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This article appeared on August 26, 2020 in the *Albuquerque Journal* written by LWVCNM Co-President Karen Douglas.....

Today America celebrates Women's Equality Day. This day marks the national centennial of passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution: "The right of citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the US or any state because of sex." This milestone for the women's suffrage movement occurred following ratification by



Tennessee, the 36th state required for the 3/4 majority. August 26 is observed as the 100th anniversary of the women's suffrage amendment, which was first introduced in 1878, and certified by the US Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, permitting 26 million women to participate in the 1920 presidential election. Women's contributions to the Great War effort were vital to impress upon male voters and elected officials women's importance to the continued success of our democracy. Each state has its unique suffrage history. Women's right to vote was raised occasionally in the Territory of New Mexico because several Western states pioneered the practice Thousands of women and men in NM worked together to build support for suffrage between 1911 and 1920. On February 21, 1920, the amendment was ratified in New Mexico in a special legislative session. The rich history of voting rights in New Mexico and nationally is explored in Megan Kamerick's four podcasts at https://

www.newmexicopbs.org/new-mexico-and-the-vote-podcast/.

Expansion of the right to vote has a long and difficult history and wasn't complete in 1920 or even today. It took much longer for disenfranchised minority groups to gain voting rights - only white women were granted the right to vote during 1920, with continuing struggles by black women and all Native Americans. President Coolidge signed the Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, permitting Native Americans who were not living on reservations the right to vote. It took Miguel Trujillo, Jr., who was denied voting rights after fighting in WWII, to win a NM Supreme Court decision recognizing the right of <u>all</u> Native Americans to vote. Most Black women's struggle for the vote was not obtained until the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This racial disparity continues today by voter suppression when there are an inadequate number of polling places in minority communities or restricted polling place hours and limited postal service availability for absentee voting. Minorities still seek equality in the American workplace and representative employment in professions providing both recognition and an equal share in the rewards from our national prosperity. This historic milestone marking white women's earning the right to vote only reminds us of the many national challenges we Americans face as this nation progresses toward a more just and inclusive democracy.

2020 also marks the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters which formed from the National American Women's Suffrage Association in Chicago on February 14, 1920. From its inception, LWV focused on registering the new women electorate to vote and promoting an understanding of governmental policies and our mission continues to educate voters and protect voting rights for everyone amidst this pandemic. In 2020, LWVNM introduced a more extensive online resource--www.Vote411.org-- enabling voters to access candidate responses for all races in Bernalillo, Torrance, Sandoval, and Valencia counties. On September 15, each citizen may view their own personal ballot following entry of their address to access statewide races, discussion of bond issues, and judicial candidates in this online voting guide. LWVNM is monitoring any issues which could hamper absentee ballot return or suppress voter participation in the upcoming election and will continue to be vocal when concerns regarding fair elections and voter access warrant. The League of Women Voters of Central NM will publish hard-copies of the voter guide in the beginning of October. Use your vote. People died for it.

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LEAGUE CALENDAR

All of the following are Zoom meetings. Members will receive invitations on the LWVCNMTopics listserv. Anyone who does not receive an invitation can email president@lwvcnm.org.

September 3 – 5:30 p.m. LWVCNM Board Meeting

September 10 – Noon to 1 p.m., LWVCNM Lunch Unit Meeting . Jaime Diaz, Deputy County Clerk as speaker (see page 8)

September 21 – 6 p.m. Observer training corps (See page 3 for details)

October 3 – 10 a.m. to Noon, ANNUAL MEETING (See your April 2020 Voter for all the details you need for this meeting. If you dd not save your copy, go online to lwvcnm.org to download a copy.)

The deadline for the monthly Voter remains the 15th of each month. Articles and pictures are welcome.

