

# the VOTER

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## Co-Presidents' Messages

Greetings Members,

The *Voters' Guide* will be published in the *Las Cruces Bulletin* on Friday, October 4 and will be found on our new website soon.

(<https://lwvsnm.org>) Information about candidates was obtained through a League-created questionnaire sent to all candidates.



Eileen VanWie

Early voting begins Tuesday, October 8 with a *Celebrating Democracy in Doña Ana County* event, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm on the north lawn of the County Government Building, 845 N. Motel Blvd. [Please read Erika Graf-Webster's story on page 6.]

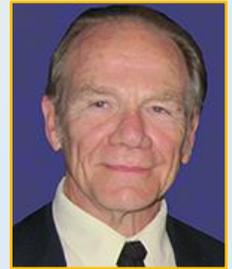
In other election-related information, the LWVSNM is collaborating with KRWG, NAACP, and PFLAG to present televised candidate forums. [You can read about these on page 3.]

The Youth Engagement Committee learned that David Nuñez, Oñate High School social studies teacher and 2019 LCPS Teacher of the Year, is planning a student-led Mayoral Candidates Forum for Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:00 pm at Oñate High School. Senator (and teacher) Bill Soules will be assisting. The League has been asked to provide VRAs for this event.

The 2020 LWVSNM Suffrage Celebrations Committee is making plans to have a valentine tea party on Feb. 8 to celebrate 100 years of the League of Women Voters (Feb. 14, 1920) and to send valentines to our legislators. One purpose is to let them know it's the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWV; another is to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote; another is to share personal stories about why we advocate for empowering voters and defending democracy (mission of the LWV). The 2020 Suffrage Alliance, a collaborative of nonpartisan organizations, is planning a celebration and walk wearing suffrage clothes on

## Improving Redistricting in NM

Our speaker at the Oct. 21 dinner meeting, 5:00-7:00 pm at Good Samaritan Social Center, will be Dick Mason, representing the League of Women Voters of New Mexico. [Note that the meeting in October is on the *third* Monday of the month.] You'll recall he spoke to us in November 2018 about LWVNM's priorities for the 2019 NM legislative session. At the upcoming meeting Dick will tell us about LWVNM's push for fair redistricting and representation in NM.



Dick Mason

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico has received a grant to educate the public about the need for a fairer and more transparent redistricting process in New Mexico following the 2020 census. The LWVNM has launched the Fair Districts for New Mexico Project. For up-to-date information on the project, please go to <http://fairdistrictsnm.org/>.

Dick Mason has been active in advocacy work since 1968 and has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1994. After moving to New Mexico in 2004, he became a Board Member of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico and is now Chair of their Action Committee. In addition, he is the LWVNM representative on the Steering Committee of Health Care for All New Mexicans. Dick is also on the Executive Committee of the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils.

## Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

Feb. 22, 2020 to recognize the Feb. 21, 1920 date that New Mexico ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. The event will be on the Plaza de Las Cruces beginning at 10 am.

The LVSNM Suffrage Planning Committee has discussed providing buttons and bracelets with our suffrage theme, "If every woman voted . . ." The League Committee has also talked about sponsoring a community read-along with suffrage books.

The LWVSNM is working with the General Federation of Women's Club (GRWC) Progress Club of Las Cruces to nominate the GFWC Woman's Improvement Association (1884-2000), Pioneer Women's Park, and suffragist Laura Frenger to the National Votes for Women Trail and for a Pomeroy Foundation sponsored metal marker. Women's suffrage work in Southern NM was done by the GFWC Woman's Improvement Association. The Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Board gave its support on Sept. 19th. The next steps are to submit the Park to the National Votes for Women Trail <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail/> and to go before the City Council with the proposal for the marker.

—Regards,  
Eileen VanWie, Co-President

I am writing this on my return from the LWVNM Board meeting in Santa Fe on Sept. 20. In addition to discussing and not quite resolving all of the world's problems, Kim Sorensen and I had a fantastic view of fading sunlight on the Doña Ana and Organ Mountains as we returned to Las Cruces in the early evening.

