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Calendar

February 8 LWVLA Program Planning, Zoom, noon
February 16 Lunch with a Leader, LAPS Ass't Superintendent Jennifer Guy, Zoom, noon
February 18 League Day at the Legislature, Zoom, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
February 25 LWVLA Board Meeting, Zoom, noon

Lunch with a Leader: Jennifer Guy

Jennifer Guy, Assistant Superintendent of Learning & Accountability, will be our leader at the February Lunch with a Leader. NOTE: This LWL is on TUESDAY, February 16, because League Day at the Legislature is on Thursday this month. In March LWL will return to Thursdays.

Guy will be discussing remote learning as well as other aspects of in-person teaching in the Los Alamos Public Schools. Of course, this last year has been a challenging one for Los Alamos, but she will be updating us on what has been occurring and what the future might be. Jennifer Guy has worked in education in New Mexico for the past 29 years. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from UNM, a Master's degree in Pedagogy and Learning with

an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Eastern New Mexico University.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

Co-President's Message: The Injustice of Inequality

In these COVID-19 days, where we are realizing our dependence on grocery clerks, mail deliverers, health care workers, vegetable harvesters, and other essential workers, inequality rears its ugly head. We notice that Congress can't even mandate a \$15-an-hour wage, which comes to \$30,000 a year and only \$22,500 after taxes.

Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world, has a net worth of around \$180 billion, and in 2018 raised

the wages of Amazon's warehouse workers to a measly \$15 an hour. He owns three enormous mansions and one ranch. Put that in mind while you think of our homeless.

If that inequality doesn't disturb you, here's another fact from a recent article in *The New Yorker* by John Cassidy: a January 2021 survey by the Census Bureau reported that 11% of Americans "sometimes or often didn't have enough to eat."

How can we be so rich and yet so poor? How can there be such inequality? What are its consequences?

First, many of us feel obligated to give to charities because we recognize that we are more fortunate than others, so we are trying to do what our tax and salary structures ought to do. Second, it induces some people to assume that the less fortunate are less deserving, that they have somehow chosen their way of life or haven't tried to escape it; while rich people have earned the right to their money. But are people who live off investments really earning their money more justly than the aides at a nursing home? Third, our tax system leads to the conclusion that capitalism necessarily results in making the rich get richer while the poor get poorer. Fourth, is it healthy for any society to have such inequality?

What to do? Certainly our tax system could be altered to be more equitable. People making \$30,000 a year or less should not pay any tax. People with enormous incomes should be heavily taxed and not be able to avoid taxes in devious ways.

As I watch the Taxation and Revenue bills in the New Mexico legislature, I am curious whether we in this state can do a better job of reducing

inequality than the US legislature. I don't know the answer, but I'd like to discover it.

Becky Shankland

Note: See Christine Chandler's House Bill 42, the Low-Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate Changes Act, which increases the tax rebate for low-income people.

Digital Privacy

JoAnn Lysne and Akkana Peck led the consensus meeting on digital privacy on January 4 and presented the draft position to the board on January 28. On January 29 the board voted electronically to adopt the new position. They will confirm the vote at the next board meeting, on February 25. Meanwhile, the digital privacy committee may begin advocacy with our local government. Here is the new position:

LWVLA Digital Privacy Position

County government should place a high priority on the privacy of citizens when selecting and using software, digital platforms, digital services, and when contracting for digital work, particularly when these platforms are used to interact with residents. These expectations also extend to those working as sub-contractors for the County.

The County should clearly identify third-party digital services and platforms at the point of use along with links to the privacy and user agreements for the software. However, just linking to a privacy agreement isn't enough; County government should make every effort to use services that don't compromise citizens' privacy.

If a digital platform is known to be intrusive, an alternative, less-intrusive method of receiving the

same information or accessing the service should be provided. In this context, for example, most social media are considered to be digitally intrusive and do not qualify as alternatives.

