



**Thursday, March 8th  
Step inside a midsize  
newsroom of today with  
Karen Moses**

The overall mission of today's newspapers remain the same as in past years -- to inform, educate, invite discussion and yes, entertain -- our readers. We also serve a government watchdog function. And with words, photos, and sometimes video, we take readers where they can't always go themselves -- to legislative meetings, crime scenes, underserved communities, sporting events, art happenings and more.

But technology has transformed the news gathering and delivery processes. And the current political climate has added new challenges.

How does the Albuquerque Journal navigate these waters?

That will be the focus of the presentation. It will include anecdotes and a look at how the Journal decides what stories to cover and how it puts together each day's edition.

Karen Moses is the editor of the Albuquerque Journal. Since joining the Journal in 1981, she has held numerous positions throughout the newsroom -- from copy desk to city desk to assistant managing editor to managing editor in 1995. In that position, she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the newsroom. She

was named editor in 2017. As editor, she oversees the newsroom and the editorial page.

She graduated from the University of New Mexico with degree in journalism in 1977. Her first two years of college were at the Canal Zone Community College in Panama, where her father -- a career Army officer -- was assigned.

Although an Army brat, Karen has always considered New Mexico her home

After graduating from UNM, Karen spent a year working for a weekly newspaper on the North Shore of Chicago before giving in to the desire to return to the Land of Enchantment. She

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**Karen Wentworth**

**Will Serve as LWVCNM Co-President**

Since Judy Binder has resigned as LWVCNM Co President, Karen Wentworth has agreed to serve in her place. Formerly the First Vice President on the LWVCNM Board, Karen acted as the Chief Editor of the "Voters' Guide". In taking on new responsibilities as Co President, Karen has expressed her hope that all those who have assisted her this past year in producing the "Voters Guide" will continue to support the effort to produce this essential resource for the voting public. Anyone who would like a part in producing the Guide will be welcomed.

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday – Friday**

## MARCH 2018

**Thursday, March 1 5:30 pm Board Meeting**  
Sutin, Thayer & Browne  
6100 Uptown Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Enter on North side of building- Doors are locked after 6:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 5 Noon Reservation Deadline**

**Thursday, March 8 11:45 am Luncheon Meeting**  
MCM Elegante Hotel Albuquerque  
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**Monday, March 15 Submission Deadline for April Voter**

**Monday, March 26 10:00 am NE Heights Unit**  
La Vida Llana  
10501 Lagrima de Oro Road NE

## APRIL 2018

**Thursday, April 5 5:30 pm Board Meeting**  
Sutin, Thayer & Browne  
6100 Uptown Blvd, 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
Enter on North side of building- Doors are locked after 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 8 2:00 pm Theatre Fund Raiser**  
**Vortex Theatre A Streetcar Named Desire**

**Monday, April 9 Noon Reservation Deadline**

**Thursday, April 12 11:45 am Luncheon Meeting**  
Topic: Medicare – Centennial Care Chair: Susan Blasco

**Sunday, April 15 Submission Deadline for April Voter**

**Monday, April 23 10:00 am NE Heights Unit**  
Topic: Healthcare

## MAY 2018

**Tuesday, May 1 Reservation Deadline for Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, May 5 Annual Meeting**  
9-9:30 am Registration  
9:30-11:30 am Business Meeting  
11:30 am Brunch  
Topic: Economic Development Chair: Karen Wentworth

**Tuesday, May 15 Deadline for June Voter Submissions**

**Monday, May 28 Memorial Day - Office Closed**

*Karen Moses continued from page 1...*  
worked for three years at the Gallup Independent, before joining the Journal.

Karen is the past president of the New Mexico Press Association (NMPA), current president of New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NMFOG), a graduate of Leadership New Mexico and serves on the University of New Mexico Alumni Association and United Way board of directors.

She has a husband, Doug, and three grown daughters, none of whom decided to be journalists.

