The bells have rung, the ball has dropped  
The page has turned on the year gone by  
We reflect anew on what transpired,  
How did it happen that so many bought lies?  

How did it happen that truth lost out  
To news that was fake and hateful as well?  
How did it happen that names could be called  
Polluting the waters of democracy’s well?  

How did it happen that many stood mute  
Idly reflecting but making no cry.  
Who will stand up and say, “This is wrong!”  
“There actually are facts and without them we die.”  

We die as a community united for good  
We die from a soul polluted and rank  
We die from a neck broken by hate  
We die in a swamp corrupted and dank.  

The stink is on a scale that is both big and small,  
It’s public and private and personal to boot  
It’s in government, media, and our own smaller groups  
It has tenacious, grasping, repulsive roots.  

Lies become facts and facts become stones  
Thrown at whomever one wants to dethrone.  

So where do we fit who deplore this morass?  
What can we do when truth takes a pass?  

What can even be done when forces so dark  
Influence, control, and direct the debate  
And afford no chance to explore common ground  
That might allow space that is absent of hate?  

We must soldier on despite the pain,  
The loss of so much that we thought we had gained.  
We must find a way despite the wounds  
To offer anew the skills we maintain.  

So I resolve as the new year begins  
To speak my truth in the face of disdain  
To hold fast to visions that have upheld and sustained  
A world that holds promise and opportunity to claim.
I resolve to confront when evil appears
In all of its forms
Whether subtle or clear.

I resolve to speak out against the petty and small
Be it on the world stage
Or in my own sheltered walls.

I resolve to demand from any and all
Responsibility for actions
That bring harm to us all.

I resolve to say, whether queried or not
That some things are wrong
As they contribute to rot.

I resolve to look for some kind of way
To bring goodness to bear
Despite the decay.

What will it look like, this resolution for truth?
I haven’t a clue as I begin this new year
But I do know that watching is no longer enough
And hoping and hoping does not bring us near

To essential solutions and healthier ways
In a world where self interest and ego hold sway.

And so I resolve…
To resolve yet again…
As many times as needed
To let healing begin.

-Suzanne Schmidt

Welcome
New Members

Susan Popovich
Brenda Stewart
Wendy Blagg Skelly
Deb Swanson
Women’s History Month Celebration
March 10, 2017, noon to 1:00 p.m., State Capitol Rotunda
This is a non-partisan, educational, news, and celebratory event.

Topics

- Ongoing women’s rights issues such as equal pay, pregnancy discrimination, and reproductive rights that need to be addressed in the NM state legislature as well as the nationwide direction of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Celebration of our strides in acquiring power, through activism and the vote, to develop policies and carry forth an agenda that focuses on women, children, and families.

Arrangements

Space along the East Hall has been reserved for five tables.

Organizational banners may be hung on the railing above the Rotunda. To assure placement, banners need to be brought to the office of Anna Anaya, Room 211, State Capitol, before 8:00 a.m. to be put up by staff. Contact anna.anaya@nmlegis.gov, 505 986-4575

Speakers (tentative list)

An officer from National NOW, Eleanor Chavez, Nina Martinez, Michelle Lujan Grisham, state legislators, Martha Burk, Pamelya Herndon, Sylvia Ramos (ERA).

Send your speaker suggestions to Judith Binder, bjudy@unm.edu

"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."
- Rainer Maria Rilke
League Day at the Legislature
February 8 & 9, 2017

Legislative Reception, Wednesday, February 8, 5:30-7:30
Garrett's Desert Inn, 311 Old Santa Fe Trail*

Adequately Funding Essential Services
James Jimenez, MPA
Executive Director
New Mexico Voices for Children

James Jimenez also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico's School of Public Administration. In both positions, he draws from his considerable experience working in state and city government.

League Day, Thursday, February 9, 10:30 AM to Noon
State Land Office, Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail

Educational Funding Issues and Priorities
Dr. Veronica García, Superintendent
Santa Fe Public Schools

Veronica García's decades of work within the state's K-12 education system range from teacher to principal to superintendent and to New Mexico's first Cabinet Secretary of Education.

Reproductive Rights
Julianna Koob, Legislative Advocate
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains and ACLU

Julianna Koob has fought to advance the rights of women and children for the past 25 years, first as a domestic violence shelter advocate and later for the right of girls and women to make their own healthcare decisions and be treated equally.

Garrett's Desert Inn is offering us a special group rate of $60 single plus $10 for each additional person (plus tax) for double queen, king, or single based on availability. Deadline for this rate is January 18 with the group code "Swing Vote" for February 8 and surrounding dates. The parking fee of $8 is waived for your stay and/or for the League Reception. Reserve by calling 1-800-888-2145 or 505-982-1851. Group rate is not available online.
We were delighted to welcome author and university professor Lois Rudnick, who spoke to us on

**City of Ladies:**
**Why Santa Fe Has Attracted More Than Its Fair Share of Amazing Women!**

Lynn Gary
Suzie Crews, Patricia Victor, Barbara Conroy

Berit Leonard managing the Silent Auction
Suzanne Schmidt & Dan Jones
SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY
MARCH 28, 2017
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

We invite you to join with the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County as we host Chris Carson, President of the League of Women Voters US and Tom Carson, financial and tax consultant/advisor to Leagues converting to 501(c)(3) organizations.

