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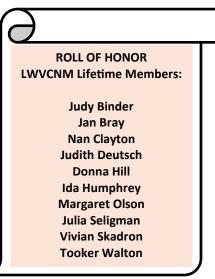
## VHAT A PARTY WE HAD..... FEBRUARY 15



**March 2020** 

Above: Mary Wilson pins corsage on Vivian Skadron, Lifetime

Thanks to a great team led by Co-President Karen Douglas, LWVCNM held a very special party celebrating the 100th birthday of the League and honoring our ten lifetime (more than 50 year) members on Saturday, Feb. 15. NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver was the guest speaker. She cautioned us to beware not just of hackers of machines or voter lists, but disinformation being spread by outside influences.





Left to Right: Members of the 1976 LWVABC Board attended the 2020 luncheon: Karen Douglas, Action Chair, Mary Ann Norton, Pres. and Carmen Van Dyke, VP

See page 6 for more great pictures. Pictures on this page by Karen Douglas except top right by Janet Blair.



Above: Secy of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver is guest speaker.

Left: Lifetime member Jan Bray receiving a corsage.

> Below: Albuquerque Mayor

Keller proclaimed the Day in honor of the League birthday:



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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday thru Friday 10 am — noon

## LEAGUE CALENDAR

#### **March 2020**

Tuesday, March 3 Local election in Corrales and Rio Rancho Thursday, Mar 5 5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Conference Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE

Monday, March 9 10 am Deadline for luncheon reservations Luncheon reservations are a commitment; not attending requires payment as the League is billed for each reservation.

Thursday, Mar 12 Luncheon Meeting 11:45 am Embassy Suites **Hotel: Reproductive Rights** 

Saturday, Mar. 15 Deadline for April VOTER articles ANNUAL **MEETING VOTER** 

Monday, Mar 23 10 am NE Heights Unit Mtg. at La Vida Llena: Sunshine/Open Government

#### **April 2020**

Thursday, Apr 2	5:30 pm LWVCNM Board Meeting, Confer-
	ence Room 4th floor, 6100 Uptown NE
Monday, Apr 6	10 am Deadline for luncheon reservations
Thursday, Apr 9	Luncheon Meeting 11:45 am Embassy Suites
	Hotel: Medicare for All with Mandy Pino
Wednes. Apr 15	Deadline for April VOTER articles ANNUAL
	MEETING VOTER
Monday, Apr 27	10 am NE Heights Unit Mtg. at La Vida Llena:
	Fred Nathan, Think New Mexico

#### March 12 Luncheon Menu....

**Regular:** Grilled chicken Caesar wrap with pasta salad.

Vegetarian: vegetable wrap with pasta salad

Luncheon will be in the Atrium; members must use the southmain Embassy Suites Hotel door.

> MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANNUAL MEETING MAY 2, 2020

#### **REGULAR UNIT MEETINGS IN MARCH.....**

#### LUNCHEON UNIT MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2019

#### 11:30 AM

#### **EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL**

#### **1000 Woodward PI. NE, Albuquerque**

Reservations are due March 9 before 10 am to (505) 884-8441 or emailed to lunch@lwvcnm.org. Lunch is \$22.00. (You may attend free of charge without lunch.) (It is now possible to pay online at www.lwvcnm.org by donating \$22.00 for one meal. If you register online, please pay by 10:00 am on Mar 9. The treasurer will recognize that entry as payment for a lunch.)

Ellie is the reproductive rights attorney for the ACLU of New Mexico. Previously she was a senior staff attorney at the Southwest Women's Law Center where she worked on economic and reproductive justice. A native New Mexican, she has a B.A. from UNM and a law degree from the University of Arizona. Her work at the ACLU is centered on protecting and ex-

panding access to reproductive rights. Her work is grounded in the belief that reproductive justice is the cornerstone of self-determination and bodily autonomy and that everyone deserves equal and meaningful access to the care they

#### NORTHEAST UNIT MEETING

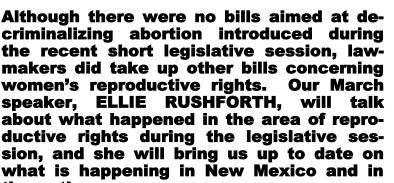
Monday, March 23, 2019

#### 10 AM

#### La Vida Llena

**10501 Lagrima de Oro NE, Albuquerque** 

schools, and counties in civil litigation. The City has changed the way it is responding to requests for public records under the Inspection of Public Records Act. Mr. Watson is going to present about different metrics this new program has considered for analyzing programmatic success in terms of IPRA processing and the challenges the City faces in handling an increasing volume of public records requests.



the nation relating to abortion and reproductive rights in general.



