

# League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County



# The Voter

P.O. Box 31547, Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547  
Phone: 505-982-9766

Vol. 69, No. 4

June 2020

## Leadership Team

### Officers

Judy Williams, *VP Administration*  
Laura Atkins, *VP Program*  
Kelly Davis, *VP Voter Registration/  
Education*  
Pat Hawkins, *VP Election Information*  
Stephanie Schlanger, *VP Public  
Relations/Communications*  
Susan Haase, *Secretary*  
Suzanne Ronneau, *Treasurer*

### Directors

Chris Furlanetto, *Action and Advocacy*  
Debra Helper, *Membership Services*  
Marcy Litzenberg, *Development/  
Fundraising*  
Hannah Burling, *Outreach*

### Off-Board

Danis Kelly, *Arrangements*  
Randi Lowenthal/ Anne Culp,  
*High School Voter Registration*  
Irene Epp, Jody Larson, Donna Reynolds,  
*Special Projects*

## From the Leadership Team

It's been a busy month for Voter Services. Election Information VP Pat Hawkins and her colleagues in the state and local leagues successfully launched a new, on-line voter information platform, VOTE411, in time for the June Primary. This new "one-stop shop" for voters is used by the national league and many state and local leagues, and it expands on the service provided in years past by the Voter Guide. New Mexico leagues are working hard to get the word out about VOTE411, and we enjoin our members to take a look at VOTE 411 themselves and spread the word. While efforts to advertise VOTE411 in print, radio and social media are underway, there's nothing like word of mouth to get the message to every person in our community: [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).



With so many challenges to voting these days—from fears of spreading the corona virus to continuing efforts to suppress the vote—it's more important than ever that citizens stay informed and can safely exercise their right to vote. Voter Registration VP Kelly Davis and her team are implementing a number of new strategies for getting the vote out; the State League is calling to put vote by mail on the June Special Legislative Session agenda. Kelly reminds us, "It is critically important for people living in a democracy to exercise their right to vote. The League of Women Voters is committed to supporting this right. This election year its relevance is more important than ever."

For more about Election Information and Voter Registration activities, see page 8. As always, we urge LWVSFC members to get involved. Contact Pat Hawkins ([pathawkins@aol.com](mailto:pathawkins@aol.com)) and/or Kelly Davis ([kdavis466@gmail.com](mailto:kdavis466@gmail.com)) to participate in this critical effort.

## Table of Contents

From the Leadership .....	1
In Memoriam: Becky Frenkel .....	2
2020-21 Leadership Team.....	3-5
JEDI Program.....	6
Youth Vote Study.....	7
Voter Services Report .....	8
Action and Advocacy Report .....	9
Readers Recommend.....	10
Membership Report.....	11
Appreciations .....	11
Events.....	12
Membership Application.....	13

## IN MEMORIAM

### Rebecca Lou Frenkel (1932-2020)

Long-time member and twice past president of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County, Rebecca Frenkel passed away at her home on April 3, 2020. Becky was one of the most admired and respected members of the LWVSFC and a mentor to many of us who are currently active in the organization. She worked tirelessly on many League studies and was always encouraging the League throughout her involvement to stay abreast of issues and act on League positions. More recently, she participated as a regular member of the League's nonfiction book club, ever ready to offer her perspective and book recommendations.



Becky Frenkel with Senator Jeff Bingaman

According to her obituary in the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, Becky was always a doer and someone who could be counted on, as many learned when she served as president of the League of Women Voters in Santa Fe. Rebecca enjoyed her friends and family as well as living abroad in Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Germany. She had a big heart and was devoted to her community and to doing her part to make the world a better place. She met that task with strength, determination, and humor.

Her obituary further offered that Rebecca was born in Kansas, where she attended nursing school and met her husband, Jacob, to whom she was married for 59 years. In Kansas City, Rebecca was a longtime civic activist, practiced nursing, earned a degree in child psychology, and was the first woman to earn a seat on the school board. The couple moved to Santa Fe 30 years ago where they enjoyed the people, arts, music, natural beauty, and culture of the city and surrounding areas. Rebecca worked in home health care in both Kansas City and Santa Fe.

