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Co-Presidents' Messages

Dear League Members,

I'm hoping that you all are fully vaccinated and approaching a more rejuvenating summer than was the prospect last year at this time. While we are adjusting to the changes in our environment at different paces, it is good to see that our options are expanding and that voter registration and pet adoptions are returning to the Farmers' Market.



Kathy Brook

As we work for a better future, the country is noting the first anniversary of George Floyd's death as well as the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Massacre. The latter event is something that I learned about only in recent years. About a year ago, I read *The Burning: Massacre, Destruction and the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921*, by Tim Madigan, which recounts how a thriving community of black citizens in Tulsa was destroyed in a matter of days. Included were attacks from the air. There are also several PBS documentaries on the destruction of what was known as the Black Wall Street.

Curious about my lack of awareness of this event, I took a look at something on my bookshelf — *The New York Public Library American History Desk Reference* published in 1997. In its almost 500 pages, there is no reference to the Tulsa Massacre. (The only two indexed items relating to Oklahoma are the passage of Oñate through what is now that state and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in 1993.) Only recently has Oklahoma made it a point to teach school children about this event. *The Burning* provides some background on how this event was concealed over the years, including missing

County Clerk Heads June LWV Meeting

The guest speaker for the LWVSNM General meeting at **2pm on Saturday, June 12, 2021** will be Dr. Amanda López Askin, who serves as Doña Ana County Clerk. Dr. López Askin has served in this capacity since Sept. 2018. She will be providing an overview of the highs and lows of the 2020 election cycle. Additionally, she will report on any significant changes to voting processes and procedures for the upcoming election cycle.



Amanda López Askin

Dr. López Askin is a Las Cruces and an Aggie having graduated from Oñate High School and earned three degrees from NMSU: a bachelor's in Family & Child Science, a master's in Family & Consumer Sciences, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Administration. From 2005 to 2018, she was the school mental health advocate for NM Dept of Health, where she provided regional leadership and technical assistance for school personnel, community, and local stakeholders on student outcomes connected to mental health and wellness.

Please join the meeting just before 2:00 p.m. via Zoom and bring your questions!

newspaper materials from the library.

—Kathy

Dear LWVSNM Members,

Hopefully the month of June will expand opportunities to empower voters and strengthen our democracy. This would include finding ways to support children, so they grow up healthy and strong and become contributing members of our society. The second Sunday of June (13th) is

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Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

National Children's Day. With the numerous organizations in Southern New Mexico dedicated to improving the lives of children, there are various ways to show support. *New Mexico Voices for Children* <https://www.nmvoices.org/> advocates for public policy that supports economic security, education, health/safety, tax fairness, human/civic rights, and ethnic equity for children. June 13th is a good day to find a way to care for children. And the next day we may honor our flag. While June 14th is not a public holiday, honoring the flag suggests support for our democracy. It's also the day for the LWVSNM Resources Development meeting at 5:00 p.m.

On June 19, 1865, Union Army Major General Gordon Granger issued an order in Galveston, Texas that all slaves were free. The Emancipation Proclamation itself, ending slavery in the Confederacy (at least on paper), had taken effect two years earlier and the 13th Amendment had been submitted to the States for ratification. News travelled slowly. Juneteenth will be celebrated locally on June 18 (3:00-8:00 p.m.) and June 19 (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) with a virtual Jazz Festival at <https://rebrand.ly/juneteenthjazz>. Experience the power of jazz, history, and Black Movements with this celebration of Juneteenth and Jazz! **Check out the schedule by clicking here.** On the next day (the 20th), let's find ways to honor our fathers. My dad probably influenced the quality of persistence by requiring me to legitimately beat him in checkers. The LWVSNM Board of Directors will celebrate the summer solstice (June 21st) with a meeting. ☺

The Board is working to organize and bring together LWVSNM records. We will continue to archive our history at the Rio Grande Historical Collections at the NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections. Kathy and I will be bringing records there during the month of June. Please let us know if you have items that could/should be included.

