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Co-Presidents' Messages

The State Convention in Los Alamos provided a great opportunity for me to reconnect with the state League and to update myself on state priorities. Being around well informed, articulate, and energetic League members is always inspiring and gives hope for a brighter future.

In addition to the agenda items for the convention, there were some break-out discussion sessions on topics of interest to those attending. I participated in the Census and Redistricting discussion and have been added to a list serve on that topic. Please let me know if you have a particular interest in this subject as we are being asked to provide information on the local efforts to get an accurate count of the population and to consider how we might play a role in monitoring redistricting at the local level. You are probably aware of the discussion about whether to include a citizenship question on the census. Another major change being implemented is the option of responding to the census questionnaire electronically.



Kathy Brook

An item of considerable interest to us locally was the discussion at the state board meeting, following the convention, of our proposal to change our name from LWVGLC to LWVSNM. The board approved our plan, so our next step involves working through the matter with LWVNM. They did recommend, however, that we try to geographically define southern New Mexico and made us aware of how large Congressional District 2 is. Noteworthy, given the discussion of this topic at our annual meeting, was the observation from LWV Central New Mexico that they have not yet attempted to

County Manager to Address League

Our chapter of League of Women Voters has decided this year to learn more about how county government functions and what challenges it faces. This exploration begins with our guest speaker at our **5 pm, June 10 dinner meeting**. Bring your questions!



Fernando R. Macias

Fernando R. Macias became Doña Ana County manager on January 8, 2018 – the same position he held once before from 1997 to 2000. Macias served as a state district court judge for 11 years and a state senator for 16 years. He is also a former Doña Ana County Commissioner. Previously he has served as the General Manager of the Border Environment Cooperation Commissioner, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, and New Mexico Legal Aid.

He received a bachelor's degree in government and economics from New Mexico State University and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He is married to Claudia Macias and they have four daughters and a son-in-law.

provide Voter's Guides to all parts of their central New Mexico.

— *Kathy Brook*

Greetings Members,

The LWV Los Alamos provided a beautiful setting for the State Convention that included diverse

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Honors for Christina Little

From time to time, the Mayor honors a member of our community who has made a positive impact in the Las Cruces area. On May 12, he recognized Christina Little for her significant efforts to help Las Cruces' social services providers. For her selfless efforts, she is presented with the "Mayor's Distinguished Service Award."

Christina moved to Las Cruces in 2000, with a newly minted master's degree in Public Administration and stern instructions from her major professor to use her degree. She took the admonishment seriously. She said, "I will make a difference." And she did.

Christina has also been actively involved in many other civic activities.

From 2004 to 2009, she served as a Housing Authority Commissioner, in 2004 she was appointed a member of the Las Cruces Charter Review Commission, in 2010, she was appointed by me to the Ad-Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee, and has been active with United Way.

Christina has been a very active member of the League of Women Voters since 1974, and was State League President from 2002 to 2003. And, she has served on the local and state American Association of University Women boards, with responsibilities ranging from treasurer, newsletter editor, and Public Policy Chair.

Among her other service accomplishments, her Interagency Council recently passed its 15th anniversary. Chris founded the Interagency Council that brings together nonprofit and social service agencies to share information about their work. There are monthly seminars and it created a valuable ListServe of about 600 individuals who receive messages about events and activities.

— William M. Little



Christina Little

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

June 1, Sat: New League Member Orientation, 10:00 a.m., Eileen's Home [3080 Chippewa Summit Dr.](#)

June 6: LWVSNM Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.-noon, Branigan Library Board Room

June 10: LWVSNM Dinner Meeting, Good Sam. Social Center; 5:00-7:00 p.m., with guest speaker Fernando Macias, County Mgr.; **RSVP to cmurrell@nmsu.edu**

June 27: Book Club at [Erika's Home, 580 Canyon Point Rd.](#)

JULY

No Board or General Meetings

AUGUST

Aug. 8: LWVSNM Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Location TBA

Aug. 12: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Dinner Meeting, Good Sam. Social Center; Guest Speaker TBA

SAVE THE DATE

Watch the Immigration Forum
on TV-22

Co-sponsored by LWVSNM
See page 6 for dates and times

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAS CRUCES BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents
Cindy Murrell – Vice President, Events & Speakers
Erika Graf-Webster – Acting Secretary
Bob Burn – Treasurer
Kim Sorensen – Member-At-Large
Vicki Simons & Dale Yeo – Voter Services Directors
Maryellen Keibel – Membership Director
Erika Graf-Webster – Youth Engagement Director
Jo Galván Nash – Public Relations Director

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Co-Presidents' Messages (cont. from p. 1)

activities, good food, and stimulating conversations. The LWVNM Officers made sure we received detailed information on revised NM positions and bylaws, as well as future programs for study and action.

