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Co-Presidents' Messages

Greeting LWVSNM Members,

As has been said before, February is an event-packed month. If you haven't already sent your reservation for our Valentine High Tea Party, please do so immediately upon reading this. It's Sat., Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m. at the Bite of Belgium, 741 N. Alameda. We'll have the restaurant to ourselves. Immediately send your reservation check for \$30 payable to LWVSNM at P.O. Box 15142, Las Cruces NM 88004. Suffrage costumes are encouraged!



Saturday, February 14, 1920 was the date the League of Women Voters was formed out of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Like the suffragists did years ago, we will be writing Valentines to our state and federal lawmakers. It's going to be fun.

Please also mark your calendar for the LWVSNM Program Planning meeting on Sat., Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center. The process is one of the ways the League focuses its grassroots work to align each part of the organization with the others, considering the League's mission, *Empowering Voters. Strengthening Democracy*.

We'll be adopting a program of study, education, and action, focusing on legislative priorities of the LWV US (fair redistricting, voting rights, improving elections, and campaign finance reform) and our local legislative priorities (fair redistricting, assessing permanent funding for ECE, solar tax credit, reproductive rights, tax reform and funding). Our local League may also consider other priorities, such as immigration, diversity, public education position, youth engagement, voter suppression, and state judicial elections. Be thinking about what you believe is important.

"If Every Woman Voted . . ." How would you complete that phrase? To hear how some local women leaders respond to it, come join the *2020 Suffrage Celebration and Walk* at the Plaza de Las Cruces on Saturday, Feb. 22; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It's to celebrate February 21, 1920, the date New Mexico ratified the 19th Amendment. The program will begin with Girl Scouts presenting the flag. NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver will be the keynote speaker. Progress Club member Rebecca Courtney will speak as suffragist Laura Frenger. After the program, there will be a re-enactment walk around Main Street. Check out the Facebook page by googling "2020 Southern New Mexico Suffrage Alliance." The following organizations are sponsoring the event: AAUW-Las Cruces, GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces, LC Coalition for Reproductive Justice, LCPS Civic Engagement Project, LWVSNM, NAACP-DAC, NMSU Archives and Special Collections, PFLAG Las Cruces, Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

You may have noticed that our financial situation needs improvement. Here's an idea to consider. If you pay for dinner at our meetings with a \$20, you could donate the change of \$5.

—With warm regards,
Eileen VanWie, Co-President

League Members,

Many thanks to those of you who participated in the January dinner meeting where we learned about the delivery of services to migrants in the El Paso/Las Cruces area from those with first-hand

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Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

knowledge of the Border Servant Corps and Save the Children.

At that meeting we also had a brief discussion of potential responses to the feedback from our member survey. What struck me in preparing for the discussion was the intersection between the desire to have a more diverse membership (by multiple measures) and the perception that we need to do a better job of communicating with the larger community about who we are and what we do. Better communication (including through social media) and collaborations with other organizations may contribute to a more diverse membership.



Kathy Brook

How can you help with these efforts? A couple of options: Join the Youth Engagement Committee and/or volunteer to coordinate our social media communications. (See page 5 for volunteers needed.)

On Jan. 14, I had the privilege of attending the county commission meeting where the proclamations of 2020 as the LWV centennial year and as the women's suffrage centennial year were approved (see page 3). Thank you to Eileen VanWie, Alicia Salazar, and all others who have been working to make 2020 a year of celebration for women (and all other) voters.

The January meeting of the LWVNM Board was held in Albuquerque with a lot of focus on preparations for League Day in Santa Fe, including a reception at the Rio Chama restaurant on February 5 and festivities at the Roundhouse on February 6. Virginia Kase, CEO of LWVUS, will be a featured speaker along with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. Details about the event, along with a link to historical documents, can be found at <https://www.lwvnm.org/Events/2020/100th.html>.

