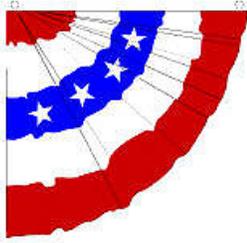


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## **WOMEN WIN THE VOTE: 90th Anniversary - 1920-2010**

Friday, August 27, 2010, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Reception and Free Film: "Iron Jawed Angels"**

**Starring Hilary Swank & Anjelica Huston**

New Mexico State University, Milton Hall,  
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Saturday, August 28, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Panel Discussions, Women's History Performance,

**Keynote Speaker: U.S. Federal Magistrate Judge Carmen Garza**

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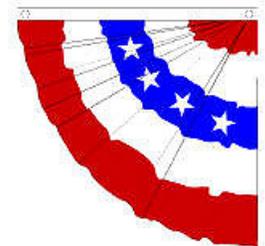
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**President's Message**

My column this month is devoted to the upcoming celebration of **Women Win the Vote**. The Community Planning Committee is working diligently to present a number of activities that we hope will increase your excitement about attending. There are two free movies. "Iron Jawed Angels" is a commercial film made for HBO and focuses on the final phase of achieving the vote. "One Woman, One Vote" is a documentary made for PBS and is an excellent presentation of the history from 1848-1920, a seventy-two year struggle for the vote. It captures other historical events that occurred and were turning points in the suffrage movement.



Our panel discussion will focus on women who are elected to office, the first time voter, and a women's history performance. U.S. Federal Magistrate Judge Carmen Garza is our keynote speaker following lunch.

As some of you know, I traveled by car through Washington, D.C. on my way to Ann Arbor, Michigan. As Bob and I drove along I-95 north from Richmond, Virginia, to Washington, D.C., we saw a sign, Historic Occoquan Workhouse. We had the good fortune to be able to visit the site where the suffragists were held after they were arrested for obstructing traffic while picketing in front of the White House. The workhouse remained a reformatory and prison for women and men until 2000 when it was converted into an historic site and performing arts center. Wing 9 of 13 wings houses a museum that depicts the plight of the suffragists while incarcerated. It also has a history of the suffrage movement. A cell that could have housed the women prisoners was replicated. A variety of pictures and historical narratives hung from the walls. The suffragist flag of violet, white, and gold was displayed along with buttons and other paraphernalia with the slogan, Votes for Women, imprinted on them. It was an emotional moment.

August 27 and 28 are opportunities for you to acknowledge this important period in women's history. We hope you will join us. *Bonnie Burn*

**Board Highlights** - June 23, 2010, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Branigan Board Room

- Erika Graf-Webster gave a detailed report on all of the voter services activities planned for the November General Election. The Board approved an expenditure of \$4,148.71 for printing the *Voters' Guide*.
- A report on the Fund Drive showed that \$2,262 had been raised. Of that amount, \$1,702 were contributions from members and \$560 from supporters in the community. \$1,320 of the total amount was designated for publishing the *Voters' Guide*.
- Job descriptions for Study Chair and Director of Special Projects were approved and have been posted on the web site.
- The Board will meet on the first Wednesday of the month (August 9, September 1, and October 6) from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in the Branigan Board Room

## Honorary Life Member Helen Buggert



Helen Buggert joined the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Norman, Oklahoma in 1959, never dreaming that she would achieve an honorary life membership 50 years later. She was interested in political issues, learning about them and discussing them with others who sought good government. The League was her cup of tea. She transferred her membership as she and her family moved. LWV of DeKalb, Illinois claimed her attention for 35 years. There she helped bring about a city manager form of government, worked on a constitutional convention, and was involved with health care for the uninsured.

Helen is a Floridian who has lived outside the state for the greater part of her life. She and her husband, Bob, moved to Las Cruces in 1998, where she became a member of the local League.

Helen is the first member of the Greater Las Cruces League to achieve honorary life membership.



