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BILL AND ROSE DAVIDSON
of
MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE
to discuss the “Be SMART” CAMPAIGN
and
legislation for gun safety in New Mexico

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America launched the Be SMART campaign to raise awareness that responsible gun storage – storing guns locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition – can save children’s lives. Be SMART emphasizes that it’s an adult responsibility to keep kids from accessing guns and that every adult can play a role in keeping kids and communities safer.

Be SMART volunteers are in our communities and neighborhoods, and nearly 3,000 trained volunteers are delivering the Be SMART message across the country. Since the inception of the program in May 2015, over 4,100 events have been held in all 50 states.



This past NM legislative session (2019), Moms Demand Action NM passed a landmark bill making New Mexico the 21st state in the US requiring comprehensive background checks for every gun purchase.

Monthly luncheon
August 8, 2019
11:45 am
Embassy Suites Hotel
1000 Woodward Pl. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Since its founding in 2012, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America has pushed back against the gun lobby and fought for common-sense laws and policies to make our country safer. Thanks to the hard work of their volunteers across the country, they have been able to achieve unprecedented victories against the gun lobby—at the ballot box, in state legislatures, and in corporate America. Rose and Bill Davidson are Ambassadors for Moms Demand Action NM and are presenters for the local BeSmart campaign. They became passionate to support the goals of this data-driven movement after the Parkland school shooting.

Please come hear them at the August 8 luncheon meeting. Make your reservation by 10:00 am Monday August 5, by calling the LWVCNM office at (505) 884-8441 or emailing lunch@lwvcm.org. Lunch costs \$ 22.00. You can come hear the speaker free of charge if you do not want lunch.

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LEAGUE CALENDAR

August 2019

- Thursday, Aug. 1** 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Sutin, Thayer & Browne Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE
- Monday, Aug. 5** 10:00 am Deadline luncheon reservations
- Monday, Aug. 5** 1:30 pm LWVCNM Centennial Com. Meeting Erna Fergusson Library, 3700 San Mateo NE
- Thursday, Aug. 8** 11:45 am LUNCHEON UNIT MEETING. Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE
- Thursday, Aug. 15** DEADLINE for September VOTER articles
- Monday, Aug. 26** Women’s Equality Day 99th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the Constitution

September 2019

- Monday, Sept. 2** HAPPY LABOR DAY. Office is closed.
- Thursday, Sept. 5** 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Sutin, Thayer & Browne Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE
- Monday, Sept. 9** 10:00 am Deadline for luncheon reservations
- Thursday, Sept. 12** 11:45 am LUNCHEON UNIT MEETING.

AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 23.....

The Northeast Heights Unit will start its new year with a fantastic speaker! If you attended the LWVCNM annual meeting and came away feeling like you did not understand the judicial selection process in New Mexico.... You do not want to miss this presentation.



UNM LAW SCHOOL DEAN SERGIO PAREJA, who chairs the New Mexico Judicial Nominating Committee, will tell us all about the process. Watch the September Voter for more details.

September 23, 2019

10:00 AM

La Vida Llena Retirement Community

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Wednesday—Friday
10 am — noon

OTHER INTERESTING UPCOMING EVENTS.....

July 29: LWVNM Advocacy during the upcoming 2020 NM Legislative Session will be restricted to NM Budget and those issues identified on the Governor's Call. The LWVNM Action Committee has a listserve any member may join and conducts regularly scheduled conference calls. The next teleconference is scheduled Monday, July 29, 2019 at 4:00 pm MDT: Call in number: 605-313-5093 (long distance charges apply for those who don't have unlimited long distance. Participant code: 915239#

Discussion topics will include Redistricting Project, League Day and Centennial celebrations at Legislature, and 2020 NM Legislative Priorities
Call Dick Mason's cell if you have a problem or want more information: 505-239-3804

September 9:

Our very own DICK MASON, LWVNM Advocacy Chair, will speak to the Indivisible@Nob Hill group on FAIR REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE IN NEW MEXICO, 5:30 pm at O'Neills Restaurant, 4310 Central SE, Albuquerque, NM. The public is welcome.

October 10:

Nob Hill Neighborhood Association will hold a candidate forum for City Council District 6 candidates with LWVCNM moderator and timekeepers. 6:30 p.m., Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM.