Rebecca is survived by her three children (Dr. Lisa Frenkel, Linda Bedell and Carl Frenkel); six grandchildren; and her sister (Rosemary Pasley), brother (David Reece) and their extended families.

—Donna Reynolds

## Meet Your 2020-21 Leadership Team



**Laura Atkins** has been **VP of Program Services** since 2017. She is a retired petroleum engineer who has worked in New Orleans, Alaska, Dallas, Venezuela, Dubai, Vienna (for OPEC), Buenos Aires, and Houston. She has degrees from

Tulane and the Harvard Kennedy School. She and her husband, Jesse, moved to Santa Fe from Houston.



**Hannah Burling** is a long-time resident of Lamy, where she lives with her husband and two cats. She grew up all over the west and moved here from San Francisco. She and her husband raised their children here, and she was the librarian for their school. When she was in high school, she was

always one of the stage crew, and she is still fascinated by how things are done behind the scenes. Joining the League has given her a sense of empowerment and an in-depth education in how government and politics work. Her interests are outreach, racial healing and advocacy. She is the **Outreach Chair**.



**Kelly Davis** grew up in California and graduated from UNM with a degree in sociology; she worked first in Mexico and then in Canada as a financial advisor with Native American tribes. After earning an MBA from the College of Santa Fe, she began working

for the state of New Mexico as a Program Manager, designing, writing and implementing a number of federal grants for the Governor's Commission on Disability and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She became active in the League in 2017 as the **VP of Voter Services-Registration/Education** and is committed to increasing the number of individuals who vote, including those first-time young voters.



**Anne McDonald Culp** is a developmental psychologist who recently retired as a professor of early child development. Born in Denver, Anne and her family often visited Santa Fe as far back as 1965. She and her husband, Rex, have lived in Santa

Fe since 2011, when they purchased a summer home while living in Florida. Now that both are retired from teaching, the Culpes are living full time in Santa Fe and active in the community. Anne and Randi Lowenthal are **High School Voter Registration Co-chairs**.



A native New Yorker, **Irene Epp** is a lifelong educator, earning BA in English from the State University of NY, and then an MA in Medieval British Literature and a PhD in Modern American Literature, both from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

After 17 years at Santa Fe Prep, Irene moved overseas for a 26-year stint as an administrator in US Embassy Schools. Simultaneous with the move was the adoption of her daughter Shanti, who lived outside the US until university. Following six years in Asia, and Egypt, she served as a Head of School in sub-Saharan Africa for 20 years, retiring at the end of July 2019. She immediately joined the LWVSFC's effort to register and empower voters. She currently serves as a member of the LWVNM State JEDI Committee and the LWVSFC **Civil Discourse Project Chair**.



**Chris Furlanetto** first joined the League in the late 70's, in Galveston, TX, where she remembers typing letters to government officials (with carbons!) in response to Action Alerts. While continuing her membership, she only became active again when she and her husband settled in

Santa Fe in 2011. She served first as Board Secretary before becoming the Action and Advocacy Chair from 2013-2015. She has served as the LWVNM Program Chair since 2017 and is currently the LWVSFC **Action and Advocacy Chair**. After teaching science and math at both the high school and junior college levels, she earned an MBA in marketing and pursued a second career in consumer marketing research, retiring in 2008. She now volunteers as a docent at the Museum of International Folk Art and is active in fundraising for her college.



**Susan Haase** grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and earned degrees from both Northwestern University and the University of Illinois. Her career has spanned education, association management and government affairs. She is a tutor with the Literacy Volunteers of Santa Fe ESL Program:

"As a newcomer to the community, that was a natural 'fit' because I have rudimentary Spanish and love to teach, and they always need people. Joining the League was the result of friends recommending it as a group of people I'd like to work with. They were right!" She is married to Renny Ashleemann, is the mother of Christopher and the grandmother of Zachary. She is our **Secretary**.