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### In Memorium

**Patricia Hyde** died on July 13, 2010. She was born, raised, and spent most of her adult life in Indiana. She and her husband, Frederic, moved from Pennsylvania to Las Cruces in 1988. Pat was active in public affairs all of her life. She was a long-time League member. She advocated for water quality in the Ohio River basin, and served as president of the Greater Las Cruces League from 1991-1992.



# League News



## League of Women Voters of U.S.

### MacNamara Replaces Wilson as President



Elisabeth MacNamara is the 18th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). A longtime Dekalb County, Georgia, resident (1974), Ms. MacNamara was elected national League president in

Atlanta during the League of Women Voters' 49th Biennial Convention and celebration of the organization's 90th anniversary. She replaces outgoing President Mary Wilson (NM) who served for two-terms.

Ms. MacNamara graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in 1976 and a J.D. in 1979. She joined the League in 1983 and has since served in leadership roles at all levels—local, state and national. She has held many board positions. Her primary issues of focus involve the courts and criminal justice.

Ms. MacNamara's professional experience includes serving as deputy chief assistant district attorney in charge of the office's juvenile court division in Dekalb County, staff attorney for the National Center for State Courts and law clerk for the Superior Court of Dekalb County.

We welcome Elisabeth MacNamara as the new president and look forward to learning the direction she and the Board will set for the League during the 2010-2012 period.

### Single New Body Promoting Women's Empowerment – Doris Shapiro, LWVUS Observer

The United Nations made news once again when the General Assembly unanimously adopted a system-wide coherence resolution on July 2, 2010, that establishes a new entity, UN Women— or officially as the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. This move has been sought by women's organizations and other civil

society organizations around the world since the UN established a system-wide Coherence Panel for UN Reform in 2006. It culminates a four year effort of negotiations between western developed nations and developing countries, many of them states where women endure discrimination.

UN Women merges four agencies and offices in the UN: the Development Fund for Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women, the Special Advisor on Gender Issues, and the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The consolidation increases operations at the country level and gains increased funding for work on women's empowerment and advancement. "It boosts UN efforts to promote gender equality, expand opportunity and tackle discrimination around the globe," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

The new unit will be headed by an undersecretary general. It is expected that someone will be named to this post by September 2010. UN Women will have two main roles: to support formulation of policies by inter-governmental bodies and to assist member states to implement these policies and forge partnerships with civil society. The new entity will become operational on January 2, 2011.

Since 1945, the League of Women Voters has had a presence in the United Nations. During the UN Charter Conference, the League was one of 42 nongovernmental organizations invited by President Truman to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation. Since that time, the League has continued its presence through its UN Observer Doris Shapiro currently holds that post.

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"Iron Jawed Angels" and  
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**See page 1 for details.**



## Las Cruces United States Courthouse Dedication

Bob Burn, Reporting



After 15 years of planning and construction, the Las Cruces United States Courthouse for the Southern New Mexico District of the Tenth Federal District Court located at 100 North Church Street was opened

and dedicated on July 9, 2010. The Tenth Federal District includes New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Judges representing every branch of the Tenth District attended. Remarks were made by the Chief Judges of the New Mexico District and the Court of Appeals, and by Congressman Harry Teague and representatives of Senators Bingaman and Udall.

The five-story, 237,000 square-foot building is more than three times larger than the adjacent Harold L. Runnels Federal Courthouse that has been in operation since 1973 and will continue to be used. The courthouse represents the U.S. Courts' commitment to administering justice and is designed to display New Mexico's proud and distinct architectural heritage. The east side of the building has expansive views of the Organ Mountains. Works by forty New Mexico artists adorn the interior walls and create a veritable museum of New Mexico art that is open to the public. The concrete stucco, stone, and copper façade and native New Mexico plantings make an impressive addition to downtown Las Cruces and the Las Cruces skyline.

