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## NOVEMBER UNITS: IMMIGRATION CONSENSUS CONTINUED

In October we began the process of obtaining consensus on the Immigration Study done by the League of Women Voters of the United States. We will continue with the second part of this large and complex issue in November. Background materials and the questions can be downloaded from the LWVUS website, www.lwv.org, or from our own local League website, www.lwvabc.org, which has a link to the national site. LWV/ABC members will again facilitate the individual units.

**Thursday, Nov. 8, 11:45 a.m. Luncheon Unit**  
Wyndham Hotel, 2910 Yale SE  
Reservations required\*  
Facilitators: Diane Goldfarb and Dolores Waller

**Wednesday, Nov. 14, noon, Sandoval County Unit**  
Corrales Community Center, 4234 Corrales Road  
Facilitators: Dick Mason and Lisa Franzen

**Monday, Nov. 19, 1:30 p.m., Midtown Unit**  
Manzano del Sol, 5201 Roma NE, Hobby Room  
Facilitators: JoAnne Ramponi and Diane Goldfarb

**Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m., Evening Unit**  
Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow St. NE  
Facilitators: Delores Watkins and Olin Bray

\* Cost of the luncheon is \$15, payable at the door. Reservations are required. Call the Office at 884-8441 by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 5. If you prefer a fruit plate rather than the menu item, please let us know. **Notice of change:** Due to a new policy at the Wyndham, there will be an additional \$2 charge for each meal prepared for people who show up without reservations.

### Coming Attractions\*

#### **Saturday, December 1**

LWV/ABC Program Planning, 9:00 a.m.,  
2403 San Mateo NE, Clubhouse

#### **Sunday, December 2**

LWV/ABC has scheduled an open house from 2-4 p.m., to give our members an opportunity to meet and visit with Albuquerque City Councilors and Bernalillo County Commissioners. League member Christine Kamm and her husband Andrew will host this at their home.

#### **Saturday, December 8**

Saturday morning; LWV/ABC Educational Forum on how citizens can effectively lobby their elected representatives (more about this forum on page 2 of this *Voter*)

#### **Thursday, December 13**

LWV/ABC general meeting luncheon 11:45 a.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, 2910 Yale SE.  
Guest speaker: University of New Mexico President David J. Schmidly

\* Mark these dates on your calendar now and then see the December 2007 issue of the LWV/ABC *Voter* for more information on each event.

**LEAGUE  
OF WOMEN VOTERS  
ALBUQUERQUE/  
BERNALILLO COUNTY**

**Board Meeting**

1st Thursday of each month  
5:30 p.m.  
Offices of  
Sutin, Thayer & Browne  
6565 Americas Parkway NE

**Program Committees**

Check with the following  
League members about  
community activities:

**Advocacy**

Delores Watkins  
823-2308

**Drug Policy**

Delores Watkins  
823-2308

**Natural Resources**

JoAnne Ramponi  
298-2716  
Includes transportation,  
land use, air quality,  
water and energy

All League members  
are welcome at all  
unit meetings, committee,  
and board meetings.

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County.

**President's Corner**

Wow! We were really busy during the election season this year. I was surprised at the level of activity during this municipal election cycle. The *Voter's Guide* publication and distribution were done as usual, and there were more requests for moderating forums, providing speakers and registering voters than we have had for a while. There were more calls to the office on election day than we had anticipated. It was good to know that people looked to the League for help with voter services and education. In the months to come we will continue on with an opportunity for our members to meet city councilors and county commissioners, a lobbying workshop for the public and an update of our *Who's Who* publication. No doubt with another legislative session around the corner and a big election year in 2008 we will be even busier.