SAVE THE DATE

LWVSNM Annual Planning Mtg:
Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020
10:00-2:00 pm
Good Samaritan Social Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2020

- Feb. 5 – Reception for National LWV CEO Virginia Kase**, 5:30 pm, Rio Chama Steakhouse, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe (p. 4)
- Feb. 6 – League Day at the Roundhouse**, Santa Fe, State Capitol Bldg., 2 pm
- Feb. 8 – League Valentines High Tea**, 2:30 pm, Bite of Belgium, for members who paid by Feb. 1. Wear costumes!
- ♦ **Feb. 15 – LWVSNM Annual Planning Mtg**, 10am-2 pm, Good Samaritan Social Center
- Feb. 22 – Suffrage Celebration & Walk**, 10am, Plaza de Las Cruces; Wear costumes!

MARCH 2020

- March 5 – Board Meeting**, 11:30 am, Branigan Library Board Room

The Coffee and Action Club (CAC) is moving its meetings to the first Wednesday of every month. There will be no February meeting due to the League Day in Santa Fe. The next CAC meeting will be Wed., March 4, 2020 at the Good Sam Kiva Room. All are welcome!

- ♦ **March 9 – General Dinner Meeting**, 5 pm, Good Sam Social Center; Speaker TBA; RSVP to cmurrell@nmsu.edu

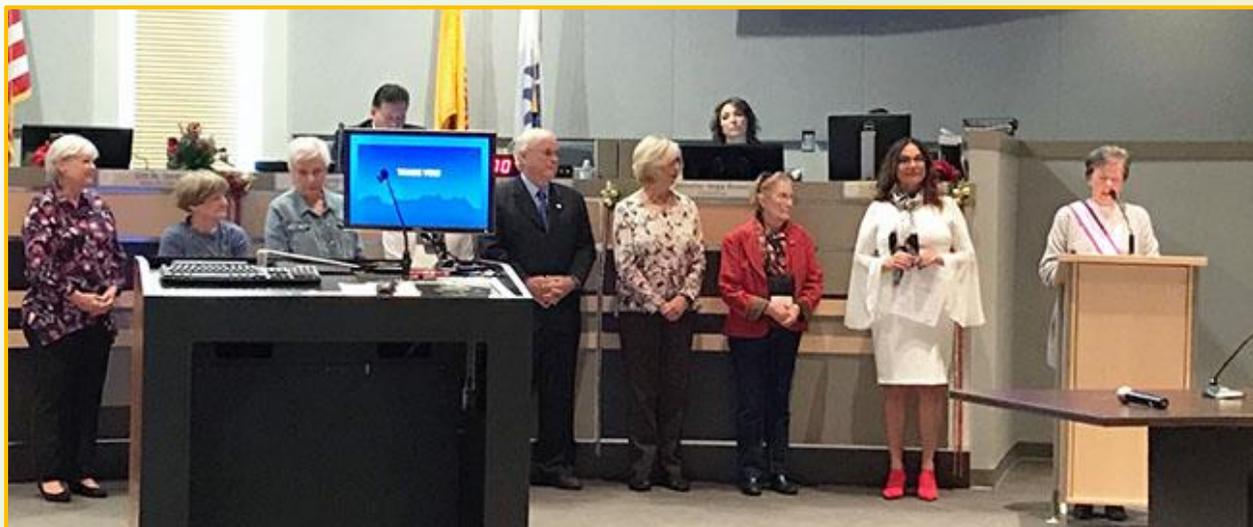
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents
Cindy Murrell – Vice President, Events & Speakers
Cindy Murrell & Mary Ellen Keibel - Interim Secretary
Erika Graf-Webster – Youth Engagement Director
Bob Burn – Treasurer
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Proclamations Honor League's Centennial

The City Council honored the League of Women Voters on January 6 during the Council meeting. A proclamation was presented stating 2020 is the League of Women Voters Centennial Year and it was presented to Co-President Eileen VanWie (below, far right) who also made comments about the League and the Centennial celebration. Several League members were also in attendance, including (l to r) Rep. Joanne Ferrary, Sharon Thomas, Dr. Jane Asche, Councillor Gil Sorg, Cathy Burn, Sadie Valverde and Councillor Kasandra Gandara.