The District of New Mexico Court is one of the busiest in the nation. This year, for the first time, immigration offences have replaced drug offences as the major caseload. The new structure allows all federal services for the Las Cruces area to be located in one place: U.S. Tenth District Court, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Clerk of the Court, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services, U.S. Attorneys, and the U.S. General Services Administration. The latter is responsible for the construction, maintenance, and upkeep of the facility.



## New Mexico Task Force Government Restructuring

Observer, Kathy Campbell, President League of Women Voters of New Mexico

The topic of the June 21 and 22 meeting was education, and involved a panel of K-12 and higher education speakers. Highlights of the first day that focused on "Big Ideas, Innovative Options" are presented below:

- There is improvement in that graduation rates are up, the contracting process is electronic and the waiver process is shorter.
- Consolidation among administrative functions in the school districts was proposed rather than closing schools. No new schools should be started. The pupil:teacher ratio is good in NM and could be bumped up to avoid sacrificing programs.
- In Albuquerque, 85% of the budget funds basic instructions. Utilities consume another large portion, and little is left over.
- In New Mexico, 89 school districts seems sufficient; there is diversity among the districts (small vs. large, poor vs. rich, rural vs. urban). Thus, one-size does not fit all.
- Funding formula is an issue. The proposed formula has only eight criteria rather than 37. Flexibility in using funds should be allowed so that savings in one category could be moved to another.
- Charter schools were presented as one mechanism for school reform. Focus on improving school performance as performance -based reviews are not done in charter schools, and adopt "things that are working" in a particular school system as innovations throughout the rest of the system.
- To help the instructional staff, it was suggested that more time be devoted to instruction vs. testing—perhaps a statutory framework to limit time devoted to testing; fewer meetings, more preparation time achieved through reduction of paperwork.

The remainder of the agenda focused on discussion about issues raised among the panelists. Day 2 was devoted to higher education. A complete summary of the official minutes is available on [www.nmleg.gov/lcs/committeedetail.aspx?CommitteeCode=GRTF](http://www.nmleg.gov/lcs/committeedetail.aspx?CommitteeCode=GRTF).

## Immigration Summer Institute – *Sharon Burbano, Reporting*

As a continuation of its focus on immigration and human rights, NMSU's International Relations Institute and the Center for Latin America and Border Studies in the Department of Government assembled a coalition of community leaders to focus on federal immigration legislative reform. A summer institute was organized to closely examine current policies and practices, with a view to proposing changes that will meet the diverse goals of our communities and the nation. During the period July 6-14, information was presented in two-hour evening sessions.

Roxanne Doty, Ph.D., professor, School of Government, Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, was the kick-off speaker on July 6. She lectured about recent passage of Arizona's bill SB1070 that is the latest in a nationwide effort to do something about undocumented immigrants. Her focus was the broader international and national issues that result in immigration and that seem to be ignored by this bill and other local ordinances and legislation being passed by individual states. She reminded us that emotionalism and sentiments that occur around immigration historically have led to dangerous practices of exclusion.

On July 7, the topic was a historical perspective and comparative analysis of immigration policy. Dr. Luis Alfonso Herera, Universidad Autónoma de Cd. Juarez, spoke about immigration issues in European countries that receive people from Eastern Europe and Africa. European countries have followed a more lenient policy toward immigrants that lead to regularizing their citizenship. Since the economic crises of 2008, the policies have changed. Like the U.S., European countries are focusing more on enforcement. There is a movement away from integrating immigrants into society, even if only in a marginal way, to abandonment, which is gradually moving immigrants into a permanent under class.

On July 12, 13, and 14, the sessions were divided into two parts: first a presentation and then break-out discussion groups with the participants.

The session on legalization was presented by Sarah Nolan from Comunidades de Accion y Fe (CAFÉ). The emphasis was on what good legislation on legalization should look like. Background information was provided on two pieces of legislation now before Congress. The Schumer-Menedez-Reid Conceptual Paper proposes a pathway to citizenship. The Dream Act focuses on citizenship for children who arrive in the U.S. before age 16. The Dream Act appears to

have the most support and is a step toward getting legislation started just as the SCHIP health care for children was a first step in health care reform.