***Luncheon Costs: Members \$17, Guests \$20.  
Your reservation is a promise to pay.***

Please make reservations for the March 8th Luncheon Unit Meeting by emailing [lunch@lwvcnm.org](mailto:lunch@lwvcnm.org) or by calling the LWVCNM office (505) 884-8441 by Noon Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.***

***Democracy is not a spectator sport***

### Welcome New Members

Anne Pierce-Jones  
Lloyd Princeton  
Carla Clark  
Tamra Hays  
Kathleen Burke  
Margaret Olson  
Tim Eichenberg



**Led by Peter St. Cyr,  
the NE Heights Unit  
Will Explore the topic of  
Open Government  
Monday, March 26,  
La Vida Llena**

Peter St. Cyr is an open government expert. He's been advocating for the public's right to know for four decades. As an investigative journalist he used documents he obtained from the government to cut through political spin and to hold the powerful accountable. As the executive director for the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government he's on a mission to educate the public, advocate for more transparency and stand on the front line to protect New Mexican's right to know. An Emmy Award winning journalist, St. Cyr earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. Before returning to New Mexico, St. Cyr worked in public relations for a French-based manufacturer. But journalism lured him back to New Mexico and In 2015, NMFOG recognized St. Cyr with its prestigious William Dixon Award.

St. Cyr will discuss what New Mexico needs to do to reverse the failing grade it received for public access to information from the Center for Public Integrity in 2015 and the importance of transforming the mindset of stubborn-headed bureaucrats who dig in their heels and put taxpayers on the financial hook for attorney fees and court ordered damages when they fail to comply with state laws.



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® CENTRAL NEW MEXICO THEATRE BENEFIT FUND RAISER

Our 2018 Theatre Fund Raiser to Benefit our Education Fund (a 501(c)(3) organization) will be held on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 200 PM, at the Vortex Theatre.

The play this year to celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters® is one of Tennessee Williams best known and, perhaps, his greatest play. As we all know, the LWV was formed in February, but the quality of this play demands that we hold the event in April.

### *A Streetcar Named Desire*

*The 1947 play by American playwright Tennessee Williams received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1948. A Streetcar Named Desire is often regarded as among the finest plays of the 20th century, and is considered by many to be Williams' greatest.*

60 tickets have been set aside for Members, Friends and Guests of the LWVCNM.

Please send your check for tickets, \$30.00 each, with the Names of those people attending the play. The Vortex is holding a block of seats for us but we must let them know two weeks in advance of the number of tickets we have sold. SO, your check must be in at the LWVCNM office by Monday, March 26.

The Vortex Theatre is located at 2900 Carlisle, East side of the street, between Candelaria and Menaul. Ample parking is available in their lot at the theatre.

Questions to George Richmond: 280-2105 or [geomrich1@comcast.net](mailto:geomrich1@comcast.net)

### REFLECTIONS:

Understanding our rights and responsibilities as citizens is part of the Mission of the League of Women Voters. So, why, I ask, aren't more teachers members of the League? And, how do we best reach out to our teachers, especially those who include social studies in their curriculum?

- Get on the speakers lists for meetings of the teachers' unions, PTAs and the like!
- Prove that Leaguers are anxious to be of service. I'm certain there are several retired teachers in our membership who could reach out to their former colleagues.
- Consider the time restraints on practicing teachers. Why aren't Leaguers seeking to volunteer in the social studies programs? How can we best volunteer? I'll leave that to the individuals, and I suggest setting up a workshop for training.
- Recognize that once the hurdle of suffrage was overcome, we targeted adult civic education. Why not begin to groom the next generation? The youngsters we meet in the classroom will remember the personal contact.

