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Holiday Luncheon
General Meeting
Friday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 am
Hotel Santa Fe
Cost: $30

Featuring high school history teacher Robert Sobel, one of 80 outstanding high school teachers to attend an LWV-sponsored all expense-paid training program on the Harvard case study method at Harvard Business School. High school students who are active in the LWVSFC Civic Project have been invited to attend as guests.

We welcome your gently used items for a Silent Auction.* If you plan to bring an item(s), please arrive by 11 am so that your item can be added to the auction.

Register [HERE](#)
Or send your check for $30 made out to LWVSFC by Dec. 10, 2019 to:
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*The League usually gains a few hundred dollars from the sale of items that our members no longer use or need, and that make a great gift or an addition to someone else's household. I have some picture frames that were just right, donated by Pat Hawkins, and a ceramic bowl that is perfect for its spot. Whenever I see these items, I think fondly of the League, the silent auction, our Holiday Luncheons, and Berit's years of service as our treasurer.

So please make sure to open a drawer or a box or a closet and find something to donate. Our bank account really needs your help, and you may give another member some fond memories of the League. Thanks!

Suzanne Ronneau, Treasurer
“A 1% undercount in the 2020 census will result in a loss to New Mexico of 5M in federal funds. A 5% undercount will result in a loss of 27M in federal funds.”

That was the word from Santa Fe County’s Complete County Committee members Patricia Boies, director of Health and Human Services in the Santa Fe County Community Services Department, and Krista Kelly, analyst with Motiva Corporation Consulting Group, in their update on the 2020 Census at November’s “Lunch with a Leader” event.

New Mexico ranks as the “hardest to count” state in the nation. In addition, the controversy over the citizenship question has chilled the potential response among the Hispanic community. This means education and awareness campaigns will be crucial to getting a complete count.

A complete count is essential because almost every federal grant has a funding formula for allocating dollars, and almost every public service depends on federal grants. Health care (including Medicare), food assistance (including SNAP), education, transportation, housing, community and small business development are all dependent on federal grants.

The census will formally begin on April 1 and continue through July. The bulk of the count will be conducted online and by mail; visits to households by census takers, or “enumerators,” will be under taken only at the end, to follow up on households that have not responded.

If you are interested in serving as an enumerator, you may apply at https://202census.gov/en/jobs (enumerators are hired by the federal, not state, government).

And please, get the word out! A complete count is essential for New Mexicans!

What defines a “Hard to Count” (HTC) state?

- 75% or less response rate on the last census
- 15% or less access to the internet
- 10% or higher age 65 or older
- 50% or higher Hispanic population
- 20% or lower White population
- Average income lower than $50,000

More information on the New Mexico 2020 Census can be found at https://nmcounts2020.org
LWVNM’s 100th Anniversary and Women’s Vote Centennial, NM Capitol!

On Thursday, February 6, 2020, we’ll be celebrating both the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and New Mexico’s ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, acknowledging women’s right to vote.

League members Senator Nancy Rodriguez of Santa Fe and Rep. Joanne Ferrary of Las Cruces are sponsoring legislative memorials recognizing the League’s history and accomplishments in their respective chambers that morning. We will have 12 display tables for our Leagues and our partners in the West Hall starting at 8 am and then break around 12:30 pm for some fun, speakers, and refreshments.

LWVNM President Hannah Burling will MC the event and introduce LWVUS Executive Director Virginia Kase, who is coming to Santa Fe from Washington, D.C., for this momentous occasion.

Governor Lujan Grisham will deliver proclamations about the dual celebration, and some legislators will also speak.

In addition to comments from League leaders, representatives from our partner organizations will make brief comments about our shared goals related to “Empowering voters. Strengthening democracy.”

Please use your creativity to help us recognize this important democratic milestone with flair. Consider impersonating a real or imagined suffragist or woman leader. Come in suffrage garb or wear white, purple, or yellow and encourage others to do the same. Wear a placard with the name of the person you are impersonating along with a quotation or brief historical tidbit.

For more ideas or information, contact Meredith Machen, History Committee Chair/ Centennial Organizer at projects@lwnm.org. 505 577-6337.

For information and inspiration, see the Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States
https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/ VOTESforWomen Search on name or state.

—Meredith Machen

Listen to historians Meredith Machen and George Ellen Burnett: “Women’s Suffrage in New Mexico” with the New Mexico Humanities Council: https://nmhum.org/NMHC.php?p=222

We Need Your Feedback!