10:00 am – Noon -- Conversion of League of Women Voters Organizations to 501(c)(3) Organizations, Tom Carson
Characteristics of organizations under Section 501(c)(4) and Section 501(c)(3)
Positive and adverse consequences of alternative structure
Advocacy and lobbying available to a Section 501(c)(3) organization
Nationwide League experience with converting to Section 501(c)(3)
LWVUS support of conversion process
Process of converting for single-entity Leagues and dual-entity Leagues
Strategic planning for the conversion process

Noon – 1:00 PM – Lunch
Details to be determined

1:00 – 3:30 PM -- Local League Advocacy and Coalition Building, Chris Carson
Identifying your core issues for advocacy
Framing your issues within your local community situation
Defining your messages to the community
Identifying the messages of the potential opponents
Identifying potential coalition partners
Obtaining a complete understanding of partners’ goals
Sharing the work of advocacy
What are the next steps?

3:30 – 4:00 PM -- Questions and Answers

** Information will follow on specifics including reservations and payment options. We will also post information on the event on the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County website, http://www.lwvsfc.org.

Please contact Laurie Glaze, LWVSFC Board of Directors, Program and Calendar Chair, laurieglaze@gmail.com, with any questions.
NEW MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM
(Please complete fully even if renewing.)

Date: ___________________ Name: (please print) _____________________________________________

Address: (please include zip) ____________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________________________________

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

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

_____ Individual and Associate membership: $54 (Voting members are citizens at least 18 years of age; Associate members - all others.)

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

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

_____ Student membership: $30 (For students 18-25 years and currently enrolled in accredited institution.)

(Membership is paid annually for the term September 1 through the following August 31. It includes state (LWVNM) and national (LWVUS) dues. If you are joining between April and August of any year, your membership will extend through the following year to September 1.)

• Donation check payable to LWVSFC - (Please note “General Fund” on your check.)
  _____ Unrestricted general fund contribution (not tax deductible): $ ________ Check # __________

• Donation check payable to LWVSFC - (Please note “Education Fund” on your check.)
  _____ Education Fund (tax deductible): $ ________ Check # __________

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

Volunteer Interests - LWVSFC success is based on the assistance of member volunteers. We welcome and encourage your help! (Circle all that apply):

Voter Services:

• Voter registration  • H.S. voter registration  • Info tables  
  (Are you a trained Voter Registrar? Yes ___ No ___) (If No, walk-in training is available at County Clerk office downtown.)

• Monitor public meetings • Candidate forums/meetings • Lobby government officials (w/LWVNM)

Organizational Support:

Help at events  • Development/fundraising  • Membership  • VOTER content  • Website  • Staff League office  • Board member

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE LWVSFC, 1472 ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE NM 87505
505-982-9766  •  www.lwvsfc.org 18-April-2016
Calendar 2017

January

January 11, 11:30-1:30: General Meeting Legislative Preview, Hilton
January 17, noon: New Mexico Legislature convenes
January 18, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
January 21, 11-2:30: LWVNM Board meeting, Santa Fe
January 31, 10-12: Unit Meeting-Program Planning

February

February 7, SFPS & SFCC Boards Election Day
February 8, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
February 8, 5:30-7:30: Legislative Reception, Garrett’s Desert Inn
February 9, League Day at the Legislature

March – Women’s History Month

March 8, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
March 10, noon-1: Women’s History Month Celebration, State Capitol Rotunda
March 11, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Santa Fe
March 16: Sunshine Week Event
March 18, noon: New Mexico Legislature ends
March 28, 10-4: Workshop, SF League conversion to 501(c)(3) and local League advocacy and coalition building, SFCC
March 29, 10-12 noon: New Mexico History Museum Tour

April

April 4, 10-noon: Unit Meeting – LWVSFC Economic Development Study Consensus meeting (Jody Larson)
April 12, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
April 20, 10:30-11:30: Nonfiction Book Club, Collected Works, 202 Galisteo

May

May 5, 11:00-1:30: Annual Meeting, Hilton
May 11, 11-1: LWVSFC Board meeting
May 20-21, LWVNM Convention – Santa Fe, Hilton

Regular meetings:

Action-Advocacy 1st Thursday of each month, Rio Chama (Susan Mertes)
LWVSFC Board meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, NM Bank & Trust, St. Michael’s Drive

Unit Meetings are only for League members

Check [www.lwvsfc.org](http://www.lwvsfc.org) for locations and updates.

*LWVNM and other organization functions in italics*