And that leads to another thought. We will need lots of help from our members in 2008. Although we are an organization of over 300 members, only a small percentage of us are active. No doubt many of you want to be supportive members of the League but do not have the time to commit to doing a lot of the work that needs to be done. That is quite understandable, and we still need your support and membership. But my hope is that there are a few of you out there who might have some extra time to give, especially for one-time projects. We are limited only by the number of volunteers we have. Your help might be needed for registering voters, keeping time or screening questions at candidate forums, putting together publications, making telephone calls, working on a fundraiser, staffing the office, or fixing a dish for a reception or other League gathering. We do have profiles on our members and we try to refer to them when help is needed, but even better is to have a member call and volunteer. Do you want to know the League a little better? Give me a call at 821-4229 and let me know. I'll find a place for you with LWV/ABC. Getting involved with this organization is a great way to meet bright and involved people, to learn about the community and to make some good friends.

Thanks is due to JoAnne Ramponi and the Membership Committee for the salad luncheon held in September. We had several prospective members attend, as well as some League members who we seldom see. It was lots of fun and will become an annual event.

Diane Goldfarb

**Salad Luncheon Report**

On Saturday, September 15, 35 League members and guests gathered to share lunch and renew friendships at Immanuel Presbyterian Church's social hall. League committees set up exhibits on what they are doing and encouraged members and guests to join them in their activities in this next year. Thanks to all members who helped with setting up and cleaning up — especially to Helen Wright and Heather Ramponi who came early and got the tables ready.

We look forward to doing this again on the 3rd Saturday in September, 2008.  
Mark your calendar! JoAnne Ramponi, Membership Chair

**EDUCATION FORUM ON CITIZEN LOBBYING:** On Saturday morning, December 8 LWV/ABC will conduct a forum on how citizens can effectively lobby their elected representatives. There will be a speaker from the Bureau of Elections, legislative representatives and a professional lobbyist. The meeting place and final agenda will be printed in the December *Voter* or sent by email in mid-November. Seating will be limited so reserve your place by calling the League office, 884-8441. To volunteer to help with the forum call Donna Hill at 797-4690.

## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

In the photo at right, Unit Leader Marilyn Morgan introduces Ned Farquhar at the September 13 luncheon meeting. Mr. Farquhar formerly worked in New Mexico as executive director of 1000 Friends of New Mexico and later as senior advisor on energy and environmental issues to Governor Bill Richardson. He is now with the National Resources Defense Council in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Farquhar spoke, to a packed room, on “The Politics of Water in New Mexico.” He outlined several difficulties that the state faces in managing our limited water supply and discussed ways by which these problems might be resolved.



Photo by Cheryl Haaker

## LEAGUE PRE-ELECTION DAY ACTIVITY

In the run-up to the municipal election in Albuquerque, held on October 2, 2007, the League was quite active.

During the thirty-day period prior to election day, LWV/ABC accepted three requests to speak to local community groups. We moderated and kept time at four different city council candidate forums, including two which were televised on local channel 27.

In addition, the League accepted several opportunities to continue to register voters at schools, facilities for senior citizens, farmers' markets and at family day on Civic Plaza.

I wish to express my personal appreciation to the many League volunteers who gave of their time and talents to represent the League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County and to serve our community.

Dolores Chavez Waller, Voter Services

## SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks go out to Sandra Browne, Cheryl Haaker, Helen Wright, Shirley Rawls, Margaret Krahenbuhl, Karen Gatlin, Josephine Porter, Marilyn Morgan and Meg Wentz for helping out in the League office on October 1st and 2nd for the municipal election. The phone kept ringing with people asking where they needed to go to vote for this election. It was reassuring to know how many callers knew their precinct number although they were not sure of where they needed to go to vote.

You will have two chances to participate in election day activity at the League office in this next year. We will have the primary in June and the general election in November. It is a great way to help League serve the community. Think about it as your chance to serve the community.

JoAnne Ramponi, Acting Office Manager

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS — BUY ONE, SELL ONE BONUS

When you buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and sell other books, you will receive extra TWO-WEEK Memberships for *Entertainment On Vacation* coupons. (This is in addition to the two-week Membership card tucked into each book.) You will also have a chance to win prizes online, such as a 32" plasma-screen TV, Best Buy gift cards and more. Your individual code number can be used for stay-at-home vacations as well. You can also download unlimited printable coupons from [EntertainmentOnVacation.com/thankyou](http://EntertainmentOnVacation.com/thankyou). To obtain sellers' Membership Cards, be sure to let Donna Hill, 797-4690, know when you have sold extra books.

