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Former Gov. Toney Anaya to speak at League July luncheon

Toney Anaya, former New Mexico governor and attorney general, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, July 9 meeting of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico.

Anaya, who currently serves as the executive director of the New Mexico Office of Recovery and Reinvestment, will discuss the federal stimulus package impact on the state.

The meeting will be held at the Albuquerque Grand Hotel, 2910 Yale Blvd. S.E. at 11:45 a.m.

As attorney general (1975-1978), Anaya was recognized for turning a previously obscure office into a major force in government and protector of consumer rights. As governor (1983-1986), he focused on energy alternatives, water devel-

opment and conservation, the environment, education, economic development, and provided leadership in investing of the state's multibillion dollar trust funds.

Known as a visionary, he successfully steered the state through a national recession, transforming New Mexico into a more technology-based economy and laid the groundwork for future deployment of rapid rail transit, education and social reform.

Earlier this year Gov. Bill Richardson called upon Anaya to oversee implementation of New Mexico's multi-billion dollar federal "stimulus" funding, with a goal to help save and create jobs in the state, and to seek to make infrastructure investments in broadband deployment, "smart grid" and other energy and environmentally-friendly initiatives, and futuristic infrastructure investments to benefit the state for decades.

From his law offices in Santa Fe, he has represented major corporate clients; pursued his own business development initiatives, including real estate and energy projects; was a founding member of Valor Telecommunications which provides telephone service in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma; and, for five years was a principal advisor to the country of Mexico during negotiations and passage in the U.S. of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Anaya has a Juris Doctorate from American University and a B.A. from Georgetown University.

Luncheon cost is \$17. People should RSVP by Monday, July 6 by calling the League office at 884-8441.



TONEY ANAYA



Helping to move the LWVCNM office to its new location on San Pedro were, from the left, Dick Mason, Rosetta Haaker, Scott Walker, and Axel Haaker. Dick lent his truck for the move.

League office moves to new location

The League office has moved to a new location, 2315 San Pedro N.E., Suite F-6, says JoAnne Ramponi, acting office manager.

Both the zip code and the phone number stay the same. The fax machine is hooked up and that number is 883-3294. Through Aug. 31 the office is operating on summer

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July Calendar

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| July 2 | LWVCNM Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. |
| July 5 | Voter copy deadline |
| July 9 | Luncheon meeting, 11:45 a.m. |
| July 18 | New member event, 5-7 p.m. |
| July 23 | Drug Policy Committee, 1-3 p.m. |

League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico

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 wel-
come at all unit meetings, committee
and board meetings.

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President's Corner

As the song goes, "The times, they are a changing..." and with them so is the League. Two examples. First, with fewer two-parent, one-wage earner families, fewer people (women and men) have enough time for important volunteer activities such as League offices. We knew this locally, but at the State Convention Carolie Mullan (the New Mexico liaison on the national board) emphasized the point in her leadership development presentation.

The traditional League organizational structure (a president, several vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and several additional board members with fixed responsibilities) is becoming the exception rather than the rule. Co-presidents (and other co-offices) are becoming common. Teams are collectively taking responsibility for tasks rather than trying to find one person to be completely responsible. Who does what varies from year to year based on the interests and skills of the board members. These teams also facilitate mentoring and training of future leaders. Her summary was that things are changing so local Leagues should feel free to experiment and try out new approaches to find what works best for them. The national website (www.lwv.org) has a lot of useful information under the for members — tools for leaders page.

Second, LWVUS is shifting more of its information to electronic rather than paper distribution. This is both because of the rising costs of paper, publishing, and postage and because the new generations are very comfortable and used to these electronic methods. (However, national should realize that not all League members are from these electronic generations, so some traditional paper distribution is also important.) If you haven't visited the national website (www.lwv.org), or even just not visited it lately, we urge you to take a look. It has a lot of League news, issue papers (on topics such as climate change, health care, and election reform), a library of League documents, and League organization and training documents on the for members page under tools for leaders. LWVCNM also has a web site (www.lwvcnm.org) thanks to Cheryl Haaker. It has a lot of information and documents on local studies and activities and gets an average of 300-400 visits per day (over 4,500 last October before the election). There is also a state web site (www.lwvnm.org). Please take a look. Finally, there are discussion groups on all of these sites for members interested in specific issues. To get electronic distributions and/or join discussion groups on www.lwv.org, you need to register and provide your email address. For privacy, LWVCNM does not automatically provide your email address to national.

Locally, some good things are happening in LWVCNM. At least four Sandoval County members have started an observer corps to monitor their county commission. The Advocacy Committee has attended all of the Albuquerque Charter Revision Task Force meetings and will testify to the City Council on the charter amendment proposals. The Drug Policy Committee is taking its dialog to Los Alamos. For the third year it has been asked to present to the New Mexico Conference on Aging. We are forming a questions committee for the municipal election Voters' Guide — call Jo Porter to participate. We will need volunteers to help cover the interim legislative committees, such as Health and Human Services, Courts and Corrections, Legislative Education Study Committee, and Legislative Finance. This is a chance to learn more about what you are interested in and actually meet some of the legislators in a less hectic setting.