There were many changes to positions, including Civil Discourse, Election Procedures Education, Gun Safety, Health Care, Immigration, and Net Neutrality. A new position was approved on the Transfer of Federal Public Lands, which you'll find included in *The Voter* (see below). Board members felt this position should be taken forward to the LWV US for concurrence with New Mexico.



Eileen VanWie

The LWV Santa Fe County received an endowment established by Past President Meredith Machen called the *LWVSFC Diversity Fund Guidelines*. Meredith provided funding for the same purpose to the LWVNM. The goal is to remove the cost of membership as a barrier to more diverse membership, identified as "including age diversity, ethnic diversity, and diversity in volunteer skills." Members who receive this benefit would agree to

be an active member through a specific activity or as part of a project approved by the leadership team. Diversity of our local League membership is a topic for future discussion.

The LWVNM History Committee is planning a few events. On the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters, Friday, February 14, 2020, there will be birthday cake served at the Roundhouse and key legislators will be asked to sponsor a memorial commemorating the centennial, including NM's ratification of the 19th amendment on February 21. February 14 will also be the League's Legislative Reception day. On Saturday morning, August 22, the LWVNM (Albuquerque) is planning a parade. They are envisioning that the City and other organizations will participate. The LWVNM History Committee plans to request a program at the National Park Service Headquarters Courtyard for Sunday afternoon, August 23. Perhaps weekend dates are more appropriate than the actual date the 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution (August 26).

The 2019-2020 LWVNM calendar was discussed. The Board plans to meet in Las Cruces on November 16, 2019. We will be scheduled to host the LWVNM State Convention in May of 2021.

— *Regards, Eileen VanWie*

LWVNM – May 19, 2019 • Transfer of Federal Public Lands – New Position

The League believes that federal public lands should benefit all Americans. The lands should remain under the jurisdiction of the federal government and be managed according to the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield policy. We support improvements in management and regulation.

Federal law allows for the sale or exchange of federal lands if it is in the public interest. Prior to any transfer, a comprehensive assessment that covers the following issues should be performed:

- environmental analysis, including air and water quality, biodiversity, endangered and threatened species
- health impacts
- environmental justice
- suitability of proposed land use
- subsurface resources
- financial/economic impacts
- cultural resources
- public access
- management for fire and other natural disasters
- tribal consultation.

The League is opposed to the sale of federal lands to private entities except for small tracts surrounded by nonfederal lands. The League is opposed to the transfer of subsurface rights to the state or other entities. Any development of subsurface rights on federal land should benefit all Americans.

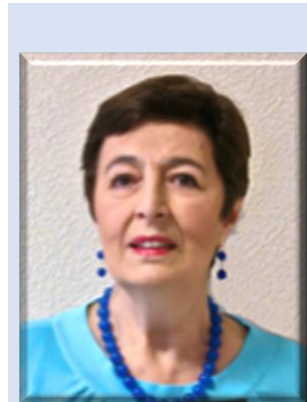
Additions to League Board of Directors

In addition to the recent election of a new slate of League Officers for 2019/20, two members were appointed to one-year terms for Director positions. Erika Graf-Webster, a longtime League member and former President will continue her successful work with youth engagement. And, new member Jo Galván Nash will break ground in a new League position – Director of Public Relations.

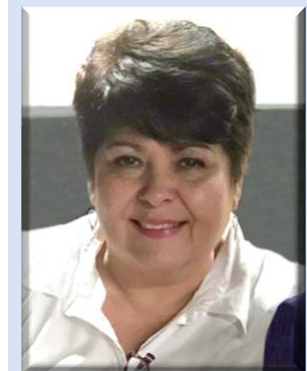
Erika Graf-Webster - Youth Engagement Director

Erika Graf-Webster spent most of her 40-plus-year career in computer science, systems analysis, project management and technology consulting. She has worked on numerous government contracts in the defense and intelligence industries. She retired in 2007 when she moved to Las Cruces. Upon arrival, Erika joined the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces and has served as Director of Voter Services, Vice President, President and Director of Youth Engagement. She led a study identifying impediments to voter registration in the Hispanic community, which led to the development by the League of targeted voter information stressing the importance and value of voting.