LWVCNM is pleased to join with The University of New Mexico International Studies Institute in promoting the Institute's fall lecture in Contemporary Jewish Studies by presenting:

Dr. Joyce Antler

**Samuel Lane Professor of American Jewish History and Culture and
Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

Brandeis University

From The Atlantic

"Ready to Turn the World Upside

Down:

Radical Feminism and Jewish Women"

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

4:00 pm

Student Union Building, Auditorium A

UNM Campus



The lecture series is supported in part by the *Jewish Community Foundation of New Mexico*. Dr. Antler's visit is under the auspices of the Association for Jewish Studies. All events are free and open to the public. For event updates: (505)277-1991 or isi@unm.edu

FROM THE DESKS OF THE CO-PRESIDENTS.....



Election changes everywhere

What an exciting world we live in! It is wonderful to be part of an organization like the League of Women Voters because we have the opportunity to work together to make sure the wheels of our democratic process work the way they should.

In 2019, the New Mexico State Legislature passed a massive rewrite of state election laws. Click [here](#) to the act which makes major changes in the way voters register, in the timing of local and special elections, in the number

of precincts that state and local bodies may use in the redistricting process and in how and where we vote. This is good news for New Mexico because our lawmakers are working on a system that allows greater voter accessibility.

But we can't lose sight of the fact that we must remain vigilant to assure that our voting rights are secure. Our fellow League members in other states are not as fortunate and the Leagues in those states have had to fight tough battles in legislatures and courts to combat those who are not committed to the concept of a fair democratic process. In particular, we salute our colleagues in North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Texas who have recently had to fight legal battles to protect voters' rights and try to assure fairness in the redistricting process. Together our leagues are stronger than we are as individual organizations. Our reputation as a League stands on the reputations not only of the work we do, but the work that the national, state and local leagues do around the country.

Even though it is summer there are still important changes in process before the public. New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver is currently holding hearing on a proposal to summarize the language of ballot questions. This is a good news/bad news sort of proposal. On one hand summaries of ballot questions are useful if a word or phrase is all that is being changed. On the other hand, summaries can leave out important points for voters. It is up to the skill of the person writing the summary. If you have an opinion, the hearing in Albuquerque is scheduled for July 30 at 9 a.m. in the Albuquerque City Council chambers. The LWVCNM board has not taken a position on this question.

You can make a difference. We are currently searching for someone to help us organize League voter registrars so we can offer registration services where they are most needed. Please contact one of the co-presidents, or if you can help. We will also be looking for your assistance in funding the Voters' Guide, so expect a letter in August.

In the meantime, have a great summer and we will see you at the general lunch meeting in August.

Karen Douglas and Karen Wentworth
Co-Presidents, LWVCNM

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Spotlight on LWV Members....

Beginning a series of reminiscences by longstanding League members for the LWV 100th anniversary, Feb. 14, 2020. By Vivian Skadron

Dorothy "Tooker" Walton - Life Member, LWV

Born in 1923 in Jackson, Mississippi, Tooker moved to Selma, Alabama, to attend high school before graduating from the University of Montevallo as a math major. It was during WWII, and she was recruited for a special one-year program at Virginia Tech, becoming an aeronautical engineer and helping the war effort by working at the Glenn L. Martin Company computing balance points for airplanes. (Does this remind you of the women in the movie "Hidden Figures"?)

Tooker's memories include lots of stateside and foreign travel as an army wife, which she adored. Her husband's last posting was in Bismarck, ND, "a true army outpost." Wanting to meet people, she joined the League of Women Voters. After her husband retired to Albuquerque in 1968, she rejoined the League only to become membership chair shortly after her arrival. As she says, "They got a live one and decided to use her." She remembers working on the Salute to Albuquerque dinner, which was a

successful fundraiser for the League.

Tooker loved meeting many wonderful, committed and hard-working Leaguers. Joanne Ramponi was high on her list of memorable women. "A marvelous character who knew everyone," she said. Contributing to the Voters Guide continues to be a priority for her. "I want to educate voters on whom to vote for and why," she says.

Today, Tooker lives independently with assistance from her daughter Susan, in a 200-year-old adobe house on Guadalupe Trail that once was the setting for League meetings.

Pictured: Tooker Walton (R) and Susan Walton (L)



Members make the League a very happy place.....

