



Former Chief Deputy Attorney General to address LWVCNM in January

Former Chief Deputy Attorney General Stuart Bluestone will address Ethics in NM Government during the LWVCNM

January 12th Luncheon Unit meeting. Mr. Bluestone will present segments from the Ethics Seminars he and former Chief Justice Richard Bosson recently provided to the New Mexico District Attorneys Association and to all of the 2016 members and newly elected members of the New Mexico House of Representatives and the New Mexico State Senate.

Stuart Bluestone retired in May 2016 from a 30-year career in New Mexico State Government, including many years specializing on Governmental Ethics issues. Mr. Bluestone served as Chief Deputy Attorney General for eight years. He was also the Attorney General's Senior Counsel and Chief Lobbyist for almost 10 years before his retirement last May. Mr. Bluestone was appointed to the Governor's Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform Task Force in 2006-2007, and he has lobbied on the Ethics Commission proposal that emerged from that Task Force and that has been introduced in various legislative bills since then. He was honored December 2016 by Common Cause with their 2016 Best in Government Award.

Mr. Bluestone also served for nine years as a Drafter and then Deputy Director of the N.M. Legislative Council Service, where he also was the Staff Counsel for the Governmental Ethics Task Force in 1989-1990. He has drafted many of the campaign finance and ethics laws

and amendments enacted in New Mexico.

Mr. Bluestone came to New Mexico in 1984, when he was chosen to be the Attorney General's Director of Consumer Protection. Prior to that Mr. Bluestone was in private practice in Washington, D.C.; a litigator for the Federal Energy Administration; and a lawyer with one of the country's first public interest law firms in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bluestone is a graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut; the Georgetown University Law Center; and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is married to Judy Naumburg, and they are the proud parents of their actor/son Darren, who lives in Los Angeles, and their daughter Tahlia and her family, including three grandchildren, who live in Denver.

The January Luncheon Unit will be held Thursday, January 12th, 11:45 am, at the MCM Elegante Hotel (2020 Menaul Blvd NE). *Please make reservations for the January 12th Luncheon Unit Meeting by calling the LWVCNM office (884-8441) by 10:00 am Monday, January 9th.* Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Save the Dates

**League Day at the Legislature 2017
February 8 & 9**

**LWVCNM Program Planning
Saturday, February 18, 2017**

**Women's History Month Celebration
March 10, 2017 From 12 to 1 pm**

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January 2017

Thursday, January 5th 5:30 pm Board Meeting
Landmark Apartments, Library
6303 Indian School Rd NE

Monday, January 9th 10:00 am Luncheon Reservation Deadline

Thursday, January 12th 11:45 am Luncheon Meeting
MCM Eleganté Hotel Albuquerque
2020 Menaul NE

Monday, January 16th Office Closed MLK Holiday

Monday, January 23rd 10:00 am NE Heights Unit
La Vida Llena
10501 Lagrima de Oro Road NE



Sandra Fish to address January NE Heights Unit

Sandra Fish, NM in Depth online Journalist, will address the January NE Heights Unit. NM in Depth currently features the Openness Project detailing Political Action Committee (PAC) Donations for Campaign Finance considerations, Climate Change and Environmental discussions, the Justice Project, the Medicaid Project, and additional current initiatives. Ms. Fish is a frequent NMPBS commentator and was a December 2016 recipient of the Common Cause "Best in Government" award.

The NE Heights unit will meet at 10:00 am, Monday January 23rd, at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima de Oro NE in Albuquerque.



In Memorium

Julia Carson White, age 94, died Monday, 12 December 2016. Julia served her community in many ways. She was president of the League of Women Voters of Albuquerque/Bernalillo County and reapportionment chair and lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of New Mexico.

Julia once described her favorite wisdom: "Happiness is the exercise of one's vital abilities along the lines of excellence in a life that affords them scope."



Women's March Timely for MLK Day

This month we will again be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 16, 2017. This Baptist minister became one of the most widely-known people to effectively use civil disobedience to attain the advancement of our civil rights. Nonviolent resistance is a time-honored practice. It's a symbolic disruption of the daily order to express sharp disagreement with a current situation. Dr. King has given us a good model to make the powers-that-be take notice of our wariness, to make sure these powers know we are watching them, and to make a statement—Hear Our Voice.

On January 20, 2017, the next President of the United States takes his oath of office and there are thousands, if not millions, of women in this country who see women's rights at risk. The Women's March on Washington will take place on January 21, 2017 in Washington, D.C. in front of the Capitol. There are tandem marches being held all over the United States including Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

The League of Women Voters is NOT a sponsor to this march, but many League members will be marching. All men, women, children and diverse groups are welcomed by the national organizers (Bob Bland, Carmen Perez, Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour). Planned Parenthood is a partner and Gloria Steinem and Harry Belafonte are honorary co-chairs.

