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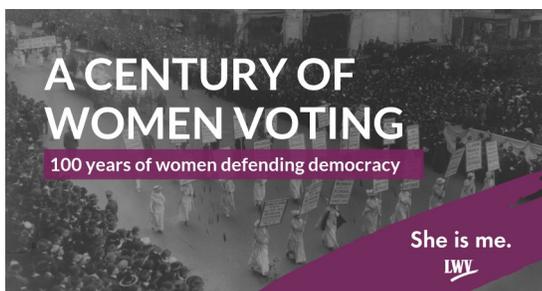
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Three Cheers for Women!

**“To the wrongs that need
resistance
To the right that needs assistance
To the future in the distance
Give yourselves!”**

*—Carrie Chapman Catt, founder
League of Women Voters*

LET’S CELEBRATE!



*Santa Fe's Leadership Team Welcomes and
Encourages Members to Join the Celebration of the
Women's Right to Vote Centennial*

Legislative Reception

Wednesday - February 5, 2020
Rio Chama Restaurant
414 Old Santa Fe Trail
5:30 to 7:30 pm

*Special Guest: Virginia Kase, CEO
League of Women Voters of the United States*

Suffrage/LWVNM Centennial

Thursday - February 6, 2020
ROTUNDA at the ROUNDHOUSE
490 Old Santa Fe Trail
12:30 to 2:30 pm

Enjoy music, costumes and refreshments

Speakers: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, LWVUS Director Virginia Kase, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Senator Nancy Rodriguez, Senator Liz Stefanics, Representatives Gail Chasey and Joanne Ferrary, among others.

Exhibits: In the West Hall, see exhibits of historical documents from the New Mexico Records & Archives and Secretary of State. Learn about the League's work through the decades and current priorities. Visit with our partner organizations also working to strengthen democracy.

Costumes: Visit the following link to order LWV or Votes for Women sashes from the LWV of Missouri: <https://lwvmissouri.org/shop-2/vestspatchesdisplayitems/>

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Witness History in the Making!

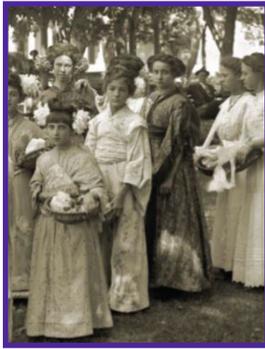
**These proclamations honoring the 100th anniversaries of Women's Suffrage and the League of Women Voters NM will be read in the Capitol Rotunda on February 6 at noon—
Be there!**

Proclamation!

Whereas the voting and equal rights movement started in earnest at the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls in 1848, and whereas New Mexico women started advocating for full voting rights in 1893; and
Whereas New Mexico's suffragists, frustrated with the legislature's inability to expand women's voting rights beyond school elections, worked to get both parties to commit to getting a federal suffrage amendment passed and ratified so that 27 million women could vote; and
Whereas Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States on June 4, 1919, and sent it to the states for ratification; and
Whereas New Mexico ratified the amendment on February 21, 1920, after decades of organized efforts by suffragists, including Nina Otero Warren, Deane Lindsey, Aurora Lucero, Laura Frenger, and Julia Asplund; and
Whereas the League then dedicated its efforts to helping women become informed about federal, state, and local issues and policies; and
Whereas the League continues its mission to inform voters about candidates through its voter guides and candidate forums as well as through other programs throughout the year; and
Whereas the League continues to advocate for responsible and responsive government and for general well-being of the residents of New Mexico and the nation; and
Whereas this commemoration acknowledges the League's contribution to the understanding of policies and its efforts to encourage all Americans to participate in our democracy;
Now, therefore, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2020, as "The 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters" throughout the State of New Mexico.

Proclamation!

