



# The Voter

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**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.



Team Member

**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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## League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County

### Annual Meeting

May 9, 2018

**Keynote Speaker: Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber**  
**Topic: Building the Most User-Friendly, Eco-Friendly, and Family Friendly City in America**

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.

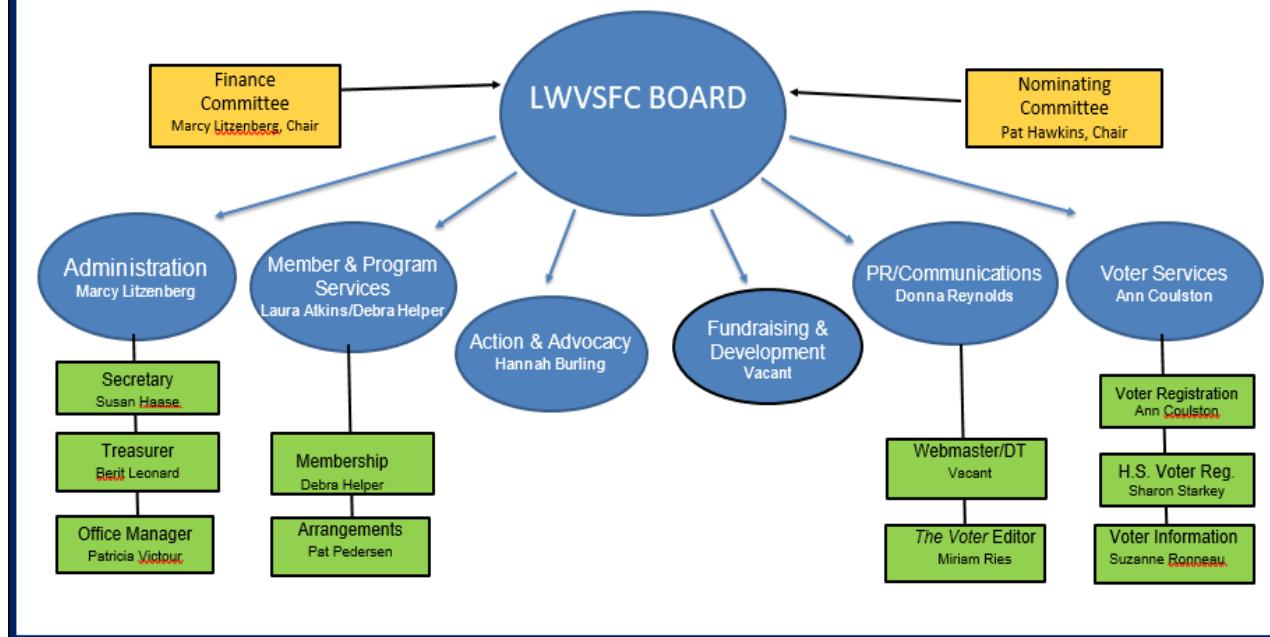
- The budget must contain more than line items and dollar amounts. A column titled "results" must be added.
- 53% of city of employees do not live in Santa Fe. Affordable housing would allow employees to have a greater stake in favorable outcomes because the workplace is also home.
- Keep those complaints 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 BUDGET FOR FY 2018/19 AND FY 2019/20

LINE ITEMS	APPROVED BUDGET 2018/19		APPROVED BUDGET 2019/20	
	2018-19	Explanations	2019-20	Explanations
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Membership Dues	\$ 8,300	145 members: 125 @ \$ 60; 20 @ 3,000	\$ 8,500	150 members: 125 @ \$ 60; 25 @ 4,000
Donations/Members		Member donations/e-o-u member		Member donations/e-o-u member
Fundraising/Contribu	6,000	Contributions (non-member) &	9,000	Contributions (non-member) &
Interest/dividends	175	Bank account interest	200	
Luncheons/Registrat	3,750	(5) Luncheon events @ \$25 for 30	3,750	(5) Luncheon events @ \$25 for 30
Reimbursed Office	-	No longer applicable	-	No longer applicable
Ed Fund Transfers	-	No longer applicable	-	No longer applicable
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,225</b>		<b>25,450</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>ORGANIZATIONAL</b>				
Insurance	1,300	Gen'l Liability @ \$500; D&O @	1,300	Gen'l Liability @ \$500; D&O @
Membership	700	Membership materials &	1,000	Membership materials &
PR/Advertising	100	Advertising (other than voter	200	Advertising (other than voter
Network/Website	500	Website development &	500	Website development &
National PMP	4,320	145 members: 125@ \$32; 20@ \$16	4,320	145 members: 125@ \$32; 20@ \$16
State PMP	1,755	145 members 125@ \$13; 20@	1,755	145 members 125@ \$13; 20@
Board/member	500	Board/member orientation and	500	Board/member orientation and
Conventions/Counci	1,000	Registration fees/instate travel	1,000	Registration fees/instate travel
501(c)(3) conversion	-	No longer applicable	-	No longer applicable
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>10,175</b>		<b>10,575</b>	
<b>OPERATING</b>				
Office Rent	5,400	12 @ \$ 450 per month	5,400	12 @ \$ 450 per month
Office Utilities	-	included	-	included
Telephone/Internet	-	included	-	included
Supplies/Computer/P	800	General office/organizational	1,000	General office/organizational
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,200</b>		<b>6,400</b>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>				
VOTER Newsletter	630	12 VOTERs \$360; postage \$170;	630	12 VOTERs \$360; postage \$170;
Development/Fundra	900	Fundraising expenses (+/- 10%	1,300	Fundraising expenses (+/- 10%
Action and	100	A&A expenses	100	A&A expenses
Voter Services	3,000	Voter Guides, ads:	3,000	Voter Guides, ads:
Meeting	500	Event venues, supplies and	500	Event venues, supplies and
Luncheons/Member	3,703	\$23/person x 30 persons x 5	3,703	\$23/person x 30 persons x 5
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,833</b>		<b>9,233</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,208</b>		<b>26,208</b>	
<b>Net</b>	<b>(\$ 3,931)</b>		<b>(\$ 758)</b>	

**ACTION & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE  
SUMMARY  
MAY 2018**



- Flying J Proposal: A *My View* was published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Chris Furlanetto sent a letter to the Case Manager and to Penny Ellis-Green. Hannah Burling read the League's statement at the May 8<sup>th</sup> 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*



**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](http://www.lwvsfc.org)

For more information, contact: Donna Reynolds, LWVSFC PR/Communications Chair, at [donnamr@me.com](mailto: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 [pathawkins@aol.com](mailto:pathawkins@aol.com) to share your interest and review the job description. Thank you!!



**Write  
drunk;  
edit  
sober.**

Ernest Hemingway

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](mailto:mries415@yahoo.com) Or write to me first if you have a question or comment. *The Voter* is your publication.

- Miriam Ries



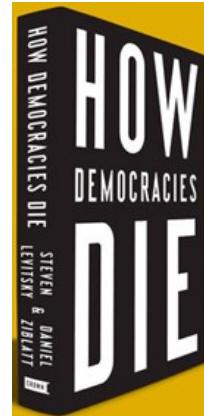
### Book Club

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 (LWVNM) 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/LWVNM)

### Organizational Support:

- Help at events  Development  Membership  Write for newsletter  Website
- Staff League office  Board member  Other \_\_\_\_\_



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