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## Co-Presidents' Messages

At our last LWVSNM Board meeting, it was announced that our League has received a generous donation of \$1,000 from LWVNM Board member Meredith Machen. Some of it will be used for youth civic engagement. Please share ideas you have for other ways we could enhance the diversity of our membership related to age, ethnicity, and volunteer skills. We thank Meredith for the thoughtful way she shared part of her Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA (for those of us at least 70 and a half years old) as a tax-deductible gift to a 501(c)3.



*Eileen VanWie*

You probably know that the LWVNM challenged the state local leagues to find a local site, suffragist, and/or event to get on the online National Votes for Women Trail (<https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail/>) and to nominate to the Pomeroy Foundation with the goal to place a metal marker at an appropriate site. In Southern New Mexico, it was the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) that advocated and worked for women's suffrage. The GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces (organized in 1915) is working with us to make this project happen for the GFWC Woman's Improvement Association, Laura Frenger, and Pioneer Women's Park. It and two other Las Cruces women and locations are now on the Trail. Look for them by the city name, Las Cruces, at the web address above.

The Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously approved the marker project and it will go before the City Council at its 1:00 pm meeting on December 2. You're invited to attend to show your support. The materials are ready to submit for nomination to Pomeroy as soon as this final step and City's signature of approval is received.

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## Dinner with Legislators on Dec. 9

We hope many of our League members will be in attendance at the annual dinner with area legislators beginning at 5 pm on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. As of Nov. 30, we received RSVPs from Representatives Raymundo Lara, Willie Madrid, Rudy Martinez, Angelica Rubio and Nathan Small. Senators Joseph Cervantes, Bill Soules and Jeff Steinborn will also be in attendance. By the meeting date, we may have additional lawmakers who will share the evening with us.

We'll hear from the Legislators as to what priorities they will push in the 2020 NM Legislative session and there will be time to ask questions and share your views.

The program will also allow the League to present its legislative priorities including: Redistricting – Reform New Mexico's Redistricting Process; Accessing the Permanent Fund for Early Childhood Education; Solar Tax Credit; Reproductive Rights; and Tax Reform & Funding. See the entire list on page 6.

Don't forget to **immediately RSVP** to Cindy Murrell at [cmurrell@nmsu.edu](mailto:cmurrell@nmsu.edu). Dinners are still \$15 and as always, you don't have to eat in order to attend.

As a side note, as we look ahead to our meetings in 2020, there has been discussion that meetings should move to lunchtime because of the end to daylight savings time. Unfortunately, our speaker for January 13 —Kari Lanendor, Executive Director of Border Servant Corps— is unable to attend noon meetings. Therefore, our January meeting will remain at 5:00 pm.

We will inform all members of any other changes in either time or date for our future meetings.

## Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

February is going to be very busy, with a focus on 2020 suffrage activities. League Day at the Capitol to celebrate the centennial of the League of Women Voters and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment is scheduled for Thursday, February 6. There will be an evening event for League members on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope we'll have a good representation from the LWVSNM. (Suffrage costumes are encouraged.)

You'll be getting an invitation for our Saturday, Feb. 8, 2:30 pm Valentines High Tea at the Bite of Belgium to celebrate the February 14 centennial of the League of Women Voters. Suffragists actually sent valentines to legislators as they worked to get the right to vote. Packets of valentine materials will be provided, so we may write messages about LWVSNM 2020 Legislative Priorities and/or personal stories about the LWV or voting. Mark your calendar!

The 2020 Suffrage Alliance (about 10 nonpartisan organizations) is planning the 2020 Suffrage Celebration and Walk for Saturday, February 22 at the Plaza de Las Cruces, beginning at 10:00 am. Suffrage costume is also encouraged for this event. The theme for the whole year is "If Every Woman Voted...".

The LWVSNM Suffrage Committee is also planning a Community Read Along, hopefully in late February, supported by the LWVSNM Book Club. The book that has been selected is tied to the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in New Mexico, February 21, 1920. The book is: Whaley, Charlotte. (2007). *Nina Otero-Warren of Santa Fe*. Santa Fe, NM: Sunstone Press. Otero-Warren's story is inspiring.