The Doña Ana County Commission also did a similar action during its January 14 meeting with two proclamations read by County Clerk Amanda López Askin (far right in photo at right) who is also a League member. As we know, 2020 is a very special year for the local League, as it joins Leagues across the country celebrating the creation of the national LWV and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. One of the proclamations recognized the Centennial celebration for the local LWV chapter. The other proclamation was in celebration of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Several members from the LWVSNM, NAACP, and the Progress Club were also present at the Commission meeting. Pictured with Askin are (l to r) Lindsey Bachman, chief deputy county clerk, teacher Graciela Alicia Salazar and League Co-President Kathy Brook. On Feb. 21, 1920, New Mexico was the 32nd of 36 states needed for ratification after organized efforts by organized suffragists.



NM Senate Finance Committee

The Senate Finance Committee met in Santa Fe on January 15, 2020, with an initial panel consisting of cabinet secretaries Olivia Padilla-Jackson from Finance and Administration and Stephanie Clarke from Taxation and Revenue, as well as Dawn Iglesias, the chief economist for the Legislative Finance Committee. A second panel included economists Jim Peach (retired from NMSU) and Jeff Mitchell (UNM) and Ben Shepperd, a representative of the oil and gas industry based in the Texas portion of the Permian Basin. (I was not able to stay beyond the first two panels.)

The topic of the panel was the consensus revenue estimates for the state that were initially reported before the holidays, but which had not been discussed previously with the committee. The estimates were based on the assumption that there will be modest growth in the national economy as well as modest inflation (at most 2%). The forecast does not take into account a potential recession though we are in the longest US expansion on record.

New Mexico's output of goods and services has been relatively strong but is expected to moderate. It will be no surprise that they reported that southeastern NM has been setting records over the past year and the consensus of the state's forecasters is that the economy is more susceptible to falling oil prices than to a recession. Construction employment has been up more than 11% in the state while employment in the information sector (which includes call centers and film) has contracted by more than 5%.

We have experienced very strong growth in 2018-2019 and reserves are expected to be at 34% of the budget with "new" money totaling \$797 million.

Issues raised by the speakers for consideration by the Committee included:

- 2020 Census count that will affect the allocation of more than \$1 trillion nationally.
- The need for major tax reform which could contribute to tax stability, and which might be more easily accomplished in a time of plenty than in a downturn.
- Elimination of the tax on Social Security benefits, which would make the state more attractive to retirees.
- Pessimistic scenarios about the economic outlook seem more likely than optimistic ones.
- Nationally there has been rapid growth in the business and professional services sector – an area in which NM has had very poor performance (attributable to lack of education and skill development)
- Diversifying state finances is only loosely related to diversification of the state economy. Change the tax code is the way to accomplish this as there is no "quick fix" from economic development.

—Kathy Brook, Co-President

Immigration Committee Report

The Immigration Committee is working on several projects:

- 1) Sponsoring an Academy of Learning in Retirement series on the history of Central America related to reasons for migrants fleeing to the US. The earliest we could schedule would be for fall/winter of 20/21.
- 2) Sponsoring a radio series with KRWG and op-eds with the Sun-News and the Las Cruces Bulletin that focus on stories of migrants. Beth and Sue are planning a meeting with Dr. Fred Martino of KRWG to propose the series. Christine will approach the Sun-News and the Bulletin.
- 3) Renting a kiosk at the mall for a weekend and creating a mobile display for the purpose of creating awareness and debunking myths related to immigration.

Everybody is encouraged to get involved in these projects. Contact Kim (sorensentweet@gmail.com) if interested.

Meanwhile, the committee has drafted an advocacy statement. LWVNM approved it at the January 20th board meeting and has sent it to LWVUS for approval. The next steps would be to reach out to our legislators, other leagues, and LWVUS to advocate for immigration reform and use our advocacy statement.

There will be no regular Immigration Committee meeting in February. The **next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m., March 10th** at NMSU Barnes and Noble upstairs in the Living Room.