AND A WORD TO OUR NON-TECHY MEMBERS: Do not be concerned that you do not "do online stuff." We are working on ways to make these available to you too! This may be through pairing you with a "buddy." It may be that several members can view the sessions in the conference room at our new office building. Or if you just need a little help using Zoom or whatever meeting software we use, several of our Board members, our Webmaster, or other volunteers may be sent to help you. And summaries of the presentations will appear in the Voter issued after the date of the speaker. I am sure other ways "to make this happen" and keep us all safe will evolve as we proceed. Contact Karen Wentworth at kwentworth17@comcast.net if you need help.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON GREAT IN-FORMATION IF YOU ARE NOT SUBSCRIBED TO :

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LWVNM Observer Corps Training LWV Observer Corp Training Session (ZOOM) Monday, September 21, 2020 6:00 pm MDT

The four NM local leagues are formalizing the process and reporting for LWV Observers and will hold a Zoom Observer Corps Training Session Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 MDT. LWV Observers will disseminate information to LWV members, ensure ongoing transparency of government decisions, and maintain awareness of issues impacting our citizenry. LWV San Francisco Trainers who presented Observer Corps Fundamentals for the "Making Democracy Work in Criminal Justice Reform" Caucus during the June 2020 LWVUS Convention will conduct the training session. The Agenda for the training session includes:

6:00 **Open Meetings Act** Mary Henrie Smith, Attorney, LWVCNM

Jennifer Waggoner & Jenn

Wong, LWVCA

6:10 **Observer Corps Fundamentals**

Kathy Brook, Co-President, LWVSNM

6:50

Observer Corps Coverage & Experience

Recommended LWVNM Observer Report Karen M. Douglas, Co-President, LWVCNM

6:55 Q&A

6:40

Coordinators: LWVLA/Barbara Calef; LWVSFC/Chris Furlanetto; LWVSNM/Kathy Brook; LWVCNM/Karen Douglas

LWVSNM has had elements of an active Observer Corps for more than 15 years, but no NM local league has previously participated in a formal training session. LWVCNM is initiating an Observer Corps 2020 for meetings of government bodies whose decisions impact our community or expend community resources. LWVCNM still needs Observer volunteers for several regularly scheduled government meetings and substitutes available to serve as a backup when required. Observers will receive the LWVUS booklet "Observing your Government in Action," Job Outline, Observer Pin, Checklist, and Report Recommendations compiled by the four NM local leagues.

LWVCNM members interested in volunteering as an Observer or learning more about this opportunity should contact Karen Douglas (505) 263-3297 or kmdouglas@q.com

Complete your Census by September 30.

The 2020 Census is still underway, and only 72% of New Mexico households have responded. Online, phone and mailed responses can be completed throughout the data collection process until September 30, 2020 (recently changed by the Trump Administration from October 31). This census will help in distributing federal funds for community projects, schools, highways, first responders, Pell Grants and much, much more. Don't let NM be shortchanged! To see a list of federal funds distribution, go to:

https://2020census.gov/content/dam/2020census/materials/partners/2020-01/Uses-of-Census-Bureau-Data-in-Federal-Funds-Distribution.pdf.

Please tell all your friends, neighbors, and family to fill out the Census. This information will enable a complete and accurate count of our communities. Let's shape our future.



How to Make a Difference in Our Community

1. Volunteer to work on the Voter Guide. This is where the league collects information about the candidates, the ballot issues and bond questions, and details on how to vote and presents it in a printed guide to vote We also put candidate information online in our VOTE411 guide. We need proofreaders and people to help with distribution. If you would like work as a proofreader, contact Jeanne Logsdon at jlogsdon@unm.edu. If you want to help with distribution, contact Lani Desaulniers at Imdesaul@gmail.com.

2. Volunteer to be trained as a moderator or time keeper or question sorter for league candidate forums. This year they will be virtual forums, and the training will be virtual. This is an important function the League performs for neighborhood associations and interest groups. We normally moderate forums for state legislative candidates, or county commissioners and other county/city races. We moderate and sometimes sponsor, neutral, nonpartisan forums, and serve as a community example of how to civilly discuss important issues. If you are interested in this, contact Karen Wentworth at kwentworth17@comcast.net.