**Pat Hawkins** is a retired Foreign Service Officer, having worked for the Department of State for 30 years, in Europe, Africa and Latin America. She and her husband, Dick, didn't want to retire to a place with a long cold winter, so

they looked at New Mexico and Santa Fe, since her husband remembered the area fondly from summers here with his grandparents. They retired here in 2011, have made great friends and enjoy all aspects of their life in Santa Fe. Pat has been a member on and off the Board since 2012. She is **VP of Voter Services: Election Information.**



**Debbie Helper** moved to Santa Fe in 2016 after retiring from her position as Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology at Indiana University School of Medicine

in Indianapolis, IN. She and her husband of 43 years, Harry Wright, are the parents of two adult children with one grandson, all of whom are living in the Midwest. She became active in the League of Women Voters only after retirement and is also active in New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics and the national organization American Promise specifically working on passing a constitutional amendment for campaign finance reform. She also enjoys playing the piano, hiking, skiing, reading and practicing yoga. Debbie is our **Membership Chair.**



**Danis Kelly** is a world-renowned harpist whose musical career has included Principal Harp Chair with the Santa Fe Opera for over 40 years. When she was 16, she performed at the White House for John F. Kennedy. She has

performed the world over, touring Europe, Japan, Cuba, and the United States, including many Carnegie Hall performances. In addition to performing worldwide, she has taught harp in a number of universities and music institutes and has conducted masterclasses in such places as Hong Kong and Beijing; her students perform all over the world. Danis is our **Arrangements Chair.**



**Marcy Litzenberg** joined the LWVSFC Board in 2010 after a 40-year career as an educator, city administrator, nonprofit director and elected official. She started as Voter Services Chair of the 2010 General Election and since then she has served in almost every position on the Board

except for President, which she promised herself she would never do. Marcy's inspiration to join the League came from working with several iconic members of the LWVSFC in her professional capacity and seeing how effective they were at advocating for good government. She is the **Development/Fundraising Chair.**



**Randi Lowenthal** moved to Santa Fe in June 2017 from Colorado, where she maintained a business/nonprofit consulting practice. Before Colorado, Randi held senior management positions in large law firms and professional service organizations in Chicago, Philadelphia, and New York City. She earned a

BA from University of Colorado/Boulder and an MBA from Roosevelt University/Chicago. Randi maintains a business/nonprofit consulting practice and volunteers with Girls Inc., the Santa Fe School of Cooking, and the New Mexico End-of-Life Options Coalition. She and Anne Culp are the **High School Voter Registration Co-chairs.**



**Suzanne Ronneau** first joined the League in 1979, in Northwest Indiana. Completely naive, she agreed to be Voter Service Chair. What an education! Then she agreed to be President. After arranging a panel on trainloads of nuclear waste going through our towns, Suzanne

was sternly admonished that the League wasn't supposed to deal with "controversial issues." Nonetheless, the government agreed to advise law enforcement of the train schedule. She had been a League member in Hawaii, Ohio, and Florida before moving to Santa Fe in 2014. Suzanne is now happily sequestered in the role of **Treasurer.**



**Donna Reynolds** is a former Santa Fe League president who has served in a variety of board volunteer positions through the years, most recently, as the VP of Public Relations and Communications. She serves as a consultant

with the local realtor association, directing public affairs. Donna is a Virginia native moving to Santa Fe along with her spouse, John, in 2006 to enjoy the western climate and culture. She is **Project Chair for the “Women and the Future” series.**



**Stephanie Schlanger** is a retired high school English and history teacher and school administrator who joined the League in 2016. She has been editing *The Voter* newsletter and managing our social media platforms and the website.

