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Social Activist to Speak at April LWVCNM Luncheon

Eleanor Bravo, senior organizer for Food & Water Watch based in Albuquerque, will be the featured speaker at the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico's April 9 luncheon meeting. The meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM



Eleanor Bravo

Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul N.E.

During this year's legislative session, Bravo lobbied to stop passage of SB421, which would have given the state authority over oil, gas, agriculture, and mining and out of the hands of local officials. She also worked to stop SB184, which would punish local governments for any regulations that increase costs of 25 percent or more on the extractive industry.

Bravo has more than 30 years of experience as a social activist and political organizer. As an independent filmmaker, her crew was instrumental in creating work which helped expose and prohibit the

building of the proposed coal burning Desert Rock Power Plant in the Four Corners area. In 2010 Bravo was the county field director for the gubernatorial election campaign for women.

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In This Voter

Call to Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 2, 2015
MCM Elegante Hotel
2020 Menaul N.E.

Speaker: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kuuttilla
CEO of UNM's STC (formerly Science and
Technology Corporation)

Topic: "Technology Development,
Commercialization and Economic
Development"

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.

Business meeting: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Brunch: 11:30 a.m.

Your Annual Meeting packet is included in
this *Voter*.



Long-time League member Judith Binder talks to Charles Powell at a recent new member brunch at the home of Peggy Howell. -- Photo by Brenda McKenna

April Calendar

- April 2 LWVCNM Board meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- April 5 *Voter* deadline
- April 9 Luncheon Unit, 11:45 a.m.
- April 14 Evening Unit, 6 p.m.
- April 27 Northeast Heights Unit, 10 a.m.
- April 15 Westside, 5 p.m.
- May 2 LWVCNM Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.
- May 15, 16, 17 State Convention,
Albuquerque

**League of Women Voters of
Central New Mexico
Board Meeting**

**1st Thursday of each month
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Browne,
6565 Americas Parkway NE
Program Committee
Education Group
Judith Binder**

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

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April Unit Meetings

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The luncheon meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Menaul N.E. Reservations for the lunch must be made by 10 a.m. on April 6. Please specify if you want a vegetarian meal.

Evening Unit at the Erna Ferguson Library, Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. Dick Mason, LWV State Action Committee Chair, will provide a wrap up of the 2015 legislative session. This is a great opportunity to learn how the League was involved in the 60-day session and what legislation was passed.

Westside Unit at the Loma Colorado Library in Rio Rancho, 1755 Loma Colorado Blvd NE., Wednesday, April 15 at 5 p.m. Othiamba Umi with Think New Mexico will discuss a health care study and legislation to make health care more affordable by increasing transparency and ending price discrimination.

Northeast Heights Unit at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima del Oro NE, Monday, April 27 at 10 a.m. Dr. Deborah McFarlane will talk about comparative health care systems. How do other countries deal with health care with better results and less costs and what can we learn from them?

State Convention 2015 League of Women Voters of New Mexico

When: May 15, 16, 17

**Location: Albuquerque
Crowne Plaza
1901 University NE**

EVERY MEMBER is encouraged to attend luncheon and banquet, even if not registering for full convention

Bring Guests

Luncheon Speaker:

**New Mexico Supreme Court Chief, Justice
Barbara Vigil**

Banquet: Saturday, May 16

Keynote Speaker:

Martha Burk, Author of

**“Your Voice Your Vote: The Savvy Woman's
Guide To Power, Politics, And The
Change We Need”**

**Fill out the registration form on page 15
and send it to**

**2315 San Pedro NE Suite F6
Albuquerque, NM 87110**

LWVCNM Delegates to Convention

Selected to serve as LWVCNM delegates to the state convention are: Chris Burroughs, Sonia Lersten, Susan McKinstry, Margaret Magee, Olin Bray, Peggy Howell, Carolyn Devore-Parks, Marilyn Fifield, Andrea Targhetta and Jan Bray.

Convention Reception

Friday evening May 15 before the convention from 5:30 to 7:30 there will be a casual reception at the home of Carol Tucker Trelease for all members and guests. Even if you are not registered to come to the convention, please come to the reception and meet other members from the state. Finger foods, drinks, good company! We are looking forward to visiting with everyone. come early, stay late and enjoy the camaraderie! See map to reception on page 16.

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-- *Andrea Targhetta*

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Business Meeting	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Brunch	11:30 a.m.

