

These words were spoken by

SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

"Before I leave, I'd like to see our politics begin to return to the purposes and practices that distinguish our history from the history of other nations.

"I'd like to see us recover our sense that we are more alike than different. We're citizens of a republic made of shared ideals forged in a new world to replace the tribal enmities that tormented the old one. Even in times of political turmoil such as these, we share that awesome heritage and the responsibility to embrace it.

"Whether we think each other right or wrong in our views on the issues of the day, we owe each other our respect. And so long as our character merits respect, and as long as we share, for all of our differences for all the rancorous debates that enliven and sometimes demean our politics, a mutual devotion to the ideals of our nation was conceived to uphold; that all are created equal, and liberty and equal justice are the natural rights of all."

From an interview with Judy Woodward, PBS, on or between May 28th-31st. McCain was being interviewed on his 7th book, *The Restless Wave*, co-authored with speechwriter Mark Salter.



**New Executive Director of
Common Cause
New Mexico,
Heather Ferguson,
to address the topic of
"Dark Money in Politics"**

At the September luncheon. Prior to replacing previous Exec Director Viki Harrison, who became National Director of Operations for Common Cause, Heather was Legislative Director at Common Cause NM for the last few years.

Heather manages Common Cause New Mexico's Money in Politics campaigns, including municipal and statewide initiatives; collaborating with coalition members; participating in strategy development and policy initiative campaigns; and leads on the day-to-day operations of the campaign including coalition building and elected official outreach.

Earlier in her career, she was the Legislative Director of Animal Protection Voters, where she guided several legislative initiatives for increased penalties for animal cruelty, animal fighting, and funding for the handling of cruelty cases by law enforcement. She has extensive political experience, having also worked on various federal, state and municipal campaigns over the past 17 years. Heather graduated with honors

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Monday, September 3 **Labor Day - Office Closed**

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

Monday, September 10 **Reservation Deadline for Luncheon**

Thursday, September 13 **11:45 am** **Luncheon Unit Meeting**
Embassy Suites
1000 Woodward Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Saturday, September 15 **Deadline for Voter Submissions**

Monday, September 24 **10:00 am** **NE Heights Unit Meeting**
La Vida Llena - Card Room
101501 Lagrima de Oro Rd.

OCTOBER 2018

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6100 Uptown Blvd, 4th floor
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Monday, October 8 **Columbus Day - Office Closed**
Reservation Deadline for Luncheon

Tuesday, October 9 **The Neighborhood Presentation**

Thursday, October 11 **11:45 am** **Luncheon Unit Meeting**
Topic; Fossil Fuels / Renewable Energies
Chair: George Richmond

Monday, October 15 **Deadline for Voter Submissions**

Monday, October 22 **10:00 am** **NE Heights Unit Meeting**
Topic: Environment Chairs: Andrea Targhetta & Mary H. Smith

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Co-president's report for September

All Hands Needed for the Election

With a very important election coming up in November, this is a most busy and exciting time to be a member of the League, and we need your help.

First, we are searching for someone who can fill the position of Voters Services for the remainder of this year and next.

We are looking for volunteers who can register voters in conjunction with a big push by Roadrunner Food Bank to get their clients registered.

Donna Rigano is searching for help in connecting with new members to help them become involved with the league.

In addition, the NM Secretary of State's office has reached out to the LWV New Mexico for a special effort to produce printed Voters' Guides for Native American communities. They have asked the LWVNM to apply for a grant to do this, and we have tentatively agreed to act as a fiscal agent for the grant if it is given to the LWVNM. It's not clear yet exactly what would be required from our members if the grant is awarded to LWVNM, but it may require people who can devote some time to making this work.

We also have our special effort to reach out to young mothers to get them registered. Mary Wilson needs assistance with her committee's work over the next few weeks for the August 26th event.

Most of us joined the League to help make a difference. This is our chance and we need everyone to help. Call the League office and tell our office volunteers what you can do. During August the office staff are available M,W,F from

10 to noon and beginning in September, they are there between 10 and 12 every day at 884-8441. If you don't reach someone, please leave a message with your name, phone number, and what you want to volunteer for.

If you had rather use email, send [Karen Wentworth](mailto:Karen.Wentworth@lwvnm.org) a message. We will make sure you have a chance to use your talents. Make a difference and volunteer today!

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from the University California at Los Angeles with a B.A. in Biogeography.

**Your reservation is due by 10:30 AM
Monday, September 10.**

Please email your reservation to lunch@lwvnm.org or call the office at 884-8441.

Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Election Security to Headline September NE Heights Meeting

Daniel Ivey-Soto, state senator from the northeast heights will headline the Sept. 24 meeting at La Vida Llena. His topic will be the security of New Mexico elections. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at La Vida Llena.