Whereas, New Mexico women of every background have served as early leaders at the forefront of movements for social change, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also to create an impartial and just society for all; and
Whereas, countless New Mexico women worked for suffrage through participation in state and local chapters of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union (later the National Woman's Party), as well as in churches, school halls, and across backyard fences; and
Whereas, many women in communities of color in New Mexico were unable to participate in the suffrage movement and waited many years for laws to be passed in order to exercise their right to vote freely; and
Whereas, we honor the visionary leaders of women's suffrage in New Mexico who courageously helped forge the path to voting equality for women, among whom are Cora Armstrong Kellam, Deane Houghton Lindsey, Ada McPherson Morley and Nina Otero Warren who led efforts in the state, and Senator Andrieus A. Jones who chaired the Select Committee on Woman Suffrage and championed the 19th Amendment in the US Congress; and
Whereas, New Mexico is proud to commemorate the 100th anniversary of our ratification of the constitutional amendment on February 21, 1920 acknowledging that the vote should not be denied on the basis of gender—a monumental step in the continued pursuit of full, unhindered and unrestricted equality for all people; and
Whereas, New Mexicans take pride in our history of advancing democracy, we celebrate this centennial by reaffirming New Mexico's commitment to achieving full equality for all women in every sphere: social, economic and political;
Now, therefore I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim 2020 as "Woman's Suffrage Centennial Year" throughout the State of New Mexico.



*1900: NM Suffragists
on the Plaza*

Mark Your Calendar for these Centennial Women's Suffrage Events



*2020: NM Senator Antoinette
Sedillo-Lopez at the opening of
the State Legislature*

February 5: Legislative Reception

5:30-7:30 pm, Rio Chama Steakhouse,
Guest speaker: Linda Kase, CEO
League of Women Voters of the US

February 6: Suffrage and LWVNM Centennial

12:30-2:30 pm, Capitol Rotunda
Enjoy music, costumes and refreshments!
Speakers: Governor Michelle Lujan
Grisham, LWVUS Director Virginia Kase,
Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver,
Senator Nancy Rodriguez, Senator Liz
Stefanics, Representatives Gail Chasey and
Joanne Ferrary, among others.
Proclamations honoring the centennials of
LWVNM and Women's Suffrage will be
read!

February 12: "Nuestras Madrecitas": Women in Our History

12 noon, Pinon Room, State Archives,
1205 Camino Carlos Rey
Talk by State Historian Robert Martínez for
Tertulia Histórica Lunchtime Lectures
Find out about our family stories and
genealogies. It's FREE, so come out and
learn about your New Mexico history!

Discussions of Women's Suffrage in New Mexico

LWVNM Centennial Committee Chair
Meredith Machen and LWVNM President
Hannah Burling were featured on two local
radio shows. Check it out!

"Report from Santa Fe with
Lorene Mills"(Jan 26): [http://
www.reportfromsantafe.com/](http://www.reportfromsantafe.com/)



Also

KUNM Women's Focus (Jan 25) : [https://
www.kunm.org/programs/womens-focus](https://www.kunm.org/programs/womens-focus)

Remembering Iconic League Member Bernie Beenhouwer

This following is a transcript of Jody Larson's tribute to her colleague at the inauguration of the Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial Fund at the Holiday Party last December (details on next page).



Bernie Beenhouwer

Bernie Beenhouwer was a truly remarkable woman. If you knew her, please let your memories come to the fore right now. If not, please know that what I have to say will give you only a slight vision of the person she was. But I'll try, using memories supplied by her family, as well as friends from the League and Santa Fe city government, and some of the many newspaper articles that chronicled her good works.

David Brooks talks about the résumé virtues and the eulogy virtues. Considering Bernie, one sees how a single human being can embody, indeed, set the standard, for both. She was very, very smart, and she worked hard. When she observed, she saw to the core. When she listened, she heard in an unfiltered manner. She was open-minded, with an excellent BS detector. You couldn't charm or fool her into supporting anything she didn't understand at a fundamental level. She was kind. She was generous.

She served on the board of the Santa Fe County League for many years, in many capacities, including as president. Tired of merely observing local governments, she was first appointed to the Santa Fe City Council, then ran for her seat, serving six years as only the second woman ever elected to the governing body. (The first, Dora Battle, was a League member, too.)