**The cost of the brunch is \$20. Reservations for the brunch must be called in to the office (884-8441) or emailed to lunch@lwvcnm.org by Monday, April 27.*

Annual Meeting Agenda

Adoption of Agenda
Recognition of Board and Committee Chairs
Adoption of Rules for Annual Meeting
Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting
Appointment of Readers for 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Adoption of Program for 2015-2016
Bylaws Changes
Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers and Directors
Other Business
Announcements
Directions to the Board

Rules for Annual Meeting

1. No person may speak twice to the same motion until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.
2. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
3. All motions must be made in writing and a copy given to the Secretary.
4. Only members in good standing will be allowed to speak on a motion.

Local Positions

DRUG POLICY

LWVCNM supports drug court programs; treatment for all persons with drug addiction; and syringe exchange programs in Bernalillo County. These programs should be prudently and appropriately funded.

LWVCNM supports pain management for all persons through:

Cooperation among consumers, health care professionals and regulatory agencies to promote pain relief and to decrease abuse, trafficking, and diversion of pain medications;

Education of consumers including: awareness that pain can be treated; the variety of therapies available and how to describe to health care professionals the levels and types of pain they are suffering; Training of health care professionals and providers including: awareness that pain can be treated; how to identify and treat pain; and when to refer for specialized treatment; and

Research on more effective pain treatments and therapies and widespread dissemination of research results.

LWVCNM believes pain management is the process of providing care to alleviate or reduce acute and chronic pain, which can also cause secondary disease processes (e.g., high blood pressure). This care may include pain medications and a variety of therapies proven by research to be effective. (2002, Rev. 2003, 2007, 2008)

EDUCATION

Support of a requirement that functional competence in basic skills be demonstrated before a high school diploma is awarded.

Emphasis on basic skills that should include civics, the fine arts (including music, art, and drama) and ongoing technological developments, STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Identification of children at risk should begin early in the educational process and continue through high school. Remediation should be provided as early as possible.

An alternative path to a high school diploma should be available.

Support for community colleges that should offer certificates and associates degrees for a variety of careers. Such degrees could be terminal or transferable toward a four-year program.

Support for the protection of the First Amendment rights of public school students and library patrons. Support for a selection policy for school and public libraries that allows for access to a wide variety of materials.

Support for a purchase and distribution system of instructional materials for public schools that is timely and cost effective.

Support for the selection of basic instructional materials for the public schools by a committee which consists of administrators, teachers, and parents and that represents a cross section of the ethnic, geographic and economic population of the community.

In addition, resource persons who have expertise in the subject under consideration will serve in an advisory capacity.

Support for a selection procedure that includes:

1. A fair and thorough evaluation of materials;
2. A method for public examination and input;
3. A strong conflict of interest policy.

Support for a policy that allows for informal resolution of controversy and a systematic reconsideration procedure for textbook and library materials. (rev. 2010)

HEALTH CARE

LWVCNM supports comprehensive health care, mental health care, preventive and educational health programs, comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion, and home health care. LWVCNM believes society has a responsibility to provide comprehensive health care for the indigent and supports mill levies as a means of funding such health care. (rev. 2013)

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HOUSING

Local government has primary responsibility for making available, facilitating, and coordinating provision of affordable, decent, and safe housing using federal, state, county, or city funds. This may also be done by coordination with private builders, non-profit organizations, and/or foundations.

1. We support the following guidelines for government assisted housing:
2. Assistance for private affordable housing projects under the following conditions:
3. The surrounding neighborhood has been involved early in the planning for the project;
4. Regulatory variances which may be granted do not permit unsafe or unsightly conditions.
5. Design review by a qualified panel.
6. A variety of home ownership and rental opportunities in public or private affordable housing projects.
7. An adequate maintenance system in all affordable housing projects. This system should include education and training for residents in maintenance skills.
8. Encouragement of the formation of tenant organizations.
9. Long Range planning, accountability, and neighborhood involvement in expenditure of federal Community Development
10. Block Grant funds for housing rehabilitation.
11. Leadership in assistance for homeless programs which provide both shelter and services for targeted populations, particularly families and the mentally ill.
12. Boarding houses as a way of meeting housing needs.
13. Community-based residential care for the mentally ill. (rev. 2009)

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

The LWVCNM supports the Initiative & Referendum process. However, we have reached a consensus on the need for revision of four specific sections of the Albuquerque City Charter. We support the appointment of a Charter Revision

Committee to study the process for qualifying Initiative and Referenda, with a view to revising Article III, Section 3 of the Albuquerque City Charter that would:

1. Increase the number of initiators needed to start the process;
2. Increase the number of signatures required to compel an election;
3. Refine the process of reviewing the petition title and summary; and
4. Eliminate the requirement that the election must be held within 90 days after the date of filing the petition with appropriate signatures. (rev. 2009)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support for the development of budgets that provide for long-range planning and evaluation programs.