ETHAN WATSON, Acting City Clerk for the City of Albuquerque, will address the Northeast Heights Unit. In his role he manages the team that provides responses to the City's public records requests. Prior to joining the City, Mr. Watson spent seven years in private practice where he represented



## WE PARTIED ALL MONTH....



Below: LWVCNM members Mary Wilson and Andrea Targhetta were happy to greet people at the League table. Bottom: Meredith Machen, LWVNM organizer of the event poses with Pamelya Herndon of the NAACP.



We were pleased to have LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase as an honored guest.

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Like true suffragists we celebrated with cake and lemonade. LEFT: Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham addressed the Centennial celebration at the Roundhouse on Feb. 6 as a large audience listens intently.

Below: League members and our partners organizations dressed in suffragist attire for the day.

Both the Senate and House proclaimed Feb 6 League of Women Voters Day.



100 YEARS STRONG LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS LUNDON 1920 – 2020

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



The LWVCNM February 2020 activities focused on Suffrage Celebrations and observance of the February 14, 1920 founding of the League of Women Voters of the United States. LWVCNM participated with the three other NM local leagues; women's organizations representing select professions, minority institutions, and political causes; and elected officials in the February 6, 2020 Suffrage Centennial observations held in the NM Roundhouse during the 2020 Legislative Session.

The February 15, 2020 LWVCNM 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party recognized the varied and outstanding achievements of 10 LWVCNM Lifetime members, each with more than 50 years membership. Multiple members of the LWVCNM Suffrage Committee, chaired by Dr. Jeanne Logsdon, dedicated long hours to prepare a suitable ceremony and collaborated to assemble 99 LWVCNM members and

friends to celebrate the accomplishments of these lifetime contributors. Mary Wilson, LWVCNM 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and past President of LWVUS, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event, introducing each speaker and offering a discussion of each LWV Lifetime member's involvement in LWV. LWV Lifetime members recognized included: Judith Binder, Jan Bray, Nora (Nan) Clayton, Judith Deutsch, Donna Hill, Ida Humphrey, Margaret Olson (not present), Julia Seligman, Vivian Skadron, and Dorothy (Tooker) Walton. Megan Holcomb, Mayor Keller's Constituent Services Representative, read Mayor Tim Keller's Proclamation of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the League of Women Voters during the event. Cynthia Borrego, City Councilor representing District 5, attended the Birthday celebration and presented the City Council Proclamation of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the LWV during the City Council meeting February 19<sup>th</sup>. NM Secretary of State and former Bernalillo County Clerk, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, addressed LWVCNM, presenting "Election Security during the 2020 Elections." In addition to the well-deserved Honors and recognition bestowed, many LWVCNM members had



an opportunity to reacquaint themselves with others whom they had met during participation in LWV initiatives decades ago.

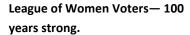
A Voter Guide/Vote411 Committee is hard at work to provided voter education to the public for both the primary and general elections in 2020. Information about primary election candidates will be available online through the LWVUS tool VOTE411. Watch the April Voter for more information about the date the online information will be available and how to access it. Of course, LWVCNM will print a paper Voter Guide for the General Election. This is the most widely known and visible service LWVCNM provides to give non-partisan, unbiased information to voters. VOTE411 online will also be available for the General Election.

Candidate Forums will also again be provided by LWVCNM. Mary H. Smith has already initiated efforts to moderate forums this election year. We also provide timekeepers and question sorting for Candidate Forums.

Volunteers for our 2020 Election work is welcome. Contact Mary Wilson at t3wilson@aol.com regarding helping on the Voter Guide/Vote411 project and Mary H. Smith at maryhenrie@msn.com to volunteer for working the candidate forums.

Karen Douglas and Karen Wentworth, Co-Presidents

### PICTURES FROM THE FEBRUARY 15 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION by Janet Blair





Lifetime members: Above Donna Hill, Right: Judy Binder, Below: Ida Humphrey



Above: Lifetime Member Judith Deutsch.





