



The

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October League meetings to focus on carbon emissions, environment

Topics for October League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico unit meetings will focus on carbon emissions and the environment.

The following are units, topics and speakers.

Luncheon Unit Meeting: Oct. 14, 11:45 a.m., Airport Grand Hotel

Topic & Speaker: "Petition to cap carbon emissions in New Mexico," Mariel Nanasi, a civil rights attorney and Senior Policy Advisor at New Energy Economy. The LWVNM is a co-petitioner. See <http://newenergyeconomy.org>.

The cost of the luncheon is \$17, payable at the door. Reservations must be called into the League office at 884-8441 by Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.

Evening Unit, Oct. 12, 6 p.m., Erna Fergusson Library, 3700 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque

Topic & Speaker: "Youth Perspective on Climate Change," Akilah Sanders-Reed, Albuquerque Academy student

Midtown Unit, Oct. 18, 1:30 p.m., Manzano del Sol, Hobby Room, 5201 Roma NE

Topic & Speaker: "Low Carbon Diet: Lose 5,000 pounds of carbon by identifying your carbon footprint, Sallie McCarthy

Northeast Heights Unit, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. La Vida Llena Card Room, 10501 Lagrima de Oro Road, NE.

Topic & Speaker: "New Energy Economy," Oriana Sandoval, Policy & Advocacy Program Manager

Editor's Note: The Sandoval Unit has been temporarily disbanded until the board of directors gauges interest from members. The unit has been poorly attended over the past year.

Cut Your Carbon Rally set for Oct. 10

Cutting our carbon is critical if we are to successfully reduce the CO2 emissions in the atmosphere to 350 ppm. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at a "Cut Your Carbon Rally" at the Albuquerque Academy. The rally is free, but we encourage you to register online at <http://www.cutcarbonrallynm.org/> so we can estimate the number of people attending.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico is supporting this event, part of a much larger effort around the world, with over 2,000 events planned in over 140 countries. <http://www.350.org>.

October Calendar

October 7	Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.
October 5	<i>Voter</i> deadline
October 12	Evening Unit, 6 p.m.
October 14	Luncheon Unit, 11:45 a.m.
October 18	Midtown Unit, 1:30 p.m.
October 25	Heights Unit, 10 a.m.
October 28	Drug Policy Study Committee, 1 p.m.

**League of Women Voters of
Central New Mexico
Board Meeting
1st Thursday of each month
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Brown,
6565 Americans Parkway NE**

Program Committees

Fair Representation Committee

Cheryl Haaker (298-7415)

Drug Policy

Delores Watkins (823-2308)

Natural Resources

Includes transportation, land use, air quality,
water, and energy

All League members are invited to all
unit meetings, committee and board meetings.

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recycled paper each month by the League of
Women Voters of Central New Mexico.

Renewal letters in mail

Renewal letters were sent out mid-
September to all League members. Please respond
to your dues letter as soon as you can. This will
help save money on follow-up reminders. The
League appreciates your renewal and looks forward
to another great year of working together to keep
our New Mexican citizens informed.

Being placed in the renewal letter is a sec-
tion asking if members prefer an email or a paper
copy of the *Voter*. All members need to do is a
check in the correct box for their preference. We
originally planned on calling all members to find
out their preferences. However, we decided to
include the question in the renewal letter since they
were going out in September anyway.

-- *Andrea Targhetta, Membership*

Presidents' Corner

As the election gets nearer, LWVCNM is
doing more voter education and voter services. Jan
testified at the Albuquerque City Council meeting on
the continuation on the moratorium on impact fees,
giving the League's position that those who bene-
fit should pay and that public policy should not be
based on "mights" and "maybes," but on hard data.
The Council voted 7 to 2 to continue the moratorium,
but for only six months. Jan was quoted in an
Albuquerque Journal story on the meeting.

LWVCNM participated in the Volunteer and
Resource Fair at the New Mexico Conference on
Aging. Thanks to Carolyn Lindberg and Andrea
Targhetta for helping to staff the table. We passed out
many *Who's Whos* and some membership forms.

LWVCNM got a call to participate in the
Celebration of Women's Equality Day at Kirtland Air
Base. Jan obtained Mary Wilson as their keynote
speaker. Jan and Gayle Prinkey also staffed a table at
the event with League information, *Who's Who*,
membership information and forms and voter regis-
tration forms.

LWVCNM conducted voter registration at
several additional events. They included: Women's
Day at the State Fair on Sept. 22, Intel on Sept. 14
and the Corrales Fair on Sept. 25 and 26. Anyone
interested in helping out at similar future events
should call Gayle Prinkey at 872-3933. Thanks to
Marge Swartz who coordinated with Gayle Prinkey.

The LWVNM state board meeting was held
in Albuquerque Sep. 25 at the Manzano Mesa Center
at 9:30 a.m. One topic to be discussed was the Santa
Fe study on transparency – whether to propose mak-
ing it a state concurrence or to propose a state study
on government transparency. The Santa Fe County
League did a major study on government transparen-
cy at the local and county level. The question is how
best to apply this to the state level.