All LWVSNM members are welcome!

—Kim Sorensen, Committee Chair

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Do you like young people? Would you like young people to be more interested in how their government works? Would you like more young people to vote (ages 18-24 have the lowest voter turnout of all age groups)?

If you said "yes" to any of these questions, you're invited to join our Youth Engagement Committee, because we are working with young people on these issues. There are lots of things we would like to do in the future, but we need more League members to make them real:

- Attract more students to become League members
- Work on developing civic-related projects that would entice students to work on them — maybe setting up a League-student corp to work on the Census?
- Attract student interns and be mentors to them, while they help with League projects
- Continue working in collaboration with the Las Cruces Public Schools on civics projects - for example, maybe LCPS and we could set up a Model State Government, modeled after the Model UN projects in universities.

Youth Engagement Committee meets every third Thursday • 4 pm
LCPS Teaching and Learning Center, 505 S. Main, Loretto Town Centre (suite 400)

NEXT MEETING: FEB. 20, '20

CONTACT: Erika Graf-Webster, Director, LWVSNM Youth Engagement, grafwebster@icloud.com
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Social Media Coordinator

Do you have expertise in using Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter? If so, the League needs your help in getting the League's message to users of social media. This work can be matched to your schedule and doesn't require attendance at meetings. And, there are others who can assist in posting messages and photos. Please contact Kathv Brook at kathvbrook@comcast.net if interested.

Dr. King's Messages Live On

The League of Women Voters SNM filled a table of League members at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast (below left). Dr. King's messages of racial equality, and all rights, live on through the annual event sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP. The main speaker was Pastor Michael Grady of the Prince of Peace Christian Fellowship of El Paso. Preceding him was a short talk by Congresswomen Xochitl Torres Small. Both were very inspiring.



Photos by Bob Burn

LWVSNM Program Planning Meeting

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEM

February 15, 2020

As part of the program planning process, we are being asked to concur with the following position on Voter Representation/Election Process. This is a position on which a number of state and local Leagues have already reached concurrence. The goal is to agree on principles to be considered when evaluating proposals on voting.

Position in Brief:

Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters.

Position in Full:

LWVUS promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive. We encourage electoral methods that provide the broadest voter representation possible. Whether for single or multiple winner contests, the League supports electoral methods that:

- Encourage voter participation and voter engagement
- Encourage those with minority opinions to participate, including under-represented communities
- Are verifiable and auditable
- Promote access to voting
- Maximize effective votes/minimize “wasted” votes
- Promote sincere voting over strategic voting
- Require the winner to receive a majority of the votes for executive and single seat offices

LWVNM already has a position on voting procedures (see <https://www.lwvnm.org/positions.html#election>) and has discussed this proposal at recent state board meetings. The LWVNM position supports:

1. protection of the right of every citizen to vote;
2. verifiable and auditable procedures to guarantee the integrity of all statutory methods of voting in New Mexico;
3. funding to meet the requirements of the law and to serve the needs of the voters to ensure that elections are conducted accurately, fairly, and efficiently;
4. a centralized voter registration and election management system;
5. statewide uniformity in early voting for all elections;
6. an all-inclusive system of voting that allows all registered voters to participate in the primary election;
7. more direct citizen involvement in the candidate selection process for special elections to fill a vacancy;
8. consolidation of elections in New Mexico;
9. methods that increase voter participation, including automatic voter registration and same-day voter registration;
10. systems that improve the election experience and provide ease of ballot access including vote-by-mail, supplemented by secure ballot drop boxes and accessible voting centers.
11. amending the State Constitution to allow run-off elections in the case of non-partisan elections.

The national proposal offers some pro and con considerations. In support of such a position, it is consistent with LWV mission and principles on representative government and offers preferred principles for evaluating electoral options to enhance voter representation. In opposition, the criteria are very broad and as an entire group are not easily achieved; the position does not name or support a best electoral position; LWV does not need a position on how we elect our leaders.

