From the Leadership Team

Action & Advocacy

The time has come to cease talking to women and invade town meetings . . .
- Carrie Chapman Catt

The process begins for the Action & Advocacy Committee with observation and monitoring. Committee members attend City Council meetings, the Finance Committee, the Public Works Committee, the County’s Health Policy & Planning Commission, the Santa Fe School Board, and the board of the Santa Fe Community College. When an issue arises that is supported by our League positions, it is brought to the committee, and we decide what action to take. We then propose this to the board of directors and if it is approved, we go ahead.

In 2018 our numbers have grown, and we are now able to cover all the meetings we think should be covered. We have had an op-ed published, spoken at public meetings and with city and county staff, and joined an amicus brief in the Rio Grande Foundation v. the City of Santa Fe lawsuit. We continued to work on the Pilot Flying J proposal, are currently examining changes to the public campaign finance code, waiting for board approval of our plan to work with the city on the Midtown Campus Project, and examining the exciting prospect of becoming Democracy Concierges.
If you are interested in learning how city and county governments work and where they stand, join us! We are still having a good time at the Rio Chama on the first Thursday of every month from 12 to 2. Contact me (hannahburling@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of the committee.

- Hannah Burling, Chair

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**Book Club**

Thursday, October 18, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Collected Works Bookstore
Santa Fe
*Educated: A Memoir*
By Tara Westover

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**VOTER REGISTRATION—HIGH SCHOOLS**

Voter registration for the mid-term elections ends on October 9. The high school group of voter registrars was in full force from the time school began in early August until the very last day to register. We were welcomed into Capital High, Santa Fe High, St Michael’s, Santa Fe Prep, Desert Academy, Tierra Encantada, NM Indian School, and Warehouse 21. This year we had an enormous outpouring of enthusiastic volunteers. Many of the League’s women and men went to the County Clerk’s office and did the training necessary to get certified as a registrar. We registered over 250 new voters. At each and every school, we were delighted to talk to such amazing young people. Without exception, these kids were polite and grateful for the opportunity to be able to make their voices heard. I believe that this generation of voters leaves us in good hands.

There are just too many volunteers to thank, and I know I would forget someone, but I want to shed some special light on Dennis Kensil, who used his many contacts in the schools to get us invited to register students. He was a wonderful asset whom I appreciated very much. I also want to thank Carlene Carey for her delightful props and swag that she generously shared with the League and for using her connections to get us into the Santa Fe Indian School. So many people helped each time I asked for volunteers. They gave generously of their precious time. I want to thank each and every one of them again on behalf of the League of Women Voters. Your help and skills exemplified what I believe the League of Women Voter’s mission is all about.

If you would like more information on the League’s high school registration initiative, please contact Sharon Starkey, Chair, High School Voter Registration, at sharon7@comcast.net.

- Sharon Starkey
Iron Jawed Angels: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2018

A Free Screening Presented by
National Organization for Women (NOW) and
League of Women Voters
CCA (Center for Contemporary Arts)
1050 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe

“A formidable testament to the sacrifices and the blood shed for women's enfranchisement.” – Sundance Film Festival

Director Katja von Garnier tells the inspirational story of Alice Paul (Hilary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O’Connor), two fired-up young activists who breathe new life into the suffragist movement, even at the risk of their own freedom. But their iron will and courage inspire a nation, changing it forever. Anjelica Huston won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of Carrie Chapman Catt, a wise elder who soon thereafter founded The League of Women Voters.

WRITE!

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.
Candidate Forum

On Friday, October 19, 5:30 - 7 p.m. the League will host incumbent Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D) and his opponents, Christopher Manning (L) and Jerald Steve McFall (R), at the HEC (Higher Education Center) on Siringo Road.

League Libations

Thursday
October 25, 2018
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Fe Hilton
Ortiz Café & Bar
100 Sandoval Street

No-Host Bar

Come, meet and relax with League friends and guests.

Repeats monthly.
Voter Services continues its voter registration and education activities. Voter Information sponsors two Candidate Forums, one held on October 3rd and one scheduled for October 19th (see the League’s website www.lwvsfc.org for more information). With just four weeks to the general election and in support of October’s Voter Education Month, Voter Services shifts from voter registration activities to education and information services after October 9th.

September 25th was National Voter Registration Day. Voter Services provided voter registration and information at the following sites in Santa Fe: Mercado del Sur/Farmers Market Southside, Chavez Community Center, and Whole Foods Market on Cerrillos.