Both in private life and as a councilor, Bernie acted on her passionate commitment to the well-being of children and families. She supported public education, initiating the Santa Fe Education Summit in 1991.

She helped start an alternative high school. She was primarily responsible for establishing the city's Children and Youth Commission in 1989, beginning with a fund of \$25,000 in startup money and overseeing its growth to over a million dollars a year of city money from state shared gross receipts taxes, supporting over 20 programs for mostly low-income children annually.

She promoted what we would now call transparency in local governments with passion as well. Back then, we called it openness, inclusivity, ethics, and other terms, but we meant what the state requires in open meetings, access to government records, and codes of ethics. She helped draft the city's Code of Ethics as a League member.

She helped start Volunteer Involvement Services, to coordinate volunteer activities across public and nonprofit organizations. Among other visionary goals, she supported making an exit from I-25 onto Richards Avenue – at one time, hers was the only vote in favor. Later developments have proven her quite prescient, but the exit still exists only in our dreams.

But Bernie was more than a public servant. She was a talented seamstress and designer, and those of us who saw or even participated in her occasional fashion shows were in for a delightful treat. She made all of those beautiful creations from remnants! She was a very fine pianist, and stunned me when she told me she had really only begun to play in her thirties; she and Herb used to give concerts in their beautiful home, she on piano and he on cello. Again, a wonderful experience for those fortunate enough to attend. And she was a fabulous cook.

She supported Native American communities, particularly the Hopi, by giving sewing lessons (using fabrics she brought along) and collecting Native American arts. Her entire collection of Hopi art, valued at \$1.6 million, was returned to the Hopi Nation after her death.

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Her response to a diagnosis of breast cancer was emblematic of her character: After a mastectomy, Bernie helped other breast cancer survivors by becoming a certified trainer in the Reach to Recovery program.

Bernie had a delightfully dry and at times rather wicked sense of humor, but was never mean-spirited. She was the soul of civility, betraying displeasure in a very diplomatic and ladylike way. However, if you knew her, you might notice, for example, that at times when she was observing the Santa Fe Public Schools board behaving badly, the clicking of Bernie's knitting needles grew louder and louder.

Anne Fullerton, a friend, talks about what she learned from Bernie: "I learned that being a good Board member for a not-for-profit included the two of us making a donated space habitable by installing a ceiling and painting all of it. She did not hesitate to do whatever was necessary to accomplish an important goal.... I learned that commitment to the community was not a theoretical concept but an action item. I learned that hospitality was to be generously and graciously offered always to everyone.... There are a few people in one's life who leave an indelible impression and inspire one to be the best in all areas of life – Bernie was one of those rare people."

Glo Sawtell, a former League president and a very close friend of Bernie's, said that Bernie "was a woman who paid her dues and never turned down a request to volunteer her help. She was simply one of the most outstanding people I've ever met." I believe that statement could be made by anyone who ever had the privilege of knowing her. She remains an iconic person to all of us to this day.

—*Jody Larson*



The Beenhouwer family with League members Marcy Litzenberg (top right) and Jody Larson (bottom right).

The Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial Fund

The Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial Fund has been established to honor Bernie's many accomplishments – as a member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County, as a City Councilor, as a visionary community leader, as an inspiring mentor, and as a life-long advocate for good government. The Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial Fund will be used to promote civil discourse and collaborative problem-solving in Santa Fe County.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial Fund online or by mail:

www.lwvsfc.org (write Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial in note box) or mail a check to LWVSFC, P.O. Box 31547, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87594-1547 (write Bernie Beenhouwer Memorial on note line).

Thank you to the people who have donated to the fund to date:

The Beenhouwer Family
Valerie Brookner
Anne Fullerton
Jody Larson
Marcy Litzenberg

League of Women Voters 2020 Legislation Priorities



From left to right: Senator Majority Leader Peter Wirth, Representative Christine Chandler, Representative Linda Trujillo, Senator Nancy Rodriguez and Representative Matthew McQueen at the 2020 Legislative Preview Luncheon hosted by the LWVSFC in January.