3. We are establishing an Observer Corps to monitor public meetings and

report back to the league. This is becoming increasingly important because local media outlets do not monitor or cover the bread and butter issues and how public officials handle or don't handle them. Public officials are more thoughtful when they know someone is consistently watching. Most public meetings are now being held via Zoom during Social Distancing, and you can observe from your own home. The Zoom Observer Corps training for the 4 NM local leagues is scheduled for 9/21/20, and more volunteers are needed. If this sounds like something you want to do, contact Karen Douglas at ug90t16@unmalumni.com.

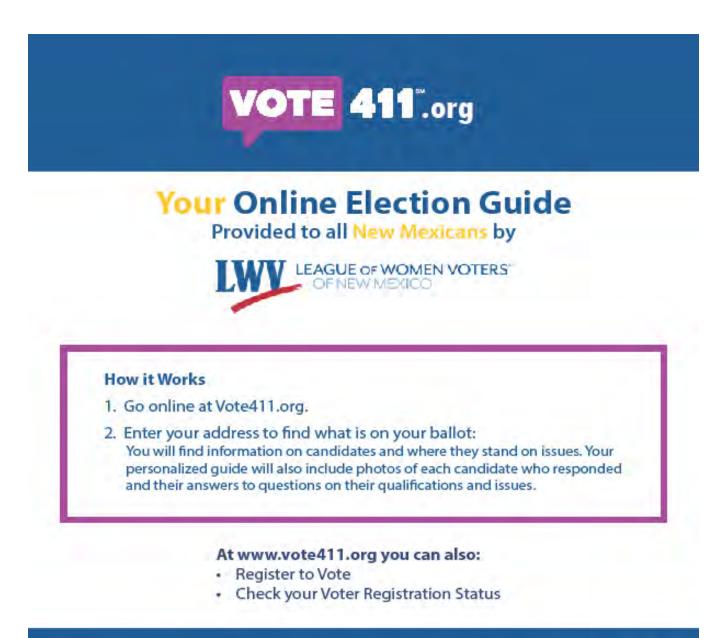
4. APD Forward. The League of Women Voters is one of a number of organizations that have formed a coalition to monitor progress as the Albuquerque Police Department struggles to become a less confrontational and more community-oriented police agency. The APD is now progressing toward compliance with Department of Justice Consent Decree measures, with an Independent Monitor and multiple oversight bodies. Contact Karen Douglas if you would like to become involved in this work.

5. The League of Women Voters of New Mexico works as a statewide advocate on specific issues. We are coming up on a 60-day legislative session at which a huge variety of issues will be decided. Most legislative committees are livestreamed, and you can monitor them at home. If you want to become involved in monitoring the league issues at the legislature or if you want to be part of our work to come up with a fair way to redistrict legislative districts in the state, please contact Dick Mason, the Advocacy Chair for the state league, at polirich@aol.com.

6. Look around and consider other ways you think the League should be involved in our community. Our emphasis is always on educating voters and working to ensure the democratic system works, but many issues fit within that umbrella. If you are willing to step forward and suggest something the league needs to do in this community, please contact the co-presidents at president@lwvcnm.org



You are part of this community. The only way we can improve our world is to work as a group to make things better. We are still in a pandemic, which limits our ability to move around, but we can continue to use of our talents. Please volunteer today. The LWVCNM printed Voter Guide will be available about October 8. The online Voter Guide will be available about Sept. 15 at Vote411.org. Check lwvcnm.org for availability. (We encourage you to print this page and distribute it to your friends.) Thanks to Sandra West for creating this beautiful flyer.





The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences policy through education and advocacy.

Learn more about your state league by visiting www.lwvnm.org.

Scan the code to go to vote411.org



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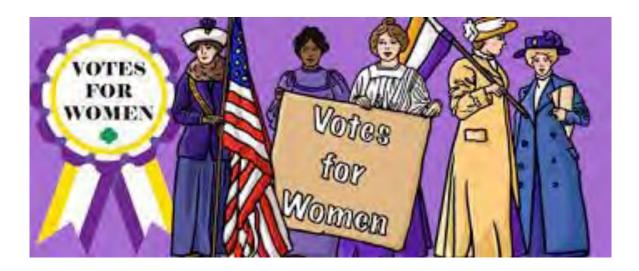
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A PRELIMINARY LOOK AT THE CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021.