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**2019 member handbook
should be available mid-
August.**

2020 CENSUS...Will it include a question about Citizenship?

By Mary G. Wilson



I am sure that all League members have watched with great interest the events over the last month surrounding the question of whether the 2020 Census forms would include a citizenship question. After much back and forth, the forms will NOT include a question about citizenship. This decision has been met with great relief by those of us who have been greatly concerned about the likelihood that such a question would depress even further the number of citizens who answer the forms. And, thus, depress the financial assistance our communities receive from the federal government as well as having an affect on the apportionment of Congressional and legislative districts. Unfortunately, the back and forth discussion of this issue has likely already had an adverse affect on the 2020 count.

To provide background on the League's position on this issue, I am presenting some of the legal argument that the League presented to the United States Supreme Court in its amicus brief in *Department of Commerce et al v. State of New York et al, US Sup. Ct. No.18-966*.

After extensive discussion about the fact that, contrary to the Government's argument, such data was not necessary for enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and in fact would result in harm to such enforcement because it would lead to inaccurate census data, the brief explains why the question would have an adverse impact on minorities. "The undercount caused by the question will have far-reaching effects on minority communities — communities that include citizens and noncitizens alike — **by reducing their political representation and funding for financial assistance programs. And these harms will be felt for at least a decade.**

The district court correctly found that an undercount of minority and noncitizen communities 'will cause or is likely to cause several jurisdictions to lose seats in the next congressional apportionment.' ... Given the Census Bureau's own estimated 5.8 percent differential undercount of noncitizen households, ... States like California—with high noncitizen populations—will be 'extremely likely' to lose a congressional seat that [they] would not lose otherwise.' ... Even 'a mere two percent differential undercount of people who live in noncitizen households will lower the population enumerations,' Respondents' trial expert explained, which will detrimentally affect 'jurisdictions that are home to a disproportionate share of their states' populations living in noncitizen households' and 'dilute the political power of such jurisdictions.'



... **These communities will therefore be deprived of a voice in the political process** —an injury that will be particularly difficult to remedy, given the VRA-related harms discussed above. ...This undercount will also result in reduced federal funding for minority and vulnerable communities, a loss that will ripple throughout some of the most critical aspects of life for those communities. **At least 320 financial assistance programs created by Congress rely on census-specific data to apportion about \$900 billion dollars annually to state and local governments.** ...For example, assistance programs that use the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) are particularly sensitive to changes in the decennial census count. ...Year 2015, 48 percent of the federal grants given to States relied on the FMAP to determine the federal share of the costs of programs including Medicaid, the State's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Child Care and Development Fund Matching Funds, and the Title IV -E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs, in addition to many other programs that rely on census data less directly. ...In that year alone, the average amount lost by a State was \$1,091 *per person* missed in the 2010 census; the highest loss was in Vermont, where the State—a Respondent here —forfeited \$2,309 per person missed in the decennial census.

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Indeed, 37 out of 50 states forfeited FMAP federal funding opportunities for each person not counted in the 2010 decennial census. **This translates to 74 percent of States missing out on funding due to undercounting.** And even a 1 percent increase in an undercount can have a dramatic effect on States' receipt of federal grants for these FMAP guided programs: For example, Pennsylvania stood to lose \$221,762,564 in FY2015 had there been a mere 1 percent increase in missed persons in the 2010 decennial census. a differential undercount on the census will cause the impacted communities "to lose funds from federal programs that distribute resources on the basis of census-derived data," which are critically important to many low -income and minority groups. ...These programs are, again, wide- ranging and affect all areas of life from child -abuse prevention (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants), to aging (Grants for State and Community Programs on Aging), to education (funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act), to energy (the Low -Income Home Energy Assistance Program), to criminal justice (the Victims of Crime Act program). *See id.* These undercounted jurisdictions would also suffer declines in programs that "provide direct funding to localities based on census-derived information," including critical housing programs such as the Community Development Block Grant, the Emergency Solutions Grant program, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. "

LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CENTENNIAL.....LWVCNM is hard at work planning activities for the 100th anniversary of the League and of the 19th Amendment which secured the right to vote for women. For the next year we will be presenting various items of historical interest in the Voter regarding the League and women's suffrage. Below is the first part of an article written by Shelly Shepherd, former President of LWVCNM and long time League member. on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the League in 1995. It appeared in the Congressional Record on February 14, 1995. Cong. Rec. Vol 141, No. 29, pages 52640-52645.



Suffrage in New Mexico

I recently spoke before the Federal Aviation Administration for Women's Equality Day on the topic of Women's Suffrage in New Mexico. I am particularly interested in this topic, as we are approaching the 75th Anniversary of Passage of the 19th Amendment and the 75th Anniversary of the National League of Woman Voters of the United States.