In 2014, Erika founded the League's Youth Engagement Committee, which she continues to chair. The mission is to motivate and engage young people to become active members of the community, active citizens and voters. The committee's ongoing Civic Engagement Project with the Las Cruces Public Schools works to enhance the civics and government curricula at all levels. In October 2018, the project "Celebrating Democracy in Doña Ana County" was a great success, when over 300 students, 23 candidates and 60 volunteers participated.



Erika Graf-Webster



Jo Galván Nash

Jo Galván Nash - Public Relations Director

Jo Galván Nash is a lifelong resident of Las Cruces. After 31 years of service, Jo retired in 2018 from the Las Cruces Public Schools as Chief Communications Officer, where she was responsible for district communications, passage of multiple school bond elections, and development of school district policies and regulations. Prior to her work with the public schools, she was a radio and television news reporter and producer. After attending UNM, Jo transferred to NMSU, earning degrees in Journalism & Mass Communications and Government.

In 2015, Jo was awarded an honorary degree in Education from the Doña Ana Community College for her contributions to the community and the educational field. She is currently providing public relations services to the New Mexico Coalition of Educational Leaders. Jo has also been recognized for her work on the Doña Ana County redistricting committee.

NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION

New members are encouraged to attend the orientation 10 a.m. -noon, Sat., June 1, 3080 Chippewa Summit Dr. There will be a brief informational portion and lots of time to talk with other members and learn how you can get actively involved in League activities. Refreshments will be served. Hosted by Co-President Eileen Van Wie and Membership Director Maryellen Kebbel, all members and persons interested in learning about the League are invited to attend. Please RSVP via email to Maryellen at maryellen.kebbel@gmail.com by Thursday, May 30.

HONORARY MEMBERS

At the beginning of each League year, we like for our membership to know that there are two honorary members who have guided this organization through the years. Our "lifetime members" are Marjorie Burr and Sallie Hunt. Members who serve 50 years or longer will attain this prestigious status, and they no longer pay dues. Thank you, Marjorie and Sallie!



Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) • Regular Meeting

May 14, 2019 • County Govt. Center

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

All 5 Commissioners plus County Manager Fernando Macias were in attendance

In a report on the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services to the County, Director of Human Resources Jamie Michael said there are three clinics that will continue county services for the next four years: Amador Health Center (the smallest), Ben Archer Health Center, and La Clinica de Familia. These clinics “are the cornerstone for indigent care” in the county, she said.

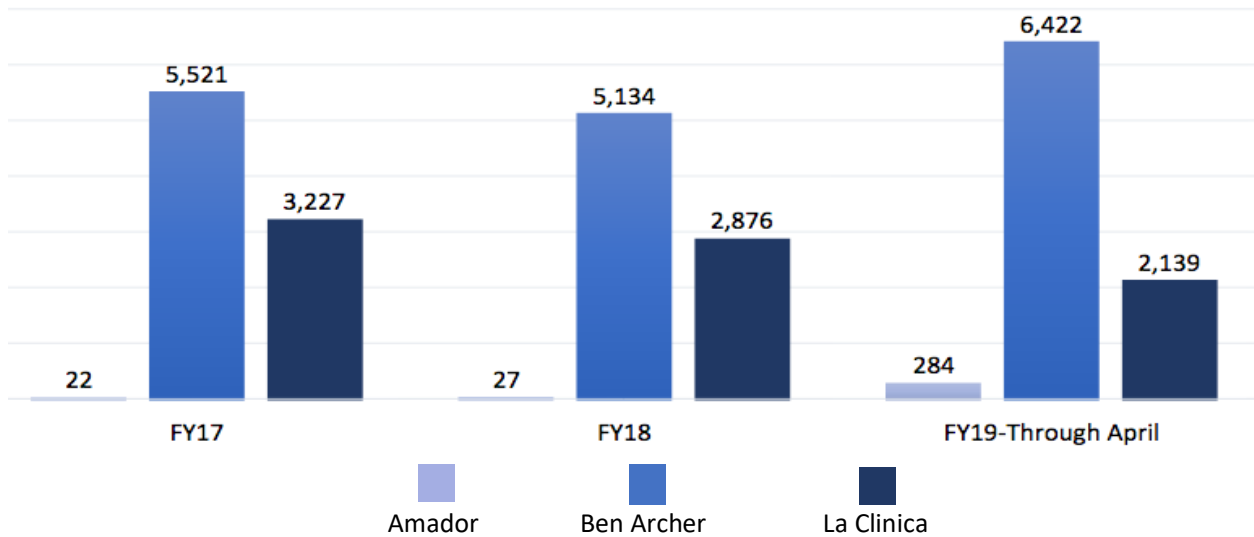
For the 2018/19 fiscal year (through April) the most common reasons for patient visits were: high blood pressure (254 patients), immunizations (182), and diabetes or complications related to diabetes (141). Mental health and dental care are also provided, among other medical issues.