February is also the month for the LWVSNM Annual Program Planning meeting to formulate a proposed program for the coming year that begins in May. It will probably be Saturday, Feb. 15, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Good Samaritan.

— Regards, Eileen VanWie  
Co-President



League Members,

On November 16, LWVSNM had the opportunity to host the LWVNM board meeting at Good Samaritan. About 16 members of the state board were in attendance along with several LWVSNM members who participated as observers.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 3: LWVSNM Immigration Community Outreach Subcommittee**, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Branigan Library Board Room
- Dec. 4: Coffee & Action Club**, 9:30-11:00 am, NMSU Barnes & Nobel, Priorities for upcoming Legislative session
- Dec. 5: LWVSNM Board Meeting**, 10 am-12 pm, Branigan Library Board Room
- Dec. 7: LWVNM Advocacy Workshop** on 2020 Legislative Session, 10am-noon, Santa Fe, Capitol Bldg. Rm 322
- ◆ **Dec. 9: LWVSNM Dinner Meeting**, 5-7:00 pm, Good Samaritan: Hear from our area Legislators; **email your dinner RSVP** to Cindy Murrell at [cmurrell@nmsu.edu](mailto:cmurrell@nmsu.edu)

### JANUARY 2020

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

# SAVE THE DATE

VALENTINES HIGH TEA  
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2019 • 2:30 pm  
Bite of Belgium Restaurant  
741 N. Alameda Blvd.

### 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 Keibel - Interim Secretary  
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## Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

The state board has been active in a variety of areas. One, which was covered by state action chair Dick Mason when he recently spoke at our general meeting, is the creation of a fair and transparent process for redistricting of the congressional and legislative districts, so that redistricting does not simply maintain the party that is in power at the time. The decennial census in 2020 provides the foundation for redistricting based on population, so having a complete count is a major part of the process. As a result of a recent US Supreme Court decision in *Rucho vs Common Cause*, any action to ensure fair redistricting must take place at the state level.

You can keep up with what is happening in New Mexico at [www.fairdistrictsnm.org](http://www.fairdistrictsnm.org). The site includes recent presentations to the NM Interim Courts, Corrections, and Justice Corrections, and Justice Committee by the National Council of State Legislators and by Dick Mason. There are assorted reference materials including links to the Brennan Center for Justice, which is working on this topic.

The state board also approved concurrence with the reproductive rights position of LWV Florida. (The existing LWVUS position addresses only prenatal care.) Following is the statement that was approved.

*The League of Women Voters of Florida New Mexico supports every woman's right to access affordable, high-quality reproductive health care, including access to abortion services and birth control.*

State and local leagues are being asked by a number of leagues around the country to concur with a position on voter representation and the election process. The goal is to address this issue at the LWVUS convention in 2020. The only action taken at the state board meeting was to add to our state position the words "verifiable and auditable" but this topic will be on the agenda for the next state board meeting.

—Best wishes for the holiday season,  
Kathy Brook, Co-President



Kathy Brook

## Check out the Interagency Council

The Interagency Council is an informal group of social service providers (nonprofits, government agencies, etc.) working within the city of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. It is both a networking organization and a clearinghouse for distributing community information. Founded in 2003, the group is managed by Christina S. Little, who created two datasets of social and community services.

The Council holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority Conference Room (926 S. San Pedro – just west of Munson Senior Center). Home-made cookies, or some other kind of snack, are provided. Everyone is welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. Anyone in the community may participate in the Interagency Council and there is NO cost. It is not necessary to RSVP. People show up when their schedule permits.

At the Interagency Council, all attendees are given an opportunity to make announcements about their particular agency or interests. One organization is highlighted and makes a formal presentation about the services and programs provided. Minutes are taken and are distributed via email.

There is also a moderated Listserv which reaches

600 individuals. Messages come from diverse sources and can include anything of general interest; they can range from the need for towels at the Community of Hope, fundraisers, free cooking classes offered to diabetics and their families by the DAC Extension Service, notices about special workshops, information about grant opportunities, information about new initiatives such as the Children's Reading Foundation, to public service announcements from the city, county, and state.