LWVLA/AAUW Legislative Preview

Judy Prono moderated the meeting and Lynn Jones assisted. As requested, our legislators opened with an explanation of how the 2021 legislative session will be conducted during the pandemic. Representative Christine Chandler said that the meetings will be by Zoom for people with internet, but that access by phone would also be available. All of the committee meetings will be virtual. During the sessions in the House, all members will be required to use their computers even if they are on the floor. There will be no public access to the Roundhouse, but the press will be admitted. On Day One all members must be present to make some rules changes. Chandler commented that the legislators will miss the live interactions.

She went on to list the four bills that she is introducing:

1. Earned sick leave, requiring employers to offer to employees.
2. HB 38 Paid Family and Medical Leave Act to provide employees with paid leave for caregiving or sickness through a fund operated by Workforce Solutions Department.
3. HB 30, legislation to guarantee that a lease of water will not take effect until the application has been approved, ensuring that due process is followed and protests are heard before the lease goes into effect. This bill is a priority for the NM Acequia Association.



Representative Chandler, Senator Gonzales, and Senator Jaramillo (from top to bottom) at the legislative preview. Screenshots by Barbara Calef.

4. HB 42 increasing the low-income comprehensive tax rebate, which was designed to address in part the lack of progressivity in the tax code. It has not been adjusted since 1998. The bill would adjust the rate to the consumer price index.

Chandler said she is also likely to introduce a bill to increase tobacco taxes. (She has now introduced HB 167.) Other important issues that

will be addressed by the legislature include the need to foster expansion of high-speed internet; decriminalizing abortion; legalizing cannabis; and early childhood education and the Permanent Fund.

For Senator Bobby Gonzales, this is his 26th year in the legislature. Speaking about the procedure in the Senate, he said that more changes to the plan were possible before the session begins. He noted that he had attended Los Alamos School Board meetings and was impressed by a presentation by the Chamisa staff, who have “made lemonade with lemons” by teaching virtually.

Gonzales said he had filed five bills and would file about five more. He serves on the Senate Finance Committee, which is very time-consuming. He plans to sponsor the Health Security Act, which received funding for a study last year. He also wants to increase funding for the Department of Transportation with a one cent increase in the gas tax, which would sunset in ten years. Another goal of his is to pass an appropriation for a program such as AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) to increase college and career readiness in the schools.

Senator Jaramillo looked at the bright side of the virtual session, saying that more people can be involved, since parking and child care would not be a problem. He spoke about the Housing Omnibus Bill, landlord tenant protection, protecting victims of crime from harassment and trauma, and other issues. As a senator-elect, he had not been able to pre-file legislation.

Barbara Calef

Bill Tracker

Want to follow the NM legislative session, but wondering how you can keep track of all those bills?

I wanted to get more involved, but I was having trouble keeping track of the bills I was interested in. So, a couple of years ago I created a website, the New Mexico Bill Tracker, to make that easier. You can get a list of all the bills that have been filed during this session, mark the bills you're interested in, get information on those bills from the legislative website, and see when bills are scheduled for debate in committees or on the House or Senate floor.

If you register with an email address, you can also get a daily email reminder telling you which bills are coming up for debate the next day.

You can try it out at <https://nmbilltracker.com/>
Let me know if you have any problems with it.

Akkana Peck

Program Planning Meeting

In preparation for our Annual Meeting in April and the LWVNM Convention, also in April, we will hold a program planning meeting on February 8, at noon on Zoom. All League members are invited to join the event. Every League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of issues on which the League will focus its time, talent, and funds. To keep the League vital, it is important that a large number of members participate in this event.

At the meeting we will consider whether there are local issues that should be addressed based on our League's current positions (on our website at <http://lwvlosalamos.org>). We also ask members

to consider whether any of our current positions need to be updated or whether there are other studies to be undertaken. Last year we approved two studies, one on digital privacy and one on alternatives to landfills. A new position on digital privacy has just been adopted by the board, but the committee intends to continue to meet to discuss issues other than those related to County government. Alternatives to landfill was suspended due to the many election-related duties of League members last year. The study is expected to get underway in the next few months.

