alternative facts' and outright propaganda. The purpose is not to educate but to deceive. They seek to brainwash citizens so that they might be persuaded to vote against their own interests. With so much fake news and conspiracy theories floating around, the last thing people need is propaganda paid for by those who are out to buy our political system. This does not promote free speech or democracy.

The new disclosure rules will let New Mexico voters know who is trying to influence their votes. However, the rules may be tested in court, and some of them could be overturned. Until we have a federal constitutional amendment to correct Citizens United and allow congress and states to set limits on dark money spending for political campaigns, this threat to democracy will persist.

- Laura Atkins

or, in other words . . .

What are the goals of campaign finance regulation?

- Prevent corruption and appearance
- Protect free speech
- Increase voter turnout and participation
- Increase voter knowledge
- Assure equality of speech/
limit special interests and
private wealth
- Increase competition and
voice for minority beliefs
- Reduce negative advertising
- Give legislators more time to focus on legislation

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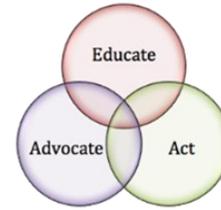
**The one and only true
purpose of campaign
finance disclosure is so
nasty liberals can attack
conservative donors.**

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Highlights

Action & Advocacy Committee Meeting

September 2017



- The GRT Election on September 19th has been over a year in the making. In spite of the ambiguity in the wording of the bill, Judy Williams is confident that they will spend the amount on the Behavioral Health Crisis Center. To run the election cost taxpayers \$134,000. The County already passed a 1/8 of 1% increase for the Sheriff, Firefighters, County lockup, and Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The committee finished the review and update of the Matrix. It will be presented for approval at the October meeting.
- Water Issues: The city has a re-examination of the city water rate structure coming up. The water funds are the city's only cash cow, and they are borrowing against it.
- Board Tax Initiative Referenda: The SFPS Board is considering a new GO bond.
- Affordable Housing: Waiting to see if money will come from HUD. There are major rodent issues, and many of the apartment buildings are in poor shape. There is no emergency housing if these buildings are condemned or there is a fire. The city has a tentative plan to take empty buildings when new housing is complete, but there is no eminent domain. 400 units are needed for the disabled. Advocacy groups are afraid of their clients being evicted. The ECO program of SFPS would like to build tiny houses, but needs a location. There needs to be a baseline assessment of need and resources.
- Laura Atkins has asked if we want a forum or public meeting on affordable housing and research into best practices. The AIA has done research on tiny houses that would not require housing changes. The committee agreed to recommend a forum or public meeting to Laura, possibly at the HEC or the housing office.
- Civility in Public Meetings.
- Mary Ellen Gonzales reported that the time limit on public comment is very hard to enforce. At City Council meetings, a list of behavioral rules could be put up by the signup and the time limit could be announced. Mary Ellen will send the SFPS rules to Yolanda Vigil, the Santa Fe City Clerk, and see if she will post them.
- Santa Fe Public School Board: Steve Carrillo would like to present a motion: Addressing the Hate Among Us. Linda Trujillo is resigning on December 5th and her term as President of the New Mexico School Boards Association ends on December 6th. The SFPS Board has developed a plan for replacing her.
- Classrooms are not completely filled so there will be permanent subs for the entire year. Most of the vacancies are for Special Education teachers.
- We still need monitors for the City Finance Committee (1st & 3rd Mondays) and the Public Works Department (2nd & 4th Mondays). If you would like to be involved, even for one meeting a month, please contact the Action & Advocacy Committee.

- Hannah Burling



Let's look at climate change . . .

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

One thing becomes more and more clear to me – without action on reducing carbon emissions, many of the other issues we face become moot. Why? Because our future will differ radically from what we can imagine. Today's assumptions that the world will be *almost* the same are not accurate. Just think of the unprecedented superstorms, forest fires, and refugees.

What can organizations, governments, businesses, and ordinary citizens do?

That exploration will unfold at a one-day public conference hosted by Citizens' Climate Education-NM (CCE-NM) on Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Experts in science, economics, and energy policy will provide evidence regarding why human-caused climate change must be addressed with urgency and describe a range of approaches to which we can commit. The keynote speaker will be energy consultant and former Congresswoman Claudine Schneider (R-RI). These presentations will also be transmitted to sites in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, and Taos, each of which have additional panels featured.