To subscribe to the Listserv, contact Christina Little at [cslittle@zianet.com](mailto:cslittle@zianet.com). To subscribe or unsubscribe, individuals can also go to [http://lists.zianet.com/mailman/listinfo/interagency\\_council](http://lists.zianet.com/mailman/listinfo/interagency_council). Messages for the Interagency Council should be sent directly to [cslittle@zianet.com](mailto:cslittle@zianet.com). This is a moderated Listserv, and Christina must approve all messages. It would be very helpful if you can create an appropriate subject for your message.

Note – if you wish me to take you off the list while you are on vacation or away from work, I can do this and put you back on when you email me to do so.

— Christina Little, Manager, Interagency Council  
[cslittle@zianet.com](mailto:cslittle@zianet.com), 575-373-1882

## Judicial Selection Process Study Begins

It's an honor to represent the LWVSNM on a committee with other League representatives who are studying the process of selecting lower court judges in New Mexico. We met in Albuquerque on November 14 to begin a review of qualifications, skills, requirements and selection of municipal, probate, metro and magistrate court judges. I was joined by League members Mary Wilson and Mary Smith (Albuquerque), Janet Blair (Corrales), Chairwoman Suzanne Ronneau (Santa Fe), and Adelaide Jacobson (Los Alamos).

We attended a unit meeting of the LWVCNM where a panel of three experts discussed their opinions regarding selection of the higher courts (district, appellate, supreme). New Mexico Court of Appeals Chief Judge Monica Zamora, Dean of the UNM Law School Sergio Pareja (who chairs all judicial nominating commissions) and the President of the NM Bar Association Jerry Dixon

gave clear arguments both for and against the selection of judges based on partisan issues. They also explained recent failed attempts in the Legislature to change the law to remove partisanship from the selection process.

In 2020, the League study committee will interview judges, attorneys, clerks and citizens across the state to gather input. (Your thoughts will also be appreciated.) We will educate ourselves and other League members as to the current status of selection in NM and the positions of other State Leagues. We will also compare New Mexico's process to other states, and whether there should be changes to the minimum requirements that are required for appointment to the lower court seats.

By 2021, we will develop questions for consensus for an amended State position, if recommended after the study. We will send additional information to NM Leagues and eventually, our recommendations will be forwarded to the state League for approval.

—Jo Galván Nash  
*Judicial Selection Study Committee*



Photo: Janet Blair, LWVCNM

*Legal experts provided information at the LWVCNM meeting in ABQ about the state's selection process for judges. Panel members were (left) Hon. Monica Zamora, UNM Law School Dean Sergio Pareja and Bar Association President Jerry Dixon.*

## The 100-Year Minute

These 100-Year Minute snippets of history were written by State League Member Susan Haase and give historical perspectives of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Look for these in *The Voter* newsletter each month.



100 years ago, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteed women across the country the right to vote for the first time. BEFORE then, SOME women could vote, and SOME couldn't. It all depended upon where they lived.

The Constitution had previously left it up to the Territories and States to determine the voting rights of its citizens. So, in 1870 for instance, if a woman lived in Wyoming, she could vote. If she lived in California, she couldn't. She would have to wait until 1911 for that right in California. Women in New Mexico had to wait until 1920, 50 years after the women in Wyoming.

## LWVNM Proposed SNF Storage Advocacy Statement for Approval by LWVUS

Local members recently had an opportunity to hear about a state League proposal to be considered by the national League. The statement has received approval by Leagues from around the state and was finalized on November 16 at the state board meeting held in Las Cruces. If approved by LWVUS, the LWVNM will be able to utilize the statement for advocacy directed to elected and appointed officials. Other documents related to the statement (Q&A appendix and glossary) are also part of the documentation.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM) supports the disposal of spent nuclear fuel only when it is implemented in a manner that protects public health and safety and the environment. Specifically, the League supports:

- Policies for the management of civilian and military high- and low-level radioactive wastes to protect public health and air, water, and land resources;
- The establishment of processes for effective involvement of state and local governments and citizens in siting proposals for treatment, storage, disposal, and transportation of radioactive wastes;
- Full environmental review of treatment, storage, and disposal facilities for radioactive wastes; and
- Safe transport, storage, and disposal of radioactive wastes.