She is especially interested in efforts to diversify the league and involve younger voters. She is **VP of Public Relations/Communications.**



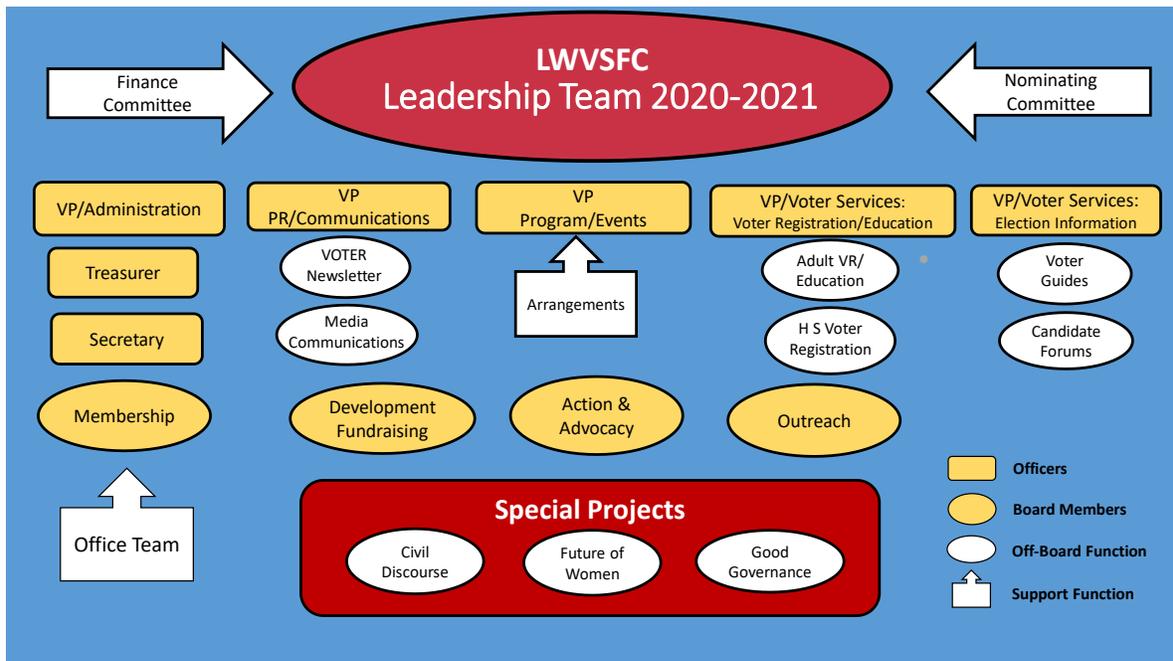
**Judy Williams** has served as president of both the Santa Fe and New Mexico Leagues, and is currently co-chair of the LWVNM Natural Resources Committee.

She spent her career working on health care policy: she was Chair of the Santa Fe County Health Policy and Planning Commission and currently serves on the Health Information System Act Advisory Committee for the NM Department of Health. She and her husband, Elliot Stern, are avid travelers and love music and the outdoors. A graduate of Middlebury College, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Brazil and has a Ph.D. from the Heller School, Brandeis University. She is **VP of Administration.**



**Jody Larson** holds the off-board portfolio of **Good Governance.** She first joined the League in 1966 and was active until she started working full-time in the late 1970s. Re-joining in 2005, she has held board positions and served on

and chaired LWVSFC and LWVNM studies, including Transparency, Vote by Mail, and Public Regulation Commission. She found her experience in our consensus process very helpful in her career in New Mexico state government.



For more about the Leadership Team functions and position descriptions, go to the website at [www.lwvsfc.org](http://www.lwvsfc.org).

## The JEDI Project Powers Up

In January 2020, President of the State League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Hannah Burling, created the New Mexico JEDI Committee in direct response to the Diversion, Equity, and Inclusion Policy established by the National League of Women Voters. JEDI, which stands for “Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion,” is dedicated to ensuring that the League is open and supportive to membership by all parts of New Mexico society. JEDI shows that active membership in the League can open doors to dynamic nonpartisan participation in civic life—leading to improvements in equity, diversity, and inclusion in all dimensions of policy and law in New Mexico.