For each Entertainment Book sold, the League operating fund receives 20% of the \$35 cost—that is \$7.00 for Albuquerque/Santa Fe/New Mexico books. Out-of-state book sales also count but prices may differ. Contact the office or Donna for prices. If you are buying gifts to be mailed, please include mailing information with your check.

Pick up your Books at the LWV office, 2403 San Mateo NE, W-16C, during morning office hours. Using only a few of the coupons will recoup the price. Enjoy, and thanks for supporting your local League. Donna Hill

### ADVOCACY CORNER

#### Are you an Action Person????

1. Read pages 8 and 9 in your 2007 Handbook. Ethics and Campaign Financing, Housing and Voter ID were included in action during the past year.

- Which of these are “core” League issues?
  - Which represent “anticipated threats” to long-held positions?
  - Which represent a topic needing the most education?
2. Your view is needed on local program planning. Join in the discussion on December 1.

#### Have you made your “constituency” vocal this month????

Contacting your city councilor and county commissioner is one way to make this happen. What you can do:

1. Lend your name as a constituent to an invitation for your representative to attend the reception on Sunday, December 2, 2007. All you have to do is say “yes.” Expect a call or email explaining this further. Your Advocacy Committee is at work.
2. Attend the reception for these public officials in December. Dee Watkins, Advocacy Chair

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### DRUG POLICY NEWS

Last month you read about the FAVORABLE policy environment for treating pain in New Mexico. The Summer issue of “The Pain Community” reports that: “doctors need tools, so they know they are protected.” New Mexico has a prescription monitoring program, which is one such tool according to the Oregon Pain Commission. This Pain Commission is thought to have the “ability to push back on unfair regulatory or legislative action.” This is the only such commission in the country.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Many drugs used to treat acute and chronic pain are covered by the federal Controlled Substances Act. For some, the use of these drugs is the only effective treatment. These drugs are classified Schedule I-V. The lower numbers indicate more control over the use of the drugs.

The Drug Enforcement Agency is charged with the enforcement and interpretation of this law. New Mexico law also regulates the use of controlled

substances. State law can be more restrictive than the Controlled Substance Act. For example, a Schedule V drug can be moved to a Schedule III drug if the NM Board of Pharmacy determines this is needed. The NM Board of Pharmacy cannot move a Schedule I drug to a Schedule II or III.

Marijuana is a Schedule I drug. Thirteen state legislatures, including NM, have passed laws to allow the use of marijuana to treat certain medical diseases. Enforcement of the federal law has sometimes led to prosecution and imprisonment of individuals.

The management of pain, here at the local level, is impacted by state and federal laws and regulation. We have some policies provided by law in New Mexico to help citizens get relief from pain. We don’t have the system working effectively because of the conflicting jurisdictions.

Conclusion: More education and action is needed to make this happen. Dee Watkins, Drug Policy

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### FAIR REPRESENTATION STUDY GROUP UPDATE

The Fair Representation Study Group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. The next meetings will be October 23, November 27 and (rescheduled due to the holiday) December 18. Out of town members are encouraged to participate via conference call.

The first in the promised series of reports is “A Brief History of Redistricting in New Mexico” by Study Group member Lisa Franzen. It will appear in *La Palabra*’s December issue and has been posted on the webpage at [www.lwvabc.org/fair/](http://www.lwvabc.org/fair/).

The webpage now includes a notice of the next meeting, minutes from previous meetings, Study Group reports and current news, as well as a developing list of useful resources. A listserve, LWVNMFair, has been set up for interested parties. You can join the listserve by sending an email to [LWVNMFair-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LWVNMFair-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

For more information contact Cheryl Haaker, 505-298-7415 or [cheryl@haaker.org](mailto:cheryl@haaker.org).

Cheryl Haaker, Chair

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**Trivia Question:** When a state is divided into representative districts, each district should have, as near as practical, equal numbers of:

- a. Eligible voters
- b. Registered voters
- c. People who have *actually voted* in the previous election
- d. People—all ages, whether eligible, registered, having a history of voting, or not.