Lifetime members: Above: Nan Clayton, Left: Julia Seligman.



Above: Our thanks to LWVNM President Hannah Burling for attending.





We REALLY did have fun. Final salute for a wonderful celebration. Left: Mary H. Smith raises a glass in honor of Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday and on the Right: Mary Wilson returns the toast.

Left: Tooker Walton received her certificate of Appreciation from Mary Wilson, Mistress

of Ceremonies.



## Free Community Events Celebrating Women Suffrage Centennial.

Women's History Month Movie: Suffragette (PG-13)

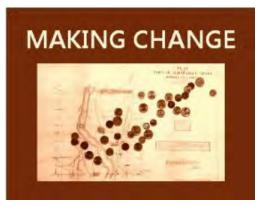
Friday, March 13, 2020 3:00pm - 4:46pm, Main Library (Downtown). Join Main Library in celebrating Women's History Month! In "Suffragette," a working-class laundress in 19th-century London joins the fights for women's suffrage. Featuring Helena Bonham Carter and Meryl Streep.

Making Change: They Won the Vote - Suffrage and Suffragists in New Mexico

Saturday, March 14, 2020 Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm Location: Special Collections Library, Botts Hall 423 Central NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102



The campaign for woman's suffrage in New Mexico is rich and deep. But, as with other aspects of women's lives, most of their stories—political, economic, social—are not found in history books. This talk By Dr. Sylvia Ramos Cruz travels from suffrage nationally to suffrage and suffragists in New Mexico. Some of the protagonists in this story, such as Adelina Otero Warren and Octaviano A. Larrazolo, are well known historical figures. Others, including Ada McPherson Morley, Isabella Selmes



Ferguson, Cora Armstrong Kellam, and Evelyn Fisher Frisbie are less so. We'll look at some of the women and men whose contributions to that 72-year-long struggle are still being unearthed in family lore, memoirs, songs, newspapers, and a few precious, oftquoted scholarly works.

The speaker, Sylvia Ramos Cruz, is a retired general surgeon, poet, writer and women's rights activist. Her ongoing creative work focuses on women's history in New Mexico. The centennial of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution, Woman's Suffrage, inspired her to research and write about the suffrage movement here and the people who took part in it.

### **LWVUS Board Sets Legislative Priorities**

The LWVUS Board set the following as legislative priorities for the 2020 session of Congress.

1. Campaign for Making Democracy Work® (MDW), with special emphasis on redistricting campaign, voting rights protection, and promoting public financing under money in politics;

2. The Equal Rights Amendment and removal of the ratification deadline; and

3. Watchdog: Respond strategically on issues with LWV positions when needed related to climate change, gun safety, and immigration.

## SPOTLIGHT ON JAN STRAND......

This is the second in a series articles called "Spotlight" which will feature interviews of current Board Members by Trish Lopez. The first article features Treasurer Jan Strand. Just for fun, Trish has included some pictures here of Jan in earlier years.

Name: Janice (Jan) Strand

Where are you from? Plainview, Minnesota (near Rochester)

Did you go to college? If so, major: -

University of Minnesota – B.S. Home Economics Education

Texas Tech University - M.S. Family Studies/Human Development

How long have you lived in ABQ? 6 ½ years (in NM 47 years- first in Roswell and rural Santa Fe)

What inspired you to get involved in politics and voter rights?

I grew up with parents who were involved in community/farm/church organizations. My father served on the school board and township board., etc. A nephew served three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, being elected at age 24.My husband served on the city council in Roswell.

My last year of teaching in Roswell (1979-80), I served on Mrs. King's Committee on the Family and connected with the Human Services Dept, etc. After I finished my M.S. Degree, I decided not to go back to teaching school. Because there had been a horrible molestation case in a family day care home,

I set to establishing and directing a non-profit child care resource and referral agency. I organized a task force that conducted a community-wide survey. With data and testimonials, I, along with the Albuquerque Carino Program at the YWCA, testified before the Legislative Finance Committee and other House and Senate Committees during the session and were able to get funding.

I also worked with a similar task force to establish another non-profit board that funded a nursery for the children of high school students and chaired the board for 4 years. Later I served on the board of NMOAPP, begun by Mrs. King and served on Governor Caruthers' Task Force on the Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting.