At the state board meeting concerns were expressed about the next to last item in the concurrence. The distinction between sincere and strategic voting was deemed to be unclear.

SUFFRAGE COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

February 21, 1920
New Mexico ratified the 19th Amendment

August 26, 1920
19th Amendment added to the U.S. Constitution

100th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday February 22, 2020
10:00AM - 12:00PM
Plaza de Las Cruces
100 N. Main Street

IF EVERY WOMAN VOTED...

KEYNOTE

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
N.M. Secretary of State

FACEBOOK

2020 Southern New Mexico
Suffrage Alliance

SPONSORS

American Association of University Women – Las Cruces
GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces
Las Cruces Coalition for Reproductive Justice
LCPS Civic Engagement Project
League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico
NAACP – Doña Ana County
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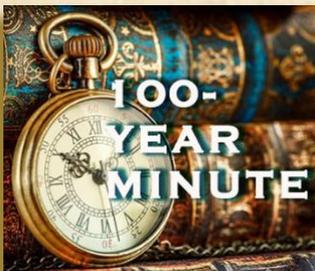
Suffrage costumes
encouraged for the



reenactment walk
after the program

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 19th Amendment. Look for these in *The Voter* newsletter each month.



When the 19th Amendment to the Constitution became law, 100 years ago, women across the country were finally given the right to vote. Sadly, many of the women who spent much of their lives fighting for this day had died before it arrived.

When they started their efforts, in the America of 1800's, it was a man's world. When a woman married, her property and wealth and wages were no longer hers; they belonged to her husband. Ministers, priests and rabbis all declared that women should obey their husbands, and fathers determined how much schooling a daughter should have. Women were often forbidden to speak in public.

American women were subject to rules and laws they had no voice in creating. The 19th Amendment changed that. With the vote, American women now had a voice.



OBSERVER REPORTS

Utilities Customer Advisory Group (UCAG) 12/11/19 and Board of Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) 12/12/19

Regular meetings: All members present @ UCAG; Vasquez absent from LCU
Observers: Beth Bardwell and Susan Schmutge

UCAG members voted to recommend a \$2 per month raise for LC City Solid Waste services (vote 4-1 (Clark)) to the LCU Board. The LCU voted to accept the recommendation with a 6-0 vote. The recommendation will be taken to the City Council at a work session in February. It is expected the raise will go into effect in May if the Council approves it.

Although UCAG had no other matters to consider, the LCU meeting had many resolutions to consider and approve, including the Pre-1965 Foothills Landfill Excavation. The majority of the approvals were for routine Utility business.

Also included in this meeting were presentations of new software to be used by City Solid Waste staff and the latest in sophisticated water leak detection. The latter is expected to save LCU money and conserve water which is such a precious commodity here in southern New Mexico.

Board of Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) January 9, 2020

Work Session & Regular meeting: All board members present.
Observer: Beth Bardwell

Councilor Gabe Vasquez stepped down from the Board of LCU and will be replaced by newly elected Councilor Johana Bencomo.

The Water and Wastewater Development Impact Fees: The LCU Board discussed the results of a TischlerBise development fee study (Nov. 18, 2019). Development impact fees are one-time payments used to construct system capital improvements needed to accommodate new development including wells, transmission, storage, development and water quality lab to provide water and wastewater testing. By 2029, average daily total water demand is projected at 19.4 million average gallons per day or the equivalent of 21,900 acre-feet/year and projected wastewater demand is about 12.4 million average gallons per day. Population is projected to increase over that 10-year period by 13,000 with more than 6,000 new housing units. The maximum supportable water and wastewater impact fees proposed for a standard single-family unit meter (¾") would be \$4,851 or \$2,726 for wastewater and \$2,125 for water. This represents an increase of 11.2% in total impact fees across water and wastewater. City of Las Cruces current policy is to allocate payment of the water impact fee to the builder (50%), customer (28%) and rate base (22%) and payment of the wastewater fee to the builder (50%), customer (20%) and rate base (30%).