-- *Jan and Olin Bray, Co-Presidents*

Membership Committee Report

Welcome to new and returning members:

Pat & Rebecca Belletto, 902 Valverde Dr SE,
87108, 713-0201

Barbara McGuire, 600 Ridgecrest Dr SE, 87108
266-1561

Member address changes:

Jean Dilley, 200 Veterans Ln Apt 301,
Doylestown, PA 18901-3452

Henrietta B. Loy

11100 Hagen Rd NE, 87111-1820(Same phone:
299-2092)

J. Michelle MacDonald, 8079 36th St Cir,
Sarasota, FL 34243-6309

Drug Policy Study Committee

The Drug Policy Study Committee's study of the "Impact of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse on Our Community" gained momentum in September through contact with members of the Albuquerque Partnership. At the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico's general meeting -- a Town Hall Discussion of The Effects of Alcohol in Our Community -- was inspiring as city, county, state, neighborhood organizations and providers of treatment reviewed the growth and accomplishments of this Department of Health grant. Their process, struggles and successes have implications for the League's study.

The next Drug Policy Study Committee meeting is Thursday, Oct. 28 from 1-3 p.m. The location will be announced.

-- Dee Watkins, Chair

PAINSAFE initiative to be launched

A new educational initiative, called PAINSAFE (Pain Safety & Access For Everyone), will soon be launched. The website will be active around Oct. 1 and will provide up-to-date information and expert guidance from a multidisciplinary advisory committee for consumers and healthcare professionals to understand:

- * There are many different options for managing pain today.
- * Pain is best managed by a combination of treatment options.
- * No single treatment option is without risk including the decision to not treat pain.

The site will provide evidence-based information, practice-based tools and expert guidance focusing on safety and reducing the risks associated with various pain treatments. Talk to Drug Policy Study Committee (DPSC) members for more information.

-- Dee Watkins

Thank you from Judith Binder

A sincere thank you to the following League voter registrars who volunteered during September to cover a dozen high schools throughout Central New Mexico: Norma Argo, Therese Barts, Diane Goldfarb, Cheryl Haaker, Michelle Meaders, Marilyn Morgan, Mary Mulvaney, Bill & Gayle Prinkey, Marge Swartz and Andrea Targhetta.



Drug Policy Study Committee spreads the word -- Members of the League's DPSC sponsored a booth at the Conference on Aging Resource and Engagement Fair on Aug. 24 where they handed out materials. (Photo by Eileen Longsworth)

Members take a retrospective look at League of Women Voters

Editor's Note: This year the LWVCNM celebrates its 60th anniversary. In February Judith Binder put together a retrospective program presented at all Unit meetings that consisted of members sharing in their own words memories of League. This is the fifth in a series of articles that includes some of those memories.

Sandra Browne

"What I enjoy most is that belonging to the League is in the context of belonging to a condensed book club. I'm with smart and involved individuals whose opinions you can respect and trust, and it's like a big family where everyone shares their knowledge and experiences. A terrific place to be.

"When I was President, I was impressed with the openness and objectivity that so many members brought to the group. The drug study committee, for instance took off in the early 1990s and was chaired by a 75-year-old former school teacher, Isobel Davis. I was amazed by her objectivity, the flat willingness to learn.

"One characteristic of League committees is the conscientious effort to educate and inform themselves, without condemnation of events over which no one has control, but are willing to study, to form an educated opinion, an open mindedness, and the desire to share what they learn.

"I felt my presidency was similar to being a traffic cop, a facilitator, because members are so 'with it, man.' There is no other organization that allows debate and it does not become vindictive."

League is never boring."

Early In-Person Voting Information General Election 2010

Early in-person voting for the Nov. 2, 2010 primary election will be conducted as follows:

Clerks Office Annex Downtown

Tuesday, Oct. 5 -- Saturday, Oct. 9 (Note location change from 1 Civic Plaza, 6th Floor)

Tuesday, Oct. 5-Saturday, Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 11 -- Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 18 -- Saturday, Oct. 23, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25 -- Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

16 additional locations, beginning Saturday, Oct. 16

* 98th & Central Shopping Center, 120 98th St. NW, Suite B-5

* Alameda West Shopping Center, 10131 Coors Blvd. NW, Suite B-1

* Caracol Plaza Shopping Center, 12500 Montgomery Blvd., Suite 101

* Coors Plaza, 3200 Coors NW, Suite A

*Daskalos Shopping Center, 5339 & 5339 A Menaul NE

* Goff Plaza, 1720 Bridge SW, Suite G-1

* Mission Square Shopping Center, 1331 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, Suite 2 M

*Montgomery Assets Shopping Center, 6910 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite C

*Montgomery Crossing, 8510 Montgomery Blvd. NE

*Paseo Crossing Shopping Center, 8000 Paseo Del Norte NE, Suite B9

* Petroglyph Plaza Shopping Center, 8201 Golf Course Rd. NW, Suite C4B

* Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site, 3910 Isleta SW

* Siesta Hills Shopping Center, 5405 Gibson SE

* Tijeras City Hall, 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras

* University of New Mexico, Student Union Building

Dates & Hours of Operation

Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 18-Oct. 23, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 25-Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

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