The County’s reimbursements to the centers for the current fiscal year (through April) through the GRT indigent fund are:

- Amador Health Center - \$174,600
- Ben Archer Health Center - \$748,848 and \$19,999 (General Fund for Circle of Security)
- La Clinica de Familia - \$377,589 and \$322,752 (Federal grant funds for Assisted Outpatient Treatment not indigent funds).

The centers also provide school interventions such as behavioral health and medical care.

Total Visits at FQHCs Over 3 Years





Las Cruces City Council • Regular Meeting

May 20, 2019, 1:00 p.m. • City Council Chambers, City Hall

Observer: *Johnnie R. Aldrich*

All 7 Councilors present; Greg Smith telephonically

Opening Ceremonies included Mayor Miyagishima's presentation of the Mayor's Distinguished Service Award, probably the highest honor awarded to city citizens, to CHRISTINA LITTLE. (NB: Jane Asche received this same award last year.) The award recognizes Christina's role, during the past 15 years as Founder and Convener of the Interagency Council. The council facilitates communication and coordination of social services in the city. Mayor Miyagishima commented "...there's nothing like it in any other city of comparable size in the U.S." He also noted her active participation in LWV since 1974 and numerous other roles she's taken on in her time in Las Cruces since 2000. KUDOS, Christina! (and William, who provided computer-savvy support for her multiple projects.)

The Public Participation segment included a plea from students at Las Montañas Charter School for city support for their efforts to raise awareness and provide support to students struggling with mental health issues. Their well-organized presentation described the "Drop-In Center" that they planned and facilitate in their school where students can find counseling and peer support in their search for mental health.

Over an hour of the meeting was devoted to one Old Business resolution to "accept and approve the Parks and Recreation Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy," which dealt primarily with the use of Roundup, especially at city facilities. Several residents presented cogent reasons for discontinuing its use, but councilors had objections to the wording and incompleteness of the Park & Rec Department's policy. Finally, the resolution was tabled indefinitely, which means that it will be reworked and presented again.

Multiple resolutions followed, in addition to adoption of the city budget for 2019-2020.

Televised Forum on Immigration Presented

Several members of the LWVSNM were present at an Issues and Answers Forum at KRWG-TV to discuss the topic of Immigration. The League co-sponsored the event which was taped on May 28 at the TV-22 studios on the NMSU campus.

Panelists included Nia Rucker, ACLU-New Mexico, Edith Tapia, Hope Border Institute, and Molly Molloy of NMSU. Be sure to watch the Forum at the following dates and times:

- **Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, June 16 at 11:00 a.m.**

As you know, the League has revived the Immigration Committee which meets monthly. Kim Sorensen is chairing that group.

LWVGLC Board Meeting

May 2, 2019, Branigan Library

Reported by Erika Graf-Webster

NOTE: Actions to be done are highlighted in yellow.

Attendees

Kathy Brook (Co-President), Eileen VanWie (Co-President), Dale Yeo (Voter Services Co-Director), Vicki Simons (Voter Services Co-Director), Maryellen Kebbel (Membership Director), Bob Burn (Treasurer), Jo Galván Nash (Public Relations Director), Erika Graf-Webster (Youth Engagement Director), Kim Sorensen (Past-President)

Meeting Administration:

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Co-President Eileen VanWie called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

2. New Board Members (Elected and Appointed) and Introductions

Eileen, Kathy Brook, Bob Burn and Jo Galván Nash are new to the Board. Each Board Member introduced him/herself. Erika Graf-Webster, Director of Youth Engagement Project and Jo Galván Nash, Director of Public Relations were appointed to one-year positions on the League Board at the brief Board meeting after the Annual Meeting on April 13.