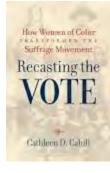
A calendar planning meeting was held August 29 to discuss topics League members would like to hear about at meetings during the next year. Below are the topics tentatively decided to be covered.

Saturday, October 10, 10 AM	Thursday, April 8, Noon
Annual Meeting (postponed from May 2020)	Topic: Climate Change
Topic: Diversity Issues	
	Saturday, May 1, 10 AM
Thursday, November 13, Noon	Annual Meeting
Topic: The Constitution and Elections	Topic: TBD
Coordinators: Mary H. Smith and Linda Adcox-Kimmel	
	Thursday, June 10, Noon
Thursday, December 10, Noon	Topic: Recap of Legislative Session
Topic: Post-election Recap (panel)	
	Thursday, July 8, Noon
2021	Topic: APD Forward
Thursday, January 7, Noon	
Topic: League's Legislative Advocacy Agenda and Update	Thursday, August 12, Noon
on Redistricting	Topic: Rank Choice Voting
Thursday, February 11, Noon	Thursday, September 9, Noon
Topic: The Pandemic, A Year Later	Topic: The Status of the Census and/or Redistricting
Thursday, March 11, Noon	
Topic: The Sunshine Month (transparency): Ethics and	



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE....some reading material

We think we know the story of women's suffrage in the United States: women met at Seneca Falls, marched in Wash-



ington, D.C., and demanded the vote until they won it with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. But the fight for women's voting rights extended far beyond these familiar scenes. From social clubs in New York's Chinatown to conferences for Native American rights, and in African American newspapers and pamphlets demanding equality for Spanish-speaking New Mexicans, a diverse cadre of extraordinary women struggled to build a movement that would *truly* include all women, regardless of race or national origin. In *Recasting the Vote*, Cathleen D. Cahill tells the powerful stories of a multiracial group of activists who propelled the national suffrage movement toward a more inclusive vision of equal rights. Cahill reveals a new cast of heroines largely ignored in earlier suffrage histories: Marie Louise Bottineau Baldwin, Gertrude Simmons Bonnin (Zitkala-Ša), Laura Cornelius Kellogg, Carrie Williams Clifford, Mabel Ping-Hua Lee, and Adelina "Nina" Luna Otero

-Warren. With these feminists of color in the foreground, Cahill recasts the suffrage movement as an unfinished struggle that extended beyond the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. As we celebrate the centennial of a great triumph for the women's movement, Cahill's powerful history reminds us of the work that remains. *Available November 2020*



For far too long, the history of how American women won the right to vote has been told as the tale of a few iconic leaders, all white and native-born. But Susan Ware uncovered a much broader and more diverse story waiting to be told. *Why They Marched* by Susan Ware is a tribute to the many women who worked tirelessly in communities across the nation, out of the spotlight, protesting, petitioning, and insisting on their right to full citizenship. Ware tells her story through the lives of nineteen activists, most of whom have long been overlooked. We meet Mary Church Terrell, a multilingual African American woman; Rose Schneiderman, a labor activist building coalitions on New York's Lower East Side; Claiborne Catlin, who toured the Massachusetts countryside on horseback to drum up support for the cause; Mary Johnston, an aristocratic novelist bucking the Southern rul-

ing elite; Emmeline W. Wells, a Mormon woman in a polygamous marriage determined to make her voice heard; and others who helped harness a groundswell of popular support. We also see the many places where the suffrage movement unfolded—in church parlors, meeting rooms, and the halls of Congress, but also on college campuses and even at the top of Mount Rainier. Few corners of the United States were untouched by suffrage activism. Ware's deeply moving stories provide a fresh account of one of the most significant moments of political mobilization in American history. The dramatic, often joyous experiences of these women resonate powerfully today, as a new generation of young women demands to be heard.