It's the precise time to take a stand to preserve the progress made in social justice and human rights issues such as healthcare, gender, freedom of religion, and security. This march is not focusing on any individual, but is letting the new administration be aware that we are watching and will rally when any inequities arise. It is often said, "Women's rights are human rights."

Andrea Targhetta

Democracy is not a spectator sport



Education Fund

The JoAnne Ramponi Society

JoAnne Ramponi was a lifetime member of the League of Women Voters^(R) who was dedicated to having an educated voter base. JoAnne was well-informed and devoted to League issues, such as creating and protecting the Petroglyph National Monument. She was well-regarded as the group's Membership Chair for 11 years and exceptionally knowledgeable on community issues. She was an inspiration to all. JoAnne Ramponi was awarded the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women's Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women in 1988 and was placed on the League's Honor Roll in 2002.

The LWVCNM(501)(c)(3) Education Fund is supported by its members, friends and generous donors who give to pay for the education activities of the League. These gifts can continue by including the LWVCNM(501)(c)(3) Education Fund in your Trust/Will/Estate plans. If you are planning gifts to charitable institutions, then please consider including the LWVCNM(501)(c)(3) Education Fund. Your estate attorney can assist you in including the LWVWVCNM(501)(c)(3) Education Fund for either a percentage of your estate or a fixed amount.

The JoAnne Ramponi Society was created to recognize donors who have communicated to us that they are giving to the LWV Education Fund in their will, trust or another planned giving instrument. As such a supporter, we would be honored to list you as a member of The JoAnne Ramponi Society. Please let us know of your planned giving intentions by contacting us at 505.884.8441

Several donors have notified us of their planned giving intentions. These individuals are the Founding Members of our JoAnne Ramponi Society.

Anonymous - Judith Binder - George Richmond

LWVCNM
has scheduled the annual Program Planning
meeting for Saturday, February 18, 2017
at La Vida Llena Nueva Vista Building,

10501 Lagrima de Oro NE.
Coffee, fruit, and pastries will be served at 9:30 am
followed by the Program Planning meeting
10:00 – 12:00 pm.

Program Planning is the LWV member opportunity to consider changes to existing positions or initiate studies to introduce new positions. Adoption of new positions follows the LWV Study Committee and Consensus model. Approved positions serve as the basis for official LWV Public Statements and Advocacy, permitting LWV to play an active role in influencing the policies, services, and programs available to US residents including both domestic impacts and International Relations. LWV Positions permit more active participation in our democracy, including preparation of draft legislation, support or opposition of measures presented for vote by legislative bodies, and collaboration with other nonprofit organizations to promote responsible government.

February 2016 LWVCNM Program Planning focused on review of current LWVUS Positions and recommended changes. LWVUS Direction provided February 2016 further restricted scope to “Making Democracy Work” - Voter Rights, Voter Protection and Service, and Election Reform (including both Money in Politics and Redistricting). LWVUS Direction to LWVNM indicated that proposed revision of LWVUS Trade and Natural Resources Positions could be initially addressed through LWVEF Online Discussion Groups. LWVUS Program was revised during June 2016 Convention to incorporate the Money in Politics position developed following 2015 local league and MAL consensus meetings, and concurrence with the LWVCO Behavioral Health position supplementing the Health Care position. State LWVs recommended 51 Program Study topics to LWVUS 2016.

LWVCNM members have indicated that augmenting current program positions to permit active participation in some aspects of our government or society is desirable, including further supplementing the health care position to include end-of-life decisions, expanding the ethics position (currently restricted to Campaign Finance) providing LWV authority for statements regarding questionable practices or government activities of concern. 2016 study/action committees in other NM local leagues include: LWVGLC – Immigration Committee (held caucus at 2016 LWVUS Convention with

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Program Planning continued..... Committee (held caucus at 2016 LWVUS Convention with LWV TX, CA, FL, NY, and IL), Affordable Housing Committee, Education Committee, and Youth Engagement Committee; LWVSFC – Economic Development Committee; LWVLA – Natural Resources Committee.

Please review current LWV Positions and plan to participate in February 2017 Program Planning to develop positions that enhance LWVCNM effectiveness in improving our democracy.

Book Review

America the Vulnerable: Inside the New Threat Matrix of Digital Espionage, Crime, and Warfare by Joel Brenner, 2011, Penguin Press, Hardcover, 308 pages.