Bill	Legislation Name/Description	Sponsor
Top Priority Legislation - A		
HB83	Appropriation to start Early Childhood Permanent Fund	D. Gallegos
SB3	Early Childhood Education & Care Fund – same as HB83	J.A. Smith
HJR1	Permanent Fund for Early Childhood	Maestas/J. Martinez
HM 8	Redistricting Task Force	Ely
SB134	Fund a Redistricting Task Force	Stefanics/Moores
SB29	Solar Market Development Tax Credit	Stewart
Secondary Priority – B		
HB7	Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Act	Ely
HB9	Community Solar Act	Roybal Caballero
HB16 (D)	Paid Family & Medical Leave – probably not germane	Chandler
HB72 (D)	Immigrant Detention Facilities Act – probably not germane	Rubio
HB94 (D)	Publication of Capital Outlay Authorizations – “ “	McQueen
HB99	Renewable Energy Investment Policy Funding	J. Sanchez
HB100	Health Insurance Exchange Act Changes	D. Armstrong
HB148	Increase the Working Families Tax Credit	J. Martinez
HM9	Renewable Energy Investment Strategic Plan	J. Sanchez
HR1	Publication of Votes to Table Bills	Townsend
HR4	Prefiling Changes and Continuous engrossing	Ely
SB1	Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Act	Papen
SB2	Electric Vehicle Income Tax Credit	Woods/Tallman
SB4	Complete Count in 2020 Census	Burt/Herrera
SB5	Extreme Risk Firearm Protection Act	Cervantes
SB23 (D)	Publication of Capital Outlay Authorizations	Tallman
SB38 (D)	Create Commission on Equity in Education	Stewart
SB33	Study Conservation of Nongame Species Conservation	Soule
SB75	Wildlife Trafficking Act	Stewart
SB87	Increasing the Working Families Tax Credit	Ortiz y Pino
SB114	Community Energy Efficiency Development Grant	Ortiz y Pino
<i>SJR4</i>	<i>Convention of States - Oppose</i>	<i>Gould</i>
<i>SJR5</i>	<i>Legislative Term Limits – oppose</i>	<i>Griggs</i>
SM9	All Payer Global Hospital Budget Task Force	Ortiz y Pino
SR1	Prefiling Changes & Continuous Engrossing	Ivey-Soto
Budget watch items		
	Early Childhood	
	Ethics Commission	
	Education Funding	

Bills the LWVNM opposes are italicized
A = top League priority; B = secondary League priority

Site: https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation_List – hit “go”
For updated info on LWVNM action on legislation go to: <https://www.lwvnm.org/Action>

**Our gratitude to the following
people for contributing to the
LWVSFC in the New Year:**

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 James and Elizabeth Roghair
 Jody Larson
 Judy Williams
 Richard and Patricia Hawkins
 Bushrod Lake
 Teresa Thomas

**thank
you**

**And a warm welcome to our
new members:**

Patricia Lenihan
 Shelly Felt
 Laurel Colvin
 Letitia Montoya

**League Member Shannon Bulman
Appointed to Judgeship**



Photo: The Santa Fe New Mexican

Shannon Broderick Bulman

According to the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has appointed Santa Fe attorney Shannon Broderick Bulman to fill a vacant judgeship in the First Judicial District left vacant by the Dec. 31 retirement of State District Judge Raymond Z. Ortiz. As the Division III judge in the First Judicial District, Bulman will preside primarily over family court cases in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties. Bulman worked as a family court hearing officer in the First Judicial District for several years before her appointment to the bench.

Bulman was born in Hayward, California, and obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Connecticut in 1985 and her law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1989. She worked as assistant general counsel for the state Department of Public Safety and the Human Services Department before starting her law practice in 1996 with an emphasis on elder law issues, including wills and probate.

Congratulations, Judge Bulman!