Break-out groups were formed to discuss and make recommendations on these examples of legislation. With few concrete suggestions, most groups agreed that more questions than solutions were raised, but this is good because it raises awareness of the issues.

The second session focused on enforcement and due process. Vicki Gaubeca, ACLU-NM, covered the government agencies responsible for border enforcement. The roles of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and FEMA were a few of those discussed along with the negative impact of the border wall. Specially noted was that immigration law is based on civil codes, not criminal law, and yet illegals are treated as criminals and detained in jails and detention centers. Under Operation Streamline, U.S. Department of Justice, first time offenders for illegal entry can be sentenced up to six months repeat offenders up to 20 years.

Break-out groups were given story cards of real-case scenarios. One particular item received special attention. In 1996, a series of immigration laws were passed which expanded categories of crimes for which one could be deported, expanded the definition of aggravated felony for immigration purposes, dramatically stripped immigrants of due process rights and changed the laws so they can be applied retroactively. The question, What can we do to restore due process to immigrants?, stimulated much discussion.

Dr. Neil Harvey, NMSU, Department of Government, made the opening comments on future [immigration] flows and root causes at the final session on July 14. The documentary, "Frozen Dreams," was shown. It included testimonial from immigrant women at the 2007 raid at the Del Monte processing plant in Portland, Oregon. Their comments showed the de-humanizing aspects of being treated as criminals. Dr. Harvey then presented some of the root causes of migration that included: (1) wage differences, (2) negative impact of NAFTA and CFA (especially in rural communities), (3) cheaper imported food from the US, (4) unequal food subsidies, and (5) U.S. farm bills. The major emphasis was on agriculture and one comment stood out---"Real threats are not undocumented immigrants, but corporations that control global food systems." In 2006 Mexico was the largest purchaser of food from the U.S., thus creating a food dependency.

# New Mexico Recycling Conference, June 22 & 23, 2010, Albuquerque

Al McBrayer, Reporting

The Conference, held at the Albuquerque Convention Center, is a yearly event hosted by the New Mexico Recycling Coalition, (NMRC), and the New Mexico Environment Department: Solid Waste Bureau. Every other year, the NMRC recognizes exemplary individuals, organizations, communities and businesses for their dedication to recycling, composting and waste reduction. This year, Las Cruces stood out as a community and for individual efforts, receiving recognition in five categories: Federal Recycling Program of the Year, NASA White Sands Test Facility; Solid Waste Authority Program of the Year, South Central Solid Waste Authority; Legislator of the Year, Jeff Steinborn; Recycler of the Year, Bonnie Tafoya; and Community Recycling Activists of the Year, Al and Terri McBrayer.



Terri and Al McBrayer  
Community Recycling  
Activist Award

Many other communities, businesses and individuals from all over the state were honored, but Las Cruces collectively received a greater number of awards than any other community. Most of the credit must go to Patrick Peck of the South Central Solid Waste Authority, for his efforts and support of us all. The growth of our city is reflected in the growth of our programs, and many were surprised by the collective performance of what used to be such a small town at the bottom of the state.

Though proud of our city and honored to be recognized, we all learned a great deal as we shared ideas and how our programs got started. Every community shared valuable information with others, so

we won't have to reinvent the wheel to improve our programs. As an example, new ideas were shared about recycling of school books, as they are replaced yearly in each school district; and how phone books stored at Post Offices sometimes sit around for months without a means of distribution.

We also learned that the Post Office has started a recycling program for "junk mail," but they left it to the discretion of the local postmaster whether and how to implement the program. That means that each community may handle the program differently. The NMRC documented each presentation and created a Power Point disc for all attendees. This saved us hours of note taking, while preserving the information, even if we missed a part of a session.