Given the recent Russian hacking and involvement in the presidential election, this is a very timely and interesting book. Even though it was published in 2011, things haven’t changed much – at least not for the better.

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Women's History Month Celebration

March 10, 2017 From 12 to 1 pm

State Capitol Rotunda. This is a non-partisan, educational, news and celebratory event.

Topics to be addressed

1. Ongoing women's rights issues may include equal pay, pregnancy discrimination, reproductive rights that need to be addressed in the NM state legislature as well as the national direction for the Equal Rights Amendment.

2. Celebration of our strides in acquiring power, through activism and the vote, to develop policies and carry forth an agenda that focus on women, children and families.

Arrangements

- Space along the East Hall has been reserved for 5 tables.

- Organizational banners may be hung on the railing above the Rotunda. To assure placement, banners need to be brought to the office of Anna Anaya, Room 211 State Capitol before 8 AM to be put up by their staff. [505 986-4575anna.anaya@nmlegis.gov](mailto:anna.anaya@nmlegis.gov)

- 90 chairs will be placed by Capitol staff in the Rotunda for the public who attends.

Suggested Speakers

Suggested: an officer from National NOW, Eleanor Chavez, Nina Martinez, Michelle Lujan Grisham, other state legislator, Martha Burk, Pamela Herndon, Sylvia Ramos (ERA)

If you would like to share a talent, or perhaps a few words of what is being done in your community for *Women* by participating in the Rotunda, contact Judith Binder.

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The author was the National Security Agency's senior counsel and inspector general and was the counterintelligence executive for the Director of National Intelligence, so he has an excellent perspective on what is happening even if he can only talk about parts of it.

Information system vulnerability has several perspectives. For individuals it is seen as privacy, for companies

League Day at the Legislature 2017

February 8 & 9

Legislative Reception,

Wednesday, February 8, 5:30-7:30

Garrett's Desert Inn, 311 Old Santa Fe Trail*

Adequately Funding Essential Services

James Jimenez, MPA,

Executive Director

New Mexico Voices for Children

James Jimenez also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico's School of Public Administration. In both positions, he draws from his considerable experience working in state and city government.

League Day,

Thursday, February 9, 10:30 AM to Noon

State Land Office, Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail

Educational Funding Issues and Priorities

Dr. Veronica García, Superintendent

Santa Fe Public Schools

Veronica García's decades of work within the state's K-12 education system range from teacher to principal to superintendent and to New Mexico's first Cabinet Secretary of Education.

Reproductive Rights

Julianna Koob, Legislative Advocate, Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains and ACLU

Julianna Koob has fought to advance the rights of women and children for the past 25 years, first as a domestic violence shelter advocate and later for the right of girls and women to make their own healthcare decisions and be treated equally.

Garrett's Desert Inn is offering us a special group rate of \$60 single plus \$10 for each additional person (plus tax) for double queen, king, or single based on availability. Deadline for this rate is January 18 with the group code "Swing Vote" for February 8 and surrounding dates. The parking fee of \$8 is waived for your stay and/or for the League Reception. Reserve by calling [1-800-888-2145](tel:1-800-888-2145) or [505-982-1851](tel:505-982-1851). Group rate is not available online.

Dec 2, 1926 : NY-LWV Endorses Birth Control

WOMEN VOTERS WON FOR BIRTH CONTROL

State Convention Approves Enlarging Doctors' Rights in Giving Wives Information.

SPIRITED FIGHT ON FLOOR

First Vote Shows Proposal Lost, but a Recount Brings Victory for It, 53 to 42

SYRACUSE, Dec. 2. - After a spirited fight over birth control on the convention floor today the New York League of Women Voters, by a vote of 53 to 42, endorsed the proposed amendment to the Penal Code permitting physicians to give contraceptive prescriptions to any married woman.

A discussion in which Mrs. Clarence E. Hancock, Mrs. William H. Kniskern and Miss Grace Kline of Syracuse spoke in favor of the proposed amendment included heated arguments for or against the measure.

With supporters of the proposal hailing birth control as a means of preventing war and checking crime and disease, a more conservative group argued that, whatever its merits, the time was not yet ripe for the League of Women Voters officially to endorse the movement.

All of the Onondaga County delegates voted for the measure. The first vote showed 45 against the amendment and 43 in favor of it. A recount was demanded with the result of 53 ayes to 42 nays.

Miss Dorothy Kenyon, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, who presented the program to the convention, said that the fundamental purpose of the endorsement of the Sheppard-Towner bill was to benefit mothers and babies, and she did not know how the league could endorse that bill without accepting the birth control measure, which she contended is the beginning of real improvement in existing conditions of poverty and disease.