League Day at the Legislature will be on Feb. 6 complete with legislative memorials and proclamations from the Governor recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LWVUS. Period attire and suffrage sashes are encouraged if you plan to attend. A topic of discussion at the meeting was the ability to register and vote on the same day starting with this fall's elections. We may want to investigate what is planned in counties in Southern New Mexico in case we receive calls about this. Did you know that so-called early voting in New Mexico is officially in-person absentee voting?

—Kathy Brook, Co-President



Kathy Brook

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 1 : Coffee & Action Club**, 9:30 am, 130 N. Mesquite  
[see story p.6]

**Oct. 3 : LWVSNM Board Meeting**, 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
Branigan Library Board Room

**Oct. 8 : Celebrating Democracy event**, 10am-1:30 pm,  
County Govt. Bldg. north lawn, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

**Oct. 10: Immigration Committee Mtg.**, 3 pm, Crystal Massey, Volunteer Coordinator of the Immigration Justice Campaign (American Immigration Council), Branigan Library Board Room [see story p. 6]  
*Interested in joining the Immigration Committee?*  
*Contact Kim Sorensen: [sorensentweet@gmail.com](mailto:sorensentweet@gmail.com)*

◆ **Oct. 21: (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) LWVSNM Dinner Meeting**, 5pm-7:00 pm, Good Samaritan: LWVNM's Dick Mason will discuss upcoming legislation; **email your dinner RSVP** to Cindy Murrell at [cmurrell@nmsu.edu](mailto:cmurrell@nmsu.edu).

# SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

League of Women Voters Day  
at the NM Legislature. Get out  
your sashes!

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents  
Cindy Murrell – Vice President, Events & Speakers  
Cindy Murrell & Mary Ellen Kebbel - Interim Secretary  
Erika Graf-Webster – Youth Engagement Director  
Bob Burn – Treasurer  
Kim Sorensen – Member-At-Large  
Vicki Simons & Dale Yeo – Voter Services Directors  
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## LWVSNM: Now a 501c3

Thanks to the work of Kathy Brook, Kim Sorensen and Bob Burn, the League officially has obtained a 501(c)(3) status, allowing the LWVSNM to use income to further our commitment to public service. It qualifies us as a charitable/educational nonprofit organization, making us tax exempt.

There are three requirements: (1) No one in the organization can take the organization's earnings for themselves; (2) no substantial portion of the organization's activities may be attempts to influence legislation or lobby; and (3) the organization itself cannot take part in political campaigns. It does allow minimal lobbying efforts on political issues.

As a nonpartisan organization, we empower voters and defend democracy, goals that fit within the "core concepts" of a charitable/educational nonprofit organization.

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemption-requirements-501c3-organizations>

<https://www.peoples-law.org/501c3-nonprofit-organizations-my-organization-charitable>

## Candidate Forums Set in October

We're excited to collaborate with KRWG TV, NAACP, and PFLAG on the upcoming candidate forums. The public is invited to attend the tapings at KRWG-TV in NMSU's Milton Hall (use front entrance facing the Corbett Center). Parking passes can be obtained online at the NMSU Parking Dept.: <https://park.nmsu.edu/visitor/>

The **Mayoral Forum** will be taped Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1:00 pm and aired Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 pm on KRWG-TV, Channel 22. The **City Council Candidates** will be taped in three, 45-minute sessions on Wednesday, Oct. 16, beginning at 1:00 pm and aired Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7:00 pm. The **School Board Candidates** will be taped Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 4:00 pm and aired Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7:00 pm. After the forums are aired, they may be viewed on the KRWG TV website - <https://www.krwg.org/>.

## Advocacy Workshop – 2020 Legislative Session

*The League of Women Voters  
of New Mexico Presents*

### Effective Citizen Advocacy at the Legislature Special Focus on the Budget and Revenue Process

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10 a.m. to Noon

New Mexico State Capitol, Room 322 (enter on  
the East side only)

The public is invited

Learn tips from legislators and a professional lobbyist about how to interact with legislators, speak at hearings, and advocate for your cause.

#### Speakers:

**Senator Sander Rue**

**Member of the Senate Finance Committee**

**Representative Christine Chandler**

**Member of House Taxation & Rev. Committee**

**Amber Wallin, MPA,**

**Deputy Director, NM Voices for Children**

Wallin oversees Voices' research and policy work.