—With warm regards,
Eileen VanWie



Eileen VanWie

Upcoming Calendar Events

JUNE 2021

June 1, National Say Something Nice Day!

June 7, Mon.: **Short Board Meeting**, noon, via Zoom

June 12, Sat.: **General Meeting**, 2pm, via Zoom; watch for your email from Eileen to attend; If you don't get an email invitation by the meeting date from Eileen VanWie, [contact her](#).

June 19, Sat., Juneteenth, [Read about its history](#)

June 21, Monday: **Regular Board Meeting**, 5:30 pm via Zoom invite.

JULY 2021

No July LWV General Meetings or Board Meetings

July 14, Wed.: **Affordable Housing Committee**, 3:30 p.m., [contact Beth Bardwell](#) for information/ Zoom link. (No June Meeting)

AUGUST 2021

Aug. 2, Mon.: **Short Board Meeting**, noon, via Zoom

Aug. 14, Sat.: **New Member Orientation**, 10am, via Zoom; [Notify Eileen VanWie](#) if you are attending.

Aug. 14, Sat.: **General Meeting**, 2pm; Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Tim Hand**, Deputy Secretary of Policy, Strategy & Accountability for the NM Public Education Dept. He will discuss how PED is working with districts over students' learning loss during Covid. **This will be our first hybrid meeting**, both on Zoom and in-person at the Good Sam's Creative Arts Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. **Notify Eileen (vanwieek@yahoo.com) if you want to attend via Zoom.**



Dr. Tim Hand

2021/22 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents
Laura Castille – Vice President
Johnnie R. Aldrich – Secretary
Mary Flynn – Treasurer
Dale Yeo – Voter Services Director
Erika Graf-Webster – Youth Engagement Director
Cindy Murrell – Membership Director
Jo Galván Nash – Public Relations Director
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Renew Dues ✓ Fill out Membership Form ✓

It is with sincere appreciation that your 2021-22 dues get paid this month. If you've already paid – thank you! The amount remains the same as in the past: \$65 per person for the fiscal year May 2021-through-April 2022. Members of your same household can also join for half the cost — \$32.50. (Students 16 and older are free, as well as for anyone who has been a member or 50 years or longer.)

Dues are tax-deductible and you will receive a letter from the League for tax purposes.

This year, we also want to encourage every member to fill out the Membership Form (see last page of the newsletter). Ways to send:

1. Mail the form with your dues to our new treasurer Mary Flynn, c/o LWVSNM, P.O. Box 15142, Las Cruces, NM 88004;
2. Email only the form to Mary Flynn, (mflynn88011@gmail.com);
3. If you already paid your dues, fill out the membership form and mail/email it.

The LWV Board wants to know what topics are of interest to you and what skill sets you may want to offer to our organization during the year. Plus, we want to verify everyone's address, email and contact information. **Since we are updating the membership form, it's best to use the form in the newsletter, rather than the one online.**

By the way, you can also renew your dues online (with a credit card or PayPal) via the League's website at www.lwvsnm.org/donate/. PayPal charges us a fee, so if you use the online service, please add a donation of \$2.50 or more to cover the fee. Checks and registration forms can be mailed to: LWVSNM, P.O. Box 15142, Las Cruces NM 88004.

Finally, the League is always thankful for those who wish to donate beyond the annual dues. The membership form allows you to direct your additional contribution to voting-related activities or a specific LWV program, as examples.

Stay Current on State, Federal Issues

LWV NM Action Chair Dick Mason continues to keep us informed on state and national issues. He also suggests signing up for the free National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) electronic newsletters. [Just click here and create your free account.](#)

The newsletter focuses on specific legislation that impacts our state and federal matters. NCSL also represents legislatures in dealing with the federal government, especially in support of state sovereignty and state flexibility and protection from unfunded federal mandates and unwarranted federal preemption.

New Members' Orientation

The LWVSNM New Members' Orientation is scheduled for **Saturday, August 14** at 10am via Zoom. [Please email Eileen VanWie to let her know if you will be attending.](#) An orientation is offered twice a year so that new members (and others who want a re-fresh) can learn about the League's vision, programs and activities. And, it's a good way to get to acquainted with other League members.

