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Leadership Team
VP—Laura Atkins (Program)
VP—Ann Coulston (Voter Services)
VP—Marcy Litzenberg (Administration)
VP—Donna Reynolds (PR/Communications)
Secretary—Susan Haase
Treasurer—Berit Leonard

Directors
Hannah Burling (Action/Advocacy)
Debra Helper (Membership)
Miriam Ries (The Voter)
Vacant (Development)

Off-Board
Patricia Pedersen (Arrangements)
Vacant (Digital Technology)
Patricia Victour (Office Manager)
Suzanne Ronneau (Voter Information)
Sharon Starkey (High School Voter Registration)

Nominating Committee
Patricia Hawkins, Chair
Jody Larson
Lindsay Robinson

Finance/Budget Committee
Marcy Litzenberg, Chair
John Hufnagle
Laurie Glaze
Berit Leonard (ex officio)

Executive Committee
Marcy Litzenberg
Berit Leonard
Miriam Ries
Susan Haase
Donna Reynolds

From the Leadership Team . . .
Forty-plus League members attended the May 9, 2018, Annual Meeting. The fiscal year-end financial report was accepted. A modest dues increase was approved. The “flat” management structure will continue for a second year.

Some FY 2017-18 Accomplishments:
- Completed conversion to 501(c)(3) status
- Membership drive yielded 131 members
- Fundraising added $8,609.00 to the general fund
- Moved to more satisfactory office space

Some FY 2018-19 Goals:
- Members who attend the 2018 LWVUS convention will return with ideas and solutions to local League problems
- Recruit for Development/Fundraising function
- Build a first-rate, easy to use website
- Sponsor QuickBooks training for members
- Review/revise guidelines for filing/storing paper documents
- Consolidate, organize, and store digital files on office PC

The leadership team took a big risk by implementing a new management structure last year. It was not immediately successful. But there were no colossal failures either. Everything that needed to get done, got done. Strong and smart leadership and a solid member base will continue to build a better Santa Fe League.

-Miriam Ries

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Mayor Alan Webber, the city’s first “strong” mayor, began his remarks by likening his job to that of a bus driver: The mayor decides who gets on the bus, who exits the bus and when, and makes seat assignments. Here are some key points Mr. Webber made in a very informative address.

- The budget must contain more than line items and dollar amounts. A column titled “results” must be added.
- 53% of city employees do not live in Santa Fe. Affordable housing would allow employees to have a greater stake in favorable outcomes because the workplace is also home.
- Keep those complaints coming! Complaints highlight problems and lead to change and fixes.
- Going forward, City Council meetings will be held in all four districts, not just at City Hall.
- Practice good management by having the mayor meet regularly with department heads.
- At only 1% of the human resources budget, not enough money is being spent on employee training and development.
- The mayor’s recent trip to Las Cruces introduced him to that city’s use of 2018-level Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, while Santa Fe’s systems are more like those used in 1952.
- Santa Fe has no strategic plan.
- Users of the City of Santa Fe’s website will not be surprised to learn that it just “happened.” It had not been planned and designed.

The Santa Fe League looks forward to working with the mayor to ensure our city is much more than just a world-famous art center and tourist destination. We can make it the best place in which to work and live.

- Miriam Ries
# 2018–2019 LWVSFC Leadership Team

## LWVSFC Board
- Finance Committee: Marcy Linstead, Chair
- Nominating Committee: Pat Hawkins, Chair
- Action & Advocacy: Hannah Burling
- Fundraising & Development: Vacant
- PR/Communications: Donna Reynolds
- Voter Services: Ann Collaud
- Webmaster/DT: Vacant
- The Voter Editor: Mildred Ries
- Voter Registration: Ann Collaud
- Voter Information: Suzanne Ranney

### 2018–2019 LWVSFC Budget for FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20

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• Flying J Proposal: *A My View* was published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* on April 29th. Chris Furlanetto sent a letter to the Case Manager and to Penny Ellis-Green. Hannah Burling read the League’s statement at the May 8th BCC meeting. The conceptual plan was not approved, though some of the component parts—hotel, restaurant and light industrial—were.

• City Website: Karen Heldmeyer, Neva Van Peski, and Jody Larson met with Sevastian Gurule and Marcus DeWart to help the city update its website. The League subcommittee will be working with the ACLU, Common Cause, the Neighborhood Network, and possibly the AAUW.

• LWVSFC Website: We continue to work with Donna Reynolds and Bonnie Iapoce to make the A&A tab more accessible and comprehensive.

• Midtown Campus Project: The committee continues to monitor the situation.