She is an expert on education, tax and budget,  
hunger and economic issues.

**This is training on the legislative process.  
Questions about positions on specific  
issues will not be permitted.**

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## Ranked Choice Voting Summary ... Share This With Others!

In RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV), voters rank candidates in order of preference, indicating their first choice, second choice, and so forth. When the ballots are counted, if one candidate takes a majority of the vote, a winner is declared. If no candidates take a majority, the ranked choice ballots are used to hold an instant runoff.

The Las Cruces City council has adopted Ranked Choice Voting. It will apply to all Municipal races where there are more than two candidates.

### Mark your first choice.

Voters do not need to vote for more than one candidate. But, if you rank other candidates, you are participating in the Run-Off Election should, after the initial round, no candidate receives 50% +1 of the vote.

### How it Works

- If no one has 50% +1 of the vote on the first ballot, the person with the least number of votes is eliminated, and their 2nd choice is distributed to the other candidates. If someone then has 50% +1 of the vote, they are elected.
- Then, if no one has 50% +1 of the vote, the person with the next least number of votes is eliminated and their 2nd choice vote is distributed to the other candidates. If someone then has 50% +1 of the vote, they are elected.

- If no one has 50% +1 of the vote, the process continues. This continues until a candidate has 50% +1 vote.

This process suggests that the winning candidate will have support, in one degree or another, from 50% +1 voters.

### Recommendation

- The way the process works, you are encouraged to rank all the candidates.
- You can choose to rank as many candidates as you want.
- If you do not like a candidate DO NOT rank them at all.

If you make errors in marking the ballot (like ranking two people first), the machine will not accept your ballot, and you will have a chance to redo it. Again, if you just want to vote for one candidate, that is just fine. But, if you vote for just one candidate, you are NOT PARTICIPATING in the subsequent counting (or the Run-Off process).

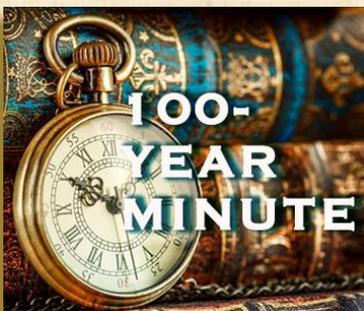
Ranked Choice Voting DOES NOT favor any political party. It BENEFITS THE VOTER BY MAXIMIZING THEIR VOTE.

Everyone needs to remember that RANKED CHOICE VOTING ONLY APPLIES TO LAS CRUCES MUNICIPAL RACES – and then only when there are more than two candidates.

— Chris Little

## The 100-Year Minute

Throughout the year, *The Voter* will include historical perspectives of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. These snippets of history were written by State League Member Susan Haase; she is sending them to libraries and other organizations in New Mexico. Look for this symbol in *The Voter* to read a “100-Year Minute.”



100 years ago. In 1920, the 19th Amendment guaranteed women across the country the right to vote. Many years before that, in 1776, Abigail Adams sent John Adams off to Boston and the drafting of the Declaration of Independence reminding him not to forget “the ladies.” But, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson declared their independence from the British with the words “all MEN are created equal.” They did not include women. The new laws for the new country declared women had no independence from men. No property rights, no right to vote, no right to enter a legal contract, and they were entirely under the control of their husbands.

## Impressions of the Border Wall and Immigration Crisis

SEPT. 17, 2019 -- One day in El Paso, three perspectives. Our hosts—the Border Servant Corps of Peace Lutheran Church of Las Cruces. The first stop was Hart’s Mill, a site that has witnessed waves of immigrants beginning with Juan de Oñate. We were met by U.S. Border Patrol Officers, Quintero and Cabrera, who spoke with us about the agency’s work to apprehend undocumented immigrants and monitor activities at check points. Ciudad Juárez was visible through the tall pedestrian fence that bars Americans from accessing the nation’s Rio Grande in order to facilitate apprehension of undocumented immigrants. This fiscal year 178,000 apprehensions, many Central Americans, occurred in the El Paso sector (beginning October 1, 2018 - <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/stats/sw-border-migration/usbp-sw-border-apprehensions>). The largest single group to present themselves while crossing the border in the El Paso Sector exceeded more than 1,000 individuals. Families seeking asylum, once detained and released to U.S. sponsors, are now sent back to Mexico under the Trump Administration’s “Migrant Protection Protocols” otherwise known as the “Remain in Mexico” policy.