State Redistricting Takes Another Step Forward

LWVSNM received word from state LWV member Dick Mason that there's a "great pool to choose from" with regard to the New Mexicans interested in the state redistricting process. Only 29 of the 65 who applied for the State Redistricting Committee met the requirements of being the Ethics Commission appointees. The applicants who were Democrats or Republicans were forwarded to the legislators who had appointments. There was only one person from Las Cruces who applied. The two Justices who applied were Barbara Vigil and Edward Chavez. Dick said the Ethics Commission will make its selection on June 4th.

To review the list of applicants, [click here.](#) Note the number of residents from Southern New Mexico.

The Voter is pleased to include this new section that features one member of our organization. This will help us connect with one another during the ongoing pandemic. And, we will get to know a little more about the members in our organization.

Let's Meet LWVSNM Member ... Joy Goldbaum

Joy Goldbaum was born and raised in Denver Colorado, where her mother was active in the local LWV. Joy graduated in 1988 from what was then called Metro State College, or "Metro" (now called "Metropolitan State University of Denver," not to be confused with Denver University). She majored in history and political science, then got a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1991.

In law school, Joy became especially interested in the body of law called "Indian Law." Eager to return to her beloved west, she researched the best states for working in that field. After ruling out Oklahoma and Arizona as too conservative, and Alaska as too cold and isolated, she settled on New Mexico. Perhaps ironically, she accepted her first law job in Hobbs, New Mexico, at the Public Defender Office, where she met her future husband, Norm Osborne. They were married in 1993, at the only synagogue for 200 miles (in Lubbock) at his coaxing, though Joy bristles at organized religion.

Anxious to leave Hobbs after two-and-a-half years at the Public Defender (loved the job and co-workers, the City—not so much!), they moved to Las Cruces in 1994, where Joy worked as a criminal prosecutor. Suffice to say,

she kissed the ground upon arriving in Las Cruces— trees! A part-time river! Full-time mountains! A university!

Eventually Joy took a position as a Special Assistant Attorney General for the NM Human

Service Department for 15+ years, and a few years later, served as a Domestic Violence Commissioner for the Third Judicial District Court. In 2012, she became more involved in local politics, and joined the League of Women Voters after meeting Bonnie Burn at an event in Anthony.

Joy never did work in "Indian Law." In 2017, she was elected as the junior Municipal Judge in Las Cruces, and in 2019 she was elected to the Presiding Municipal

Judge position, which she holds presently. As a Judge, Joy's primary interest is in treatment and specialty courts, especially for the homeless.

As a member of the LWV, Joy is interested in voting rights and prison reform, particularly eliminating private, for-profit prisons. As a private citizen, Joy enjoys playing ukulele with the Las Cruces Ukes, volunteering at the Fountain Theatre, playing Mahjong and anything involving cats — hers or yours!

Norm was elected to the Doña Ana Magistrate Court in 2014. When two married lawyer/judges argue at home, who wins? Need you ask?



Joy Goldbaum

In Memoriam



It is with a heavy heart to share the news of the passing of LWV member Alicia Salazar. She fought a brave battle against cancer. Alicia was instrumental to our organization. This photo was taken on Feb. 8, 2020 when Alicia moderated the 100th anniversary celebration of the LWV at the Bite of Belgium. She was also there when League members gathered to write Valentines to our legislators. "Alicia will forever occupy our hearts and will be remembered for the joy and creative ideas she brought to any gathering," said Co-President Eileen VanWie.



Alicia Salazar



DRAFT SUMMARY OF MINUTES

(Complete set of minutes will be sent to League Members)

**Monday, May 17, 2021
5:35-7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Members: Johnnie Aldrich, Kathy Brook, Laura Castille, Mary Flynn, Erika Graf-Webster, Cindy Murrell (absent), Jo Galván Nash, Eileen VanWie, Dale Yeo

At this second Board meeting of May 2021, we began planning the year ahead. Board members will sign the *Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure* form and send it to Johnnie, who will keep the forms filed.