Increase in Solid Waste rates: To address a revenue shortfall of \$1.34 million, the LCU Board unanimously passed resolution (19-20-LCU015) recommending City Council authorize a one-time increase to Solid Waste rates as opposed to a phased-in increase option over two years. Solid waste rates for residential will increase \$2.00 per month or about 15% increase over current monthly rates. Solid Waste rates for commercial will increase a little less than 10% over current monthly rates. Even with the increase, Las Cruces solid waste residential rates would be comparable or cheaper than solid waste rates in Alamogordo, Deming and Lubbock. The revenue shortfall arose because of increases in personnel costs, routine replacement of collection vehicles including new hybrid collection vehicles, debt service for new recycling containers, and post-closure care of closed solid waste landfill(s) to minimize infiltration of liquids and soil erosion.

The Solid Waste rate increase will be discussed at the City Council's February 24th work session and voted on at the City Council's March 16th meeting. If approved by City Council, the rate increase would go into effect on May 1, 2020.



OBSERVER REPORTS

Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) • Regular Meeting

Jan. 14, 2020, Doña Ana County Govt. Complex

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

All Commissioners were in attendance as was Manager Fernando Macias.

Sheriff Department Report

Sheriff Kim Stewart provided up update on her department. One item noted was that in 2014, the County Sheriff's Office (DASO) had several more deputies and canines than it currently has. She said her goal is to create a good foundation for staffing that will carry forward regardless of who is the Sheriff. In addition, she is looking at DASO policies and procedures which have not been reviewed since 2001. She also said DASO has to transform "from 1980 policing to 2020 policing." She elaborated this includes creation of "an intelligence division," which means the addition of crime and intelligence analysts. This will require a budget increase.

Manager Gets Raise

Fernando Macias' employment agreement was changed, giving him a 2.9% cost of living increase. Commissioner Shannon Reynolds stated that the raise is nearly \$6,000, bringing Macias' salary above \$185,000+ and, when added to benefits, will be higher than many other high-level government officials, including the Governor and other NM county managers. He also noted there are other county employees still considered low income. Therefore, he wanted to deny the increase as a "fiscally responsible" action. The salary increase was approved.

Evaluation of Detention Center

A half-day review of the County Detention Center by Commissioners Lynn Ellins and Shannon Reynolds resulted in top marks across the board. Inmates also requested a law library (to which the two commissioners felt was reasonable) and more Mexican food.

Energy Efficiency Funds Approved

The BOCC approved the final adoption of an ordinance to get financing from the Department of Finance & Administration in the amount of \$4,632,000 for an energy efficiency project at the Detention Center.

Las Cruces Board of Education (BOE) • Regular Meeting

Jan. 21, 2020, LCPS Administration Building

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

All Board members were in attendance as was Interim Superintendent Dr. Karen Trujillo

Parent Involvement

Members of a local parent group spoke during public input. Angelica Upton said 270 members have joined "Bridge the Gap" (BTG) in order to share information, obtain information and to get more parents involved with the schools. Other topics addressed by BTG included a request to the Superintendent to restore the monthly District Advisory Council parent meetings, the individual Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) in every school, which are required by law, and concerns with the proposed extended school calendar the district is considering.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Karen Trujillo talked about benefits that the K-5+ calendar option would bring, including 25 additional days of project-based learning and offering students more opportunities such as after-school and summer programs. The 2020/21 calendar will be developed by a citizen- and staff-based committee, which includes parents, and will be recommended to the School Board by March.



OBSERVER REPORTS

Las Cruces Board of Education (BOE) cont.

Solar Approved

The School Board approved a contract to Affordable Solar to install a solar photovoltaic system at Centennial High with the goal of reducing the school's high electricity expenses. The amount of the bid is close to \$1.5 million which will be paid with 2018 school bonds approved by voters. Officials said the solar grid project could eventually save as much as 60 percent in utility costs. Centennial has the highest electricity cost in the school district.