Under this policy, most family units seeking asylum must remain in Mexico until as little as 30 minutes before their administrative court hearings. Access to legal representation is limited as a result. Administrative asylum judges in the El Paso Sector are ranked some of the strictest, with only three out of every 100 cases awarded asylum

(<https://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/judge2018/denialrates.html>).

U.S. Border Patrol agents estimated that 17,000 refugees were returned to Mexico pursuant to this administration’s new Migrant Protection Protocols and metering policies. No one knows how many people elected to remain in Mexico which can be a dangerous and precarious place to live for migrants.

Our next stop was lunch while listening to the story of a matriarch who has experienced both great suffering and divine miracles in her life on the border. She and her family arrived in the U.S. under a 72-hour crossing visa. They stayed, found work and raised their children. Her undocumented husband was deported twice, detained in prison, and barred from applying for reentry for 20 years. With the help of coyotes, he crossed the border three times and now lives in the U.S. with his family. Two children are DREAMers while the youngest is a U.S. citizen. The lesson here is the futility of an immigration policy that criminalizes undocumented immigrants, prevents family reunification, ignores the historic fluidity of the border between Mexico and the U.S. and the clarion call of a better life.

We ended the day with Ruben Garcia of the Annunciation House which provides sanctuary to the migrants and exemplifies the word of the Gospel. Mr. Garcia, who has witnessed much hardship and suffering of the poorest of the poor, passed on three pieces of advice. One, fix your own house or community of its fear of immigrants. Two, our current immigration system including asylum is utterly broken and politicized, but a new administration can make incremental progress if they pick low hanging fruit; pass the DREAM Act, provide a pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants currently living in this country, increase temporary work visas, and prevent mass migration through foreign investment in initiatives that combat corruption and spur local economies. Three, remember the values and vision of our country and put immigration into perspective. We are a country of immigrants. New immigrants will continue to come and in so doing will help sustain and improve our happiness, well-being and economy.

—Beth Bardwell, LWVSNM Immigration Committee



*During the day-long tour, border patrol agents shared their experiences.*



*Several LWV members attended the tour.*

## Coffee and Action Club

Here's an opportunity to advocate for issues we care about and have fun doing it! Once a month we will get together and write postcards to our government officials. Topics will vary depending on what issues we feel need to be addressed. We will use national, state, and local positions as our guide. Please come!

**When: The first Tuesday of every month starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

**Where: Beck's Coffee, 130 N. Mesquite**  
We will supply postcards, stamps, and pens.

## Hear Immigration Speaker

Crystal Massey, Volunteer Coordinator of the Immigration Justice Campaign for the American Immigration Council, will talk about her work with the Immigration Council. The council is involved in legislation advocacy, research on immigration, communication about immigration, and litigation. Please join us!

**When: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm**

**Where: Branigan Library board room.**

If you are interested in joining the local League's Immigration Committee contact Kim Sorensen at [sorensentweet@gmail.com](mailto:sorensentweet@gmail.com).

## 2019 "Celebrating Democracy in Dona Ana County"

**October 8, 10:00am – 1:30pm • All Are Invited!**

Our League, in collaboration with the Las Cruces Public Schools and the Doña Ana County Clerk, put on a hugely successful "Celebrating Democracy in Doña Ana County" event last year on October 9, which was the one magic day during the 2018 election when a citizen could register to vote and actually vote on the same day. That event attracted several hundred participants, including 300 students, several elected officials and 23 candidates running for office, and was covered in all the local media.

The big success of that event has led to a commitment from all the collaborators that such a celebration should become an annual event. This year's event will be smaller than last year's and is primarily sponsored by the County Clerk's office. The Las Cruces Public Schools are still committed to supporting it, as is the League. LCPS will not be providing transportation or food for participating students but will excuse the participating students from class for that day.

Like last year, participants can register to vote and actually vote on that day – it is the first day of Early Voting. New legislation, passed during the last legislative session, now allows registering and voting on the same day during the entire 28-day Early Voting period.

