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Doug Fernandez to speak on politics at Dec. 9 General Meeting

Doug Fernandez, news anchor for KOAT-TV, will speak at the December General Meeting. The meeting is Dec. 9 at 11:45 a.m. at the Albuquerque Airport Grand Hotel.



DOUG FERNANDEZ

Politics is a passion with Fernandez, and he will discuss the 2010 election and talk about how it unfolded through paid television commercials from both the candidates and outside groups that supported or opposed them.

Fernandez had a front row seat as the fortunes of the major candidates rose and fell through the election cycle and will share his insights.

Fernandez grew up in Fremont, Calif., graduating from the University of San Diego with a degree in business. He worked as a reporter and fill-in anchor at KCAL television in Los Angeles, and has worked in Shreveport, Louisiana; Dallas, Texas; Fresno, Calif.; Anniston, Ala. and Jackson, Tenn.

He arrived at KOAT in 2002 and has covered the 2004 and 2008 national political conventions of both Democrats and Republicans for the station. Fernandez enjoys spending time with his children, playing golf and watching his beloved Oakland Raiders and Oakland Athletics.

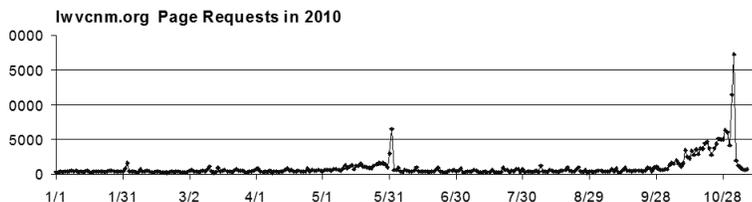
The cost of the luncheon is \$17, payable at the door. Please make your reservation for the Luncheon Unit meeting by calling the League office at 884-8441 before 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Is Anybody Watching?

Election time is when the LWVNCM website gets the most hits, says Technology Chair Cheryl Haaker.

She compiled two graphs of daily traffic on the League's website, www.lwvncm.org. The first summarizes daily Page Requests: -- a request occurs whenever a web page is viewed. The second graph shows the number of kilobytes (KB) of data transmitted, and generally mirrors the page requests, except when large PDF files -- like the *Voters' Guide* -- are downloaded.

"You can really tell when the fall general election occurred. There are four to five weeks of



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December Calendar

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| Dec. 2 | Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 4 | Lobbying workshop, Santa Fe |
| Dec. 5 | Legislative reception, 2 p.m. |
| Dec. 5 | <i>Voter</i> deadline |
| Dec. 9 | General Meeting, 11:45 a.m. |
| Dec. 11 | Program Planning, 9:30 a.m. |

**League of Women Voters of
Central New Mexico
Board Meeting
1st Thursday of each month
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Brown,
6565 Americas Parkway NE**

Program Committees

Fair Representation Committee

Cheryl Haaker (298-7415)

Drug Policy

Delores Watkins (823-2308)

Natural Resources

Includes transportation, land use, air quality, water, and energy

All League members are invited to all unit meetings, committee and board meetings.

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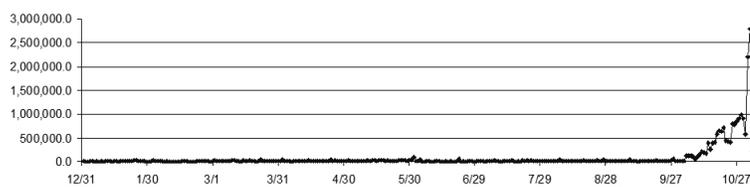
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increasing access, followed by a drop to near zero,” Cheryl says. “There’s a much smaller peak for the June primary election, reflecting both the smaller number of voters and the fact that there was only one ‘election page’ and no *Voters’ Guide*.”

People can view monthly statistic postings at www.lwvcnm.org/statistics/.