—Donna Reynolds



League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County Voter Services Report

December 2019/
January 2020

HARVARD CASE STUDY PROJECT Grant Opportunity

The Harvard Case Study Workshop will be offered again in 2020. Leagues are invited to nominate teachers, including Leagues who are currently participating. Applications are due in April. All expenses are paid by the workshop but attendees are encouraged to pay their own travel costs. The Voter Services High School Registration Chairs, Anne Culp, Randi Lowenthal, along with Robert Sobel who attended the workshop in 2019, and High School Civic Project lead teachers will also identify history teachers to nominate for the Harvard Case Study Workshop. Teachers who are interested in attending the workshop are asked to submit a letter of interest to the League.

Community Discussion Activity

The Harvard Case Study Grant requires the League to host a Community Discussion Event. The discussion focuses on a case study from the Moss curriculum. Robert Sobel is leading the discussion along with assistance from his students. The League is planning two events: one small (approximately 30 League members) and one large (approximately 50-75 individuals from the community). Date, time and place of the event are being finalized.

HIGH SCHOOL CIVIC PROJECT Student VRAs

Voter Services Chairs are meeting with lead teachers at Santa Fe Prep and Capital on January 30th to discuss strategies for student VRAs to use with their peers on the importance of voting. A meeting with

student VRAs is scheduled to get their input. Using student and teacher input, a plan of actions would be developed.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

LWVSFC Voter Services webpage

A Section 4, entitled Tools For Voter Registration Agents, is being added to the Voter Services webpage. It will include information on dates, time and places to vote and information for potential voters on the importance of voting.

Site Development

League Voter Registration sites are scheduled to begin in mid-March. In 2019 the League provided voter registration and information at 12 sites. This year the League plans on developing an additional 5 sites. If you are interested doing voter Registration, you will need to be certified as a Third Party Voter Registration Agent. The certification process takes about half hour and is done by the Santa Fe County Clerk Office. After you are certified, please contact me at kdavis466@gmail.com. I will add you to the volunteer list.



VP/Voter Services Kelly Davis (l) and High School Voter Registration co-chair Randi Lowenthal at the Holiday Party.



**League of Women
Voters of Santa Fe
County
Action and
Advocacy Report**

**December 2019/
January 2020**

Midtown Campus Project: Jody Larson and Hannah Burling met with Daniel Hernandez, the project manager. Results of the community engagement meetings are being included in the guidelines and the planning guidelines really are being used now. The city is evaluating requests for expressions of interest. The next formal step will be study sessions for the Governing Body, not yet scheduled but perhaps beginning in January. He is currently exploring some external sources of funding (foundations) for mini grants that could be used by local nonprofits and neighborhood associations to provide their own events or other methods for members to become informed and provide feedback.

Democracy Concierge Program: Irene Epp has drafted a process to encourage civility in political discourse. The first step in developing a LWVSFC program is a presentation to the membership with a possible speaker from the San Luis Obispo County LWV which developed the original plan. The A&A committee thought the next step might be to approach the SFPS board. The possibility of getting a speaker and doing a fundraiser by offering professional hours was raised by Renny Ashleman.

City:

The city needs two people to be on the library planning group.

The city approved an ordinance to change the way committees are created and run. Public

Works and Utilities are now combined. Others are Finance and Quality of Life. The mayor will reassign councilors to committees.

The committee broached the idea of printing the *Who's Who*, which is currently on the website, as a fundraiser.

SFPS: Charter schools have no requirement to be transparent about their funding. The committee was concerned and found a bill, SB38, that may address this. It is now on the secondary priority list.

County Census: Krista Kelley has asked us to:

- Send volunteers to two Chamber of Commerce events and to senior center events throughout the county.
- Put census reminders on our website and FaceBook page.
- Work with Somos un Pueblo Unido for phone banking in May and June.
- Write LTEs and Op-eds in *The Santa Fe New Mexican*, *The Edgewood Independent*, and *The Rio Grande Sun* to begin the last week or so of March.

Do we know anyone in the faith communities? The county has had difficulty connecting.

Want to join the committee?

Volunteer for the census work?

Contact Hannah Burling:
hannahburling@gmail.com



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 currently enrolled; scholarships are available to students wishing to be active members; email lwvsfc@gmail.com for more info.*)

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 (circle one):

\$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.

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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