Treasurer Mary Flynn reported that as of 17 May, she had received membership renewals from 35 of us. The “Merry Month of May” is renewal time — for Earth in general and for our organization. Since we are a 501(c)(3), dues as well as donations are tax deductible. Therefore, members will receive an official letter acknowledging contributions.

At the first 2021-2022 Board meeting after the Annual meeting, the Board made a change in our meeting times. We’ll have a one-hour noon meeting on the first Monday of each month and then a longer evening meeting (5:30-7:00) on the third Monday. (Reminder: members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. As long as we are in Zoom gathering mode, members who wish to attend [should inform Eileen](#) at least 24 hours before the meeting, so that she can send the Zoom invitation link.)

The position description for the Chair of the new Development Committee was approved with minor amendments. Fundraising will be one primary mission of this group; rural community engagement is another. Members interested in participation should get in touch with [Rosa Morales, Committee Chair](#). **Monday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m.** will be a meeting about Resource Development, especially for Board Members, Committee Chairs, and other interested members.

Co-Presidents Eileen and Kathy anticipate that by August and September, we will be able to follow a “hybrid” format for the monthly General Meetings on the second Saturday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm. Eileen has explored room options and recommends that we continue our association with Good Samaritan. Available internet and projection capabilities will be used for Zoom. Members may report in person to the *Creative Arts Room at the Good Samaritan Society for the meeting. Those who wish to access the meeting from home can sign up with Eileen and receive an email Zoom invitation. The Good Samaritan room will be reserved for the Legislative Conversation on the first Saturday of December. (In December, the first Saturday seems appropriate for legislators.)

Two of today’s agenda items not discussed, “Membership” and “Social Media Training,” will be included on the agenda for the upcoming short meeting at Noon on **Monday, June 7**.

On **Saturday, June 5**, Las Cruces Arrowhead Park Early College High School history teacher Julie Wojtko will be moderating a Harvard Case Study interactive discussion: *Martin Luther King Jr. and the Struggle for Black Voting Rights*. Zoom registration is required to receive the copyright protected reading, discussion questions, and Zoom invitation links. The guest speaker for the General Meeting via Zoom on Saturday, **June 12** will be DAC Clerk Amanda López Askin, speaking about elections.

—Submitted by Johnnie R. Aldrich, Secretary

* NOTE: The Sam Samaritan Creative Arts Center is best entered from 3011 Buena Vida Circle.



OBSERVER REPORTS

LCPS Board of Education (BOE) • Regular Meeting

May 4, 2021

Observer: Eileen VanWie

Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Carol Cooper, Secretary Teresa Tenorio, Member Terrie Dallman (via phone), Member Maria Flores (via phone).

Public Comments brought a well-organized group of twelve people opposed to JBC Policy Equity and Excellence for all Students. Three people spoke in favor of the policy. The policy is in response to the key finding in the Yazzie/Martinez Court findings. It establishes a framework that promotes equitable learning environments for all students. The 2021 updated LWVNM Education Position strongly supports the policy.

Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, deputy superintendent, brought forward the K-3 Plus program (IHCG Policy) for the third reading. Now may be a time to re-evaluate “what the school looks like.” Ideas raised included looking at a year-round school, letting teachers do what they’re educated to do, and involving community members to assist with learning. Dr. Roberto Lozano, associate superintendent for equity and innovation, brought the JBC Policy forward for the second time, which described a deep commitment to students. Legal council will make sure the policy is legally sound. Dr. Dulcinea Lara of NMSU spoke about the value of ethnic studies. The Board plans to have a forum to share information with the public about the JBC Policy. Board members are required to have annual diversity training.

The superintendent search process is moving forward. Interviews will be held May 13 and 14. Reference checks will be made May 15-24. May 24 the finalists will be identified. May 26 there will be a Zoom forum with candidates. Tuesday, June 1, the new Superintendent will be identified.

