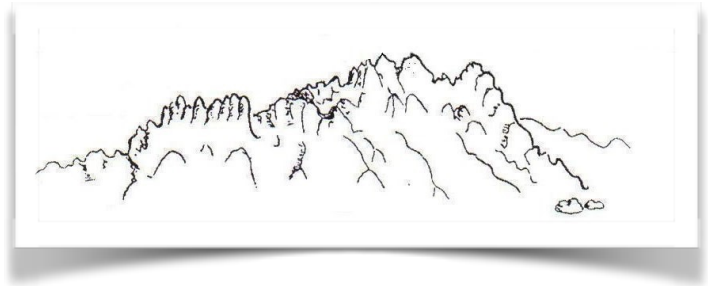


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NOVEMBER 2016

The VOTER

LWVGLC Monthly Dinner With a Community Leader!

November 14, 2016 (Monday) at 5:15pm

Good Samaritan Activity Room

“An Overview of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority” (MVPHA)

The presentation describes the programs that the MVPHA offers as follows:

1. Low Rent Public Housing Program
2. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program – different types of vouchers
3. Section 8 New Construction (Multifamily) Program
4. Affordable Housing Programs – Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) developments)

• **Elizabeth Bardwell, J.D., Vice-Chairman**

Ms. Bardwell is the Director of Conservation for Audubon New Mexico, the state office of the National Audubon Society. She has over 28 years of experience in the field of law and policy. Ms. Bardwell ran for Dona Ana County Commission, District 3, in November 2014. She has been a resident of New Mexico for over twenty years with her husband and two daughters. Ms. Bardwell has a Masters of Science in Biology from New Mexico State University (1999), a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon School of Law (1987) and a Bachelor of General Studies from University of Michigan (1980).

• **Juan A. Olvera – Executive Director**

As Executive Director of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA) – one of New Mexico's largest and high performing providers of affordable housing programs for low-income families, Mr. Olvera manages an annual operating budget of \$8.5 million that supports 252 public housing units, 40 Section 8 New Construction units, 661 affordable housing units, and 1,627 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) which provide housing to some 2,500 New Mexican. Mr. Olvera earned a Masters in Engineering Management/Industrial Engineering from Stanford University, and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Industrial Engineering from the Monterrey Institute of Technology, Mexico. His professional certifications include Public Housing Manager, Public Housing Executive Asset Manager, and Housing Choice Voucher Specialist.

• **Annaliza Gourneau, Office of Economic Empowerment, HELP-New Mexico, Inc., Las Cruces, NM**

Come and invite your friends! Please RSVP by November 7 with Sharon Shoemaker at: shoemaker714@gmail.com or Gwen Hanson 575-556-9251. Cost of the dinner is \$12.00. If you do not plan to eat dinner, please indicate when you RSVP, otherwise, we will list you in the dinner count. (Even if you don't want dinner, we still need to know that you are coming so that we have enough chairs.) If you reserve for dinner and must cancel, we need 24 hours notice or the league will be charged for the dinners. **No shows and cancellations in less than 24 hours will need to reimburse the league for the \$12.00 dinner cost.**

Calendar at a Glance

November 3 (Thursday): LWVGLC Board Meeting, Branigan Library, **2:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

November 8 (Tuesday): ELECTION DAY

November 12: (Saturday): LWVNM Board Meeting, Socorro, NM, **10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.**

November 14 (Monday): LWVGLC Dinner with a Leader, **5:15 – 7:00 p.m.**, Good Sam's, "An Overview of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority" (MVPHA)

November 17 (Thursday): Third Thursday Book Club, Home of Marjorie Burr, **2:00 p.m.**, **The President's Book of Secrets: The Untold Story of Intelligence Briefings to America's Presidents from Kennedy to Obama** by David Priess

December 1 (Thursday): LWVGLC Board Meeting, Branigan Library, **2:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

December 10 (Saturday): Legislative Breakfast, Good Sam's, **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** (replaces regular monthly dinner meeting)

December 15 (Thursday): Third Thursday Book Club, Home of Kelly Burnham, **2:00 p.m.** **My Beloved World** by Sonia Sotomayor

Special thanks to KRWG Public Media for hosting the NM Legislative Forums in September and October and to Dona Ana County Government Center for hosting the Dona Ana Candidate Forum, October 4, 2016.



PICTURE: Candidate Forum, Oct. 13, 2016

left to right - Dale Yeo, LWVGLC Voter Services Co-Chair; Fred Martino, Director of Content, KRWG Public Media; Gwen Hanson, President LWVGLC

Thank you to all the LWVGLC members who made our 2016 General Election Services so successful-Voter Registration, Voter Guide, and Candidate Forums.