Lectures, local recycling tours and exhibitions were scheduled both days, around breakfast and lunch that were catered at the convention center. Many of

the exhibitors and sponsors provided handouts and samples of products to those in attendance. So we all left the conference with our heads full of information, our stomachs full of food and our arms full of samples. It was a great conference and we all enjoyed ourselves as we learned and networked with other recyclers. Upon our return, we (Las Cruces honorees) were again recognized in the Sun-News for our collective achievement. We are humbled to be part of such a professional program in such a giving community.

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### **South Central Solid Waste Authority, July 15, 2010** - *Johnnie Aldrich, Observers*

Today's meeting marked the end of the first full fiscal year for this new governmental entity, the South Central Solid Waste Authority. Formed to coordinate city/county solid waste collection, much of the Authority's activity during the first year was given over to consolidation of facilities and assets. Under the leadership of Patrick Peck, former director of landfill operations in Doña Ana County, the Authority also has worked to improve transfer station facilities and update equipment. A major accomplishment has been the changes in the recycling program.

In the first presentation of the meeting, Dr. Mark Sutter, Director of Financial Services for the City of Las Cruces reported that SCSWA has, for the most part, operated within the budget and that "funds are in good shape." For example, the total assets of this one governmental entity are \$6.8 million; total liabilities are \$6.2 million.

In his report to the Board, Director Peck noted that solid waste collections for June totaled a normal 400 tons daily. The recycling program is growing and strong. Citizen participation is increasing, "especially at the county sites." (Later in the meeting, Peck also noted that illegal dumping is still a problem, but that SCSWA is increasing its efforts to clean up the most frequently used desert sites.)

Peck also has applied for two grants from state entities, grants that will be further discussed next month when the Board will be asked to approve their acceptance. One of these grants will study the feasibility of using rubberized asphalt for road building and repair throughout the county. The grant is relevant to solid waste disposal because this new technology would give SCSWA a way to dispose of discarded tires (besides using them in flood control bales.)

Much of the meeting time was devoted to discussion of a resolution, bound to be controversial, that would

raise the current recycling fee for Las Cruces residents from \$3.09 per household to \$4.98 plus tax. The higher fee would cover the cost of curbside recycling for solid waste customers in the city. Total cost of such service, which SCSWA hopes will begin in January 2011, would be approximately \$1.7 million annually.

Finally, the Board approved payment of over \$374,000 for liability insurance and over \$250,000 for workers' compensation.

Board members and Mayor Ken Miyagisihima had the last word before adjournment by speaking for all of the Board to congratulate SCSWA on a successful first year of operation.

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### **The South Central Recycling Partnership, July 8, 2010** - *Allen McBrayer, Observer*

The meeting began with a discussion about illegal dumping. The issue has been a continuous problem, and code officers have done a great job keeping it under control. The State of New Mexico also offers grant money to cities and counties to clean up and monitor illegal dump sites. The issue in Doña Ana County may be exacerbated by the imposition of a dumping fee at the previously free county transfer sites. The issue of the fee and how it will be collected is still a subject for discussion before the county commissioners. Signage discouraging illegal dumping is planned as part of an anti-litter campaign called "Un Litter Us." The campaign will include some clever ideas and slogans to draw attention to this important issue.

Planning for America Recycles Day was next on the agenda. After some discussion, the group decided that another Electronic Recycle Event should be our goal this year. The idea this time is to promote recycling education concerning single stream and year-round electronics drop-off at the transfer station on Amador. This year the event will only be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., date to be determined.

Other subjects discussed were recycling used books, styrofoam, and glass. These issues are open for more research and input. They will certainly be expanded upon as the curbside program takes off. Target Stores currently are accepting glass and plastic in containers located inside the store next to the shopping carts. In the works is a new campaign called "Get Caught Recycling." This program will recognize citizens caught in the act of recycling as part of their daily routines. It's a way of saying, "Thank you for recycling."