A survey was conducted to assess how the public felt about renaming the District Building. The majority supported renaming the building and the Board approved renaming the building to the “Dr. Karen M. Trujillo Administration Complex.”

Dr. Lozano reported on various programs that engage parents. A visitor management system has been used at several schools for a few years and will be used in all Las Cruces Public Schools starting this fall. It includes alerting staff if a visitor is not supposed to be in a building and reports students coming in and out.

LCPS Board of Education (BOE) • Regular Meeting

May 18, 2021

Observer: Eileen VanWie

Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Carol Cooper, Secretary Teresa Tenorio, Member Terrie Dallman (via phone), and Member Maria Flores

The Board recognized Picacho Middle School (PMS) Special Education Social Worker Chantelle Yazzie-Martin for her excellent work at PMS and as a Navajo photographer. Las Cruces High School senior Miranda was recognized for being a National Honor Society Semifinalist.

Public Comments brought a variety of pro and con responses to JBC Policy Equity and Excellence for all Students. After 40 minutes of comments, Dr. Lozano brought the Policy forward for possible vote. The Board discussed the Policy and responded to comments made by the public. The Student Advisory Committee representative, Ella, supported the policy. The Policy was approved on a 5-0 vote. The Board intends to continue dialogue with the public about the purpose of the Policy.

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OBSERVER REPORTS

LCPS BOE (cont.)

Interim Superintendent Ramos congratulated the graduating seniors, who will soon be having graduation ceremonies. Student Advisory Committee leader Ella reported that high school students have continued to be involved in tutoring students. Policy IHCG — K3 Plus program— passed and creates additional time for students that would benefit from such support. Work is being done to provide broadband to students who need it.

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority • Regular Meeting

May 20, 2021

Observer: Beth Bardwell

Members absent: 0; Total number of Board members: 4

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Board held its regular monthly board meeting on May 20, 2021. Desert Hope Apartments, a new low-income federal housing tax credit development that will house homeless veterans and provide support services, is on budget and accepting applications. The pandemic continues to hamper customer service for tenants and landlords. The front office is closed for walk-ins and is by appointment only.

For the second Board Meeting in a row, a landlord was present to complain about the failure to timely recertify housing choice vouchers, resulting in at least one Section 8 voucher holder losing their housing. The executive staff is working towards automation of customer service by providing kiosks with computers so prospective and current tenants can submit applications and supporting information electronically. A web-based video for landlords and interested tenants in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is under development.

The executive staff presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget which included funding to upgrade the website.

Las Cruces City Council • Regular Meeting

May 3, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

Resolutions were approved to adopt the 2021-2025 consolidated plan, analysis of impediments to fair housing and the 2021 action plan for housing as well as to approve contracts for master plan development and management structure for the Community of Hope.

An ordinance modifying the municipal code with respect to septic tanks was approved after discussion of challenges to some residents in paying the cost of tying into the city sewer system.

Councilor Yvonne Flores, in the councilor comments section of the meeting, noted Eileen VanWie's letter to the editor honoring teachers. Councilor Sorg noted that he is working on a resolution to devote park impact fees first to provide parks to newer developments.

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Las Cruces City Council • Work Session

May 10, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

The meeting included a Covid update, noting that group vaccination events can now be scheduled through the Department of Health and that La Clinica de Familia is doing outreach to rural parts of the county.

The Council had an introductory meeting with OIR Group, which has been hired to conduct police audits. The firm has experience working with cities of similar size including Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, Davis, and Burbank, CA. The contract with the city began on May 1 with the firm normally making semi-annual or annual reports. They will be reviewing cases and providing a response within 30 days.

There was an update on the GO bond issue of \$35.6 million from August 2018. All projects are expected to be complete by December 2022 despite the disruptions created by the pandemic. Included are dog parks, the animal services center, fire station #3, parks and sports facilities, and walking and jogging trails.

The final topic was an update from the city art board, including a very interesting presentation by Saul Ramirez, a member of the board, discussing the relationship between art and history, the political nature of art, and the desirability of purchasing art locally.