— Olin and Jan Bray, Co-Presidents, LWVCNM

New member welcome

The League board will welcome new members July 18 from 5-7 p.m. at an event at the home of Ann Kirkpatrick, 159 El Rey Dr. in Corrales.

This is the fourth year that the board has held the event. It is hosted by the board to get to meet anyone who is new to the local league since last summer.

To get directions to Ann's house, call 897-3128.

State convention deemed a success

On May 15-17 our League hosted the 2009 convention for the League of Women Voters of New Mexico. The convention, held at the Nativo Lodge, attracted 38 delegates and observers from around the state. Over 40 people attended the Friday night reception, and 66 people heard television news anchor Doug Fernandez speak at the Saturday night banquet.

State conventions are held every two years. The state board is responsible for organizing and conducting the business meeting and workshops. The host League is responsible for obtaining meeting space and sleeping rooms, food, audiovisual equipment, entertainment, convention packets and any other logistical arrangements. Local League members are also expected to hold a fund raising event to benefit the state organization.

A hearty round of thanks goes to those LWVCNM members who made the 2009 state convention a success: Convention Treasurer Don Goldfarb, Donna Hill, Delores Watkins, JoAnne Ramponi, Cheryl Haaker, Dick Mason, Terry Quinn, Josephine Porter, Jan Bray, Lois Reed, Marge Swartz, and Susan Walton.

A special thanks goes to Andrea Targhetta, who, with help from Terry Quinn, chaired a silent auction that earned \$866 for the State League's operating and advocacy expenses.

Because of the generosity of some of our members who provided food and supplies, and because the Albuquerque Public Schools, the American Association of University Women and Sandia Preparatory loaned us audio-visual equipment, LWVCNM had approximately \$333 in income over expenses. Those proceeds will go into our local League's operating fund.

Drug Policy Committee

The next Drug Policy Committee meeting will be July 23, from 1-3 p.m. at Manzano del Sol, 6th floor lounge. Ongoing committee projects include:

- Preparation and practice for presentations on 1) "Speaking to Your Health Care Professional in Los Alamos," Aug. 17. Be the audience. Give us feedback on how to make the dialogue more interesting; 2) New Mexico Conference on Aging, Aug. 23-25. We are seeking your questions and comments about pain medications. Call Dee Watkins 823-2308.

- Hear the reports on 1) the discussion of addiction treatment programs in New Mexico, 2) President Obama's National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy as presented by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, and Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske, and 3) new action about pain management from the American Pain Foundation Summit.

— Dee Watkins, Chair

Thank you each and every one for your help.

— Diane Goldfarb, Chair
2009 State Convention
Planning Committee



Dinner speaker, Doug Fernandez KOAT-TV Channel 7 News anchor, is flanked by Katherine Campbell, LWVNM president (left) and Diane Goldfarb, former LWVCNM president and convention organizer.

Office moves to new location

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hours — Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We were able to get everything moved from the San Mateo location in one day thanks to the members who packed up the office and Dick Mason, Cheryl, Axel and Rosetta Haaker, and Scott and Luke Walker who made many trips from the old office to the new office," JoAnne says. "Thanks also to Margaret Krahenbuhl, Judith Binder, Sharon Moynahan, Terry Quinn, and Andrea Targhetta for sorting and putting away the many boxes that were in the conference room."

She adds that everything is almost all cleaned up. "Thanks to Jon McCorkell for driving in the nails for the new clocks and the Roll of Honor plaques and Cheryl Haaker has the computer and the printer all hooked up. It looks as if we are connected to the internet also."

JoAnne gave a special thank you to Don Goldfarb and Margaret Krahenbuhl for all of their work in locating new office space.

Members are invited to stop by to visit the new office, but we are planning an open house once all the boxes are put away.

Membership Report

Welcome to new and returning members

Zella M. Hammond, 5201 Roma Ave N.E. Apt. 329, 87108, 265-3035

Katherine Hauth, 830 Amethyst Dr. N.E., Rio Rancho, 87124, 892-6754

Christopher Johnson, 505 Winema Ct. S.E., 87123

Ella O. Labrier, 8506 Spain Rd. N.E., 87111, 796-0440

John & Mercedes McKiernan, 916 Tansion Court N.E., 87112, 255-2277

Jeannette Smyth, 1522 San Patricio Av S.W., 87104

Corrections: oops! Susane Burks really lives at 10500 Academy NE, Apt 324, not 1500 as we reported last month.

Advocacy Corner

Advocacy Committee continues through the summer

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1, from 1-3 p.m. at the League Office. If you need help locating the new office, call 884-8441. Committee projects in process are:

- Observer Corp, Sandoval County Commission and Bernalillo County Health Policy Committee,
- Observing and testifying before the Albuquerque City Council on the Charter Task Force recommendations,
- Planning educational efforts regarding any Charter Amendments for the October ballot,
- Identifying persons to support candidate forums,
- Planning for receptions for local legislators after the elections,
- Completing the “Your Vote In Not Enough” project.

This is a good time to see what these energetic members are doing.

— Dee Watkins, Chair

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