3. Filling open positions on Board (Co-Membership and Development)

There were no suggestions for the positions of Co-Membership Director or Development Director. Erika Graf-Webster was appointed as Acting Secretary for the remainder of this League year.

4. Changes to Agenda

A discussion of the Website was added.

5. Minutes April 4, 2019

The April Board Meeting Minutes reviewed. One change was made: on page 3 within the first bullet, the name "Debbie Michael" was changed to "Jamie Michael".

Reports:

1. Treasurer's report

William Little had submitted this report, dated May 1. No membership checks were processed during the past month. The treasurer will issue a check for \$275 to Kim Sorensen to reimburse her for the 501(c)(3) application. The current check book balance is \$6,383.43. The Treasurer's report was accepted for the LWVGLC file.

Bob Burn, the new Treasurer, mentioned that the check-signing authority will be changed to his and Kathy Brook's names. Bob said that he will establish a standard process for tracking incoming membership payments on a monthly basis so that the Board will always be up to date.

Dale Yeo said that she purchased a new domain name for our website, lwvsnm.org, in preparation for our name-change to LWVSNM. Dale also recommended that the League purchase a credit card processing "square" that can be attached to a smart phone, so we can collect payments at any of our events. Dale will research where to buy this, its initial cost, the fee for processing each credit card swipe, and how the money is then transferred into our bank account.

Kim Sorensen mentioned that the LWVGLC financial records need to be reviewed/audited annually, at the start of the new League year. Kathy will contact Johnnie Aldrich, who has done this in past years.

2. Membership

In a prior meeting, the suggestion had been made to establish a “members only” segment of our website, where League-sensitive information, such as our membership list with contact information, can be kept up to date. Maryellen Kebbel asked if that could be implemented. Dale, who also serves as our webmaster, will investigate.

Maryellen announced that a “New Member Orientation” has been scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 1, at Eileen’s house.

Maryellen agreed that she would keep our membership email list current (there had been some complaints from new members that they did not get notices of our meetings).

There was some discussion about having a League account that offers a discount at one of the local office supply businesses. Erika mentioned that we used have one at Staples, and that account might still be viable. Maryellen will check on this.

Erika said that she would like to again pursue getting an intern from NMSU. She will try to set up a meeting about this with Dr. Christina Medina, vice-chair of the NMSU Government Department. Eileen and Kathy Brook will be included in such a meeting.

3. Public Relations

Jo Galván Nash said that she has sent a press release to all the local media about the new Board and its goals. She will also try to get notices about our monthly meetings into the media calendars.

Eileen mentioned that she had some concerns about the lack of diversity in our League. Jo offered to do a little survey about this and bring a draft to the next Board meeting.

4. Voter Service

Vicki and Dale announced that printed copies of the new Who’s Who are available and will be made available at the general meeting on May 13.

Kim talked with Fred Martino – KRWG would like to do three candidate forums with the League this fall: City Council (2 seats are up for election), Mayor, School Board. Kim also mentioned that the Elections Advisory Council (EAC) is working on creating public information materials about Rank Choice Voting (will be used for City Council election). Kathy Brook said that perhaps we should have a Unit Meeting on this subject.

5. Youth Engagement

Erika talked about the Harvard University “all expenses paid” Case Method training opportunity for which local Leagues are invited to submit candidate Civics or History teachers. Through the collaborative Civic Engagement Project between the League’s Youth Engagement Committee and the Las Cruces Public Schools, Civics and History teachers were invited to apply. One teacher, Julie Wojtko, has submitted her application. Erika distributed a Letter to the Editor explaining this program. Jo felt, and the Board concurred, that this should be a Press Release, not a Letter to the Editor. Erika will send Jo the text and a photo of Julie, and Jo will develop the News Release.

6. Immigration

Kim announced that, with the collaboration of KRWG, there will be an Immigration Forum focusing on the current migrant crisis. Panelists will be Molly Malloy, NMSU Researcher; Edith Tapeç, Hope Border Institute; and hopefully Rubin Garcia from the Annunciation House in El Paso. The taping of this forum will be on May 28, at 1:00 PM, and will be broadcast on June 13. Kim hopes that many League members will attend and ask questions. The Immigration Committee is currently developing questions for this forum.

Kim and the Immigration Committee will also be meeting with our US Congress Representative, Xochitl Torres Small, on May 13 to discuss the current Immigration issues. Kim will also talk about the Immigration Committee's work at the LWVNM Board meeting.