At this time, the JEDI Committee is comprised of four members from the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County, with plans to expand to all local Leagues. Civil Discourse Project Chair Irene Epp is facilitating the project with a team of three dynamic young women from Santa Fe County.



**Rebecca Álvarez** is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at New Mexico Highlands University. Her research interests are in forms of gender violence and diversity and representation in social movements. Dr. Álvarez

was previously vice-president of New Mexicans for Money Out of Politics (NMMOP), a grass-roots organization that has partnered in advocacy with the League of Women Voters on legislative issues around money in politics. As a member of the Outreach Committee for NMMOP, she organized and led a workshop training covering strategies for reaching out successfully to diverse populations in New Mexico. Her book *Vigilante Gender Violence: Social Class, the Gender Bargain, and Mob Attacks on Women Worldwide* is out in September of this year from Routledge.



**Claudia Joanna Velasquez** was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She is the daughter of two Latino parents—a mother from Mexico and a father from El Salvador. She is a fluent Spanish speaker and

fully embraces the multiple cultures present in her family. Ms. Velasquez enrolled in the Legal Studies Program of the Santa Fe Community College, graduating with high honors and earning an AA in Legal Studies and an AAS in Paralegal Studies. She then attended New Mexico Highlands University where she graduated *summa cum laude* and earned a BA in Criminal Justice Studies with a Minor in Sociology and Anthropology. At this time, Ms. Velasquez has been accepted into the UNM School of Law and will be attending this fall. Having worked as a legal assistant for a personal injury law firm the last two years, Ms. Velasquez is interested in becoming a personal injury attorney in order to fully dedicate her life to helping individuals physically, mentally, emotionally and economically recover from harm suffered.



**Brittany Dutton-Leyda** (née Baca) is 33 years old, a wife of 15 years, and a mother of three rambunctious teenagers. Brittany is of both Hispanic and Latina descent and grew up

speaking Spanish at home. In 2017, she graduated with high honors with her AAS in Paralegal Studies and her AA in Criminal Justice Studies from Santa Fe Community College. Thereafter she transferred to New Mexico Highlands University graduating *summa cum laude* in July of 2019, with a double major BA in Criminal Justice Studies and Sociology & Anthropology with an emphasis in Criminology. She plans to attend the UNM School of Law this fall. Brittany is interested in practicing criminal law and civil rights law and potentially working for organizations such as The Innocence Project or the ACLU.

## Getting Out the Youth Vote



*LWVSFC Intern Delia Moon (l) and Voter Registration VP Kelly Davis at the Roundhouse on League Day 2020.*

Delia Moon, a senior at The MASTERS Program Early College Charter High School (TMP), took on this question as an intern with the LWVSFC during the 2019-20 school year. Under the guidance of Voter Registration and Education VP Kelly Davis and in conjunction with Inspire Santa Fe, a volunteer program that supports the mentoring of Santa Fe High School students, Delia looked at TMP student involvement in civic activities. Delia took the initiative, designed the survey and identified the type and number of students to be interviewed. She analyzed the results and made recommendations for increasing high school students' civic engagement.

Delia's conclusions and recommendations will be immensely helpful to the League in developing programs to educate and inspire young voters. Kelly writes, "It was a pleasure to work with Delia. She has an exceptionally quick mind that will serve her well as she transitions from high school to college and beyond. Getting to know Delia was rewarding for me in many ways. I hope that you enjoy reading the survey as much as I enjoyed sponsoring Delia. The finished product is something that I am proud to have been an active participant in its development."

To read the report, go to the League website, "Voter Services" page at [www.lwvsfc.org](http://www.lwvsfc.org)

One hundred years after the passage of the 19th Amendment, *The Vote* tells the dramatic culmination story of the hard-fought campaign waged by American women for the right to vote — a transformative cultural and political movement that resulted in the largest expansion of voting rights in U.S. history. In its final decade, from 1909 to 1920, movement leaders wrestled with contentious questions about the most effective methods for effecting social change. They debated the use of militant, even violent tactics, as well as hunger strikes and relentless public protests. The battle for the vote also upended previously accepted ideas about the proper role of women in American society and challenged the definitions of citizenship and democracy.