I was surprised to find that little has been written about the Women's Movement in New Mexico. I learned that most people, including myself, have little or no knowledge about the efforts that were made and who made them. Older accounts of Women's Suffrage in the west omit New Mexico because it was the only western state without Women's Suffrage by 1914.

I thought I'd share a few historic facts that I have uncovered in my research. The first organized pressure groups for Women's Suffrage in New Mexico came during the Constitutional Convention of 1910. Before 1900, Hispanic and Anglo support was insufficient to make suffrage a real issue. In 1910, the National Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA) had only two subscribers to its publication on suffrage. One name had "dead" scribbled after it, and the other person was in a Silver City sanatorium. This was hardly a suitable base for an active women's movement. Letter from Ada Morley to the Congressional Union reporting on the campaign to have the New Mexico delegation support passage of the Susan B. Anthony Women's Suffrage Amendment in Congress, together with other letters in the National Women's Party Papers in the Library of Congress, indicate the existence of an

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CELEBRATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY IN NEW MEXICO....Shelly Shepherd's 1995 article continued.....

active women's movement in New Mexico during the early 20th Century. During the first decade of the 20th Century, several hundred New Mexico women organized into nine clubs in which women could work together on civic, educational, and cultural affairs. In 1909, women's clubs federated into a state organization. In 1910, the president of the federated organization presented a petition to delegates of the State Constitutional Convention in support of women's suffrage. Of three published memoirs, only two mention women's suffrage. One says, "Members compromised on women's suffrage" while the other notes, "The very nature of New Mexico's background was against giving women the voting privilege with men." The 1910 Const. gave women the right to vote in school district elections and made them eligible to hold public office as superintendent, director, or member of a local board of education. However, Art. VII restricted the right of women to vote for these officials if enough men objected.

In addition, the constitutional compromise protected the elective franchise of Hispanic males, through whatever mechanism it might be achieved and "make it virtually impossible to amend the Constitution to give women the right to vote." To amend the franchise provision, three quarters of the voters in each county had to approve; and this made it exceedingly difficult to achieve voting rights for women. Ada Morley wrote to the Congressional Union, "Federal action is our only hope. Amid the celebrations of new statehood, a small group of women were dissatisfied with their disenfranchisement. At first, some of the club women worked through the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA) which attempted to expand its activities in NM between 1912 and 1915. Deane Lindsey, an active club woman and former teacher from Portales, became State Chairman. NAWSA offered little incentive for NM to become politically active, however, because it had begun to focus on suffrage referendums that were inappropriate in New Mexico. More important than NAWSA for fueling the engine of women's discontent in New Mexico was the National Federation of Women's Clubs (NFWC) with which the New Mexico Federation of Women's Clubs (NMFWC) became affiliated in 1914.

When the Congressional Union sent their first organizer to New Mexico in 1914, New Mexico club women were ready to act. A splinter group under the leadership of Alice Paul that parted from NAWSA in 1912, the Congressional Union (CU), had adopted the militant and sophisticated pressure tactics of the "British Suffragettes," as the British called their campaigners. The group of women that the CU pulled together in New Mexico launched its first campaign in 1915, continued to mobilize during the war, and remained the most active organization during the ratification battle. Once the state network was set up, CU organizers planned the type of pageant that the CU had made famous--a mass meeting, a parade, and a deputation to Senators Thomas Catron and Albert Fall.

The woman who rallied to the CU were not representative of various regions of New Mexico, ethnic groups, or classes. They were predominantly Anglo elite centered in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and other northern cities. An overwhelming number of the members' husbands identified with the Republican Party, the dominant party in the state at the time. Ella St. Clair Thompson, CU organizer in New Mexico in 1915, made efforts to recruit daughters of Hispanic politicians. Thompson had leaflets printed in Spanish and English. Although the CU records only mention six Hispanic women as participants, these six were key players. Aurora Lucero, daughter of the Secretary of State, joined, as did three nieces of Solomon Luna, including 34 year old widow Adelina Otero-Warren, who became the most influential woman in the CU. If any woman could be credited as being the "Susan B. Anthony of New Mexico," it would be Adelina Otero-Warren. Beginning as a timid woman unwilling to speak in public, Adelina gradually became a political force. Her uncle, Solomon Luna, the powerful and popular head of the Republican Party, had died in 1912; but her father was still active in politics. And other Otero males were moving into positions in the Republican Party. In 1917, Otero-Warren was appointed school superintendent in Santa Fe, and in 1918 she defeated a male opponent to retain this elective position. Otero-Warren guided the last phase of the campaign to pry the amendment out of Congress. She accepted leadership of the New Mexico CU and was soon skillfully evaluating local tensions among factions. She stated, "I will keep out of local fuss but will take a stand and a firm one whenever necessary." Otero-Warren kept the group intact through the war and only resigned from the CU to become chair of the Women's Division of the Republican State Committee for New Mexico.