SEPTEMBER 13 UNIT MEETING SPEAKER....JAIME DIAZ, BERNALILLO DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK.

Mr. Diaz began in the election field in 1985 in McKinley County, moved to Bernalillo County in 1998 and retired in 2010. In both counties, his position was Bureau of Election Administrator. He has administered elections through 4 voting systems, with the current system being the Dominion Voting System. He has administered election through 3 Voter Registration systems, with the current system being SERVIS. He came out of retirement in 2017 to assist County Clerk Linda Stover in her terms. He is one of the County Clerks appointed Deputy County Clerks, and his work is concentrated on the administration of Voter Registration and Election Administration.

Parliamentary Pointers...... Quorum – What is it? What if we do not have a Quorum?

"Do we have a quorum?" asks an organization member. "What is our quorum?" asks another member. "What is a quorum?" asks a new member, unfamiliar with meeting rules.

Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th edition, 2000 states that a quorum is "the minimum number of members required to be present at an assembly or meeting before it can validly proceed to transact business."

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, p. 21 states: "The minimum number of members who must be present at the meetings of a deliberative assembly for business to be validly transacted is the quorum of the assembly. The requirement of a quorum is a protection against totally unrepresentative action in the name of the body by an unduly small number of persons."

The quorum for a monthly meeting, board meeting, or executive committee meeting is usually stated in the bylaws. The bylaws may state a definite number that constitute a quorum. Occasionally bylaws state that a percentage of the membership constitutes a quorum. The disadvantage of this is that if membership fluctuates, the number must be computed dependent upon present membership.

The decision that must be made when establishing a quorum is.... What is the number of members that can be expected to be present and make decisions for the membership? There are organizations that have over 100 members but few turn out for monthly/yearly meetings. The quorum can be 10 or 20 people if that is the largest number that can reasonably be depended upon to be present at a meeting.

Bylaws cannot be suspended; therefore, if the quorum is to be changed, the bylaws must be amended. This is done by giving notice in a meeting announcement or at the meeting before the amendment is to be adopted. It is recommended that the motion to amend be made to "strike out" the stated quorum and "insert" the recommended quorum.

In the absence of a quorum, there are four actions that can be taken.

- 1. The meeting be adjourned.
- 2. A member can make the motion to *Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn*. If adopted, this motion makes it possible to have an adjourned meeting to carry out the agenda of this meeting; the adjourned meeting would follow the same agenda set for this meeting. The adjourned meeting must be held before the next regular meeting would be scheduled.
- 3. The chairman/president can state that there will be a recess until enough members arrive to have a quorum.
- 4. Steps can be taken to obtain a quorum; members can be called and reminded of the meeting. Business can be transacted when a quorum is reached.

Information can be reviewed in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition,* (RONR) pp. 347-349 By Jan Strand, Professional Registered Parliamentarian-Retired

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Absentee Voting by Mail



In Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, the County Clerk will mail every registered voter an absentee ballot application. You must return it to your local County Clerk. In Torrance and Valencia Counties you must request an absentee ballot by • Going online to nmvote.org

- Contacting your County Clerk's Office in person, phone, mail or email
- Downloading an Absentee Ballot Application on nmvote.org and mailing it or hand delivering it to your County Clerk's Office

Absentee ballot requests through the Secretary of State's website for the 2020 General Election will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Voters can also request an absentee ballot for the 2020 General Election from their county clerk through Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Requests must be made by this deadline in order for the absentee ballot to be mailed by the appropriate county clerk in a timely manner.

A ballot will be sent to voters who have properly filled out the application. If the application was not completed correctly, a notification with the reason why the application was not accepted will be sent within 24 hours of receipt of the application.

To check the status of your Absentee Ballot Application, go to nmvote.org or contact your County Clerk's Office. If you do not receive the absentee ballot, please contact the County Clerk's Office no later than Monday, November 2, 2020.