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Membership Report

Welcome to new and returning members:

Moira Geret, 1232 Lafayette Drive NE, 87106, 238-7483; **Fred & Sue Gunckel**, 2634 Aloysia Ln. NW, 87104, 842-1764; **Karen Herzenberg**, 706 Douglas MacArthur NW, 87107, 345-2588; **Mimi Salinger**, 211 Valle Vista Rd., Corrales, NM, 87048-6406, 897-7906; **Juan R Vigil**, 732 Fairway Rd. NW, 87107-5719, 345-0619; **Mary Anne Giangola**, 7104 Carriage Rd. NE, 87109; **Donna and John Hill**, 10501 Lagrima de Oro NE, Apt. 4209, 87111, 505-291-3454

Presidents' Corner

Now is the time for all good Leaguers to come up with issues for study and to brush up on their action skills. Program planning on state and local issues will be Dec. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the card room at La Vida Llena. This is your chance to propose issues this League will take up next year. We currently have only one active study committee -- the Drug Policy Study Committee, which is now working on the effects of alcohol in our community. Are there other problems or issues in Sandoval or Bernalillo counties? Are we happy with the way county government is working? Are there things that could benefit from a regional approach? How should they be implemented? Do we need to bring any issues to the state convention in May? Organization and financing of higher education? State tax structure and who should pay for what? Now is the time to put your thinking cap on and find a few other like-minded members and come to program planning. Member-chosen studies and action are the heart of the League.

Speaking of action, be sure to join us in Santa Fe for the Lobbying Skills Workshop on Dec. 4. See details in *La Palabra*. League day at the legislature is in early February for this long session. It is sure to be centered on budget and tax issues. Health care financing will be an important controversy.

On the national level, should we participate in the national study on privatization? Do we know in what situations it might be effective and what limits might be needed? Are there things that should or should not be privatized and why? The other national study on the federal role in education has important state and local implications. Who will be active on these topics?

On a sadder note, Henrietta Loy, a long-time committed League member, died recently. She mentored many League members as the long-time chair of the Education Committee. She taught me many things about education and how schools worked and curriculum was developed when Olin and I first came to New Mexico more than 20 years ago. She was very active in promoting the use of the Voters' Guide in social studies classes in the Albuquerque schools. She was kind and wise and taught us a lot about the importance of education. She will be greatly missed.

We hope to see you at the general meeting, at program planning and at our reception for new and returning legislators on Dec. 5. -- Jan & Olin Bray

Long-time League member Henrietta Loy dies

Henrietta Loy, a long-time member of the League of Women Voters, died Oct. 17 at the age of 92 in Albuquerque. A funeral mass will be held on Dec. 20 at Our Lady of Annunciation Church, 2621 Vermont St. NE at 10 a.m., following an 8 a.m. rosary.

“She was a dedicated teacher and taught her students about the importance of participating and voting in the governance of our country,” said Tooker Walton about Henrietta’s lifelong commitment to civics and teaching. “She knew everything about the League -- its history -- and what the League had done before. She was great!”



HENRIETTA LOY

The League honored her in 2000 by adding her to the League's Role of Honor for her long-term, unflagging service, including her co-chairing the Education Committee for many years.

Her husband, Arthur Loy, who was also a supporter of the League, died in June 2001. She is survived by her children Laura Loy Dennison and David E. Loy and three grandchildren. Besides being an award-winning Albuquerque Public Schools teacher and raising her family, Henrietta was also active in community groups like Alpha Chi Omega, UNM Alumni, Albuquerque Historical Society, DAR, and her church. The family requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, which Henrietta’s father helped to establish. She attended the orchestra’s first performance in 1932.