Therefore, during the licensing approval process for the proposed Consolidated Interim Storage Facilities (CISFs) in New Mexico (NM/Holtec) and Texas (TX/ISP), LWVNM would not support license approval unless the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC):

1. Ensures that private ownership of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF), Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations (ISFSIs) and CISFs must operate according to the safety controls required for licensing of utility-owned or government-owned SNF;
2. Ensures that the current Aging Management Program (AMP) for spent nuclear fuel casks (also known as Used Nuclear Fuel or UNF) in ISFSIs, some in use since 1986, is also imposed on the proposed New Mexico and Texas CISFs;
3. Requires that Holtec map the subsurface using modern techniques such as 3D seismic imaging to ensure no potential hazards such as subsurface karsts, hydraulic fracturing, or wastewater disposal wells are close to the site;
4. Ensures that there is adequate bonding or other financial guarantees to fund operations in the event of abandonment by the companies;
5. Ensures that private contracting of spent nuclear fuel transportation complies with both the NRC/Department of Transportation/Agreement State requirements and with the same state and tribal notification requirements as for government transportation;
6. Ensures that responsibility for transporting the waste, for funding for upgrades to rail and roads (where accessed for SNF transport) and for cleanup in case of an accident are all identified prior to license approval for either proposed CISF;
7. Ensures that the current the NRC rulemaking process underway for Greater than Class C (GTCC) storage at the TX/ISP CISF provides adequate protection of the public and the environment until a permanent U.S. solution for SNF and GTCC disposal is approved;
8. Ensures that requirements for packaging SNF prior to acceptance at the proposed NM/TX CISFs will be sufficient to resist corrosion so that casks stored at these sites will be free of corrosion;
9. Ensures that prior NRC approval of the URENCO environmental impact statement adequately covers the risk factors prior to reducing the extent of the evaluation required for the NM/Holtec and TX/ISP proposals.

If the NM/TX CISF license applications pending with the NRC are approved, LWVNM asks the NRC to impose a limit on the number of NRC license renewals allowed for CISFs until a permanent disposal solution for SNF is approved.

LWVNM also asks the New Mexico legislature to pass legislation to direct the NM Environment Department to oversee activities at the proposed NM CISF site to ensure compliance with environmental regulations as it does at DOE and DOD sites. The bill should include a budget for additional NMED staff as required.

## Thanks to the Observer Corps

The members serving as the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico's Observer Corps are:

<b>Johnnie Aldrich</b>	South Central Solid Waste Authority
<b>Jo Galván Nash</b>	The Board of County Commissioners, Dona Ana County
<b>Catherine Burn</b>	Board of Education, Las Cruces Public Schools
<b>Beth Bardwell</b>	Mesilla Valley Housing Authority
	Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities
	Utility Customer Advisory Group

The League is proud of the service these volunteers provide to bring you synopses of public meetings. They are the Ambassadors to the community and to the Board members who appreciate the League and what it stands for. I have been thanked many times by board members for my attendance at public meetings, and by members of the audience who believe the League cares about good government.

Are you impressed? I am! **If you would like to attend Las Cruces City Council meetings OR help out on a short term or last-minute basis, please contact Eileen VanWie ([vanwieek@yahoo.com](mailto:vanwieek@yahoo.com)) or Vicki Simons ([vrsimons@comcast.net](mailto:vrsimons@comcast.net)).** You can watch meetings in the comfort of your home on your schedule. Agendas are posted online or are easily available before.

Each of the Observers needs a person to attend in their place on occasion due to illness, travel, or personal schedule.

—Susan Schmugge

### League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico Priorities for the 2020 New Mexico Legislative Session

**Redistricting – Reform New Mexico's Redistricting Process.** The League of Women Voters in New Mexico is approaching New Mexico policy makers with a proposal to initiate a discussion about how we can make the 2021 redistricting process fairer and more transparent. We support an independent redistricting commission but are open to supporting other models.

**Accessing the Permanent Fund for Early Childhood Education.** The League feels that there are adequate funds in the permanent fund to provide funding for a vital part of our education system. We must improve educational outcomes in the state and establishing this badly needed program would make great progress toward this goal.

**Solar Tax Credit.** New Mexico's solar tax credit expired in 2016. During the 2019 legislative session the League supported SB18, the New Solar Market Development Tax Credit, which would support an income tax credit for 10% of the solar installation costs at a home or business with a maximum annual allowance of \$5 million for the program. We advocate this be reintroduced and passed.