Additional options for registering and requesting an absentee ballot for military and overseas voters are available under federal and state law. Please visit the Military and Overseas Voter Information page at sos.state.nm.gov

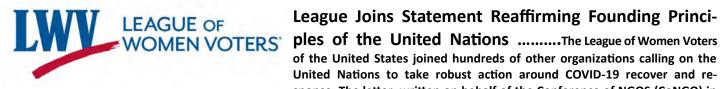
If I apply for an absentee ballot and receive it, can I change my mind and vote at my polling place on Election Day? Yes, but must execute an affidavit stating that the person did not and will not vote the mailed ballot that was issued. (Section 1-6-16 (A) NMSA 1978

What if I do not receive my absentee ballot? If you apply for, but do not receive the absentee ballot, you may apply for a replacement absentee ballot by communicating with the county clerk and requesting a replacement mailed ballot be delivered to the voter; and executes an affidavit and the county clerk has voided the mailed ballot previously issued to the voter. (Section 1-6-16 (B), NMSA 1978). You may also go to your polling place and vote on a replacement absentee ballot on Election Day, after signing an affidavit of non-receipt of absentee ballot (Section 1-6-16.1(A), NMSA 1978). In both cases, you will be required to sign a sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, that you did not receive your ballot.

Who can take the absentee ballot back to the county clerk? A member of your immediate family or your caregiver may hand-deliver your absentee ballot; provided that the voter has subscribed the official mailing envelope of the absentee ballot. An unrelated third party may not deliver another voter's absentee ballot . (Section 1-6-10.1, NMSA 1978).

When does an absentee ballot have to be returned for it to be counted? Ballots must be returned to the county clerk or voter's precinct by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted (Section 1-6-10 (B), NMSA 1978). How much does it cost to mail my ballot? Return postage is pre-paid. Please ensure you return the ballot with enough time for it to arrive at the County Clerk's office before 7 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020. The Bernalillo Clerk has recommended that voters put their ballots in the mail at least 7 days before Election Day.

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League Joins Statement Reaffirming Founding Princi-

of the United States joined hundreds of other organizations calling on the United Nations to take robust action around COVID-19 recover and response. The letter, written on behalf of the Conference of NGOS (CoNGO) in

Consultative Relationship with the United Nations which the league is a member of, outlined important steps that need to be taken to address the ongoing global pandemic in addition to promoting sustainable development and growth. The letters calls on the 193 member states of the United Nations to address the pandemic's disproportionate impact on women and children, reaffirm their commitment to fighting climate change through the rebuilding of economies, and to strengthen the UN's system and commitment to its sustainable development goals. CoNGO asks for continued work in partnership to promote human rights, democracy, rule of law, gender equity, and sustainable development. The letter is as follows:

COVID-19 Recovery: Building Back Better

Seventy-five years ago, the world was in a deep crisis after the devastation of World War II. Negotiations between governments began that resulted in the founding of the United Nations in 1945 and the adoption of the Universal



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Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Common efforts to fight poverty and illiteracy, protect human rights, strengthen cooperation, and maintain peace have been steps towards a vision of the world "free from fear, free from want" imagined in the UN Charter.

In 2020, the international community honors the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. We embarked on a Decade of Action for the Sustainable Development Goals to accelerate sustainable solutions to the world's biggest challenges. However, we now live in a world struggling to address the coronavirus pandemic, which has dramatically affected political, economic, and social life across the globe. During a crisis, global cooperation and solidarity are urgently needed, but nationalism, racism, intolerance, xenophobia, and border closures have too often prevailed. Measures to fight the pandemic have led to restrictions of long-established civic rights and democratic structures. An effective global response will require building consensus and strengthening concerted action to mitigate the multiple challenges we all face.

The pandemic is casting a shadow on hopes for sustainable development, achievements in the status of women, and other human and environmental concerns.

The impacts of the virus magnify existing inequalities and vulnerabilities, making us painfully aware of gaps in social protection systems. Before COVID-19, over one billion people were without access to basic human needs, and 700 million were living in extreme poverty, mostly women and children. In many countries, health and social protection systems are inadequate, revealed by the lack of provisions to protect and test medical staff and treat the infected. Older persons are particularly vulnerable to the disease and face increased discrimination.