The Santa Fe League is exploring the development of a series of keynote speakers, forums, panels and/or daylong conferences devoted to the topic of the Future of Women: The Next 100 Years. The project can take on various formats and timelines but the desire is to engage the community as part of the League’s 100th Anniversary on how we might envision the next 100 years in the lives of women. Please share your thoughts on what you might suggest be a part of this project, the diverse voices you’d like to hear on the topic, as well as creative ways to involve the community or region. Send your feedback to Donna Reynolds, VP of LWVSFC PR/ Communications at donnamr@me.com

We value your keen advice as we explore this new program concept.
January 8: Legislative Preview Luncheon
Each year before the legislative session, The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County invites all state senators and representatives who cover any part of Santa Fe County to an annual luncheon where they explain their priorities for the next legislative session and answer questions from members. The next preview will be held on January 8, 2020 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at the IHM Retreat Center, 50 Mt. Carmel Rd. A buffet lunch will be catered by Pinon Catering.

January 12: Public Forums, LWVSFC and City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Office
The League will sponsor two public forums in which the Water Conservation Department will present their five-year water conservation plan. This plan was developed with input from various city departments and the public, beginning early this year. A draft was written in May 2019 and presented at the City sponsored Next Generation Water Summit in June 2019 for input and review from water conservation professionals across the southwest. A final draft was completed in October 2019 and is ready to implement. The forums will be held in January before the legislative session, the first on Sunday, Jan. 12 from 3-5 p.m. at the Southside Library and the second on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 5-7 p.m. at the Main Library. These dates are subject to change so check the website for updates: lwvsfc.org.

January 28: Program Planning Meeting
The annual program planning unit meeting will be held on January 28, location to be announced. We will review our positions and decide on new studies. If you want to propose a study, this is the time to do so. You can request a study proposal form by emailing Laura Atkins, ljatkins@mindspring.com. This year we will also review national League positions for any recommended changes.

State League Activities in February
- **February 5, 5:30-7:30 pm:** LWVNM Legislative Reception, Rio Chama, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail
- **February 6,** LWVNM 100th Birthday/Suffrage Centennial, State Capitol

More information will be coming about these events, so please check the website www.lwvsfc.org.

Nonfiction Book Club
*Why Nations Fail* by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson

The League will hold its Nonfiction Book Club meeting on March 19, 2020 at DeVargas Mall (meet near Starbucks) beginning at 10:30 am. A *Washington Post* review shared, *Why Nations Fail* is a sweeping attempt to explain the gut-wrenching poverty that leaves 1.29 billion people in the developing world struggling to live on less than $1.25 a day. You might expect it to be a bleak, numbing read. It’s not. It’s bracing, garrulous, wildly ambitious and ultimately hopeful. It may, in fact, be a bit of a masterpiece.” Please join us!
LWVSFC Reader Recommendations

You’ll want to read *Blowout* by Rachael Maddow for its eye-opening revelations of the power and scope of the oil and gas industry and its far-reaching impact on all of us. Maddow, true to her style and intellect, presents the reader with a “rollickingly well-written book, filled with fascinating, exciting and alarming stories” according to Fareed Zakaria, an Indian-American journalist. The stories center on the people and events that shaped the oil and gas industry of today. It is “essentially a big casino,” Maddow writes, “that can produce both power and triumphant great gobs of cash, often with little regard for merit.”

There are many interesting characters contained in the book and colorful tales about their shenanigans. Most importantly Maddow focuses on Vladimir Putin and the impact of the gas boom of the last twenty years on Russia that provided it the opportunity to become a full-blown petrostate.

Maddow continues by exposing the mismanagement of Russian oil companies in depleting the country’s oil and gas supply. In looking for new drilling sites, Putin turned to Russia’s Arctic Sea. In order to drill in those waters, he needed American technology, hence partnering with Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon. The partnership was stopped by the Obama administration by preventing Exxon from exporting its technology to Russia.

As Maddow shows, Putin’s invasion of Ukraine became the central struggle between Putin and the West, and America in particular. Putin saw Obama’s support for pro-democracy protest in Moscow as Western efforts at regime change. With Putin’s oil and gas supply at risk and his anger at the west for support of protests, he set out to attack Western democracies, specifically America.

As the book concludes, Maddow suggests more stringent rules on Western companies aiding foreign corruption along with ending subsidies for the oil and gas industry. In addition, she advocates for a carbon tax. The tone of the book maybe one of shock, amazement and condemnation, but it does not include radical conclusions. Maddow’s practical side knows that we all consume the products that the oil and gas industry provides. Therefore the book, as Zakaria states, “does not provide a path out of the darkness”.