Support for municipal and county officials providing the media and citizens' groups with simplified budget information. This should occur prior to public hearings as a means of preparing citizens for the budget process.

Support for assessing the cost and effectiveness of programs supported by federal funds.

Support for local governments to share in the New Mexico personal income tax as the most effective and equitable source of revenue.

Support of combined form of government for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County.

Support for coordinating municipal and county government with joint use of records.

Support for nonpartisan local government elections. Support for:

1. The present Mayor/Council form of government for Albuquerque;
2. A significant increase in the number of signatures required on a petition before a person can be placed on the ballot as a candidate for mayor for Albuquerque. Preferably, the number of signatures should be based on either a percentage of voters having voted in the last mayoral election or of Registered voters, or of population of the city. (rev. 2009)

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LAND USE

Land use decisions must be made with consideration for economic, environmental and social factors. We believe that it is possible to incorporate the principles of conservation of resources, to relate the use of land to its inherent characteristics and carrying capacities and still achieve an optimum balance between economic and social needs and environmental quality.

Support of development that protects natural resources and promotes the equal right of all to an environment beneficial to life.

Support of land use policies and techniques that promote orderly growth. These shall include:

1. Urban infill, to include residential building in downtown and midcity areas;
2. Acquisition and appropriate use of open space;
3. Preservation of agricultural lands as such;
4. Utilization of mixed use in new development and in redevelopment;
5. Revitalization of blighted sections of the com-

munity;

6. Composition of neighborhoods to include a diversity of types of housing and of socioeconomic groups.

Support for coordinated municipal/county and regional planning and zoning.

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning. (rev. 2009)

TRANSPORTATION

Support for coordinated regional land use and transportation planning. This planning shall include:

1. Consideration of the impact of traffic congestion;
2. The provision of viable transportation choices.

Support for a regional public transit system with a policy-making board that includes citizens with voting powers. (rev. 2009)

WATER

Support for coordinated regional water planning.

Annual Meeting Reports

President's Report

Our Membership, Leadership and Development program is going well. We entered into this national program hoping to develop a larger membership, mentor leaders, and sustain our organization. The CNM Board approved a goal of 20 new members this calendar year. This number represents a 10 percent gain and is a goal we believe this League can attain. A new unit has been started on the Westside, meeting at 5 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Loma Colorado Main Library in Rio Rancho, hoping to gather members from that city.

You have served our community well with forums for the Albuquerque Public School Board election, the Bernalillo County Sheriff election, and have partnered with LWVNM in moderating a Secretary of State and Attorney General candidate forum. We have hosted a panel on the privatization of charter public schools and conducted an election

for the New Mexico Early Education United. CNM is proud to have welcomed several hundred new U.S. citizens at Naturalization Ceremonies telling them they were eligible to register to vote. Their smiles as we handed them a voter registration form told us it was an important part of their citizenship. We registered more than 75 new voters during the year which included high school students.

CNM facilitated the former mayor of Corrales to speak with a middle school Girl Scout Troop which was part of the girls' government badges. The talk sparked interest in their community and knowledge of the League of Women Voters.

CNM has joined the ACLU and several community organizations in a coalition called APD Forward. This came about after the Department of Justice reported that the Albuquerque Police

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Department had a pattern of excessive use of force. We are hoping to aid in the transparency of reforming the police department which will take a multi-year commitment.

This year we developed a 54-page *Voters' Guide* for the 2015 General Election. You can be proud of your contributions to this immense undertaking. Many members participated and made this one of the most informative Guides ever.

-- *Andrea Targhetta, President LWVCNM*

Technology Report

The Google analytics graph of web activity is not attached; however, it shows that everyone looks to the League of Women Voters at election time!

The listserv LWVCNMTOPICS remains active, and people are not only being added when they join or renew with League, they receive instructions on how to get onto the list, so they can do it themselves. Plus, the monthly newsletter, the Voter, is distributed almost entirely via email, using LWV New Mexico's Constant Contact license, which has resulted in major savings. Each Constant Contact email includes instructions on how to get onto LWVCNMTOPICS, as well as the two LWVNM listserves, Topics and Action. There are 216 members on LWVCNM Topics at present.

First Vice President's Report

The portfolios under the First Vice President involve outreach and education of the community. The publication of our Who's Who and the Voter's Guide provide the League's primary contact with the community and are the services for which we are most identified. Our Voter Services activities also reached out to a broad spectrum of our service area, providing the electorate with voter registration, candidate forums, election information and speakers for groups. Voter education is also a key element of the First Vice President's portfolio.