7. Program (Upcoming Unit and General Meetings, Plus Time and Place of Meetings)

a. Membership Meeting Programs

Speakers for the May and June membership meetings are set: Carrie Hamblen of the Green Chamber of Commerce will speak in May, and Fernando Macias, Doña Ana County Manager, will be featured in June. A unit meeting on ranked choice voting was suggested for the August meeting.

Former League member Sharon Shoemaker has suggested that we have a discussion about a New Mexico "Public Bank", for which the LWVNM is advocating. The state League would probably send down a speaker on this subject. A possible date for this would be our November membership meeting.

b. Meeting Place

There had been discussion in prior Board meetings about the possibility of changing the location of our monthly membership meetings. **Cindy Murrell was to do a survey. Eileen will check with her.** We could check out the Woman's Improvement Association (WIA) building across the street from Pioneer Women's The Park as a possible location. Alma d' Arte Charter School has a culinary program and might be able to provide lunch.

c. Future Meeting Topics

Eileen asked if our League should resurrect the Education Committee. There are a lot of things going on in NM related to education. There was no consensus on this proposal. The results of the Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico lawsuit was addressed somewhat in the NM Legislature by raising teacher salaries and including culturally and linguistically responsive education support. The Community Schools program and the need for social emotional learning skills in the curriculum were mentioned as an interesting topic for a future meeting. Jo said that Betty Patterson, former President of NEA-NM, might be a good speaker about education and the continuing challenges in NM. Also, possibly someone from Ngage might be invited. Dale suggested that we put some information about the Lynn Community School on our website.

Other Items:

1. Bonnie Burn Scholarship

Bob announced that the scholarship has been awarded to an Centennial High School student. He said he funded the endowment of the scholarship, but additional League contributions would be welcome.

2. Status of 501(c)(3)

Kim said that all the paperwork has been submitted. Hopefully, we will hear something within two months.

3. Our Website

Dale said that the Membership form on our website got corrupted. In addition, some changes to upgrade our website would be worthwhile. Erika recommended that "WeAreIT", a small IT business started by Ngage, be contacted to help us with this – they work at a discount for local Non-profits. **Eileen said that she would send Dale the contact information (phone:575-521-0111).** Erika requested that the Membership form be revised to include a line for "School" for student members.

Dale asked if she should establish emails for the officers (for example: president@lwvglc.org) on the website. Dale will set up this arrangement for Eileen to receive email sent to the president when our name change is in place. (Kathy is working with the financial components of the president's role.)

4. Development and Fundraising

The Presidents need to find someone who is willing to take this over and chair a committee.

5. Collaborative 2020 Celebrations 100th Anniversary of LWV and 19th Amendment

Eileen said that the State League would like us to identify some local suffragists. Their activities could result in the placement of a metal marker as a symbol of “votes for women” to be placed in a public location in Las Cruces or Doña Ana County.

Gwen Hanson has agreed to chair the 2020 Celebration committee. Other organizations, such as AAUW and the LCPS Civic Engagement Project teachers are willing to collaborate. An initial meeting date will be set for the collaborating organizations in May.

6. Orientation Event for New League Members

This will take place on June 1.

7. LWVNM Convention - May 17-19, 2019, Los Alamos

Our League has five delegate slots. LWVGLC members who will attend include Eileen, Kim, Tom and Gwen Hanson and Kathy Brook. LWVGLC will offer to hold the 2021 LWVNM convention in Las Cruces. Our members will share information about our work on Immigration and Youth Engagement.

The proposal to change our name change to “League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico” will be made at the next LWVNM Board meeting.

8. LWVGLC Board Meeting Dates – All at 10:00 AM

- June 6
- No July meeting
- August 8

9. LWVGLC Monthly Membership Meetings – All at Good Sam’s

- May 13, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; Speaker: Carrie Hamblen
- June 10, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; Speaker: Fernando Macias
- July – No Meeting
- August 12, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; Possible Unit Meeting on Ranked Choice Voting?
- September 9, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; LWVGLC Program Fiesta
- October 14, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; Unit Meeting?
- November 11, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; LWVNM speaker re “Public Bank”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.



Doña Ana County NAACP



2019 Juneteenth

Theme: So Much at Stake!



**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ernest Johnson, Esq.
Professor, Southern University Law Center**

Two exciting events!