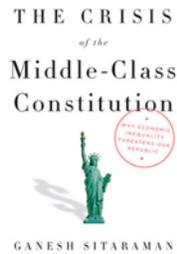
Nine panels on specific topics are scheduled for the afternoon of October 28th for the purpose of greater depth and application. Participants are encouraged to network, and to explore and discuss actions where collaboration is possible to strengthen organizational efforts.

Online pre-registration, including box lunch, is \$18 until October 22. Pre-register at <http://cclusa.org/NMConf>. After October 22, registration is \$25. Students from Middle School to age 25 are admitted free of charge, but must register. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. on October 28 at Monte del Sol Charter School, 4157 Walking Rain Road, just off Governor Miles Road. See conference outline at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NMCCCL>

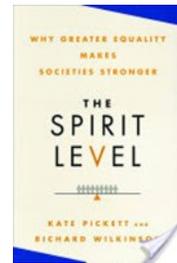
In addition, the Center for Contemporary Arts will screen the film "Tomorrow" on Thursday evening, October 26. And, CCE-NM will conduct a free climate advocate training Sunday, October 29, 1-4, at Santa Fe Southside Library at 6599 Jaguar Drive.

Feel free to share this information in organizational newsletters, on Facebook, and on your website, and please forward to your colleagues and friends. Thank you! We hope to see you there!

- Barbara Conroy
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October Nonfiction Book Club Selections Focus on (In)Equality



The League will hold its next Nonfiction Book Club meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at Collected Works Bookstore & Coffeehouse beginning at 10:30 a.m. Two books have been selected. The first is *“The Crisis of the Middle Class Constitution”* by Ganesh Sitaraman. According to a review in The Atlantic *“the Vanderbilt legal scholar Ganesh Sitaraman argues that the Constitution doesn’t merely require a particular political system but also a particular economic one, one characterized by a strong middle class and relatively mild inequality.”* The second selection may complement the first selection: *“The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger”* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett. An Amazon review shares, *“the remarkable data assembled in The Spirit Level exposes stark differences, not only among the nations of the first world but even within America’s fifty states. Almost every modern social problem--poor health, violence, lack of community life, teen pregnancy, mental illness--is more likely to occur in a less-equal society.* Please feel free to read one or both of these selections and join us in October. Get reading!

- Donna Reynolds



League Libations

Thursday
October 26, 2017
5:30—7:00
Downtown Hilton
Ortiz Café/Bar



No Host Bar

Social Time with the
LWVSFC

Join us at the Downtown Hilton Ortiz Cafe/Bar! This is a monthly gathering that encourages members and interested parties to attend and mingle in a social setting. Members are encouraged to bring guests, especially those who might be prospective members. Membership Committee members will be there to greet you each month for a “Sure Happy It’s Thursday” meet up.

Repeats monthly, every 4th Thursday
(except for November 30, the 5th Thursday)



NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM (Please complete fully, even if renewing.)

Date: _____ Name: (please print) _____

Address: (please include zip) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ DO NOT include my contact information in the annual Membership Handbook Directory listing.

Membership checks made payable to LWVSFC: (Please mail form with check to Attn: Membership Chair at address at bottom.)

_____ Individual membership: \$54

_____ Family membership: \$80 (Individual plus one family member)

Family member name: _____

For separate listing of Family member in Handbook directory, please list phone and email:

Family member phone: _____ Family member email: _____

_____ Student membership: \$30 (For students 16-25 years and currently enrolled in accredited institution.)

(Membership is paid annually between September 1 and the following August 31. It includes state (LWVNM) and national (LWVUS) dues.

If you are join between April and August of any year, your membership will extend through the following year to August 31..)

Donation check payable to LWVSFC - (Please note "General Fund" on your check.)

_____ Unrestricted general fund contribution (not tax deductible): \$ _____ Check # _____

Donation check payable to LWVSFC - (Please note "Education Fund" on your check.)

_____ Education Fund (tax deductible): \$ _____ Check # _____

Can you attend mid-day meetings, luncheons and other activities during the week? Yes ___ No ___

Volunteering - Our success is based on the active assistance of member volunteers. We welcome and encourage your help!

Areas needing assistance:

Voter registration • High School voter registration • Candidate forums/meetings • Info tables staffing (If you are not a trained Voter Registrar, walk-in training is available at County Clerk's office downtown on weekdays.)

