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VP—Marcy Litzenberg
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VP-Donna Reynolds
(PR/Communications)
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(Membership)
Miriam Ries (Special Projects)
Vacant (Development)

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Vacant (Digital Technology)
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From the Leadership Team

Food for Thought

Well folks, we’re now a year and a half into our experiment with shared leadership, and I’m happy to tell you that it’s working! With the exception of the Webmaster and the Fundraising Chair, all of our Leadership Team positions are filled by enthusiastic, committed people, and our membership is engaged and growing, so we are “good to go.” Now, please help us decide where to go.

Those of us who attended the National Convention in Chicago this summer observed a seminal moment in League history…a seismic shift from the League’s historically cautious, position-based advocacy at the national, state and local levels, to a more activist approach. We were all asked to align our state and local programs with the National League’s Annual Program: “The Campaign for Making Democracy Work” by focusing on the following priorities:

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting
- National Popular Vote Compact

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I understand the power of numbers and believe that League members, collectively, would be a force to be reckoned with at the national level. Remember the Women’s March on Washington?

But is it more important to amplify the impact of the League at the national level than to continue the grassroots efforts of the local Leagues – even expand them?

We are left with a conundrum. How can we best serve this community, while also joining the charge at the national level? Is it even possible to do both? How can we ensure that the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County remains as relevant and influential in the future as we have been for the past 100 years?

What do you think? We’re listening!

--Marcy Litzenberg,
VP/Administration

A Day at Mesa Prieta Petroglyphs Wells Preserve with the League
November 2, 2018
Packed House at Public Forum on the National Popular Vote

On November 10, just four days after the 2018 midterm elections, the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County hosted a forum on New Mexico’s National Popular Vote bill, which was moderated by LWVSFC Communications Director Donna Reynolds and drew an audience of 120 highly engaged League members and the general public.

Keynote speaker Senator Mimi Stewart, New Mexico’s longtime legislative champion of the National Popular Vote, explained the disadvantages of the current “winner-take-all” state laws that govern how voters’ popular votes are counted in presidential elections and in the process divide the country into "battleground" and "spectator" states.

“One of the things that people don’t understand,” Senator Stewart suggested, “is the impact of having only six to 12 states matter” in electing candidates for the highest office in the land.

Senator Nancy Rodriguez later underscored Senator Stewart’s point by noting that a full 75 percent of U.S. states are rendered politically irrelevant as a result of the present practice.

In her remarks, Senator Liz Stefanics reported that she has been receiving “a ton of emails” in support of the National Popular Vote from across the six counties in her district—about 50 in just the last two weeks.

Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth enthusiastically stated that “this is the year to make it happen” for the National Popular Vote and encouraged attendees to “pack those committee rooms.”

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Two additional speakers—University of New Mexico political science professor Lonna Atkeson and Connecticut grassroots organizer Jonathan Perloe—rounded out the program.

The LWVSFC will host a second public forum on the National Popular Vote on January 12, just three days before New Mexico’s 2019 legislative session opens.

The January 12 forum—which again will take place at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Santa Fe, 107 W. Barcelona Road—will provide the most recent updates, include a legislative focus, and build on the November 10 event, though previous participation is not necessary.

In the meantime, the National Popular Vote-New Mexico website continues to serve as New Mexicans’ central information and action resource (www.nationalpopularvotemn.org).

- Ute Haker,
  Member, LWVSFC

Senator Liz Stefanics

“This is the year to make it happen.”

—Senator Peter Wirth

Senator Nancy Rodriguez

Next Forum: January 12
Annual Holiday Party & Silent Auction
Wednesday
December 12, 2018, 11:30—1:00 p.m.
Hotel Santa Fe

Special Guest Speaker: Julie Ann Grimm
Editor, Santa Fe Reporter

Ms. Grimm earned a bachelor’s degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri, and has solid reporting chops from her time at the Associated Press and The New Mexican, before joining the Santa Fe Reporter. We had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Grimm a few years ago, and look forward to another enjoyable lunchtime with her.

Please remember guests or non-members are always welcome! RSVP at www.lwvsfc.org or send your check ($25.00 per person) by December 7, 2018, to:

LWVSFC
P.O. Box 31547
Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547

The silent auction will be managed by Berit Leonard. Please plan to arrive at 11:15 to donate items and to lend a hand if necessary. If you purchase and donate, it’s not the same as bringing home more stuff.
March Nonfiction Book Club Selection

*The Fifth Risk*

The League will hold its next Nonfiction Book Club meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2019, at Collected Works Bookstore & Coffeehouse, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The book selected to read is “*The Fifth Risk*” by Michael Lewis.

From an NPR review, “Government may be too big and the bureaucracy too complex, but Lewis delves into its critical missions: to protect us from threats, including nuclear weapons proliferation, devastating tornadoes, and foodborne illnesses; and to efficiently distribute services and benefits to those needing a hand — whether from Federal Emergency Management Agency or food stamps.”

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**LWVNM Annual Workshop on Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Legislature**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to Noon

New Mexico State Capitol, Room 322 (enter on the East side)

The public is invited.

Learn tips from legislators and a professional lobbyist on how to interact with legislators, speak at hearings, and advocate for your cause.