-- *Carol Tucker Trelease*

Member Handbook

The 2015 League of Women Voters Central New Mexico Handbook was mailed the last week in January. Thanks to all who helped with the Handbook -- Diane Goldfarb, Helen Wright, Andrea Targhetta, Peggy Howell, Terry

Quinn, Margaret Magee and especially Kathy Altobelli who has a keen eye and dedication to producing a quality publication. They have been immeasurably helpful every year, including this one. The research, the membership directory, the data entry, the proofing and the mailing all take a strong team and I have the greatest appreciation for these members. The cost to publish the Handbook, less the mailing, was \$586.69. The sponsorships cover \$400 of the cost. - *Laura Stokes*

Voter Services

The League provided moderator and timekeeper services for several candidate forums over the past year. League members also attended several Naturalization Ceremonies where they handed out voter registration forms.

Forums:

- * May 6 at Nob Hill Studios, was the streaming of a gubernatorial forum. Cheryl Haaker was timekeeper. Nob Hill Studios provided their own moderators, Joe Monahan and Andrea Quejada.
- * On May 10 the Democratic Black Caucus held a forum at the African-American Arts Center. They provided their own moderator. Judith Binder served as timekeeper.
- * On June 28, from 1-4 p.m., the Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) held a forum at the Unitarian Church at Carlisle and Comanche to educate the public on the privatization of charter public schools. Dick Mason was moderator and Judith Binder was timekeeper. Laura Stokes was the contact person.
- * LWVNM co-sponsored with Common Cause a candidate forum for Treasurer and Auditor on Sept. 23 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. in Albuquerque. Diane Goldfarb was moderator. Dick Mason was the contact person.
- * On Oct. 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. the New Mexico Black Caucus sponsored a candidate forum titled "Vote 2014: Bernalillo County Sheriff Forum." Mary H. Smith was moderator and Gayle Prinkey was timekeeper.
- * KOAT held a gubernatorial debate on Oct. 19. Cheryl Haaker was the timekeeper.
- * Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education sponsored a forum for board members on Jan. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at the APS Administration Building, 6400 Uptown Blvd. Josephine Porter was the moderator.

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Naturalization Ceremonies

* There was a Naturalization Ceremony on June 20 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. There were 166 new citizens. Sharon Moynahan and Pam Harris handed out voter registration forms.

* A Naturalization Ceremony was held on Friday, July 18 at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

* On July 18, there was a Naturalization Ceremony at Albuquerque Convention Center. Gayle Prinkey and Pam Harris handed voter registration forms to 141 new citizens.

* There was a Naturalization Ceremony on Oct. 10. Pam Harris attended and welcomed 167 new citizens.

* There was a Naturalization Ceremony on Nov, 15 at the Albuquerque Convention Center, with U.S.

District Judge James O. Browning presiding. Jan Bray and Pam Harris handed out voter registration forms to 173 new citizens.

* The last Naturalization Ceremony for the year was held on Dec. 5 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. There were 200 applicants from 44 countries. JoAnna Zipperian and Pam Harris handed out voter registration application forms to the new citizens.

* A Naturalization Ceremony held on was March 6 at the Convention Center. There were 185 new citizens from 43 countries.

Voter Registration

* Several high schools requested the League to come to register its eligible students. Gayle Prinkey went to Eldorado on Oct. 2 and Highland High School on Oct. 7 to register any students who would be 18 years old on or before Nov. 4. Judith Binder and Pam Harris went to Next Generation Academy on Oct. 2 and registered 10 students.

-- Pam Harris

Second Vice President Report -- Membership

We currently have 217 members in CNM. 2015 began with 204 members, a few less than we had at the beginning of 2014; the members who did not renew their membership were replaced by 33 new and returning members. Since December, our numbers have increased by six returning members and eight new members. Death took four members from us in 2014.

The Membership Committee -- Meg Wenté, Margaret Magee, Judy Orrell, Diane Goldfarb,

Katarina Ottosova and Marilyn Fifield -- have a mission to increase the membership by 20 members this year. In order to do that we must retain the membership we now have and efforts have been planned to do that. Marilyn Fifield held brunch in her home on March 14 for new members who have joined since fall of 2014. Meg Wenté's leadership in the Northeast Heights Unit has resulted in several of the new members and in better attendance at monthly meetings. The new Westside Unit has been challenged partly because the meeting place has had to change. We will be looking at the viability of that unit and further consider whether the evening time best serves members who live in that area. Neither the Westside Unit or the Evening Unit which meets at Erna Ferguson Library are attended by employed members.