- Hannah Burling

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**Come to Our**

**Calendar Planning Meeting**

Friday, June 15, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Santa Fe New Mexican - Conference Room
202 East Marcy Street
*(This is also a chance to see the new LWVSFC office.)*

Here are just a few ideas for types of events we could hold:

• Educational forums for members and/or the public
• Luncheon events with speakers
• Afternoon or evening events with speakers
• Tours and Field Trips
• Events for fun *(for example, a league picnic)*

You probably have other great ideas! Help us plan a year full of exciting, fun, and educational activities in 2018/2019!
LWVSFC Webmaster Wanted

The Santa Fe League is seeking a volunteer to serve as Webmaster to support the League's online presence. If you have skills in managing or creating websites, please consider serving as our Webmaster. The Webmaster adds content regularly, updates the information, inputs events to the calendar, and works regularly with existing committees as well as the Leadership Team to improve the site.

Please consider helping the League maintain its website located at www.lwvsfc.org

For more information, contact: Donna Reynolds, LWVSFC PR/Communications Chair, at donnamr@me.com

Thank you for your important consideration!

A special shout out and warm thanks to League member Bonnie Iapoce for her valuable service over the past few years, supporting, improving, and updating the League's website.

Out and about in Santa Fe

Notice the VOTE! sign in the window. Store owner Deborah Grossman crocheted it and displayed it in the rear window of her car during the time of the 2012 presidential election. It is now displayed in her store, Yarn & Coffee, at Cerrillos and Fifth (behind the Pantry restaurant) as a daily reminder to all of us to VOTE!

-Miriam Ries
Wanted

Fundraising & Development Team Member

The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County is seeking a volunteer leader to guide fundraising and development for the organization. The League Leadership Team would prefer to recruit a member who is willing to serve at the board level to help engage its leadership in any fundraising effort. There is some great foundational work that has already taken place to ensure a successful fundraising year – a ready volunteer with development expertise and unique venue for a special event. If you would like to step up your volunteer experience by helping your local League raise funds, please be in touch with our 2018-19 Nominating Committee Chair, Pat Hawkins, at pathawks@aol.com to share your interest and review the job description. Thank you!!

Okay, so you’re not Hemingway, or Jane Austen, or even Milan Simonich. But you observe things, have opinions, think about wants and needs. Please consider writing an opinion piece for The Voter. Other members would like to read your take on the current condition of the city/county/state/USA/schools, etc. Your opinion is important; please don’t keep it to yourself. Send your copy to Miriam Ries at mries415@yahoo.com
Or write to me first if you have a question or comment.
The Voter is your publication.

- Miriam Ries

Book Club

Thursday, July 19, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Collected Works Bookstore
Santa Fe

How Democracies Die
By STEVEN LEVITSKY and DANIEL ZIBLATT

Is our democracy in danger? If democracy in the U.S. were to end, it would not be with a bang but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions and the gradual erosion of long-standing political norms. Levitsky and Ziblatt show how democracies die—and how ours can be saved.
Membership Form—New/Renewal

Please complete in full, even if renewing.

Date: ___________________ Name: (please print) __________________________

Address: (including ZIP) ________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ E-mail: __________________________

☐ DO NOT include my contact information in the annual Handbook/Membership Directory.

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

Membership Categories

☐ Individual member: $60.00

☐ Second member (same address): $40.00  Second member name: __________________________

For separate listing of second member in Handbook/Directory, please list phone and e-mail:
Second member phone: __________________ Second member e-mail: ____________________

☐ Student membership: $20.00 (for students 18-25 years of age and currently enrolled at an accredited school/college)

Membership checks made payable to LWVSFC: Please mail form with check to LWVSFC, Attn: Membership, to the address at the bottom of form.

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

Additional Donation

Inasmuch as the majority of membership fees is sent to the state and national Leagues, members are asked to make a contribution in addition to membership fees.

For example, the Santa Fe League keeps only $12.00 of the $60.00 paid for an individual membership and $11.00 of the $40.00 second membership. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

The LWVSFC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All fees and donations to the League are tax-deductible.

Get Involved

LWVSFC has no paid staff. All work is accomplished by volunteers. Consider giving some of your time to support either Voter Services or Organizational Support. Check all that apply.

Voter Services: ☐ Voter Registration ☐ High School Voter Registration ☐ Information Table

Are you a trained Voter Registrar? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If No, walk-in training is available at County Clerk’s office downtown.

☐ Monitor public meetings ☐ Candidate forums/meetings ☐ Lobby government officials (w/LWYNM)

Organizational Support:

☐ Help at events ☐ Development ☐ Membership ☐ Write for newsletter ☐ Website

☐ Staff League office ☐ Board member ☐ Other __________________________

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