Las Cruces City Council • Regular Meeting

May 17, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

The meeting included a Covid update, noting how well things seem to be going. Meanwhile, the budget and capital improvements program were adopted for 2021-2022. The budget includes an increase of 15% in the general fund from last year. This largely reflects the impact of HB 479 which converted environmental and street funds from the gross receipts tax to unrestricted status – but the city will still use the funds for those designated purposes. Forty percent of the budget goes to police and fire followed by recreation (12%), public works (10%), city management (9%) and quality of life (7%) and community growth (7%), consisting of community and economic development and affordable housing. Projected salary savings of \$5 million (associated with unfilled positions) was discussed at some length.

Federal funds of about \$25 million are expected soon in the form of a grant to be spent over the next four years. These funds are not subject to the NM anti-donation clause.

Also approved was the write-off of utility debts, traffic billing (\$3 million), library fines (\$25,000), etc. that have been uncollectable for at least four years. However, the city can continue to try to collect these funds.

A resolution was approved on a Trap-Neuter-Return Program for feral cats.

Las Cruces City Council • Special Meeting and Work Session

May 24, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

The special meeting was limited to approving changes in mask requirements to reflect changes in the Governor's public health order and CDC guidance.

In the Covid update it was reported that LCFD has been vaccinating those who are homebound and has arranged vaccinations at small businesses. There will also be a vaccine event in June at the Farmers' Market.



OBSERVER REPORTS

Las Cruces City Council (cont.)

Larry Horan, the city's lobbyist, provided a report on the regular legislative session and the special session that followed. With respect to cannabis, the legalization is effective no later than April 1, 2021. There will be no excise tax on medical cannabis; for recreational cannabis, one third of the excise tax will go to local government with no restriction on the use of funds. HB 4, Civil Rights Act, passed in the regular session applies to the actions of any government employee (not just law enforcement) but does not allow for lawsuits against the individual employee. SB 375, which focused on law enforcement training and creation of a new certification board, was vetoed by the Governor because of last minute changes to the bill. The Municipal League is working on these issues in the interim. Mr. Horan suggested that the time is right for a discussion with HSD and DoH concerning a southern NM behavioral health hospital.

The second topic of the work session was a police update, covering a wide range of issues (recruiting of officers, training, officer wellness, community engagement, crime statistics, internal affairs complaints). Currently only about 75% of authorized positions for commissioned officers are filled. To address this situation, changes to the salary and benefits packages are under review to see what can be done to make them more competitive. Soon the department will be implementing customer service software that will allow them to send a customer service survey out to those with smart phones. If you are interested in watching the presentation, it starts about two hours into the recording of the meeting.

Board of Doña Ana County Commission (BOCC) • Regular Meeting

May 25, 2021

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

Members Present: Manuel Sanchez, chair; Diana Murillo-Trujillo; Lynn Ellins; Susana Chaparro (phone), Shannon Reynolds (phone); and DAC Manager Fernando Macias

Manager Macias reported the County has distributed \$1.2 million (270+ people) in emergency rental and utilities assistance to residents, surpassing all other counties in the state. The DAC is aggressively identifying residents who still need financial help. There is a deadline of spending at least \$6.3 million of the total 9.3 million by end of September, otherwise the funding will revert to the feds. Macias said an extension will be considered since it's anticipated that area residents will be asking for help in the fall/winter months.

Dominic Loya, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, outlined bicycle and pedestrian safety in central Doña Ana County. He presented data on bike and pedestrian crashes and some recommendations for prevention. The data is collected, sent to the state, synthesized by Univ. of NM, and reported back in a two-year time period.

Looking at rural areas only (no incidents from within LC), he said most pedestrian crashes occur in the south valley, many along frontage roads and state roads such as Highway 28 and Main Street. Bike crashes have occurred along highly used bike routes such as Highways 28 and 478, and north of the Las Cruces city limits along Valley Drive, Thorpe Road and in the Doña Ana area.