Hosting the State LWV Convention in May will provide LWVCNM an opportunity to introduce prospective members to League. I urge all of you to attend the convention and to invite a friend, neighbor to the banquet and luncheon. -- *Peggy Howell*

Membership Leadership Development

Welcome new members with smiles.

Wear your name tags and introduce guests.

Invite guests to monthly meetings and events.

ASK potential members to join the League!

The goal for 2015 is 20-25 new members.

This year has brought us new members and new methods for reaching out to our community. We have promoted media outreach with online options:

Facebook and Website access. We want to partner with groups or allied organizations such as NOW and Ready To Run. We will continue with direct outreach on a one-to-one basis or directly to a group of people.

Indicators of Success:

* Consistent messaging about the value of membership and asking members to join.

* Strong relationships with local media.

* Greater visibility in the community.

* Stronger retention rates among current members.

* Renewed attitude about and enthusiasm for future of LWV.

Thanks to all those members who invited guests to our events, wore their name tags, visited Facebook, liked our events and asked people to join our organization. We are growing in numbers and becoming more visible in our community as well as

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strengthening democracy. -- Marilyn Fifield

Unit Coordinator

The total attendance at the twenty LWVCNM Unit meetings May 2014 through February 2015 was 547 individuals. This figure not only represents speakers, members and guests who attended only one meeting along with those who may have attended one or more unit meetings each month. Individuals who invite speakers and/or guests should make certain their guests have directions to the activity and that the individual who is in charge of a sign-in sheet might follow up with a welcoming thank you note or phone call. -- Judith Binder

The Voter

The *Voter* continues to be distributed to the League's some 200 members electronically. Only about 50 are mailed to members who do not use computers. The distribution method has made layout easier since Voter Editor Chris Burroughs does not have to ensure the newsletter is even pages. More members seem to be contributing articles, and the *Voter* seems to be a popular information outlet. -- Chris Burroughs

Third Vice President Report -- Program

We had our program planning meeting in June and the position review meeting in December of 2014. The program planning meeting identified a number of areas that members were interested in, and we had programs on most of topics, including health care, natural resources, law enforcement and APD Forward, an analysis of the November election results, education, the role of the U.S. Attorney, immigration, open government, privacy and computer security, a comparison of the health care systems in a number of countries, and technology commercialization and its role in economic development.

The position review meeting this year focused on state and local positions in preparation for the state convention in May. While a number of issues were discussed, no one was prepared to start and lead a study committee for any of them so LWVCNM is not proposing any new studies at the state convention. Most of the issues were more for the Action Committee and involved lobbying questions about current position, not new positions. It was mentioned

that the Santa Fe League is interested in public banking and may propose something. It may also come up at the national convention next year since Vermont has a position and is circulating it to various Leagues. There is also continued activity at the national LWV level on money and campaigns. -- Olin Bray

Public Relations

Brenda McKenna has served as the LWVCNM's public relations director since 2013. She is responsible for announcing and photographing the League's unit meetings and events to 60 plus New Mexico press and media outlets. The public benefits additionally when external media attend the League events and report on them as well. Brenda recognizes the importance of collaborating with other League members to ensure timely PR is shared among the various media and social platforms. Brenda also maintains this League's Facebook page. -- Brenda McKenna

Treasurer's Report

According to the Bylaws, a Budget Committee will convene every even year to create a new two-year budget. Since this is 2015, we only need to adjust the existing budget for 2015-16.

The good news: memberships (and thus income from dues) is greater than expected, AND this increase occurred after National took its official count on Jan 31. Phone bills are way down, since switching to OOMA, a VOIP service using our Internet connection from Southwest Cyberport (thanks, guys!). Administrative and travel costs are less than budgeted.

The bad news: contributions are significantly less than expected. The fundraisers have not yielded the expected revenue. Consulting income is also lower than hoped. We had to buy a new computer -- again. Education Fund contributions were low enough, and the *Voters' Guide* costly enough, that we did not pay 25 percent of the PMP (per member payment) to National from the Ed Fund, taking 100 percent of it from the Operating Fund.

At the Annual Meeting, I will be able to present the final financial statement from 2014-15, including the allocation from the Education Fund to the Operating Fund. -- Cheryl Haaker

Nominating Committee Report

Editor's Note: The following is the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for 2015-2017. The committee consisted of Alice Braasfield, chair; Judith Binder; Marilyn Fifield; and Helen Wright.

President -- Open

1st Vice President -- Carol Tucker Trelease

2nd Vice President/Membership -- Peggy Howell

3rd Vice President -- Karen Douglas/Olin Bray

Secretary-- Sonia Lersten

Directors-- Marilyn Fifield

Brenda McKenna

Michelle Meaders -- Voter Services

Nominating Committee

Judith Binder -- Chair

Pam Harris

Michelle Meaders

Bios of Board, Officer Nominees

Editor's Note: The following are bios on the nominees for officer and board positions.