*Answer on page 5*

**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

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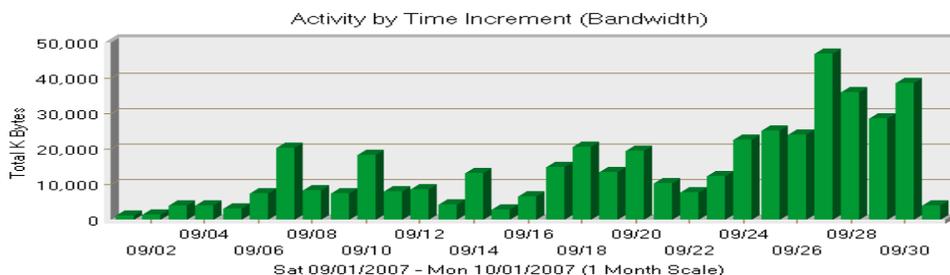
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Submitted by Kathleen Kimler Altobelli

**Dues Reminder:** Thanks to all of you who have sent in your dues. We are sending out a reminder to those who have not yet sent in their checks; only those who join or renew membership by November 30 will be included in the Member Handbook. Dues are \$50 for the first person in the household and \$25 for each additional person. Student dues are \$25. You become a member of the local, state and national Leagues when you join through LWV/ABC. If you have any questions you can call me at 298-2716.  
JoAnne Ramponi, Membership Chair

**Web Statistics for October**

The stats are in for September through the October 2 election. As expected, visitor accesses to the website increased significantly as the election approached. Notice, however, the graph below of "Activity by Time Increment (Bandwidth)"; this is a measure of how much data on the website was accessed. The increase is even more dramatic than for the number of visitor sessions. A graph of "Most Downloaded Files" shows the *Voters' Guide* file as the top file accessed by visitors, increasing sharply toward Election Day, but followed closely by the *Who's Who*, which remained a steady favorite. Also, increasing numbers of visitors are accessing the online *Voters*. For the "Most Downloaded Files" graph and all the details, check it out at [www.lwvabc.org/stats](http://www.lwvabc.org/stats).  
Cheryl Haaker, Technology Chair



**Answer to Fair Representation Trivia Question:**  
Each of the possible answers has, at one time, been used to establish voting districts. But according to the Supreme Court only (d) People—all ages, whether eligible, registered, having a history of voting, or not, is the correct answer.

UNIT	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERSHIP
<b>Luncheon</b> 2nd Thursday 11:45 a.m.	Wyndham Hotel 2910 Yale SE Reservations required \$15*	Marilyn Morgan 266-5131	Vivian Boyle 266-1417
<b>Midtown</b> 3rd Monday 1:30 p.m.	Manzano del Sol 5201 Roma NE Hobby Room (on first floor)	JoAnne Ramponi 298-2716	Lois Reed 235-9722
<b>Evening</b> 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Cherry Hills Library 6901 Barstow NE Optional dinner after meeting	Jan Bray 292-7270	Delores Watkins 823-2308
<b>Sandoval County</b> 3rd Wednesday 12 noon	Corrales Community Center Meeting Room 4234 Corrales Road Brown Bag Lunch	Marie Ross 771-0103 Mary Mulvany 792-9287	Janet Kelbley 898-4123

\* Luncheon Unit reservations: call the League office (884-8441) by 10:00 a.m. the preceding Monday. If you do not attend and have not cancelled by the deadline, you will be billed for the cost. Also, due to a new policy at the Wyndham, there will be an additional \$2.00 charge for each meal prepared for people who show up without reservations.

### November Calendar

- 1 LWV/ABC Board
- 1 Voter Deadline
- 7 Advocacy Committee
- 8 Luncheon Unit
- 12 Office Closed  
Veterans' Day
- 14 Sandoval County Unit
- 19 Midtown Unit
- 20 Evening Unit
- 22 Office Closed for
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 29 Drug Policy Committee

### Membership

You can join LWV anytime of the year. Contact JoAnne Ramponi 298-2716.

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