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### Fund Raising:

Sent in a funding request to Nusenda using the LWVCNM file with Share NM. No response expected until September. Also met in person with NM Gas for a donation . NM Gas is interested in having a LWV CNM Voter Registrar visit in the Spring to register NM Gas employees to vote. Also sent out notices for April Fund Raiser at Vortex Theatre "Street Car named Desire"

### LWV CNM Web Site:

At the February Board meeting, volunteered to Chair Committee to Upgrade/Modernize the LWV CNM web site. Met with Cheryl Haaker, Web Guru, to discuss options. Called meeting of Committee to move ahead. Karen Wentworth, Co-President, and Eva Robinson who works on Social Media, will work with Cheryl to start process. Board Members Mary Wilson and Andrea Targhetta made valuable contributions as well. Target is to have new web site for the April Board meeting.

### February Program:

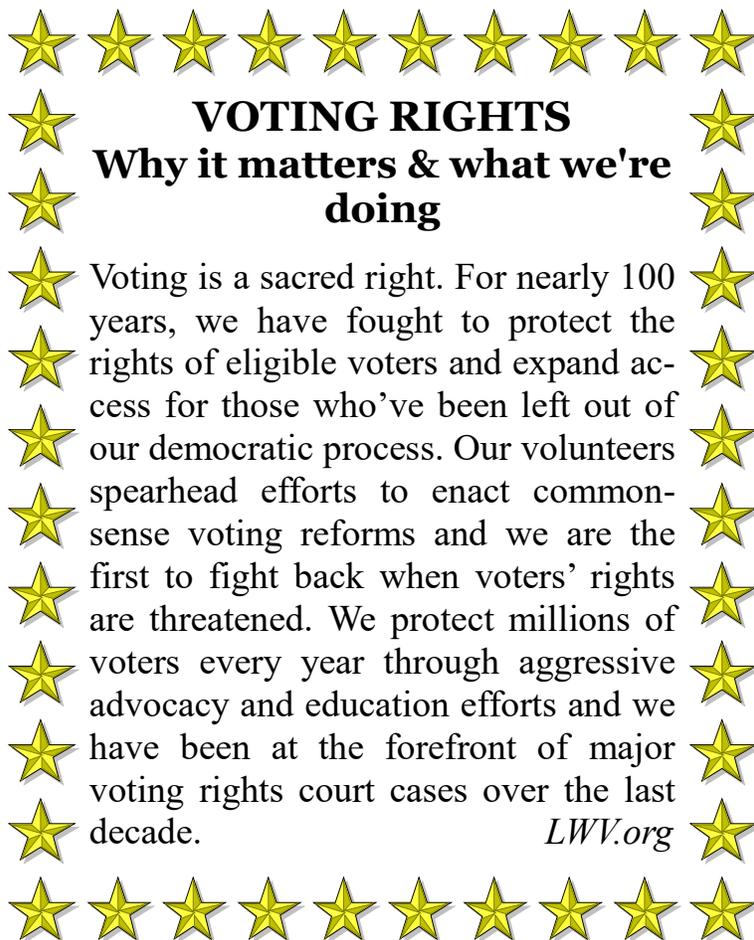
Invited Jeff Proctor and Sarah Gustavus, Members Rio Grande Society of Professional Journalists, to speak at the February Luncheon meeting. Great presentations and above average attendance.

### Budget Committee:

Participated in Budget Meeting chaired by Jan Strand, LWV CNM Treasurer. New budget process as LWV CNM moving to combine its 501 c3 and c4 organizations which will improve management and will make Dues Payments a tax deduction. LWV CNM members will vote at the May Annual Meeting.

*George Richmond*

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## VOTING RIGHTS

### Why it matters & what we're doing

Voting is a sacred right. For nearly 100 years, we have fought to protect the rights of eligible voters and expand access for those who've been left out of our democratic process. Our volunteers spearhead efforts to enact common-sense voting reforms and we are the first to fight back when voters' rights are threatened. We protect millions of voters every year through aggressive advocacy and education efforts and we have been at the forefront of major voting rights court cases over the last decade.

*LWV.org*



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