1st Vice President -- Carol Tucker Trelease

After a long challenging and satisfying career with Planned Parenthood of New Mexico, Carol now enjoys working part-time for a family foundation. She also enjoys volunteering at St. John's Cathedral (food pantry, outreach center, thrift shop, being an usher, a reader and serving on the board). She also enjoys serving on a number of other boards, including LWVCNM. Every day she walks at least a mile and a half to try to stay in shape. She enjoys singing in the University of New Mexico chorus.

Carol was a Fulbright Scholar in Cordoba, Argentina and has a BA degree from Mills College in Oakland, Calif. She received the YWCA Women on the Move award in 1989, named the Democratic Party Outstanding Woman of New Mexico in 1992 and was a Senior Hall of Fame (Silver Horizons New Mexico) honoree in 2012.

2nd Vice President/Membership -- Peggy Boone Howell

In the late 1960s Peggy joined the LWV of Phoenix League. The women she met in that organization over the next 15 years had a huge impact on her and the rest of her life. They were mostly stay-at-home moms, though Peggy worked part-time teaching classes for the local college and Arizona State University.

When Peggy went back to work full time in the mid 1970s, she found less time for LWV activities and finally left the group. She also left Phoenix and moved to Texas where she worked as an editor for Harcourt College Publishers. When that company moved to California, she took a job as the director of development for the College of Art and Design at the University of North Texas. She retired from UNT in 2006. For a few years before relocating to Albuquerque, Peggy joined the LWV of Tarrant County. A friend there introduced her to League again. It was very easy to for Peggy to

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transfer her membership to LWVCNM when she moved to Albuquerque two years ago. She says she very happy to be back in the West and enjoying League again.

Third Vice President, Program -- Karen Douglas

Karen has been a LWV member for more than 20 years. Originally from Minnesota, she had attended the University of Minnesota with a social science major. She relocated to Albuquerque, serving as LWV action chair and completing undergraduate program in engineering at UNM May 1979. Following graduation, she accepted a Materials Engineering position with General Electric Nuclear Energy Division and completed a MS degree in Materials Science Engineering at Stanford University in 1983. She then served as a Quality Assurance Manager for Raychem Metals Division and participated in the Redwood City Neighborhood Boards as Mediator. Returning to Albuquerque in 1987 with Motorola Ceramic Products Division, she rejoined LWV and has been employed by the DOE since 1990, currently as a nuclear engineer.

Third Vice President -- Olin Bray

Olin Bray has been a long-time League member in several states. He is past co-president of LWVCNM and has been on both the local and state boards. He was chair of the sstate study on economic development. He does the book review column in the *Voter*, which evolved from his ebook *Political Incompetence: What's Wrong With Our System and How to Fix It*. He retired from Sandia National Laboratories, where he worked in information systems, technology planning and intelligence analysis. His career has included work both the private sector and the public sector, including health care, national security and law enforcement. He has a BS in physics and an MA and political science and has done graduate work at what is now the University of Minnesota's Huphrey School. He also has an MBA in information systems.

Secretary -- Sonia Lersten

When Sonia moved to Albuquerque in 1972, her neighbor encouraged her to join the League. That was great as she made many new friends and learned quickly about the politics in New Mexico. She was active in the League during those years but dropped out to begin her career and care for her family. She rejoined when she had more time and is glad she did.

Sonia graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. with a degree in business administration and received her teaching credential at the University of California, Berkley. She was a business education teacher for a number of years and taught at TVI, now CNM, in the evening division. She decided she could best help others by becoming a financial advisor and Certified Financial Planner and enjoyed that for 28 years, most recently at Wells Fargo Advisors.

Sonia is very interested in politics and does her best to stay on top of the issues that our state and country face. She and her husband Ken, also a League member, travel as often as they can.

Director -- Brenda McKenna

Brenda McKenna has served as coordinator for the Nambé Tewa Language Revitalization Program since 2002. From 2005-2007, she was the chairman of the Nambe Pueblo Gaming Enterprise Board. In 2011, she co-chaired the annual Stabilizing Indigenous Language Symposium at UNM. She was an examiner and team editor for Quality New Mexico. She is a precinct chair and serves as a volunteer for Wildlife Conservation Advocates Southwest, Prairie Dog Pals, Hawks Aloft, and other wildlife-centered organizations. Brenda attended Las Positas Community College in Livermore, Calif., Syracuse University and Central Washington University.