Mrs. F. Louis Slade of New York City voted against the amendment and spoke against it on the floor, because she believed that it was not yet time for the league to endorse it, spoke after the measure had been passed, urging the league women to make a careful study of the birth control situation before the next convention. At former conventions birth control opponents have been uniformly in the majority.

Seven measures were accepted as the active program of the league at Albany this Winter. They are the acceptance of a Federal grant for infancy and maternity (the Sheppard-Towner bill); woman jurors to serve on the same terms as men; forty-eight hour week for women and minors in factory and mercantile establishments; State law for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment; extension of time during which voters may register; lowering of the minimum marriage age to 16 for girls and 18 for boys, except that a court and both parents must consent, and direct primaries.

Resolutions submitted by Mrs. James Van Inwagen of Buffalo and passed by the convention included one asking Congress to amend the immigration law so as to give women citizens the same right to bring their foreign-born husbands to America outside the quota, as men have to bring their foreign-born wives.

Asserting that an unfair discrimination against women citizens is shown in the existing law, Mrs. Alexander Tugan-Baranovski made a stirring appeal to league members to pass this resolution. For two years she has been trying to bring her Russian-born husband to this country. She succeeded in bringing him here for a six months' visit, but he now faces deportation.

Resolutions favoring the cooperation of the country in the World Court as a means of securing world peace were also passed.

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Submitted by Carol Tucker Trelease



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it involves protection of intellectual property and trade secrets, for the government it involves espionage and cyberwar, and for all of these levels there is the issue of computer crime. However, none of these levels of users expect or demand an effective level of security in their systems. He makes the case that our vulnerability is dramatically increased by the desire to have everything connected to the internet, although in many cases this increases the risks while providing little benefit. He makes the case that putting the electric grid and plant equipment on the open internet may make it easier to upgrade and maintain the software (which few companies actually do in a timely manner), but it means anyone has access to them, although sometime after getting through password and firewall protect systems. Super secure systems not connected to the open internet provide high levels of security until users, to make their job easier, use thumb drives to move data (and viruses and malware) between open and isolated secure systems. Infected thumb drives are a major way of getting into system, especially classified ones.

There are several problems with infected systems. How do you know they have been infected? Sometimes it is not discovered for months or years after the fact because most malware effectively covers its tracks. A second issue is how do you know what has been stolen, especially in the case of cyber espionage? While users rarely go to the trouble of encrypting the data they store on their systems, cyber spies usually encrypt the stolen data before they send it out to complicate knowing what has been stolen and determining the potential damage and consequences. Another problem is that once you discover you have been hacked is trying to discover who did it. Hackers always try to cover their trails often going through many innocent systems. However, sometimes looking at the actual code or the algorithms provide clues to the hackers' identity.

Another problem is that the Geneva Conventions provides some basic rules for war, although they are sometimes violated. Unfortunately, in the cyber arena there is no such basic agreement. If I send a plane over to bomb your electric generating plant, that is an act of war. If I send malware into your system and overload the genera-

tors so that they are destroyed (and yes it can be done), is that an act of war or just hacking? How do I even know who did it? It may have been another country or a non-state actor. How do you respond, assuming you can figure out who did it? Countries are not required to respond to a cyber attack in kind, they may choose a physical military response. He gives the example of Estonia which was attacked by Russian hackers (probably the Russian government) that shut down government agencies and banks for days. This was carefully not called an attack or an act of war. Since Estonia is a member of NATO, this would have required a response. This uncertainty may be one of the reasons countries with major cyber capabilities have not used them against each other. However, China, Russia, and others are engaged in major cyber espionage against the US government and defense industries. Why spend billions in research when you can get the results quickly and cheaply using cyberespionage? He also mentions the virus that infected the Iranian enrichment facilities and destroyed some of their centrifuges. In the Iraq War and when Israel bombed the Syrian nuclear facilities, the air defense systems had been infected and were essentially useless.

He also talks about how this open and vulnerable environment affects intelligence operations and how the intelligence community should be organized and defended. Finally, he provides a list of things the government and industry need to do to better secure their systems and be able to respond to cyber attacks. For example, of those hacks that are discovered, many go unreported often to protect the company's reputation. Now many states require companies to inform their customers of data exposure. However, there should be requirements or strong incentives for organizations to report any cyber attacks or attempts to warn others and develop effective countermeasures.

While in many ways depressing, this is an important book that provides a good non-technical explanation of what we are up against and many of the issues that need to be considered. Privacy and openness in government are not really as simple issues as we often perceive them to be.

Olin Bray