**Reproductive Rights – Making a woman's right to choose New Mexico law.**

**Tax Reform & Funding – Making Our Tax System Fairer and Generating Revenue.** We expect the House will attempt to restore the parts of last year's HB6 that was removed last year by Senate Finance Committee and we advocate that the Senate support the proposed changes. This will restore much needed additional revenue.

**Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the  
League of Women Voters  
and  
Women's Suffrage  
New Mexico State Capitol  
Thursday, February 6, 2020**

*Sponsored by*  
**League of Women Voters of New Mexico**  
**Empowering Voters - Defending Democracy**

**Public Program: 1- 2 pm in the Rotunda**

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, elected officials, and representatives from various of our partner organizations  
Enjoy NM's suffrage flag cake and entertainment

**Exhibit Tables: West Hall of History, 8 am-3 pm**

State and local Leagues, Fair Districts NM (the League's redistricting project), AAUW, NOW, NAACP, ACLU, Southwest Women's Law Center, Planned Parenthood, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and other non-partisan partners are confirmed. Common Cause, the NM Humanities Council, State Records and Archives, UNM Center for Southwest Research, Native American Voters Alliance, and the SOS may also display some of election-related history and resources depending on space.

Senator Nancy Rodriguez and Representative Joanne Ferrary, League members from Santa Fe and Las Cruces, respectively are sponsoring legislative memorials recognizing the League's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Senator Liz Stefanics, Santa Fe League member, is presenting a general suffrage centennial memorial. Representative Gail Chasey is requested to sponsor a general suffrage centennial in the House of Representatives.

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[www.lwvnm.org](http://www.lwvnm.org)*

**NOTICE:**

The CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States, Virginia Kase, will speak in Santa Fe on Feb. 5, 2020 during a Legislative reception. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Rio Chama Steakhouse in Santa Fe. About Virginia:

<https://www.lwv.org/about-us/staff-leadership/virginia-kase>.



**Local Suffrage  
Event Donations**

If you're interested in helping with planning the 2020 Suffrage Celebration process, please let us know. When LWVSNM established our operating budget for 2019/2020, we did not include expenses for the celebrations. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation for such expenses, please make a note that the donation is for **2020 Suffrage Celebrations**. PayPal can be accessed on the League's website under "Donate."  
**Thank you!**



## OBSERVER REPORTS

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

Nov. 14, 2019

Observer: Susan Schmugge

*Six members present; Vasquez out*

This was a routine meeting in content and resolutions approved. However, it's all in the details, as we all know.

#### Customer Service

- The budget has \$100,000 in it for utility assistance. These are customers who need a little more time to pay their bills. The average number of customers who request and receive assistance is 2,000-2,500 at any one time. The average percentage of customers who do pay after assistance is 99%.
- The Customer Service Portal startup has been delayed again. This will allow each customer to see utility usage in real time. Look for publicity when it becomes available.

#### Resolution Discussion

LCU is making a loan request to NM Finance Authority for vehicle and equipment purchases. The loan will be paid back from receipts. However, Board members expressed concern about the need for borrowing because the water rate raise was phased in over three years. If the raise had been approved to go in effect immediately the loan would be unnecessary. Look for this issue to be a factor in LCU's consideration of a rate raise for solid waste in the next few weeks.

#### Expected

Solid waste rate recommendation from UCAG to LCU did not occur because the Nov. 13 meeting had to be canceled due to a clerical error and the agenda could not be posted 72 hours in advance. Dr. Jorge Garcia will investigate whether UCAG's decision on solid waste rate of Dec. 11 can be considered at the LCU meeting on Dec. 12, 2019. Next step: LCU sends its recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

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### SCSWA Board Meeting

Nov. 21, 2019 • 9:00 am • Waste Transfer Station Board Room

Observer: Johnnie R. Aldrich

Director Patrick Peck's report to the Board included several significant news items. Peck justified his and three other staff members' attendance at the four-day national WASTECON gathering in Phoenix, AZ by pointing out that "We innovate here more than [in] any other NM region," so we must get out of state to keep abreast of the current trends. Ironically, the focus of the meeting this year was "Zero Waste," especially reduction of plastics use by consumers. The board received samples of items like bamboo cutlery, which is compostable; portable, reusable metal straws, even bendable versions, and drinking water packaged in non-plastic, recyclable containers. (NB: All are available on Amazon. Search "Zero Waste Cutlery" as a beginning.) Detailed written reports from attendees made clear that the several conferences attended were beneficial training for the managerial staff.