While still focusing on encouraging young people to vote, all eligible citizens can participate. All local candidates running for office are invited. A fun program, with the specific goal of getting to know your local candidates and elected officials, has been designed. It includes:

- Welcoming by County Clerk Amanda López Askin
- Introduction of the local candidates and the offices that they are running for
- A panel of local elected officials (not running in this election) that will focus on "Getting to Know Your Local Government"
- All attendees will be able to meet with the local candidates and ask them questions
- Demonstration ballots will be available, and volunteers will explain how Rank Choice Voting works
- There will be video running in a loop that explains the voting process step-by-step
- Tours of the County Government building will be conducted that explain all the different functions that the county government performs

In addition, there will be fun activities, such as a "bag toss" game, a "Family Feud" game (with prizes!) focusing on civic and local government questions, food trucks will be available, and there will be music throughout the day.

Come and enjoy this fun day – and VOTE!

—Erika Graf-Webster  
Youth Engagement Director

## Website Update

A new, updated look for the League's website is now online! With the assistance from local company WeAreIT, the website went live in mid-September. The new URL (web address) is [www.lwvsnm.org](http://www.lwvsnm.org). If you type in the old League address, it will be re-directed to the new address. Not all of the content from the old site has been completely moved to the new location, but we've made a great start on replacing the files that have been created and posted over the years.

As we continue to build the new webpages, please let Dale Yeo or others know what information you'd like to see right away. Please take a few minutes to learn how to navigate the pages through the new menu.



We'll try to have all upcoming events and important calendar items posted on the home page. The site still contains the Who's Who, voting information, *The Voter* newsletters, a way for the League to accept donations, and much more. It will also link to the state and national Leagues and government entities.

Thanks to Dale Yeo for coordinating this important task. The website is now more mobile-friendly and will serve our community and the organization for years to come.

## Costs for the Voters Guide

Dale Yeo and Vicki Simons have done an amazing job of collecting answers to numerous questions from the local candidates. Except for one candidate, all office-seekers have replied and will be featured in the guide this month.

One thing the League will have to review next year is the cost of producing the Guide for the General Election. Based on this year's costs, the budget may have to be adjusted upward, the amount of information may have to be reduced, or we may have to ask our membership to voluntarily donate to keep the expense for this important document in the black.

The Board would like to hear any suggestions you have. Please email Kathy Brook or Eileen VanWie.

We're always interested in expanding our organization. Consider hosting a friend at a future dinner meeting. Just let Cindy Murrell know if they will eat dinner.

## JOB OPENING Observer Corps Coordinator for LWVSNM

We need you to recruit and train observers for the League! Written job description of observers and report templates are available and will tell you what needs to be done.

You provide your support and knowledge to help observers do their jobs. You collect their reports and keep them informed of VOTER communications and deadlines, as well as Board actions that affect their responsibilities.

Vicki Simons is the co-chair. If you are interested in this, or to find out more, contact Susan Schmugge ([sschmugge@gmail.com](mailto:sschmugge@gmail.com)) or Eileen VanWie ([vanwieek@yahoo.com](mailto:vanwieek@yahoo.com)).

## *Giving Thanks To ...*

• **The Las Cruces Bulletin.** The local newspaper was extremely cooperative in helping Dale Yeo and Vicki Simons with development of the Voters' Guide. It is a critical piece of communication for the community, as it provides information about the candidates and about voting in advance of Election Day. Thanks to Publisher Richard Coltharp, Alexia Severson, and the staff for helping us reach our goal.

If you'd like to recognize or thank someone who has done something that supports our organization, please email the information (photos, too) to Jo Galván Nash at [jogalvan.nash@gmail.com](mailto:jogalvan.nash@gmail.com).





## OBSERVER REPORTS

### Utilities Customer Advisory Group (UCAG) • Regular Meeting

August 14 and September 11, 2019

Observer: Susan Schmugge

As representatives of the customers, both meetings were devoted to hearing staff and the consultant present justification for a rate raise for Solid Waste services. The Group approved the following dates and times for Community Conversations to hear comments and approved the materials which will be used to advertise and explain the rate raise.