In early 1990 (after my husband died), living in rural Santa Fe, I established and directed a non-profit child care resource and referral agency in

Albuquerque to serve corporate parents. Both CCR&R programs continue to sponsor the child care food program,

a government program, so this has involved working with the Children, Youth, and Family Department.

Why are you a member of LWV? After I moved to Albuquerque in 2013, I decided I wanted to be part of an organization with committed and active membership with a citizen-oriented purpose.

What led you to where you are today? Being guided and encouraged by great mentors!

What is the most rewarding part of serving on the LWVCNM Board? Working with and getting to know a group of dedicated women.

What is your favorite law that has been passed in NM? Establishing the Children, Youth, and Family Department

Please share one quote or life lesson that you try to live by:

Never to tire, never to grow cold, To be patient and sympathetic, Look for the budding flower and the opening heart, To love always, to hope always, This is duty, the most noble task in the school of life.





## LWVCNM PLANS FOR BANQUET FOR 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL.....

The 2020 Centennial Celebrations Committee is now focusing on the banquet, to be held on August 29 at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown from 5:30 to 9. The keynote speaker is Roberta Cooper Ramo, a prominent local attorney and past president of the American Bar Association. She is also a strong supporter of the League of Women Voters.

We envision the banquet as an opportunity to celebrate our two Centennials and also as a major fundraising event. Here is how we are reaching out to banquet sponsors:

LWVCNM is entering a new phase of study and action to strengthen American democratic institutions. The Voter Guide is being expanded to include the primary election and offices in all four counties in our region (Bernalillo,



Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia). We are designing a stronger online Voter Guide through LWVUS's Vote 411 initiative. The Voter Guide is prepared annually and has been expanded because county, municipal, and school board election, and special district such as the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District schedules have been consolidated. We have also embarked on a new project to publish a booklet, "Know Your Government," to explain how the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County work.

In order for this new phase of study and action to be successful, we need more resources. Increasing the frequency, number of elected positions, and areas covered by the Voter Guides requires higher printing costs. We need to upgrade office electronics and equipment. And we need more space for volunteers to meet and work on projects.

So you can see that we are setting ambitious targets for banquet attendance and fundraising. The timetables, we expect that the sponsorship visits to major donors will take place in late March. In April the silent auction effort will begin and continue through June. The invitation subcommittee will get to work in May so that invitations can be mailed in late May and June. Five subcommittees are already at work on the banquet: Fundraising, Silent Auction, Budget, Publicity/Graphics, and Invitations. Several other subcommittees will be formed over the next few months, including Program and Decorations. Volunteers are needed for the many tasks to make this a successful event. Please email Jeanne Logsdon, to volunteer. And plan to attend the next scheduled meetings at the Erna Fergusson Library, from 1:30 to 3: March 30, April 27, May 18, 2020.

This is a Carrie Chapman Catt quote that sounds like a toast to the suffragists:

"To the wrongs that need resistance To the right that needs assistance To the future in the distance Give yourselves"

## APD Efforts to resolve Court Approved Settlement Agreement Measures – 2020 Transition

**By Karen Douglas** 

LWVCNM Has been a Coalition Partner in the Albuquerque Police Department Forward activity since 2014 to ensure transformation of APD police practices and institute Constitutional Policing. The Instances of Excessive Use of Force (UOF, including deadly force) by the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) 2010 – 2014 prompted citizens' groups to request intervention by the US Department of Justice (DOJ). The subsequent investigation by Paul Killebrew, JD and DOJ Special Council for the Civil Rights Division in Washington, DC, resulted in findings released April 2014. The November 2014 Court Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA) between the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and the City of Albuquerque was negotiated and identified eight areas requiring APD corrective measures. The CASA has included quarterly evaluations with reports released by the Independent Monitor (IM), Dr. James Ginger, who previously served in this capacity for other metropolitan police force proceedings. The Federal Judge overseeing the IM (previously Judge Brack, now Judge Browning) convenes Hearings with arguments from the Independent Monitor, US DOJ (US Attorney's Office) and the City of Albuquerque/APD with opportunities for concerned citizens' groups to weigh in.