—Kelly Davis

A book made up almost entirely of statistics and that you simply can’t put down? That’s *Invisible Women*, a riveting expose about how bias in data collection supports and perpetuates a male-centric world. Using real case studies from around the world, Perez shows that every system—from city snow clearing protocols to automobile safety to disaster relief policy—revolves around one being: an ideal called “Reference Man,” whose stats (Caucasian, age 25-30, weight 70kg) are the pattern for everything we make and do. This is true of course in politics as well: “The data we already have makes it abundantly clear that female politicians are not operating on a level playing field. The system is skewed towards electing men, which means that the system is skewed towards perpetuating the gender data gap in global leadership, with all the attendant negative repercussions for half the world’s population.” Perez continually reminds us that these case studies are based on data we have, underscoring the real problem—he appalling lack of data on how women live and work. Take a close look at this book—the devil is truly in the details.

—Stephanie Schlanger
League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County
Membership Services Report

December 2019

We welcomed 10 new members since publication of the last Voter. Four of the new members are students certified as voter registrars. We now have 177 active members. The students are supported by the Diversity Fund, which is now sponsoring 16 members and clearly assisting in diversifying our membership. Thank you to Meredith Machen for making this happen!

As a reminder – membership renewals are due by the end of the month of December in order for members to remain on the current Constant Contact list for receiving email reminders about League activities with links to participate. If you have not already done so, go to the website lwvsfc.org to renew or download, print, fill out and mail the membership form with a check for dues to LWVSFC, PO Box 31547, Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547.

As always, Thank you for being a member and supporting the League and its mission to register and educate voters as well as to advocate for all residents of the Santa Fe community.

Welcome New Members!

Gabriela Armendariz
Hank Bahnsen
Audrey Chumley
Lorna Dyer
Rebecca Haffenden
Tya LaForge
Elizabeth McDonald
Kendall Moffatt,
Sophia Snyder
Josephine van der Hoeven

ATTENTION: IT’S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!
(Annual memberships expired August 31)

Join Us!

Renew online: You can renew online by visiting the website lwvsfc.org, choosing your membership(s), adding it (or them) to your cart and filling out the billing information for paying by credit card.

Renew by mail: If you prefer to renew by mail, print the membership form (copy at the end of this newsletter or on line at lwvsfc.org), fill out your name, make any changes to your contact information, and mail the form with a check to the address printed at the bottom of the form.

Note: Remember to keep a copy of your receipt if you renew online as the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and all dues and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. If you renew by mail, you will receive a receipt in the mail as part of your “Thank You” letter.

We now have a member-donated Diversity Fund to provide sponsorships for those in need who wish to become active in the League. Please contact me for more information if you or someone you know is interested.

Thank you in advance for your support of the League and its mission.

—Debbie Helper, Director of Membership Services at lwvsfc.org
League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Voter Services Report

December 2019

Four hundred and twenty-six (426) INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR REREGISTERED TO VOTE FROM 5/1/19-12/9/19. Of the 426, 92 are adults and 334 are students.

VOTER SERVICES ADULT ACTIVITIES

Adult Voter Registration Activity for November
Third-party voter registration ended October 8 for the November 5 Regular Local Election. Anyone registered after then by third-party voter registrars will be eligible to vote in the 2020 General Election.

The League provided voter registration and information at:
• Santa Fe Farmers Market November 2: 4 registered

Santa Fe Housing Authority-Voter Turnout Project
Irene Epp and I continue to work with the Housing Authority. There were no planned meetings/events for November. Housing Authority staff, Maria Lucero and Falina Rodriguez, are planning on getting their VRA certification this month.

VOTER SERVICES HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

High School Civic Project
As of November 30, 2019, 19 students have become VRAs. The students attend the following schools: Capital High, Monte del Sol, Santa Fe High, Santa Fe Prep and The Masters Program (TMP). All student VRAs attended the extra VRA training provided by the League. Recruitment of student VRAs began in the spring of 2019.

High School Registration
Voter registration was provided at:
• Santa Fe High School November 8: 107 students registered

Harvard Research Project-Implementation of the Moss History of American Democracy Curriculum: A Case Study Approach to Teaching History
Robert Sobel has assigned students two studies: the Moss curriculum’s #10 Australian Ballot for California (1891) and #11 The Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902. In addition to the case study on the Coal Strike of 1902, Robert included a documentary from American Experience entitled Mine Wars. I observed the class discussion on the Anthracite Coal Strike and was impressed by the level of student participation.