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celebrate the League's 99th Birthday...
Sunday afternoon **FEBRUARY 10, 2019**



In Memoriam

Kathryn Jones

March 1, 1921~ July 12, 2018

Kathryn Jones, age 97, passed away on Thursday, July 12, 2018. She was born at Fabro's Ranch south of Gallup, McKinley County, NM on March 1, 1921. The family moved to Amarillo, TX when she was five years old. In 1976 she received a position as Agency Social Worker at the Eastern Navajo Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in Crownpoint, NM. In 1986, when the Navajo Tribe took over the Social Services program from the federal government, Kathryn was transferred to the area office in Window Rock, AZ to assist in monitoring the Tribal Program. She served as President of the Gallup Business and Women's Club and Gallup Soroptimist club. She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Current and Retired Federal Employees, and the League of Women Voters[®]. She was honored as a Pioneer Social Worker in the Navajo Area in Window Rock in 2005. She retired in 1988 and moved to Albuquerque where she has since lived. Kathryn was again honored as a Pioneer Social Worker at the New Mexico State Conference of Social Workers in 2009 in Albuquerque. She was a member of the Central United Methodist Church and active in women's groups.

BOOK REVIEW

Clashing Over Commerce: A History of US Trade Policy by Douglas A. Irwin, 2017, University of Chicago Press, Hardcover, 860 pages.

Irwin is an economics professor at Dartmouth

and a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. International trade is a hot topic today and a very complicated one. This is a long and detailed history of US trade policy from the pre-revolution to today. For most readers the details are less important than the general patterns and how they evolved. It is too easy to look at the last few years and think that is the norm or to hear a simplistic explanation and think it is accurate. For example, there is the idea that tariffs can fix a trade deficit problem — assuming it is a problem that needs to be “fixed.” However, the Hawley-Smoot tariff was passed when the US had a trade surplus. Another problem is that most people talk about the balance of payments for goods (which relates to manufacturing jobs, which are a declining part of the economy) and ignore services and investments.

Irwin says that the US has had three relatively long, stable trade eras, although there have been frequent incremental political fights during each era. In the first era, up to the Civil War, trade policy was to promote revenue to pay for government operations. It involved a relatively low tariff on almost all imports — low rate on a wide base. From the Civil War up to the depression and WW II trade policy was restrictive. Industries, particularly in the Northeast had developed enough political influence to get protective tariffs and the South, which favored low tariffs and agricultural exports, had lost its influence. Since the depression and WW II the focus of trade policy has been reciprocity and open trade agreements. Exports stimulated economic growth and exporting industries had more influence than those that faced increased competition from imports. These eras were long and stable because

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their changes were driven by changing industry and employment structure and their regional location and influence of those regions in Congress, all of which change very slowly.

A key question, which he says it is too early to tell, is whether the growing protectionism we are seeing now is just an anomaly within the current era and will go away or whether we are seeing a long term change to a new protectionist era. At this point, he thinks it is more of an anomaly because he does not see the massive changes like a major war or a depression that shifted the previous eras. However, this assumes that such a policy change would be based on facts and reality rather than just political rhetoric.

One of the problems is that trade policy is as much, or even more, politics than economics. While economists focus on the overall gains from open trade, domestically there are almost always winners and losers — and both sides tend to overstate their case. Trade agreements usually result in far more new jobs in exporting industries than are lost in import competing industries. However, some jobs are lost in some industries and regions and there needs to be some compensation for those losses. In some cases, trade adjustment programs provide retraining and assistance. However, since only about 20 of jobs loss is from trade and the other 80 percent is from technology and increased productivity, “trade adjustment” addresses only a small part of the problem. Tariffs on steel drive up the costs of steel for the steel consuming industries, which employ about six times as many workers as the steel industry. Also they drive up the costs to consumers of everything that uses

steel. In effect, a tariff is a sales tax whose source and effects are hidden. Finally, in many cases job loss is occurring in declining industries that were going to lose jobs whether a tariff is imposed or not. A tariff can preserve some of those jobs for a short period but at a high cost. For example, Obama’s restrictions of cheap tires from China preserved about 1,200 jobs, but at a cost to the economy of almost \$900,000 per job.

Most people will probably want to look at his sections describing events or policies they are interested in rather than read the whole book. Some of the sections focus on trade restriction during the Reagan administration, NAFTA (both the politics of getting it drafted and enacted and its consequences — which he suggests were minimal given that Mexico’s economy was only about four percent of the US’s), the shift from the GATT (General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade) to the WTO (World Trade Organization) and China’s entry into it, the effects of China’s economic growth, and the Bush and Obama policies.

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In Memoriam

Marilyn Betty Ronsholdt Morgan

March 27, 1928 ~ August 17, 2018

Marilyn was born in Racine, Wisconsin to Peter and Mathilde (Larsen) Ronsholdt, recent immigrants from Denmark who became prosperous business owners of a local five and dime store in Racine. Marilyn, who was one of six siblings, had a happy childhood. She enjoyed helping her parents in the family run store.

Marilyn attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she majored in English, with a minor in Speech and Spanish. Marilyn graduated with a B.S. Degree in Education, and in later years, received her M.A. Degree in Public Administration from the University of New Mexico.

Marilyn married Ed Morgan in 1952 and had three children. Marilyn eventually moved to Las Vegas and then Albuquerque to work for EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc. as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist. She received awards of appreciation from the Albuquerque Public Schools for her special contribution to education in outreach efforts. With her vivacious personality, she became a member of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters® and rose to the position of President at the state and local levels.

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