Exploring how and why millions of 20th-century Americans mobilized for — and against — women's suffrage, *The Vote* brings to life the unsung leaders of the movement and the deep controversies over gender roles and race that divided Americans then — and continue to dominate political discourse today.



**Premiers July 6, 2020  
On PBS American Experience**



## Voter Services Report May 2020

### Election Year Challenges and Strategies

#### Challenges to Voting

- Ballots for the 2019 Special Election in Santa Fe County were returned (7800 plus) marked as undeliverable. Voters need to check their voter registration information.
- Absentee voter applications were mailed to residents for the 2020 Primary Election, but many did not receive them or received them too late. If vote by mail is promoted for the fall General Election, the League will have to work closely with the Secretary of State's Office and County Clerks to expedite this process.
- Registering the homeless is challenging in terms of what addresses they use and what documents they need to show when registering. Each County Clerk has some discretion in what they require, so local league need to know requirements.
- Due dates for absentee ballots should be determined by date postmarked not as presently required by date received.
- It is critical to pass emergency legislation to allow voting by mail in New Mexico for the November election. The State League has made a "Call to Action" to get this issue on the June 18 Special Legislative Session.

#### Strategies for Optimizing Voting

- Establish a voter information network through the League and others' social media networks, organizations, churches, etc. to distribute information that will assist individuals to register to vote
- Develop an outreach plan to tell voters to check their voter registration information for accuracy. The accuracy of voter information will be important if New Mexico allows voting by mail in November.
- Circulate information on requirements for people who are homeless to register to vote. Information can be provided to shelters and organizations that serve this population.
- Place voter registration forms at grocery stores, pharmacies, civic organizations, churches, etc. Very important for those who do not have Internet or the ability to print the forms.
- Create a "hotline" for people to call with questions.
- Advertise the video on how to complete a voter registration application (posted on the LWVSFC website).
- Promote VOTE411 to inform voters about races and candidates.

**League members!** Your participation is critical to getting the vote out in November. In addition to using your social media to disseminate voting information and promote voting, you can assist the League in creating and distributing flyers and other materials in the community. You can also monitor the "hotline" to answer questions and assist in completing voter registration forms. Contact Kelly Davis: [kdavis466@gmail.com](mailto:kdavis466@gmail.com) and/or Pat Hawkins: [pathawkins@aol.com](mailto:pathawkins@aol.com)

**Let's get out the vote in November!**



## Action and Advocacy Report May 2020

- Jody Larson attended the April 30 virtual meeting of the County 2020 Complete Count Census Committee.
- Irene Epp described the JEDI presentation that the committee plans to present to LWVSFC as a pilot before scheduling presentations to other local Leagues. This is a LWVNM committee.
- Irene is also in communication with members of the LWV of San Luis Obispo County about their Democracy Concierge program.
- Judy Williams reported that work has begun on the new county crisis center on Galisteo and it is expected to open in September.
- The Santa Fe Public School Board does not know what their budget will be for the coming year. They are discussing how schools might open, possibly with half the students in the classroom at the proper social distance and half learning remotely. Social and emotional support is still a priority as is learning how to learn remotely.
- The Santa Fe Community College Board will meet next at the end of May. Summer classes will be held remotely with challenges remaining for the PE, trades and other hands-on classes.

**The next Zoom meeting will be June 4 from 12 noon-2 pm. Please contact Chris Furlanetto ([crfrwf@yahoo.com](mailto:crfrwf@yahoo.com)) if you'd like to be added to the distribution list.**

## League Member Karen Heldmeyer Receives Historic Preservation Award



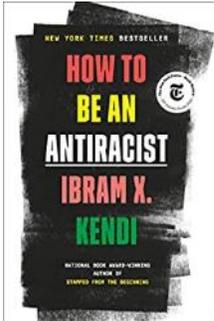
The Old Santa Fe Association has honored Karen Heldmeyer with the Sara Melton Award, one of its 2020 Preservation Awards. A long-time community advocate and former City Council member, Karen was presented with this award for “her unwavering belief in the need for transparency and openness in city government, public participation in city initiatives, equity among Santa Fe neighborhoods, and in the preservation of Santa Fe’s history and quality of life.”