Recycling tonnage for last month was just slightly less than that in September, so it seems that "the usual seasonal decline will be minimal this year." Financially, the recycling program is in the black again.

Legal delays TCTE (Too Complicated To Explain here) have held up the purchase of the badly needed expansion property on Las Vegas Court off of Motel Boulevard. Director Peck has discussed the possibility of a month-to-month rental agreement while negotiations continue because of the urgent need for office and truck-parking space and for an operational repair shop. ("Operational" in this context means "heated." The current facility is not.)

Finally, one of several resolutions passed unanimously established the return to quarterly meetings in 2020, the first of which will be on February 20.



## Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – January 2020

Status	Book
<b>Books Selected for Future Meetings</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>January 23</b>	<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>
<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>6-26-19</b>	<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, 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. 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.</p>
<b>6-26-19</b>	<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. 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.</p>
<b>9-14-19</b>	<p><b>Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again</b> By Eric Topol</p> <p><b>One of America's top doctors reveals how AI will empower physicians and revolutionize patient care.</b> 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 <i>Deep Medicine</i>, 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>
<b>9-14-19</b>	<p><b>Quichotte: A Novel</b> by Salman Rushdie</p> <p>A dazzling <i>Don Quixote</i> 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 <i>Don Quixote</i> 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>
<b>9-14-19</b>	<p><b>She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement</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 <i>New York Times</i>, 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>

Status	Book
9-14-19	<p><b>The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir</b> by Samantha Power  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, <i>The Education of an Idealist</i> 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>
9-26-19	<p><b>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</b> by Bryan Stevenson  Just Mercy is not brand new (2014) but is a clarion call to fix our still broken system of justice. It is a NY Times best seller and an inspiration to thousands of people. The book has won awards and accolades and its reviews are a rarity in that thousands have given it five stars. Although academic discussion is there, the book is strongest when telling the tragic stories of prisoners suffering systemic abuse. While the book is a bit hard to read, there are many (relatively) happy endings.</p>
10-27-19	<p><b>The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution</b> by Eric Foner  From the Pulitzer Prize–winning scholar, a timely history of the constitutional changes that built equality into the nation's foundation and how those guarantees have been shaken over time. The Declaration of Independence announced equality as an American ideal, but it took the Civil War and the subsequent adoption of three constitutional amendments to establish that ideal as American law. The Reconstruction amendments abolished slavery, guaranteed all persons due process and equal protection of the law, and equipped black men with the right to vote.</p>
10-27-19	<p><b>Waste (Resources)</b> by Kate O'Neill  Waste is one of the planet's last great resource frontiers. In this unique book, Kate O'Neill traces the emergence of the global political economy of wastes over the past two decades. She explains how the emergence of waste governance initiatives and mechanisms can help us deal with both the risks and the opportunities associated with the hundreds of millions – possibly billions – of tons of waste we generate each year.</p>
10-27-19	<p><b>Permanent Record (Paperback)</b> by Edward Snowden  Edward Snowden reveals for the first time the story of his life. He shocked the world when he broke with the American intelligence establishment and revealed that the United States government was secretly pursuing the means to collect every single phone call, text message, and email. The result would be an unprecedented system of mass surveillance with the ability to pry into the private lives of every person on earth. Six years later, Snowden reveals for the very first time how he helped to build this system and why he was moved to expose it.</p>
10-27-19	<p><b>Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth</b> by Rachel Maddow  Big Oil and Gas versus democracy - winner take all. With her trademark black humor, Maddow takes us on a switchback journey around the globe, revealing the greed and incompetence of Big Oil and Gas along the way, and drawing a surprising conclusion about how and why the Russian government hacked the 2016 US election. She deftly shows how Russia's rich reserves of crude have, paradoxically, stunted its growth, forcing Putin to maintain his power by spreading Russia's rot into its rivals, its neighbors, the West's most important alliances, and the United States.</p>