Free Concert

**6 PM, Friday, June 21st
Rio Grande Theatre**

(211 N Downtown Mall)

Musical Guests:

NMSU Gospel Choir
Voices of Bethel

Greater St. John Male Chorus
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Randy Granger
Orlando Antonio-Jiminez
New World Drummers

Unity Banquet

**6 PM, Saturday, June 22nd
Farm and Ranch Museum**

(4100 Dripping Springs Road)

Tickets \$50

To purchase tickets:

Email: info@naacpdac.org
Website: www.naacpdac.org
(575) 635-7538
(575) 312-5677

League Website Changes

In the coming weeks, the League will be unveiling changes to our website: www.lwvglc.org. Dale Yeo has done a fantastic job of posting our announcements, newsletters, election information and other important resources. Now, it's time to update the web framework to ensure it is accessible to mobile devices, while remaining user-friendly. Any suggestions on what members want to see in the re-designed website are welcomed.

In the meantime, the Board is talking with local companies that can assist with the transformation at a reasonable cost. We will keep the membership up to date on the progress. It's



possible the change will coincide with the official switch of the League's name to League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico.

Rank-Choice Voting Workshop

**Saturday, June 8 • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
County Govt. Center,
845 N. Motel Blvd.**

This free training is open to the public. Candidates in the November election are encouraged to attend. County Clerk Amanda López Askin said the training will include information and strategies on how RCV works, how candidates can talk to voters about it, and how it could impact a candidate's run for office.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't paid your membership dues yet, please send \$65.00 to LWVGLC, P.O. Box 15142, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Each additional family member is \$32.50; students are free. For your convenience, you may also go to our website, www.lwvglc.org. If you have any questions, please contact Maryellen Kebbel, Maryellen.kebbel@gmail.com

A membership form is provided on the last page of this month's Voter.

Treasurer's Report

Provided by William Little, Outgoing Treasurer

1 May 2019

For 2 May 2019 Board Meeting

Activity since last Board Meeting

The local league fiscal year ended on 30 April 2019.

Expenses:

Consumer Cellular: \$ 19.38 [League cell phone]

On 1 May, the League will reimburse Kim Sorensen \$275, the 501(c)(3) application fee.

Income:

See below.

30 April 2019 Checkbook Balance: \$6,383.43, includes membership dues to be allocated to next year's budget.

1. \$1,137.50 in dues collected at annual meeting and reported to Membership Chair
2. \$130.00 in dues collected earlier this spring.
3. Bringing the real end-of-year balance to \$5,115.93

There are also dues [renewals, I think] from three members in the PayPay account, waiting to be downloaded [less fees] by the new treasurer.

Education Fund

Awaiting confirmation of \$125 deposit from last month.

Awaiting \$211.21 refund from Ed Fund for *Who's Who* printing. This will go back to the Operating Fund.

Discussion

Checkbook and all responsibilities to be handed over to new treasurer as soon as practicable.

Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – June 2019

Status	Book
Books Selected for Future Meetings	
Selected for June 27 At Erika's	<p>Truth in Our Times: Inside the Fight for Press Freedom in the Age of Alternative Facts</p> <p>David E. McCraw recounts his experiences as the top newsroom lawyer for the <i>New York Times</i> during the most turbulent era for journalism in generations. McCraw recounts the hard, legal decisions behind the most impactful stories of the last decade with candor and style. The book is a rare peek behind the curtain of the celebrated organization, a love letter to freedom of the press, and a decisive rebuttal of Trump's fake news slur through a series of hard cases.</p>
Selected for July 25 At Vicki's	<p>The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump (2019) by Andrew McCabe</p> <p>Andrew G. McCabe offers a dramatic and candid account of his career, and an impassioned defense of the FBI's agents, and of the institution's integrity and independence in protecting America and upholding our Constitution. Important, revealing, and powerfully argued, <i>The Threat</i> tells the true story of what the FBI is, how it works, and why it will endure as an institution of integrity that protects America.</p>
Selected for August 22	<p>Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World by Anand Giriharadas</p> <p>Anand Giridharadas takes us into the inner sanctums of a new gilded age, where the rich and powerful fight for equality and justice any way they can--except ways that threaten the social order and their position atop. He asks hard questions: Why should our gravest problems be solved by the unelected upper crust? Rather than rely on scraps from the winners, we must take on the grueling democratic work, build robust, egalitarian institutions and truly change the world.</p>
Selected for September 26	<p>How Safe Are We?: Homeland Security Since 9/11 by Janet Napolitano</p> <p>Former Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano offers an insightful analysis of American security at home and a prescription for the future. Napolitano pulls no punches, reckoning with the critics who call it Frankenstein's Monster of government run amok, and taking a hard look at the challenges we'll be facing in the future. But ultimately, she argues that the huge, multifaceted department is vital to our nation's security. An agency that's part terrorism prevention, part intelligence agency, part law enforcement, public safety, disaster recovery makes for an odd combination the protocol-driven, tradition-bound Washington D.C. culture. But, she says, it has made us more safe, secure, and resilient.</p>
Candidate Books for Future Selection	
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2-24-19	<p>The Opposite of Hate: A Field Guide to Repairing Our Humanity by Sally Kohn</p> <p>As a progressive commentator on Fox News and now CNN, Sally Kohn has made a career out of bridging intractable political differences and learning how to talk respectfully with people with whom she disagrees. But these days even famously "nice" Kohn finds herself wanting to breathe fire at her enemies. It was time to look into the epidemic of hate all around us and learn how we can stop it. Kohn talks to leading scientists and researchers and investigates the evolutionary and cultural roots of hate and how incivility can be a gateway to much worse.</p>
2-24-19	<p>The Empire and the Five Kings: America's Abdication and the Fate of the World by Bernard-Henri Levy</p> <p>One of the West's leading intellectuals offers a provocative look at America's withdrawal from world leadership and the rising powers who seek to fill the vacuum left behind. Bernard-Henri Lévy lays bare in this powerful and disturbing analysis of the world today, America is retreating from its traditional leadership role, and in its place have come five ambitious powers—Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, and Sunni radical Islamism— who are taking steps to undermine the liberal values that have been a hallmark of Western civilization.</p>

Candidate Books for LWVSNM Book Club – June 2019 (cont.)

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2-24-19	<p>The State Strikes Back: The End of Economic Reform in China? By Nicholas Lardy</p> <p>China's extraordinarily rapid economic growth since 1978, has set world records and continued unabated. China scholar Nicholas R. Lardy argues that China's future growth prospects could be equally bright but are shadowed by the specter of resurgent state dominance, which has begun to diminish the vital role of the market and private firms in China's economy.</p>
4-2-19	<p>Doing Justice: A Prosecutor's Thoughts on Crime, Punishment, and the Rule of Law by Preet Bharara</p> <p>By the one-time federal prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, an important overview of the way our justice system works, and why the rule of law is essential. Using case histories, personal experiences and his own inviting writing and teaching style, Preet Bharara shows the thought process we need to achieve truth and justice in our daily lives and in our society.</p>
4-13-19	<p>Open: The Progressive Case for Free Trade, Immigration, and Global Capital by Kimberly Clausing</p> <p>With the winds of trade war blowing as they have not done in decades and Left and Right flirting with protectionism, Kimberly Clausing shows how a free, open economy is still the best way to advance the interests of working Americans. She offers strategies to train workers, improve tax policy, and establish a partnership between labor and business.</p>
4-21-19	<p>People, Power, and Profits: Progressive Capitalism for an Age of Discontent by Nobel prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz</p> <p>We all have the sense that the American economy tilts toward big business, but as Stiglitz explains, the situation is dire. A few corporations dominate entire sectors of the economy, contributing to skyrocketing inequality and slow growth. Too many have made their wealth through exploitation of others rather than through wealth creation. Stiglitz identifies the true sources of wealth and of increases in standards of living, based on learning, advances in science and technology, and the rule of law. The assault on the judiciary, universities, and the media undermines the very institutions that have long been the foundation of America's might. We need to exploit the benefits of markets while taming their excesses, making sure that markets work for us—the U.S. citizens—and not the other way around.</p>
5-26-19	<p>Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations by William McRaven</p> <p>Admiral William H. McRaven is back with amazing stories of adventure during his career as a Navy SEAL and commander of America's Special Operations Forces. He is a part of American military history, having been involved in some of the most famous missions in recent memory, including the capture of Saddam Hussein, the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips, and the raid to kill Osama bin Laden. Action-packed, inspiring, and full of thrilling stories from life in the special operations world, <i>Sea Stories</i> is a remarkable memoir from one of America's most accomplished leaders.</p>



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