[The remainder of this Article will appear in the September Voter]

AND SO WE HONOR “Nina” Otero-Warren on this upcoming 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage.....by Meredith Machen

Nina Otero Warren to Be Recognized on National Votes for Women Trail

It’s time for New Mexico’s premiere suffragist, multicultural education advocate, and prominent political activist to be recognized nationally. Our application to the distinguished scholars on the nominating committee of the National Votes for Women Trail has been accepted! Even more exciting is the prospect of having a marker to acknowledge her contributions at her beautiful home at 135 Grant Avenue.



The Georgia O’Keeffe Museum owns the building now and uses it as its research center. The space, also known also as the Alfred M. Bergere House, was built as officer quarters for the Fort Marcy’s Military Reservation in the 1870’s. Nina’s step-father bought it in 1905, soon after her cousin-Miguel Otero II-was appointed governor of the vast New Mexico Territory. The move from Los Lunas to Santa Fe exposed Nina to a wide political and social circle. Endorsing our application, Dr. Cody Hartley, O’Keeffe Museum Director, remarked, “I wholeheartedly agree that we can and should do much more to recognize her important place in the history of women’s rights in New Mexico, including renaming the building itself to recognize the importance of Nina Otero Warren and the Otero family’s long association with this site.”

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In 1914, Otero Warren began working with Alice Paul, leader of the Congressional Union, to fight for women’s suffrage. Because of her passion, commitment, and powerful lobbying efforts, Otero Warren quickly rose in the ranks of the New Mexico chapter of the Congressional Union and by 1919, she was asked to be the state leader. Alice Paul recognized the importance of having a native New Mexican with social skills and political connections to lead the suffrage movement. Otero Warren rallied support from both the Spanish- and English-speaking communities and overcame the opposition to women’s suffrage by church leaders and many Hispanic males. She was instrumental in persuading the governor and legislators to support the 19th Amendment, and on February 21, 1920, New Mexico became 32nd of 36 states to ratify. With statehood in 1912, women obtained school suffrage; with ratification they obtained full suffrage.

From 1917 to 1929, Otero Warren served as Santa Fe County’s Superintendent of Instruction. In 1918, she became the first Hispana elected to public office in the US. Committed to improving education for Hispanic, Native American, and rural students, she raised teacher’s salaries, repaired dilapidated school buildings, increased the school term, and changed the curriculum to emphasize bicultural education, art, and artisan trades. Otero Warren resisted complete Americanization, which was revolutionary at a time when most schools in the Southwest punished Hispanic students for speaking Spanish.

She was the first Hispana to run for federal office when she ran for Congress in 1922. Contributing to her narrow defeat was the disclosure by her powerful cousin, Miguel Otero, that she was divorced not widowed and her stance on bilingual education.

In 1923, Otero Warren advocated against sending Native American students to boarding schools off the reservation and tempered attempts to Americanize the students by including opportunities to learn about Native history, culture, and traditions.

Throughout the thirties and forties, Otero Warren held various public positions in the Civilian Conservation Corps and other New Deal programs. She worked on historic preservation in Santa Fe and Taos, promoted Hispanic and Native cultures, arts, and languages. She was very active in the League of Women Voters of New Mexico.

Her courage, persistence, and contributions deserve commemoration with a historical marker on the National Votes for Women Trail.

Editor’s Note: This article appeared in the LWVSFC July-August 2019 Voter. Copied here with permission of the author. Picture courtesy of the National Park Service, click [here](#) for 20 Suffragists to Know in 2020.

What is the National Votes for Women Trail?

The Trail is a project of the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites (NCWHS) designed to identify the many sites that were integral to the suffrage movement and make them accessible on a mobile friendly website to be easily searched by location, suffragist, ethnicity, and a variety of other useful criteria. NCWHS is a consortium of organizations chaired by Marsha Weinstein, a past LWVUS Nominating Committee Chair, and long time member of the Louisville, KY league.