Dr. Ginger's staff prepares quarterly reports detailing APD Progress in accordance with three levels: Primary (Approved Policies), Secondary (APD Officers effectively trained to revised Policies) and Operational (APD Officers effectively applying the new practices in the field). The most recent July 2019 CASA Amendment included nine broad categories with 276 measurable compliance paragraphs – 66 Paragraphs that APD has achieved Operational level compliance for more than two years were proposed for transition during February 2019 to APD Self-Assessment Monitoring by the APD Accountability and Oversight Division, with agreement from both the US DOJ and Independent Monitor Dr. Ginger. The CASA Sections including these 66 operationally compliant paragraphs were: Multi-Agency Task Force; Behavioral Health Training; Field Training Evaluation Program; Recruitment, Selection, and Promotions; Staffing; Promotions (will be formalized as a Municipal Ordinance); Specialized Units; Specialized Investigative Units; Public Information on Civilian Complaints; and Officer Assistance & Support.

The February 11, 2020 Hearing to evaluate the 10<sup>th</sup> IM quarterly Report covering the period ending in August 2019 also included mention of this Self-Assessment proposal. During the subsequent February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with Assistant US Attorney Elizabeth Martinez, Independent Monitor Dr. Ginger, Managing Albuquerque Assistant Attorney Lindsay Van Meter, and APD Deputy Chief Garcia, representatives of the APD Forward Coalition; the Community Coalition represented by Alfred Matthewson, Dean Emeritus, UNM Law School; Civilian Police Oversight Agency represented by Ed Harness; Community Policing Council representatives; and the Albuquerque Mental Health Response Advisory Committee requested a continuance of the February 26<sup>th</sup> Hearing scheduled until a thorough evaluation of the City's Self-Assessment plan could be completed. Following the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Assistant US Attorney, City of Albuquerque Attorney, APD Chief, and APD Accountability and Oversight Division, this request by citizens' groups was granted and a Hearing to transition compliance evaluation to the City of Albuquerque will be scheduled in early April 2020.

Notable discussions during the February 11<sup>th</sup> Hearing before Judge James Browning to evaluate the IM's 10<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report included "improved APD Culture of respecting compliance and transition" from prior "Lawyer-Culture"



to current "Guardian Culture with fair discipline" as Mr. Killebrew, US DOJ Special Counsel of the Civil Rights Division, noted that prior APD discipline was without a formal process, and therefore, was non-uniformly applied. Since release of the 10<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report covering the period prior to August 2019, more of the CASA paragraphs have transitioned to Operational Compliance. The Hearing scheduled in early April to consider the Albuquerque Police Department's Self-Assessment Plan will be open to the public and interested LWV members are encouraged to attend.

Federal Courthouse, Albuquerque, NM



**Suffrage Centennial Celebration & Dinner** Saturday August 29, 2020 5:30 – 9:00 pm Sheraton Uptown Hotel in Albuquerque

Need additional volunteers:

Publicity; Budget/Finance; Honored Guests (Sponsored) – complete listing, invitations with RSVP; Invited Guests (not Sponsored) – comprehensive unbiased listing, invitations with RSVP, Sponsored Tables, Appropriate Recognition (Program?); Donations: Silent Auction/Wine/Silent Auction hors d'oeuvres – contact businesses; Printing – invitations, programs

The APRIL VOTER WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING VOTER. ANYONE HAVING **REPORTS OR INFORMATION TO INCLUDE MUST SUBMIT THEM** TO THE EDITOR AT T3WILSON@AOL.COM NO LATER THAN MARCH 15. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE DEADLINE.



Short announcement about Equal Means Equal donations:

The screening of the documentary film, "Equal Means Equal," was a fundraiser to support the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Attendance was virtually a sell-out, and the final total raised was \$3,000. Donations of \$1,500 have been made to the Heroica Foundation (educational organization for Equal Means Equal) and The Fund for Women's Equality (foundation for the ERA Coalition). Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work on this event and to everyone who attended. This was a successful kick-off event to celebrate the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial and also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters. By Jeanne Logsdon

ERRATA in February Voter: Dr. Sylvia Ramos's affiliation should have been stated as Albuquerque NOW. Our apologies for the error.

### NEW MEMBERS.....

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail above information to LWVCNM, 2315 San Pedro Dr. NE, Suite F-6, Albuquerque, NM 87110-4158 along with annual dues as follows:

First member of household	\$60
Each additional member of household	\$30
Student member (proof required)	\$1