Setting up an informational booth at the Farmer's Market was offered as an idea to raise recycling awareness. A schedule soon will be established and more news will be forthcoming. Along that line, a booth was discussed for the upcoming State Fair in August. Contacts need to be made, but the idea was accepted. Also, after the successful Raft the Rio event, SCRaP will continue to participate in this yearly recycling happening.

SCRaP also participated in the District 2, Information Fair, put on by City Councilor Dolores Conner. The fair was held in the Las Cruces High School Cafeteria on Saturday, July 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was a fun time and many city officials were there to share information, including Police Chief Richard Williams and Fire Chief Travis Brown. Hot dogs and cookies were served along with distribution of much printed information.

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## Las Cruces Public School Board Meeting, June 15, 2010 - Nancy Phillips, Observer

Those in attendance were Connie Phillips, Serena Shoup, Bonnie Votaw, and Stan Rounds. Absent were Chuck Davis and Marie Flores. The meeting began at 6:40 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

During Public Input, Leslie Barron, president, Las Cruces Public School (LCPS) Transportation, requested the names of potential companies who may takeover the school contract for transporting students so that she can begin union negotiations.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Rounds introduced several new principals and administrators, the majority of whom came from within the LCPS system. He announced that the graduation rate in Las Cruces high schools rose

from from 54% in 2008 to 64.8% in 2009.

**Budget report:** Many special 2010-11 budget sessions have been held. Priorities include: (1) ensuring that students appear for classes; (2) ensuring enough staff to support the student educational requirement' (3) enhancing salaries, since loss of funds has caused reductions; and (4) maintaining programs for advanced students (AES). Priorities were satisfied to provide adequate instructional support, except for salary enhancement. There are no planned layoffs. The final budget is \$168.8 million, which is \$8 million less than last year. It is possible that another \$4 million will be lost in state funding. Rounds anticipates more losses next year. Approximately 95 percent of the District's operating budget goes to instruction while less than one percent goes to central office administration.

The Board did not have any questions about the budget. However, in absentia, Maria Flores requested that the Board consider adding one teacher at each school. Those present approved the 2010-11 budget.

### Finance Report:

- L'Academia Dolores Huerta Charter School budget was discussed. Feedback concludes that this school is meeting student needs. Administration is working on how to close the gap between transportation costs to L'Academia and revenue from general transportation.
- Las Montañas Charter School budget: This school budget includes 65% for instruction and 13% for central services (network technology, etc.).

The Board approved budgets for both schools.

**Construction Report:** Fleet service contract with STS of NM has been approved. Drivers are being interviewed now. Summer school begins the last week in June and buses are available.

### New Business:

- There may be a special meeting in July to consider ratification of bids and/or proposals. Superintendent Rounds will notify members. Next year regular Board meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month.
- New resolutions should be submitted to the superintendent before the August Board meeting.



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**CALENDAR**

August 3 (Tuesday) - **Voter Services Committee Meeting**, 11:30 a.m., Branigan Library Board Room, Erika Graf-Webster, 521-0600.

August 5 (Thursday) - **Education Study Group**, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Good Samaritan Social Center, Small Conference Room. Bonnie Burn, 526-0013.

August 5 (Thursday) - **Affordable Housing**, 1:00-2:30 p.m., United Way of Southwest New Mexico, 110 S. Water, Christine Little, 373-1882; Vicki Simons, 522-4813.

August 9 - **Board Meeting**, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Branigan Library Boardroom.

**AUGUST 9 (Monday) - NO LUNCH WITH A LEADER**

August 17 (Tuesday) **WOMEN WIN THE VOTE , Reservations Due, Call: (575) 496-0192 or (575) 382-1291 for information and reservations. Make checks payable to Women Win the Vote and mail to: AAUW, P.O. Box 6572, Las Cruces, NM 88006**

August 27 (Friday) - **Women Win the Vote Celebration** (see front page)

August 28 (Saturday) - **Women Win the Vote Celebration** (See front page)

**Notable Event:**

August 26, 1920 - **Ratification of the 19 Amendment** to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote. **Women's Equality Day.**