The ways to mitigate the occurrences include lane markings, wider shoulders, paths, signage, striping, sidewalks, lighting, roundabouts with pedestrian accommodations, and education. Loya said the County can consider proactive measures rather than being reactive when addressing safety.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

New Mexico will grant \$170 million for rental and utility assistance to households experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Rent, utility bills, water & sewer, trash removal and other expenses related to housing costs are covered. Apply through Aug. 31 at www.renthelpnm.org or call: 1-833-485-1334.

Treasurer's Report

Provided by Mary Flynn, Treasurer

MAY 2021

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TRANSACTION	BALANCE
May 17, 2021	Beginning Bank Balance	Carry Forward	\$4,071.15
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE		\$4,071.15
May 5, 2021	Member Dues via Check	Deposit	\$1,112.50
May 14, 2021	Member Dues via Check	Deposit	\$1,493.00
May 14, 2021	Member Dues and Donations via PayPal	Credit	\$657.74
	TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$3,263.24
May 14, 2021	Non-profit Support and Success - Check # 1073	Payment	\$26.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES PAID		\$26.00
May 17, 2021	Ending Bank Balance	Carry Forward as of 5/26/2021	\$7,308.39
	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE	Aligned with Checking Account	\$7,308.39
	COMMITTED FUNDS		
May 26, 2021	Diversity Fund		\$935.00
May 26, 2021	Immigration Fund		\$625.00
May 26, 2021	Youth Engagement Fund		\$525.00
May 26, 2021	Voter Service/Engagement Funds		\$52.00
	TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS		\$2,137.00

Please remember to pay your membership dues. Fill out the Membership Form (last page of this newsletter). Any additional donation is always appreciated. Thank You!

Books for LWVSNM Book Club – JUNE 2021

If you would like to participate, contact Erika at grafwebster@icloud.com

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS ARE ON 1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Status	Book
Books Selected for Upcoming Meetings	
5-05-21	<p>The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race by Walter Isaacson</p> <p>An account of how Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies. They turned a curiosity of nature into an invention that will transform the human race: an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions.</p>
6-03-21	<p>The Premonition: A Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis</p> <p>For those who could read between the lines, the censored news out of China was terrifying. But the president insisted there was nothing to worry about. Fortunately, we are still a nation of skeptics. Fortunately, there are those among us who study pandemics and are willing to look unflinchingly at worst-case scenarios. Michael Lewis's taut and brilliant nonfiction thriller pits a band of medical visionaries against the wall of ignorance that was the official response of the Trump administration to the outbreak of COVID-19.</p>
Candidate Books for Future Selection	
Date in left column is the date on which the book was added to this list; books on the list for 6 months and not selected for discussion are deleted	
12-07-20	<p>The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It by Robert Reich</p> <p>An urgent analysis of how the "rigged" systems of American politics and power operate, how this status quo came to be, and how average citizens can enact change. With the characteristic clarity and passion that has made him a central civil voice, Robert B. Reich shows how wealth and power have interacted to install an elite oligarchy, eviscerate the middle class, and undermine democracy.</p>
1-22-21	<p>On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century by Timothy Snyder</p> <p>The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. <i>On Tyranny</i> is a call to arms and a guide to resistance, with invaluable ideas for how we can preserve our freedoms in the uncertain years to come.</p>
1-22-21	<p>Saving Justice: Truth, Transparency, and Trust by James Comey</p> <p>James Comey uses his long career in federal law enforcement to explore issues of justice and fairness in the US justice system. He knows better than most just what a force for good the US justice system can be, and how far afield it has strayed during the Trump Presidency.</p>
4-31-21	<p>Antitrust: Taking on Monopoly Power from the Gilded Age to the Digital Age by Amy Klobuchar</p> <p>Antitrust enforcement is a pressing issue today—and Amy Klobuchar is leading the charge. The antitrust movement has led to the present moment and offers achievable solutions to prevent monopolies, promote business competition, and encourage innovation. Klobuchar argues for reform in economic, legislative, social welfare, and human rights policies, and describes plans, ideas, and legislative proposals to strengthen antitrust laws and antitrust enforcement.</p>
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