Director -- Marilyn Fifield, Membership, Leadership Development (MLD)

I was encouraged by Andrea Targhetta to attend MLD training in Albuquerque in July of 2013. In July of 2014, I attended the LWV National Convention in Dallas, Tex. where I received more training in growing our League. I learned marketing strategies, direct outreach, League visibility and

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best practices. I am a proud native New Mexican, where I was an elementary teacher for 30 years. In the final 5 years I was the school librarian at Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary School, located on Albuquerque's West Side. My two sons, Jay and Lucas Dines, live and work in South Korea, where they are teachers. After June, both of my sons will be married!

Director Voter Services -- Michelle Meaders

Michelle has been a voter registration agent -- at weekly booth and special events. She was a poll-worker and presiding judge in Bernalillo County for several years. She processed and counted absentee ballots for elections and democratic causes. Michelle also walked precincts, phoned voters and attended events. As a member of the League of Women Voters, she read and distributed voter publications and did board and committee work: She was precinct chair of the Democratic Party of New Mexico and Bernalillo County precinct chair. She attended ward meetings, county meetings, county and state central committee meetings.

Book Review: *The Internet Is Not the Answer*

Editor's Note: Book Review -- This review of an important public policy book is a regular feature in the *Voter*.by Olin Bray, author of ebook *Political Incompetence: What's Wrong With Our System and How To Fix It*.

The Internet Is Not the Answer by Andrew Keen, 2015, Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, hardcover, 273 pages.

The Internet has many benefits, such as easy access to a lot of data, shopping convenience, efficiency and low cost to consumers for many types of goods, and it's easy to stay in touch with family and friends. However, Keen emphasizes the darker side of the Internet that is often ignored. Lack of privacy and exposure to identify theft and cybercrime are just the obvious risks. When you go to the Internet to buy something or use a search engine, you leave a trail that is always stored so marketers can analyze it to build a profile to decide how to sell you more stuff. The government may sometimes get some of this data, but industry always gets it and uses it.

The Internet is now used in ways its original developers, primarily university and government researchers, never intended. For example, originally commercial use was not allowed. The original trusting community of interest was focused on providing a useful service and did not see the need for sophisticated security mechanisms. Part of the Internet's security problem is that security has had to be added piecemeal to address problems that occurred as the Internet and its uses evolved. However, Keen's critique is far more serious and goes far beyond "simple" security, privacy and cybercrime issues.

He contends that the Internet economy and the companies it creates are seriously damaging our basic economy and rapidly accelerating the inequality in income and wealth. In the early 1990s the Internet torch passed from researchers to businessmen and investors. Originally software and Internet companies developed applications and made their profits by selling or leasing them to users, both consumers and companies. Today virtually all Internet companies give away their applications and make their money from advertising. In effect, their real product, what they made money on, is the data they collected about their users. They use data factories rather than real factories and their users were their unpaid workers who produced their product

(data) for free. In terms of their revenue and capitalization, Internet companies have relatively few real employees. Their "real employees" who create or manufacture their data products are their unpaid users. That is why Internet companies such as Google and Facebook could generate 25 percent profits, which led to rapid growth and capitalization which made their handful of founders very wealthy. Other examples include Airbnb, which lets people offer to rent and reserve rooms in homes, and Uber, the online transportation (taxi) system. In 2014 Airbnb, a 700 employee startup, had a capitalization value of \$10 billion, half the value of Hilton with 3,897 hotels and 152,000 employees. Investors valued Uber, a four year old startup with 1000 employees, at \$18 billion almost the value of Avis and Hertz combined, whose combined employment was almost 60,000. Amazon, the online retailer, also grew rapidly and generated huge capitalization, even though its profit margin was less than one percent. While people see benefits as consumers, there are huge costs in terms of lost jobs. For every \$10 million in sales a bricks and mortar retailer employs 47 people while Amazon only employs 14, and most of these jobs are not high paying technology jobs. Keen also says that with their huge assets, these Internet monopolies quickly buy up small startups and integrate them into the larger company's product line or force them out of business. Netscape, founded by some of the early web developers, was forced out of business when Microsoft integrated its own web browser (Internet Explorer) as part of its operating system so it was essentially free to all their users. This is the same monopoly behavior we saw previously with the robber barons -- buy up or kill any potential competition.

Keen's book is significant and raises many important issues that need to be addressed if the Internet is not going to recreate (if it hasn't already created) a robber baron and cutthroat monopoly environment. Teddy Roosevelt's anti-trust actions attacked large dominant companies to level the playing field, whereas today the large dominant Internet companies grow by buying up startups and smaller companies. However, Keen's style as a reporter mixes his facts with a lot of polemics, which I think weakens his case, but the book is still well worth reading.