The pandemic has led to significant restrictions on people's freedom of movement and peaceful assembly; the misuse of emergency measures may further erode human rights. We have seen authoritarian forces seize the opportunity to expand their power, which has adverse impacts on civic space and the ability of communities and individuals to exercise their rights. The

prospects of a long-term global recession raise serious concerns over how long and to what extent restrictions will be in force. After the public health crisis recedes, we must ensure that measures curtailing civil liberties are fully lifted to protect democratic institutions and citizen participation.

We representatives of international NGOs in consultative relationship with the UN fear that while attention is focused on the global health crisis, efforts to address the ongoing climate crisis, achieve sustainable development and gender equality, protect human rights and promote peace are being neglected.

We continue to work in partnerships to develop a global plan of action to address the multiple challenges we all face, while promoting human rights, democracy, climate action, gender equality, justice, peace and security, and sustainable development.

We are determined to emerge from this crisis and build a better world for all.

We call on the 193 UN Member States to renew their commitment to the UN and to turn this international crisis into an opportunity, using it as a starting point to rebuild economies that are inclusive, and based on sustainable production and consumption: Continued on next page.....



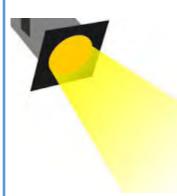
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UNITED NATIONS, continued from previous page....

- to accelerate climate action by rebuilding economies, transport, and industries in a carbon neutral manner;
- to recognize and address the disproportionate impacts of the pandemic on women, children, older persons, and other vulnerable and marginalized groups;
- to change the militarized discourse of war and threat to one of care and solidarity, within countries as well as between Member States;
- to provide universal access to and funding for health and social protections for all people;
- to reallocate military spending and increase investments in meeting human needs to create a healthier and more peaceful planet and achieve Agenda 2030;
- to support non-governmental community organizations, human rights defenders, and women's groups, and include them in national and global recovery and reconstruction efforts;
- to strengthen the UN System and provide the necessary funding to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure inclusive societies and economies, a sustainable environment, and a more peaceful world.

Only if we continue to work in partnerships and promote human rights, democracy, rule of law, climate action, gender equality, sustainable development, peace and security, can we emerge from this crisis and build a better world for all.

SPOTLIGHT ON



We continue the series of articles called "Spotlight" that features interviews of current Board Members by Trish Lopez. This article features Director Eugenia "Gege" Polevitzky who is in charge of all fundraising efforts of the League:

- 1. Position: Fourth Vice President
- 2. Where are you from? Miami, Florida
- 3. Did you go to college? Yes, Newcomb College in New Orleans, majoring in Art History
- 4. How long have you lived in Albuquerque? About 7 years
- 5. What inspired you to get involved in politics and voter rights: Our daughter,

Kate, has retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel and has made a career pivot to being a political campaign manager.

- 6. Why are you a member of LWV? Brenda McKenna recruited me.
- 7. What led you to where you are today? Way too many moves.

8. What is the most rewarding part of serving on the LWVCNM Board? Getting to know the Board Members and others and learning about the causes that are important to them.

9. What is your favorite law that has been passed in NM? Not that much of an expert on laws.

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

"To those to whom much (not just worldly goods) is given, much is expected."

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT......The ADA, signed into law on July 26, 1990, was, in the words of the National Disability Institute, the "first set of comprehensive civil rights and protections for people with disabilities." Earlier federal legislation (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) had prohibited discrimination by agencies that were federally funded. The ADA took this a huge step further, barring discrimination against persons with disabilities of all kinds in the private as well as the public sector. The law covers a broad range of life activities, including employment, government services, access to businesses that are open to the public, telecommunications, and transportation.



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APPLICATION FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL:

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Mail above information to LWVCNM, 2501 San Pedro Dr. NE, Suite 216, Albuquerque, NM 87110 along with annual dues as follows:

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