In making the award, the Association noted, “Karen Heldmeyer has played such an integral role in how and why our city works that it’s difficult to imagine what Santa Fe would be like without her.... She has served on countless city commissions and committees, from the Planning Commission to the city’s Redistricting Committee; she is so well-versed in so many areas of city government and in city issues, it’s no wonder that Mayors, City Councilors, Department Heads and many of the rest of us seek Karen out for her knowledge, opinions and advice.”

For more on this award: <https://www.historicsantafe.org/2020-heritage-preservation-awards>

For more on Karen and her work for the community and the LWVSFC, see her profile in the [October 2019 VOTER](#)

## Readers Recommend



Ibram Kendi presents terms like “racist,” “nonracist” and “antiracist” in a context that makes us think about how we view others and ourselves. He explains that “the opposite of ‘racist’ is not ‘nonracist’, but

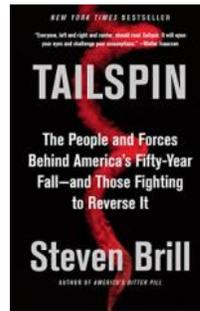
‘antiracist.’” An antiracist, according to Kendi, is a person “who speaks or acts in ways that advance racist equities in society.”

Kendi takes an approach different from most recent books on racism. He is persuasive in showing the reader that the issue is power and economic. Race is not a reality—identifying various races is just a human construct, a product originally created to serve the self-interest of those in power. Kendi draws on his own life experience to show that racism creates false hierarchies of human value. He says the “only way to undo racism is to consistently identify and describe it—and then dismantle it.” The way to do this is through changes in policy that have racist intent imbedded in them.

For me, the book is transformative. The inequities that have been present in our society since our country began are now laid bare. As I read this book, I thought about what kind of country I do want—I hope one of fairness to all and not just a few.

To change our thought process and help eradicate racism, Kendi says, “will require a commitment of time, resources, energy and perhaps most importantly hope.” Are we ready to embark on this journey?

—Kelly Davis



Journalist Steve Brill argues that since the 60s, the promise of the American Dream has been steadily turned inside out and upside down to enrich the few and disenfranchise the many. Core values like meritocracy, innovation,

and the rule of law have been subverted to empower an increasingly smaller and exclusive group of people.

But this is not a story of good guys and bad guys so much as it is a story of unimagined consequences and unheeded warnings. Brill writes, “The most talented, driven Americans chased the American Dream—and won it for themselves. Then, in a way unprecedented in history, they were able to consolidate their winnings, outsmart and co-opt the government that might have reined them in, and pull up the ladder so more could not share in their success or challenge their primacy.”

The stories are riveting, the research is irrefutable, and while the prognosis for America appears grim, Brill concludes that the outcome is not inevitable. Even now, reform-minded individuals and institutions are taking up the fight against injustice and working to restore the promise of America. We may have gotten ourselves on the wrong path as a nation, but there also may be light at the end of the tunnel.

—Stephanie Schlanger



It’s the 1970’s, the Women’s Movement is in full swing, and the Equal Rights Amendment is just three states short of being ratified. Enter Phyllis Schlafly and her army of self-described “anti-libbers” who are determined to defeat the amendment. Revisiting that time and remembering those revolutionaries—Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, Betty Friedan, Shirley Chisholm, Jill Ruckelshaus—reignites our determination to win. Now that the ERA has been ratified by the required 38 states, it’s up to the Senate to act—the fight continues! *Mrs. America*. Now on Hulu.