Henrietta Memories

Diane Goldfarb: *Henrietta was a dynamic leader of the Education Committee. She wanted every member to be educated about the public school system and to that end she arranged many good speakers and field trips. I met Henrietta at my first League unit meeting in the late 1980's, when she was getting the Education Committee reestablished. I immediately fell in love with her enthusiasm and have always considered her my model League member. She is the one who initially motivated me to get involved in the League.*

Carol Pierce: *Henrietta Loy was a passionate educator who worked tirelessly to see improvements in the education system. Her years in the classroom gave her extensive knowledge and insight about the changes that were needed to benefit students. She had a “can do,” positive, infectious ability to engage others in the movement to make improvements in education. I had the pleasure of serving on the LWV ABC Board with Henrietta from 1991-1993.*

Julia White: *Henrietta Loy was a woman who always knew who she was. She knew the Constitution of the United States and its Bill of Rights. She was firm in supporting and protecting individual liberties and representative government. She was an active participant in public education and equal opportunity for all. She supported the League of Women Voters as a way to carry out in action what she believed and lived. She was a joy to work with.*

Shelly Shepherd: *My initial introduction to the League of Women Voters was at the 1986 LWV Legislative Forum on Children and Youth, chaired by Henrietta Loy and Elsie Hampleman. By the time that I had the honor of meeting Henrietta, she already had years of League involvement working on issues related to children and education. Henrietta was instrumental in my joining the League and was an inspiration to many. She'll be greatly missed.*

Members take a retrospective look at League of Women Voters

Editor's Note: This year the LWVCNM celebrates its 60th anniversary. In February Judith Binder put together a retrospective program presented at all Unit meetings that consisted of members sharing in their own words memories of League. This is the seventh in a series of articles that includes some of those memories.

Meg Wentz

“I joined the League in 1993 and became the office staff coordinator the following year, which continued for 12 more years. In the early 1990s (starting in

at least 1994) there was a very active Water Committee. The members put on a water forum with a grant from LWVUS, and we attended several events promoted by other water groups.

“The Drug Study began in 1996 as the Decriminalization of Drugs. Four years later the committee went to the National Convention and received approval for a two-year National Drug Policy Study. Sadly, due to an oversight on part of LWVUS, the study was withdrawn. The committee then moved on

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Meg Wente

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to Pain Management. We also have a very active Health Care Committee.

“I remember how the Natural Resources Committee actively lobbied against the extension of Paseo del Norte through the Petroglyph National Monument, and in 1996, a Transportation Subcommittee, which I co-chaired with Diane Goldfarb, grew from the Natural Resources Committee study. The members studied and actively lobbied to enable legislation for a regional transit system. It didn't pass then, but I like to think it paved the way for later, successful legislation. The committee went on to study city growth policy. We learned that the majority of growth comes from our children. And we worked hard to draft the Planned Growth Strategy ordinance. It did pass in 1994. But who wouldn't want to improve the system for our kids?

The office has always been central to helping voters with its knowledgeable staff. Basic and particular to the League are short term studies and long term committees—always keeping true to our mission.”

High School Voter Registration Drive

Judith Binder offers many thanks to the six League volunteers who drove approximately 63 miles, spending a total of 14 hours registering 51 students and staff members at Albuquerque high schools:

Volunteers were: Norma Argo, Judith Binder, Cheryl Haaker, Marilyn Morgan, Mary Mulvaney, Gayle Prinkey. High Schools Served: Cibola, Del Norte, Eldorado, Highland, New Futures, Rio Grande and Sandia.

In addition, a number of volunteers, including Jan Bray, Linda Cotton, Jane Flax, Jean and Joe Harris, Judith Judkins and Gayle Prinkey, were organized by Marge Swartz to register voters at Intel and during the Corrales Harvest Festival. They did a bang-up job taking care of more than 180 new voters!

Meet Your Legislators Reception

Please plan to come to the League's *Meet Your Legislators* reception, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2- 4 p.m., at the home of Carol Tucker Trelease, 8234 Raintree Drive NE, Albuquerque. For more details please see the enclosed flyer or contact Josephine Porter at joporter@nmia.com 858-3160. Volunteers to help are always welcome.

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