Membership • Fundraising • Communications/PR • Website/Social Media • Staff League office Action & Advocacy • Board member • and much more!

(Your New Member Packet will contain a "Ways to Participate" list of committees, chairs and their contact information.)

Be proactive! Make contact! Get active!



Calendar 2017-2018

October 2017

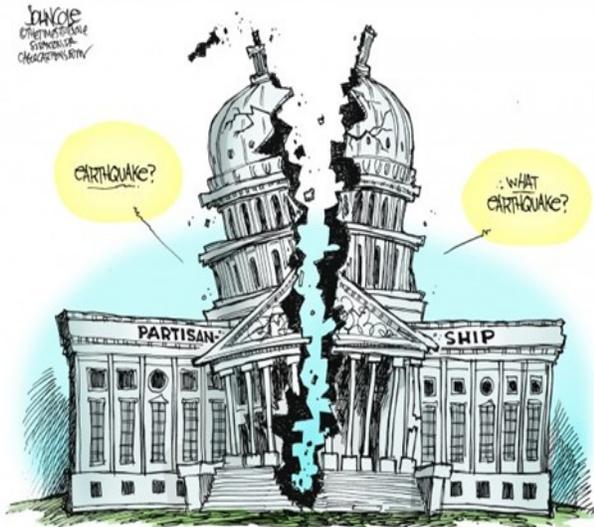
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 Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street
 Oct. 20, 11:30-1:30 General Meeting (Hilton) City
 of Santa Fe Economic Development Director
 Matt Brown
 Oct. 26, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

November 2017

*Nov. 1 or 7, 9-11: Unit Meeting – LWVNM Study
 Information Meeting (Reserved)*
 Nov. 8, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
 Nov. 11, 10-12: Eco-School Tour
 Nov. 15, 11:30-1:30: General Meeting (Hilton)
 Local Government Tax Options
Nov. 18, 11 - 3: LWVNM Board meeting, ABQ
 Nov. 30, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

December 2017

*Dec. 9, LWVNM Citizen Advocate Workshop, SF ,
 NM State Capitol, Room 322*
 Dec. 13, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
 Dec. 14, 11:30-1:30: Holiday Luncheon (Hilton)
 SFPS School Superintendent Dr. Veronica Garcia



January 2018

Jan. 10, 11:30-1:30: Legislative Preview (Hilton)
 Jan. 17 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
Jan. 20, 11-2:30: LWVNM Board meeting, Socorro
 Jan. 25, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
 Jan. 30, 9-11: Unit Meeting - Program Planning
 Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30: *LWVNM Legislative Reception,
 Garrett's Desert Inn*

February 2018

Feb. 1, LWVNM League Day at the Legislature
 Feb. 6, 8, 13 or 15, 6-8, Mayoral and/or Councilor
 Candidate Forums
 Feb. 7, 11:30-1:30: General Meeting (Hilton)
 Mayoral Forum
 Feb. 14, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
 Feb. 21, 10-12: St. Vincent Regional Medical
 Center Tour and Health Care Forum
February TBD - League Day at the Legislature
 Feb. 22, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

March 2018 – Women’s History Month

Mar. 14, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
 Mar. 15, 11:30-1: Sunshine Week Event (Hilton)
 Good Government Presentation-Sandra Fish
Mar. 17, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Santa Fe
 Mar. 28, 10-12: New Mexico History Museum
 Tour
 Mar. 29, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

April 2018

Apr. 11, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
 Apr. 19, 10:30-11:30: Nonfiction Book Club,
 Collected Works, 202 Galisteo Street
 Apr. 25, 10-2: Habitat For Humanity-League Build
 Apr. 26, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

May 2018

May 2, 11:00-1:30: Annual Meeting (Hilton)
 Nuclear Waste Disposal
 May 9, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
May 19, LWVNM Council, Albuquerque
 May 26, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

Check www.lwvsfc.org for locations and updates.

*LWVNM and other organization functions in italics

Regular meetings:

Action-Advocacy 1st Thursday of each month

LWVSFC Board meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10-12, NM Bank & Trust

Unit Meetings are only for League members

League Libations 4th Thursday of each month @ the Hilton Hotel Ortiz Café & Bar, except for December.



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