## Membership Report May 2020

We currently have 141 members, which is fewer than our usual membership count at this time of the year in the past few years. However, we have 12 high school student voter registrars sponsored by the Diversity Fund as well as two college students working with the state League on the JEDI project as well as two adults – one working with high school students on the Civics Project and the other with the JEDI project. If any member knows of someone wishing to be active in the League but, due to financial hardship, is unable to pay dues, please contact me or one of the members of the Board for the prospective member to be sponsored by the Diversity Fund.

Materials sent to new and renewed members are being updated to include more ways to participate in light of the expanded projects taken on by the local League. These, along with an updated directory, will be sent by email to all current members as soon as they are complete.

A new member gathering was being planned for June, but due to the coronavirus it is being delayed until July and may be held by Zoom, depending upon guidelines for gathering and the number of new members interested in participating at that time. This continues to be a work-in-progress.

—Debbie Helper: [dwright94@hotmail.com](mailto:dwright94@hotmail.com)

## Appreciations



**A huge thank you to *Donna Reynolds***, who is stepping down from the Board this year to chair a special project, a series of talks on “Women and the Future.” In honoring Donna at our annual meeting in May, Marcy Litzenberg shared her appreciation of Donna for her work in her many roles with the League: “Donna came to Santa Fe from Richmond, VA as an experienced League Member. She brought a wealth of experience to share with us, in addition to extraordinary leadership skills. During my eight years on the LWVSFC Board, Donna has always been there, doing any job that needs doing, with quiet competence. She’s served in almost every position on the Board, from President to Book Club Chair. And she almost single-handedly oversaw the transition from our traditional hierarchical leadership structure to the Leadership Team model in order to help us adapt to the changing times.”

**A warm welcome to our new members:**

*Jessica Griffin* and *Karen Kohut*.

**Much appreciation to our donors:**

*Susan and Dick Evans*

*Margaret Fisher*

**And our continuing gratitude to Diversity Fund founder *Meredith Machen* for renewing her support.**

thank  
you!



## Mark Your Calendars

### An Introductory Workshop On the JEDI Project Via Zoom June 17, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Join JEDI for this pilot presentation by the New Mexico State League's newest Committee: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI). We have chosen to pilot this first workshop with the Santa Fe County League. This presentation will include both a Q&A session and a Survey Monkey to collect your feedback. Once JEDI has incorporated all this, we will use the first presentation to reach out to the other three local Leagues in our state.

Participants will learn how they can personally assist in recruiting and welcoming more diverse members to the League. We will discuss what diversity means as laid out in the LWVUS Statement of Commitment to Diversity, with a focus on age, class, and race. We will explain the role of inclusion in diversity work and present strategies to increase inclusion. Participants will leave with concrete ideas about what they can do personally to help.

*(For more on JEDI, see article on page 6 of this issue.)*

Follow us!



### FY 2020-2021 Calendar Planning Meeting June 24, 10 am to 12 noon

The calendar planning meeting will be held on June 24 from 10 am – 12 noon. We will use the video conferencing system at the Santa Fe New Mexican if possible; otherwise it will be held on Zoom. Details will be sent by Constant Contact.

At the calendar planning meeting, members are asked to propose events for the upcoming fiscal year, which starts June 1. LWVSFC is required by our bylaws to hold four general meetings and one annual meeting each year. These are usually luncheon meetings with a speaker, so we are looking for speaker suggestions from the members. Last year we held seven "Lunch with a Leader" events with speakers. These events were very popular, and we would like to continue holding them.

We already have our first event planned: a presentation on the State League JEDI (Justice, Equality, Diversity, and Inclusiveness) program on June 17 (details on left).

Please plan to attend this meeting and be ready with suggestions.





## 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](mailto: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.**

**Mail to: [League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County](#)**

**[P.O. Box 31547](#)**

**[Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547](#)**



P.O. Box 31547  
Santa Fe, NM 87594-1547  
[www.lwvsfc.org](http://www.lwvsfc.org)  
e-mail: [lwvsfc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsfc@gmail.com)