LWVCNM Operating Fund Budget

	05/01/14 to 04/30/15	05/01/15 to 04/30/16
Income:		
Dues	10,710	11,880
Contributions:	3,000	3,000
LWVNM Use of Office	600	600
Fund Raiser	1,600	1,600
Interest Income	20	20
Consulting	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	535	535
Allocation from Ed Fund	7,212	5,876
Total Income	24,677	24,511
Expenses		
State and National Dues		
National Dues (75%)	4,150	4,752
State Dues	2,321	2,574
Total Dues	6,471	7,326
Operating:		
Equipment Maint.	0	0
Insurance	525	525
Postage	140	140
Bulk Mail Permit	200	200
Bulk mailings	300	300
Rent	5,700	5,700
Supplies	300	300
Printing/Copying	250	250
Telephone	1,080	1,080
Miscellaneous	0	0
& Total Operating	8,495	8,495
Administration:		
President	150	150
Board of Directors	200	200
Committee Expenses	100	100
& Total Administration	450	450
Administrative Coordinator	4,576	4,576
Fund Raising Expenses	1,000	1,000
Voter		
Printing	360	360
Voter mailing	292	292
* Total Voter	652	652
Conventions:		
LWVUS Convention Regis.	0	1,340
LWVUS Convention Exp.	2,000	0
LWVNM Convention Regis	0	500
LWVNM Council Regis	70	0
* Total Conventions	2,070	1,840
* Advocacy	100	100
* Technology	200	200

* Member Handbook Printing	550	550
Total Expenses	24,564	25,189
Credit/Withdrawal from Account	113	-678
Net Income (Expense)	0	0

LWVCNM Education Fund Budget

	05/01/14 to 04/30/15	05/01/15 to 04/30/16
Income:		
Contributions:	18,000	16,000
Grants	0	0
Interest Income	20	20
Fundraising Event	0	0
Total Income	18,020	16,020

Expenses:

Fundraising Expenses		
Events	0	0
Solicitations	0	0
Miscellaneous	300	300
Publications:		
* Voter's Guide	10,000	3,000
* Who's Who	1,900	1,900
* Voter Service/Education		
* Forums/Meetings		
* Election Reform		
* General	150	150
* Special Projects	100	100
Allowable 25% PMP Natl	1,383	1,569
Allocation to Ops Fund	7,212	5,876
Total Expenses	21,045	12,895
Withdrawal/Credit from Account	-3,025	3,125
Net Income (Expense)	0	

*Activities included in base for determining proper operating + administrative cost allocations

Basis for Allocation:

Activity cost-member functions	2,920	19%	2,690	34%
Activity cost - Edu Functions1	2,150	81%	5,150	66%
Total	15,070		7,840	

&Cost to be Allocated:	8,945	8,945
(Ops: Ops+admin)		
Calculate: Ed Fund's % O&A Expenses	7,212	5,876

2015 LWVNM Convention Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Check One Only:

Delegate _____ State Board _____ MAL Rep. _____ Observer _____

Registration Fee:

Only Observers will pay the registration fee; delegates from local Leagues, the State Board, and the MAL representative will have their registrations paid by their local Board.

Early registration (if postmarked by April 20, 2015) \$65.00 _____
(opening luncheon buffet is included with registration, as well as a Sunday morning buffet of pastries, assorted fruit, coffee/tea)

After April 20, 2015 registration increases to \$70.00

Saturday Banquet @ \$35.00 _____

Select meal choice: Pork chop _____ Squash ravioli _____

Guest Meals: _____ Number guests Opening lunch @ \$25.00 ea. _____
_____ Number guests Banquet @ \$35.00 ea. _____

Guest meal choice: Pork chop _____ Squash ravioli _____

(Add lines for additional guests)

Post-convention meeting of new LWVNM Board:

_____ Board Member box lunch @ \$20.00 _____

Select sandwich: Veggie wrap _____ Roast beef _____ Turkey _____

AND Select either Cookie _____ Whole fruit _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Elizabeth (Lisa) Kuuttilla to Speak at Annual Meeting

Elizabeth (Lisa) Kuuttilla, the CEO of UNM's STC (formerly Science and Technology Corporation), will be the keynote speaker at the May LWVCNM annual meeting. She will discuss technology development, commercialization and economic development and how UNM and other

organizations, such as the labs and venture capital groups, are collaborating to stimulate new technologies and grow the economy. She has previously lead technology development and commercialization at Purdue, Iowa State, and the University of

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