<i>Location</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Farmers Mkt</i>	<i>Booth near COAS 8:30am-1pm</i>	<i>Sat., 9/28</i>
<i>Regional Aquatics Ctr</i>	<i>Lobby, 1401 E. Hadley, 9:30-11 am</i>	<i>Mon. 9/30</i>
<i>City Hall</i>	<i>Lobby 700 N. Main St 4-5pm</i>	<i>Tues. 10/1</i>
<i>Farmers Mkt</i>	<i>Booth near Splash Pad on Plaza 8am-1pm</i>	<i>Wed. 10/2</i>
<i>City Hall</i>	<i>Lobby 4-5pm</i>	<i>Wed. 10/2</i>
<i>City Hall</i>	<i>Lobby 4-5pm</i>	<i>Thur. 10/3</i>
<i>City Hall</i>	<i>Lobby 4-5pm</i>	<i>Fri. 10/4</i>

Members of UCAG will be present at all discussions and will vote on its recommendation to the LC Utilities Board. LCU will send its recommendation to the LCC Council in December. The Council will, in turn, have public meetings prior to final voting. Look for articles and postings for all public meetings. The first meeting you can go to is at 3 pm on October 9 at 680 N. Motel Blvd. Or go to [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) > Find Agendas > go to UCAG to check the agenda before you leave home.

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### Board of Commissioners of Las Cruces Utilities • Regular Meetings

August 8 and September 12, 2019

Observer: Susan Schmugge

A quorum was present at both meetings. Routine business was on each agenda: approval of resolutions that will fund approved projects; hearing staff reports of ongoing projects and customer services; receipt of updates on Griggs-Walnut Superfund negotiations, settlements, and meetings regarding; receipt of Supreme Court case progress reports on the NM, TX, & CO case regarding the Rio Grande water agreements; the opening of the Jacob Hands Waste Water Treatment buildings as well as finishing equipment repairs and replacement.

Staff is currently meeting with Talavera residents regarding the new gas lines that will be located in the area. Residents seem quite interested in hooking up to these lines when they are available and have attended public meetings staff has hosted on this.

# Treasurer's Report

Reported by Bob Burn, Treasurer

## AUGUST 2019

Date	Description	Deposit/Credit	Payment/Debit	Balance
1-Aug	Citizen's Bank Balance			\$ 8,813.18
1-Aug	Outstanding Payments/Debts Previous Months		\$ 2,115.00	
8-Aug	Meredith Machen Diversity Donation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
12-Aug	Ck 2002 Good Samaritan August 12 Dinner		\$ 435.00	\$ (435.00)
13-Aug	Ck 2003 Consumer Cellular		\$ 19.47	\$ (19.47)
13-Aug	Eileen VanWie (Consultant Fee)	\$ 185.00		\$ 185.00
13-Aug	Kathy Brook (Consultant Fee)	\$ 175.00		\$ 175.00
13-Aug	Ck 2004 Consultant Nancy Barnes-Smith		\$ 379.00	\$ (379.00)
13-Aug	August 12 Dinner Payments	\$ 405.00		\$ 405.00
13-Aug	Laura Harper Donation	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
13-Aug	Membership Payment	\$ 65.00		\$ 65.00
13-Aug	LWVUS		\$ 32.00	
13-Aug	LWNNM		\$ 13.00	
13-Aug	Win Jacobs Friend Donation	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
17-Aug	Ck 2005 LWVUS PMP		\$ 2,928.00	\$ (2,928.00)
19-Aug	Membership Payment	\$ 130.00		\$ 130.00
19-Aug	LWVUS		\$ 64.00	
19-Aug	LWVNM		\$ 26.00	
19-Aug	Ck 2006: TIAA FBO Meredith R. Machen		\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
				\$
				\$
	<b>Citizens's Bank Balance (Actual)</b>	\$ 2,020.00	\$ 4,901.47	\$ 6,071.71
	<b>Outstanding Payments/Debits</b>		\$ 2,250.00	
	<b>Account Balance after Debit Payment</b>			\$ 3,821.71