From July through September, Voter Services worked with 16 entities to establish voter registration sites in Santa Fe. The sites provide voter registration services and educational materials for the residents of Santa Fe County. Voter registration and information sites have been open for more than 40 days, with the peak number of sites open in September.

Voter Services has registered 179 voters as of October 4th. Voter registration and information sites will continue to be open through October 9th, the end of voter registration to be eligible to vote on November 6.

The League’s Voter Guide is available on the website and was an insert in the October 5th edition of the *New Mexican*. Suzanne Ronneau, Voter Information Chair, is responsible for making the Guide a trusted and informative publication that provides valuable information on Candidates running for state and federal offices and other ballot issues.

The National Organization of Women (NOW) is co-sponsoring with the League the docudrama “Iron Jawed Angels” on October 30th from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Center for Contemporary Arts, 1050 Old Santa Fe Trail. In addition, there will be a panel discussion. Thank you to Judy Williams for volunteering to represent the League on this panel. The film debuted in 2004. It is about women’s suffrage in the United States and highlights the strategies used in the struggle for women to gain the right to vote.

Thank you to the following 21 League members and one non-League volunteer who conducted voter registration. The volunteers are Vonnell Bettencourt, Valarie Brooker, Carlene Carey, Ann Coulston, Barbara Conroy, Zulema Fall, Chris Furlanetto, Lynn Gary, Ute Haker, Steve Hamp, Pat Hawkins, Terri Jerry, Danis Kelly, Barbara Lanning, Ilene Leslie, Virginia McCallum, Willa Nehisen, Susan Nickelson, Patricia Pedersen, Carol Ross, Stephanie Schlanger, and Gracie Schild.

If you have any suggestions/comments, please contact kdavis466@gmail.com

- Kelly Davis
Membership Form—New/Renewal

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/LWVNM)

Organizational Support:

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

☐ Staff League office ☐ Board member ☐ Other __________________________

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Calendar 2018-2019

2018

October
October 16, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
October 18, 10:30-12:30: Nonfiction Book Club, Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street
October 19, 5:30-7:00 Candidate forum, U.S. House of Representatives, HEC
October 25, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
October 30, 7-9: Women’s Film Series-Iron Jawed Angels, CCA, 1050 Old Pecos Trail

November
November 7, 10-12: Unit meeting-Transfer of Public Lands Consensus
November 14, 7-9: Nonprofit news organization public forum
November 17, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Socorro
November 20, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
November 29, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

December
December 8, 10-12: LWVNM Effective Citizen Advocacy Workshop, NM State Capitol, Room 322, Santa Fe
December 11, Roundhouse Art Tour
December 12, 11:30-1:00: Holiday Luncheon (Hotel Santa Fe)
December 18, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting

2019

January
January 9, 11:30-1:00: Legislative Preview (Hotel SF)
January 15, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
January 19, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Albuquerque
January 24, 5:30 SFPS school board candidate forum
January 23, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel
January 29, 11-1: Unit Meeting - Program

February
February 6, 5:30-7:30: LWVNM Legislative Reception-TBD
February 7, LWVNM League Day at the Legislature - Census presentation by Robert Rhatigan
February 19, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
February 27, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

March
March 17, 11-3: LWVNM Board meeting, Santa Fe
March 19, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
March 20, 11:30-1: Sunshine Week presentation (Hotel SF) Update of city finances
March 28, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

April
April 4, 7-9: Public forum on Immigration
April 16, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
April 18, 10:30-11:30: Nonfiction Book Club, Collected Works Bookstore, 202 Galisteo Street
April 25, 5:30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

May
May 8, 11:00-1:30: Annual Meeting (Hilton)
(LWVSCF Board)
May 15, 10-12: LWVSFC Board meeting
May 19, LWVNM Convention, Las Cruces
May 20, 11-3: LWVNM board meeting
May 23, 5-30-7: League Libations-Hilton Hotel

Check www.lwvsfc.org for locations and updates.
*LWVM and other organization functions in italics

Regular meetings:
Action-Advocacy 1st Thursday of each month
LWVSFC Board meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month
10-12 at NM Bank & Trust, 1592 St. Michael’s Dr.
Unit Meetings are only for League members
League Libations: Last Thursday of each month @ the Hilton Hotel Ortiz Café & Bar