Inspire Santa Fe Mentorship Program
Dante Moon continues to work on the Civic Engagement Project researching the level of student civic engagement. Dante has completed surveying the students and has begun analyzing the data. An article highlighting Dante Moon that includes information on the Project is in the October issue of The Voter.
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Action and Advocacy Report
November 2019

Midtown Campus Project: Jody Larson and Hannah Burling will meet with Daniel Hernandez to find out more of what is going on.

County Census Committee: The county has received a $90,000 grant from the state. LWVSFC will be involved in the educational effort. There was much discussion of the financial impact of an undercount. Krista Kelley of Motiva, who is working with the county, has asked the League to help put on public educational forums.

Website: The effort continues.

Other:

—The city has purchased and implemented industry-standard software (the price has come down recently) that should help with identifying and tracking short-term rentals and should support enforcement of existing ordinances as well as any future changes.

—Increases to the utility service charge will work via extensive formulae based on the proportion of permeable surfaces on the as yet undefined area. There is no way to appeal for cisterns, gravel driveways, french drains and other mitigating factors. This will be very controversial.

—A public meeting was held on October 26th meeting at the Hondo firehouse on the proposed Terrero mine. There was a live band and the meeting was packed. A subdivision of New World Cobalt is going back to the mine that was left an environmental mess. The governor is opposed to the mine. A public hearing in Santa Fe is needed.

—There are huge staffing shortages in the county and there is no county attorney.

—The Department of Education and the Legislative Education Study Committee want the SFPS to be a test district for more school days. There was pandemonium over possible school closings. Seventy-one people signed up to speak. The board will do another study and the issue will persist.

—The A&A committee has obtained conceptual approval from the board of the LWVSFC to create a democracy concierge program as a way to be useful to the school board. The committee is in contact with the LWV of San Luis Obispo, which has a pilot program in place.
MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New Member   ☐ Renewal

Please check box of the membership you wish to start or renew:

☐ Individual membership: $60
☐ Household membership (two family members at the same address): $100
☐ Student membership: $30 (for students 16-25 years old and currently enrolled in an accredited institution)

Member Information:

Name (first and last):

Address: (include zip code)

________________________________________________________

Phone:                                Email:

Please include information about the second household member here, if appropriate:

Name (first and last):

Phone:                                Email:

Donation - I would also like to donate:

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $150 ☐ $200 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ other $__________

Make check for dues and donation payable to “LWVSFC” and mail the check with this form to the address below.

Thank you for joining! As soon as we receive your membership registration form and payment, we will send you a confirmation and welcome letter by email.

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September 2018
Calendar
2019

December
December 5, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
December 7, 10-12: LWVNM Citizen Advocacy Workshop, State Capital Room 322
December 13, 11:30-1:00: Holiday Luncheon, Hotel Santa Fe, Robert Sobel and High School Civic Program students
December 17, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting

2020
January
January 2, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
January 8, 11:30-1:00: Legislative Preview, IHM Retreat Center, 50 Mt. Carmel Road.
January 12, 3-5: Public Forum, Santa Fe Water Conservation Division 5-year plan, Southside Library
January 15, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
January 16, 5-7: Public Forum, Santa Fe Water Conservation Division 5-year plan, Main Library
January 18, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Albuquerque
January 21, Legislative Session – Opening Day
January 23, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
January 28, 10-12: Unit Meeting - Program Planning

February
February 5, 5:30-7:30: LWVNM Legislative Reception
February 6, LWVNM 100th Birthday/Suffrage Centennial, State Capitol
February 13, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
February 18, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
February 20, Legislative Session - Closing Day
February 27, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

March
March 5, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
March 11, 11:30-1: General Meeting TBA
March 17, 10-11:30: LWVSFC Board Meeting
March 19, 10:30-11:30: Nonfiction Book Club
March 21, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Santa Fe
March 24: Tour of Local Jail: TBA
March 26, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

April
April 2, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
April 21, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
April 23, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
April 27-30: Candidate Forums: Primary Election: TBA

May
May 7, 12-2: Action & Advocacy Committee
May 13, 11:00-1:30: Annual Meeting; TBA
May 16, LWVNM Council, Santa Fe
May 19, 10-12: LWVSFC Board Meeting
May 28, 5-30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

Please note: Events in blue are only tentatively scheduled at this time. Check later for the final dates, times and locations of those events. LWVNM and other organization functions in italics.

Monthly Meetings/Events

Action & Advocacy Committee:
1st Thursday of each month, 12-2, Rio Chama, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail

LWVSFC Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10-12, at NM Bank & Trust, 1592 St. Michael’s Dr.

League Libations: Last Thursday of each month unless it’s a holiday, 5:30-7, Ortiz Café & Bar, Hilton Hotel