The Pomeroy Foundation, which is a private, grant-making foundation based in Syracuse, N.Y., is providing grants through its National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program to recognize historically significant people, places or things across the United States instrumental to women gaining the right to vote. Historic markers awarded through the program will highlight sites on the National Votes for Women Trail.

Check out the [sites](https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail-2/) already designated on the Trail at <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail-2/>

Calling All Teachers, Past and Present.....



LWVCNM needs teachers’ input with information and ideas concerning a project for the League’s 100th anniversary in 2020. This centennial project seeks to have in-class presentations given in high school civics or history courses next school year.

We are looking to give a short speech, with handouts, related to the history of suffrage, the League, and the importance of voting. Your academic knowledge and ideas are needed so we may present this information to our next generation of voters. Please contact Lindsey Ritscher lindseyritscher@gmail.com, Donna Rigano

Please help fund the Voter Guide that will be published in October 2019! Fill out the donor form which appears below and send it to LWVCNM, Attn: Jan Strand, 2315 San Pedro NE, Suite F-6, Albuquerque, NM 87110. You may also [donate](https://lwvcnm.org) online at lwvcnm.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

I want to help the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico publish the Voter Guide for the November 5, 2019 election. Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ _____. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible.

Name: _____

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Email: _____

LWVCNM 100th Anniversaries Celebration Committee meeting is Monday, August 5, from 1:30 to 3, at the Erna Fergusson Library. All members welcome.

Agenda for the August 5 meeting:

- Update on the August 2020 banquet –
 - o The banquet committee is getting closer to confirming the date, place, and speaker(s).
- Update on the August 22, 2020 Civic Center event –
 - o We should have more information after the July 25 meeting.
- Status reports on the other Centennial activities on our list, some of which will be related to the productive meeting with the head of Bosque School's service-learning program.
 - o Museum & Library Exhibits
 - o Lecture (s) at UNM
 - o Chautauqua Performances
 - o Pamphlet/brochure/bookmarks to tell the New Mexico story of women's suffrage
 - o High School Presentations
 - o "Media Minutes" Project

Submitted by Jeanne Logsdon (JLogsdon@unm.edu)

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE JULY 20 LWVNM Board Meeting.....

LWVNM received a \$43K Thornburg Foundation Grant to study Redistricting with continued involvement until 2030. Dick Mason, LWVNM Action Chair, will manage LWVNM efforts and has retained a consultant, Kathleen Burke, to lead the effort. There will be a n October 10, 2019 Redistricting presentation in ABQ. (Watch October Voter for more details) The project will include interactions with Brennan Center Redistricting and NM Open Elections, among others. LWV members may provide input to or (505) 907-5355.

Hannah Burling, LWVNM President, offered information from a recent LWVUS State League Presidents' call discussing recommendations for improving LWV Diversity. Lack of Diversity is apparent in many LWV organizations and others suggested that LWV members could join organizations which have a more diverse membership for networking and information exchange.

Suffrage Anniversary activities are being planned by both the LWVNM State league and the four local leagues. Meredith Machen, who is coordinating efforts, urged local leagues to participate in events hosted by others.

An Electronic Checklist for Voter Registration of High School students was provided .

LWV/GLC is becoming LWV Southern NM and LWVNM Board discussion included how to effectively provide voter services to the expanded regional area.

The LWVNM Board approved the Judicial Selection Study Plan submitted by Suzanne Ronneau, attorney and LWVNM Treasurer. Suzanne will Chair the committee and Mary Wilson, Mary Henrie Smith, Janet Blair, and Adelaide Jacobson have volunteered as study committee members. The primary emphasis for committee efforts is selection of lower court judges in rural communities – these officials are usually not attorneys and are elected in partisan elections.

Submitted by Karen Douglas



Office workers. And Volunteers to help with the Centennial dinner. Contact Karen at ug90t16@unmalumni.com

Centennial activities. Contact Jeanne at JLogsdon@unm.edu

Voter Guide Manager. Contact Mary at T3Wilson@aol.com

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Voter Registration coordinator. Contact Karen at kwentworth@comcast.net

PICTURES FOR VOTER BADLY NEEDED. Ideas for Voter Articles. Contact Mary at T3Wilson@aol.com



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- First member of household \$60
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