**Speakers:**
- Senator Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, District 25
- Senator Sander Rue, R-Albuq., District 23
- Jim Jackson, CEO, Disability Rights New Mexico
LWVSFC Celebrates Record Number of New Members in 2018

Robin Merlo
Nicole Greenspan
Dorothy Greene
Stephanie Schlanger
Catherine MacLaren
Evelyn Petschek
Willa Nehlsen
Heidi Corning
Rebecca Álvarez
Ute Haker
Dennis Kensil
Claire Weiner
Vonnell Bettencourt
Darlene Kelly Davis
Ellyn Feldman
Mary Polk
Terri Jerry
Nancy Wirth
Catherine Veilleux
Carlene Carey
Dawn Abriel
Ann Batum
Barbara Guss
Gracie Schild
Kathleen Jones
Carol Ross
Kathy Eagan
Linda Milbourn
Olivia Ridgeway

Welcome to the League!

Why I Joined the League of Women Voters

I spent a great deal of time after the 2016 election in despair about the state of our nation. The vicious partisan politics, and unprecedented incivility and intolerance that poisoned the election season left me exhausted and demoralized. But what made me despair was the lack of citizen participation in the voting process.

Only 58% of eligible Americans voted in the election; minority turnout fell to an all-time low. Granted, some of the low numbers can be blamed on apathy and complacency, but a greater, and more invidious factor, is voter suppression. The evisceration of the Voting Rights Act, the surge in voter ID laws, the reduction in voting stations and voting options, and above all, the gerrymandering that has skewed the electorate—all these tactics reduce the vote.

Is an election really an expression of the will of the people if only a little over half of the eligible voters vote? There is no democracy where people don’t—or can’t—exercise their right to vote. The League of Women Voters was established 100 years ago to promote the vote, and they’re still fighting for it—and not just for women, but for everyone. As the saying goes, “If you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem”. That’s why I joined the League.

What made you join the League? Share your story with us. Write to me at

stephanie.schlanger@gmail.com.

— Stephanie Schlanger, Voter editor
Women's Film Series: MISS REPRESENTATION

$12, Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:00pm-9:30pm

CCA - Center for Contemporary Arts Santa Fe 1050 Old Pecos Trail

"A hard-hitting documentary study of rampant sexism in U.S. media and society" - Variety

Jennifer Siebel Newsome's film exposes how mainstream media and culture contribute to the under representation of women in positions of power and influence in America. Women make up only 4.6% of S&P 500 CEOs and 17% of directors, executive producers, writers, cinematographers, and editors working on the top 250 domestic grossing films. Interview subjects include Katie Couric, Rosario Dawson, Gloria Steinem, Margaret Cho, Condoleezza Rice, Rachel Maddow and Nancy Pelosi.
MAIL-IN MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Print out this form and follow the instructions at the bottom for mailing.)

[ ] New Member [ ] Renewal

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

[ ] Individual membership: $60
[ ] Household membership: $100 (two family members living at the same address)
[ ] Student membership: $30 (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:
LWVSFC
P.O. Box 31547
Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547

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.

The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All dues and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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Calendar 2018-2019

2018

December
December 7, 10-12: Roundhouse Art Tour, NM State Capital
December 8, 10-12: LWVNMEffective Citizen Advocacy Workshop, NM State Capitol, Room 322, Santa Fe
December 12, 11:30-1: Holiday Luncheon (Hotel SF), Julie Ann Grimm, Editor and Publisher SF Reporter
December 18, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting

January
January 9, 11:30-1: Legislative Preview (Hotel SF)
January 12, 2-4: National Popular Vote Public Forum II, Unitarian Universalist Santa Fe. January 15, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
January 18, Roe vs. Wade Day, table at the Roundhouse
January 19, 11-3: LWVNMBoard meeting, Albuquerque
January 24, 5:30 SFPS school board candidate forum
January 24, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
January 29, 11-1: Unit Meeting - Program Planning

February
February 6, 5:30-7:30: LWVNMLegislative Reception-Garrets Desert Inn
February 7, LWVNMLegislative Day at the Legislature
February 19, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
February 28, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

March
March 16, 10:30: Non-fiction Book Club, Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo St.
March 17, 11-3: LWVNMBoard meeting, Santa Fe
March 19, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
March 20, 11:30-1: Sunshine Week luncheon (Hotel SF) Progress report on city finance fixes
March 28, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

April
April 4, 7-9: Public forum on Immigration
April 16, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
April 25, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

May
May 8, 11-1:30: Annual Meeting (Hotel SF)
May 15, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
May 19, LWVNMC Kensession, Las Cruces (?)
May 20, 11-3: LWVN Board meeting
May 23, 5-30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

Date TBD: Nonprofit news organization public forum

Check www.lwvsfc.org for locations and updates.

* LWVN M 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 at NM Bank & Trust, 1592 St. Michael’s Dr.
- League Libations: Last Thursday of each month @ Hilton Hotel Ortiz Café & Bar

Mark Your Calendars!
New Mexico Roundhouse Art Tour with League Members
Dec. 7, 10-12 Noon

Members of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County are invited to attend a tour of the state Roundhouse fine art collection on Friday, December 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive about ten minutes before the tour begins to check in at the Rotunda Desk so we can begin the tour promptly at 10:00 a.m. The tour lasts approximately one hour. The New Mexico State Capitol, or Roundhouse, is located at 490 Old Santa Fe Trail. The tour is free. Please RSVP to Donna Reynolds at donnamr@me.com
Fighting Voter Suppression

We challenge all efforts and tactics that threaten our democracy and limit the ability of voters to exercise their right to vote.

Five *Legal* Techniques that Suppress Voting in the US:

- Gerrymandering
- Voter ID Laws
- Purging Voting Rolls
- Reducing Voting Stations/Hours
- Denying Former Felons the Vote

The Fight for the Right to Vote Continues…

Join the League of Women Voters

Fill out the membership form or go online to

www.lwvsfc.org