Ransomware Attack

In an update on the district's ransomware attack, the IT Director reported that 30,000 computers and computer labs are continuing to be restored and wiped clean. An advanced firewall has been implemented and forensic investigators were involved. More than 5,500 computers were cleaned by mid-January. All safety control systems are restored as are video surveillance systems and school intercoms. They are still installing new software for Internet-based courses, but there is limited wired connectivity at schools.

All district personnel have been paid but Board members commented about concerns for teachers, staff and students, and the stress this has placed on them.

FINAL REMINDER ... SEE YOU IN SANTA FE!

LWVNM 100th Anniversary
Legislative Reception
Wednesday, February 5, 5:30-7:30 pm
Rio Chama Restaurant, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail

Special Guest: Virginia Kase, CEO,
League of Women Voters of the United States

Welcome legislators, officials, and invited guests!

Suffrage/LWVNM Centennial
Thursday, February 6

WEST HALL See exhibits of historical documents from the NM Records and Archives and Secretary of State. Learn about the League's work through the decades and current priorities. Visit with our partner organizations also strengthening democracy. All day.

12:30-2:30 pm ROTUNDA Celebration
Enjoy music, costumes, and refreshments

Hear from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, LWVUS Director Virginia Kase, Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, Senator Nancy Rodriguez, Senator Liz Stefanics, Representative Gail Chasey, Representative Joanne Ferrary, and other leaders.

For more information, contact Meredith Machen,
projects@lwvnm.org, 505 577-6337, www.lwvnm.org

Treasurer's Report

Reported by Bob Burn, Treasurer

JANUARY 2020

Date	Description	Deposit/Credit	Payment/Debit	Balance
	Citizen's Bank Balance			\$ 4,014.27
	Outstanding Payments/Debts Previous Months			
	LVWUS 83 Full Members (x\$32)+17 Household(x\$16)			
1-Jan	Ck 1016 Consumer Cellular		\$ 19.49	\$ (19.49)
	Ck 1015 Dec Good Samaritan			
1-Jan	LWV Dinner		\$ 450.00	\$ (450.00)
	Johnnie Aldrich Dec LWV			
1-Jan	Dinner Payment	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
10-Jan	Zia Promotional Products		\$ 355.00	\$ (355.00)
	Member Zia Products			
10-Jan	Contribution	\$ 355.00		\$ 355.00
13-Jan	Jan 13 LWV Dinner Fees	\$ 345.00		\$ 345.00
	Donations at Jan 13 LWV			
13-Jan	Dinner	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
	Ck 1019 Jan Good Samaritan			
14-Jan	LWV Dinner		\$ 345.00	\$ (345.00)
14-Jan	Ck 1018 WE ARE IT		\$ 61.65	\$ (61.65)
14-Jan	Ck 1020 Consumer Cellular		\$ 19.06	\$ (19.06)
21-Jan	High Tea	\$ 270.00		\$ 270.00
	Beth Bardwell Immigration			
21-Jan	Committee	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
23-Jan	High Tea	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
	Ck 1021 ABC Printing Who's			
23-Jan	Who		\$ 210.00	\$ (210.00)
	Ck 1022 USPS Stamps for High			
24-Jan	Tea		\$ 55.00	\$ (55.00)
27-Jan	High Tea	\$ 180.00		\$ 180.00
	Ck 1023 ABC Printing			
27-Jan	Democracy Brochure		\$ 230.71	\$ (230.71)
	Ck 1024 ABC Printing Vote			
27-Jan	Business Cards		\$ 86.65	\$ (86.65)
	Ck 1025 ABC Printing			
27-Jan	Valentines/Envelopes		\$ 61.74	\$ (61.74)
				\$ -
Citizen's Bank Balance (Actual)		\$ 805.00	\$ 895.20	\$ 3,924.07
Diversity Fund		\$ 1,000.00		
Payments/Checks Not Cleared			\$ 464.10	\$ 3,459.97
Future Payments/Debits Outstanding			\$ -	
Account Balance after Debit Payment				\$ 3,459.97

Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – February 2020

Status	Book
Books Selected for Future Meetings	
February 27 At Marjorie's	<p>A Very Stable Genius: Donald J. Trump's Testing of America by Philip Rucker and Carol Lenning</p> <p><i>Washington Post</i> national investigative reporter Carol Leonnig and White House bureau chief Philip Rucker, both Pulitzer Prize winners, provide the definitive insider narrative of Donald Trump's unique presidency with shocking new reporting and insight into its implications. Leonnig and Rucker, with deep and unmatched sources throughout Washington, D.C., tell of rages and frenzies but also moments of courage and perseverance. Relying on scores of exclusive new interviews with some of the most senior members of the Trump administration and other firsthand witnesses, the authors reveal the forty-fifth president up close.</p>
March 26 At Vicki Simons'	<p>Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth by Rachel Maddow</p> <p>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>
April 23	<p>The Education of an Idealist: A Memoir by Samantha Power</p> <p>Pulitzer Prize winner Samantha Power, 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?". 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.</p>
Candidate Books for Future Selection	
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9-14-19	<p>Deep Medicine: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Healthcare Human Again 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 <i>Deep Medicine</i>, leading physician Eric Topol reveals how artificial intelligence can help.</p>
9-14-19	<p>She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement 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. 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>
9-26-19	<p>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson</p> <p>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>The Second Founding: How the Civil War and Reconstruction Remade the Constitution by Eric Foner</p> <p>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>

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10-27-19	<p>Waste (Resources) 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>Permanent Record (Paperback) 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. 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>
11-15-19	<p>Crime in Progress: Inside the Steele Dossier and the Fusion GPS Investigation of Donald Trump By Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch Before Ukraine, before impeachment: This is the never-before-told inside story of the high-stakes, four-year-long investigation into Donald Trump’s Russia ties—culminating in the Steele dossier, and sparking the Mueller report—from the founders of political opposition research company Fusion GPS focusing on Trump’s entanglements with Russia.</p>
11-10-19	<p>Don't Be Evil: How Big Tech Betrayed Its Founding Principles -- and All of Us by Rana Foroohar A penetrating indictment of how today’s largest tech companies are hijacking our data, our livelihoods, our social fabric, and our minds. Unfortunately, it’s been a while since Google, or the majority of the Big Tech companies, lived up to the founding philosophy of “Don’t Be Evil”. The utopia they sought to create is looking more dystopian than ever: from digital surveillance and the loss of privacy to the spreading of misinformation and hate speech to algorithms targeting the weak and vulnerable to products that have been engineered to manipulate our desires.</p>
11-30-19	<p>A Warning by Anonymous An unprecedented behind-the-scenes portrait of the Trump presidency from the anonymous senior official whose first words of warning about the president rocked the nation's capital.</p>
11-30-19	<p>Tough Love: My Story of the Things Worth Fighting For by Susan Rice Recalling pivotal moments from her dynamic career on the front lines of American diplomacy and foreign policy, Susan E. Rice—National Security Advisor to President Barack Obama and US Ambassador to the United Nations—reveals her surprising story with unflinching candor. Mother, wife, scholar, diplomat, and fierce champion of American interests and values, Susan Rice powerfully connects the personal and the professional.</p>
12-30-19	<p>Crossfire Hurricane: Inside Donald Trump's War on the FBI by Josh Campbell From an FBI insider, a riveting, fly-on-the-wall account of the historic investigation into the Trump campaign's ties to Russia and the president's unprecedented attacks on the bureau - and a passionate defense of the men and women who work every day to uphold democratic institutions and the rule of law.</p>
1-5-20	<p>Trump and His Generals: The Cost of Chaos by Peter Bergen From one of America's preeminent national security journalists, an explosive, news-breaking account of Donald Trump's collision with the American national security establishment, and with the world. From Iraq and Afghanistan to Syria and Iran, from Russia and China to North Korea and Islamist terrorism, Trump and His Generals is a brilliant reckoning with an American ship of state navigating a roiling sea of threats without a well-functioning rudder. Lucid and gripping, it brings urgently needed clarity to issues that affect the fate of us all.</p>