### LWV Memberships and Contributions 2019-2020

August 2019

Date	Name	Total Payment	LWV US	LWV NM	LWVSNM	Contribution	Ed Fund
-Aug	Member Carryovers	83					
-Aug	Secondary Carryovers	17					
-Aug	Jane Carter	\$ 65.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00		
-Aug	Win Jacobs (Friend)	\$ 50.00				\$ 50.00	
-Aug	Gayle Eads	\$ 65.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00		
-Aug	Barbara Records	\$ 65.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00		
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 245.00</b>	<b>\$ 96.00</b>	<b>\$ 39.00</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – October 2019

Status	Book
<b>Books Selected for Future Meetings</b>	
<b>Selected for October 24</b>	<p><b>How Safe Are We?: Homeland Security Since 9/11</b> by Janet Napolitano Former Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano offers an insightful analysis of American security at home and a prescription for the future. She pulls no punches, reckoning with the critics who call it Frankenstein's Monster of government run amok, and takes a hard look at the challenges of the future. But ultimately, she argues that the huge, multifaceted department is vital to our nation's security. An agency that's part terrorism prevention, part intelligence agency, part law enforcement, public safety, disaster recovery makes for an odd combination the tradition-bound Washington D.C. culture. But, she says, it has made us more safe, secure, and resilient.</p>
<b>Selected for November 21</b>  <b>NOTE:</b> <b>Members will select to read one or the other book</b>	<p><u>Two books on Impeachment:</u></p> <p><b>Impeachment: A Citizen's Guide</b> by Cass Sunstein “With insight, wisdom, affection, and concern, Sunstein has written the story of impeachment every citizen needs to know. This is a remarkable, essential book.” —Doris Kearns Goodwin</p> <p><b>To End a Presidency: The Power of Impeachment</b> by Laurence Tribe and Joshua Matz <i>To End a Presidency</i> addresses one of today's most urgent questions: when and whether to impeach a president. The authors provide an authoritative guide to impeachment's past and a bold argument about its proper role today. In an era of expansive presidential power and intense partisanship, we must rethink impeachment for the twenty-first century.</p>
<b>Candidate Books for Future Selection</b>	
<i>Date in left column is the date on which the book was added to this list</i>	
<b>4-2-19</b>	<p><b>Doing Justice: A Prosecutor's Thoughts on Crime, Punishment, and the Rule of Law</b> by Preet Bharara By the one-time federal prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, an important overview of the way our justice system works, and why the rule of law is essential. Using case histories, personal experiences and his own inviting writing and teaching style, Preet Bharara shows the thought process we need to achieve truth and justice in our daily lives and in our society.</p>
<b>4-13-19</b>	<p><b>Open: The Progressive Case for Free Trade, Immigration, and Global Capital</b> By Kimberly Clausing With the winds of trade war blowing as they have not done in decades and Left and Right flirting with protectionism, Kimberly Clausing shows how a free, open economy is still the best way to advance the interests of working Americans. She offers strategies to train workers, improve tax policy, and establish a partnership between labor and business.</p>

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4-21-19	<p><b>People, Power, and Profits: Progressive Capitalism for an Age of Discontent</b> by Nobel prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz</p> <p>The American economy tilts toward big business, but as Stiglitz explains, the situation is dire. A few corporations dominate entire sectors of the economy. Too many have made their wealth through exploitation of others rather than through wealth creation. Stiglitz identifies the true sources of wealth and of increases in standards of living. The assault on the judiciary, universities, and the media undermines the very institutions that have long been the foundation of America's might. We need to exploit the benefits of markets while taming their excesses, making sure that markets work for us—the U.S. citizens—and not the other way around.</p>
6-26-19	<p><b>A Thousand Small Sanities: The Moral Adventure of Liberalism</b> by Adam Gopnik</p> <p>Not since the early twentieth century has liberalism, and liberals, been under such relentless attack, from both right and left. The crisis of democracy in our era has produced a crisis of faith in liberal institutions and, even worse, in liberal thought. <i>A Thousand Small Sanities</i> is a manifesto rooted in the lives of people who invented and extended the liberal tradition. Adam Gopnik argues that liberalism is not a form of centrism, nor simply another word for free markets, nor merely a term denoting a set of rights. It is something far more ambitious: the search for radical change by humane measures. Gopnik shows us why liberalism is one of the great moral adventures in human history--and why, in an age of autocracy, our lives may depend on its continuation.</p>
6-26-19	<p><b>The Conservative Sensibility</b> by George Will</p> <p>From the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, an "astonishing" and "enthraling" (<i>Booklist</i>) new examination of how the Founders' belief in natural rights created a great American political tradition.</p> <p>The Founders' vision, articulated first in the Declaration of Independence and carried out in the Constitution, gave the new republic a framework for government unique in world history. Their beliefs in natural rights, limited government, religious freedom, and in human virtue and dignity ushered in two centuries of American prosperity. Now, as Will shows, conservatism is under threat--both from progressives and elements inside the Republican Party. America has become an administrative state, while destructive trends have overtaken family life and higher education.</p>
7-20-19	<p><b>GIVE PEOPLE MONEY: How a Universal Basic Income Would End Poverty, Revolutionize Work, and Remake the World</b>, by Annie Lowrey.</p> <p>A brilliantly reported, global look at universal basic income—a stipend given to every citizen—and why it might be the answer for our age of rising inequality, persistent poverty, and dazzling technology. The UBI movement calls into question our deepest intuitions about what we owe each other. Yet as Lowrey persuasively shows, a UBI—giving people money—is not just a solution to our problems, but a better foundation for our society in this age of marvels.</p>

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9-14-19	<p><b>Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again</b> by Eric Topol</p> <p>One of America's top doctors reveals how AI will empower physicians and revolutionize patient care. Medicine has become inhuman, to disastrous effect. The doctor-patient relationship--the heart of medicine--is broken: doctors are too distracted and overwhelmed to truly connect with their patients, and medical errors and misdiagnoses abound. In Deep Medicine, leading physician Eric Topol reveals how artificial intelligence can help. AI has the potential to transform everything doctors do, from notetaking and medical scans to diagnosis and treatment, greatly cutting down the cost of medicine and reducing human mortality.</p>
9-14-19	<p><b>Quichotte: A Novel</b> by Salman Rushdie</p> <p>A dazzling Don Quixote for the modern age—an epic tour de force that is as much an homage to an immortal work of literature as it is to the quest for love and family. Inspired by the Cervantes classic, Sam DuChamp, mediocre writer of spy thrillers, creates Quichotte, a courtly, addled salesman obsessed with television who falls in impossible love with a TV star. Just as Cervantes wrote Don Quixote to satirize the culture of his time, Rushdie takes the reader on a wild ride through a country on the verge of moral and spiritual collapse.</p>
9-14-19	<p><b>Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead</b> by Jim Mattis</p> <p>Call Sign Chaos is the account of Jim Mattis's storied career, from wide-ranging leadership roles in three wars to ultimately commanding a quarter of a million troops across the Middle East. Along the way, Mattis recounts his foundational experiences as a leader, extracting the lessons he has learned about the nature of warfighting and peacemaking, the importance of allies, and the strategic dilemmas—and short-sighted thinking—now facing our nation. He makes it clear why America must return to a strategic footing so as not to continue winning battles but fighting inconclusive wars.</p>
9-14-19	<p><b><u>She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement</u></b> by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey</p> <p>From the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters who broke the news of Harvey Weinstein's sexual harassment and abuse for the New York Times, Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, the thrilling untold story of their investigation and its consequences for the #MeToo movement. For many years, reporters had tried to get to the truth about Harvey Weinstein's treatment of women. During months of confidential interviews with top actresses, former Weinstein employees, and other sources, many disturbing and long-buried allegations were unearthed, and a web of onerous secret payouts and nondisclosure agreements was revealed.</p>
9-14-19	<p><b>The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir</b> by Samantha Power</p> <p>Pulitzer Prize winner Samantha Power, widely known as a relentless advocate for promoting human rights, has been heralded by President Barack Obama as one of America's "foremost thinkers on foreign policy." In her memoir, Power offers an urgent response to the question "What can one person do?"—and a call for a clearer eye, a kinder heart, and a more open and civil hand in our politics and daily lives. Humorous and deeply honest, The Education of an Idealist lays bare the searing battles and defining moments of her life and shows how she juggled the demands of a 24/7 national security job with the challenge of raising two young children. Along the way, she illuminates the intricacies of politics and geopolitics, reminding us how the United States can lead in the world, and why we each have the opportunity to advance the cause of human dignity.</p>