In addition to local matters, we will discuss issues for the state League to consider, including proposals from the other local Leagues. (See the article on ranked choice voting below.) The state positions are online at <http://www.lwvnm.org/positions.html>. Last year the LWVNM board approved a study of judicial qualifications and the selection process, which is ongoing. All state positions are subject to approval by the delegates at the LWVNM Convention. League advocacy must be based on our positions. What are we missing?

Barbara Calef

Virtual League Day at the Legislature

Thursday, February 18

Zoom link will be sent on Constant Contact

10:30 a.m. Welcoming comments from LWVNM President Hannah Burling

**10:45 -11:30 a.m. New Mexico Redistricting Reform Legislation
Edward Chavez, Former New Mexico Supreme Court Justice**

Justice Chavez is a former Justice and Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Bill Richardson and served on the court from 2003 to 2018. Justice Chavez oversaw the litigation concerning the New Mexico House Redistricting maps in 2011. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern New Mexico University in 1978 and his J.D. from the University of New Mexico School of Law in 1981. Justice Chavez was the co-Chair of the 2020 New Mexico First Redistricting Task Force.

**11:30 am -12:30pm Taxes and Funding for Essential Services – update on legislation
Amber Wallin MPA, Deputy Director, New Mexico Voices for Children**

Ms. Wallin oversees New Mexico Voices for Children's research and policy work. She also manages the KIDS COUNT program and does policy research on education, tax and budget, hunger, and economic issues. She joined NM Voices in 2012 as a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Fellow, after which she was a Research and Policy Analyst. Ms. Wallin has worked in the public sector at the municipal, state, and federal levels, working in the government department at New Mexico State University and the budget department at the city of Las Cruces prior to joining the Voices team. She received her MPA from NMSU. Voices leads the Fairness Project that advocates for fair taxation and revenue for essential services. The LWVNM is a member of the Fairness Project.

LWVSFC Proposal to Amend LWVNM's Election Procedures Position to Include Ranked-Choice Voting

Delegates to the 2019 LWVNM Convention considered adopting the following Board-recommended statement in the Election Procedures position: *Ranked-choice voting in all elections*. This was to replace the existing statement: #11 *Amending the State Constitution to allow run-off elections in the case of non-partisan elections*. The delegates then voted to reject the ranked-choice voting statement. Reasons given centered around lack of understanding of the ranked-choice process among League members and concerns about whether ranked-choice voting (RCV, also called instant-runoffs) has been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.

The LWVNM Board had adopted the RCV language through concurrence with the LWV of Vermont in 2018. Also, in 2018 Santa Fe initiated RCV; Las Cruces did the same in 2019.

At its Program Planning meeting on January 27, 2021, LWVSFC members asked that the ranked-choice voting statement be reconsidered at the 2021 Convention. To that end, LWVSFC plans to make a motion at the March 6 LWVNM Board meeting to adopt the ranked-choice statement in place of the current run-off statement and to include it as a recommended item at Convention in April.

To help League members understand RCV, LWVNM will be distributing information to local Leagues using materials from Common Cause. In addition, Mario Jimenez at Common Cause has offered to talk to the Leagues about the topic.

For reference, the full current Election Procedures position is below:

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports:

1. protection of the right of every citizen to vote;
2. verifiable and auditable procedures to guarantee the integrity of all statutory methods of voting in New Mexico;
3. funding to meet the requirements of the law and to serve the needs of the voters to ensure that elections are conducted accurately, fairly, and efficiently;
4. a centralized voter registration and election management system;
5. statewide uniformity in early voting for all elections;
6. an all-inclusive system of voting that allows all registered voters to participate in the primary election, so that
 - a. voters who are not enrolled in a major political party may vote on one ballot per primary without having to enroll in that particular party; and
 - b. voters enrolled in a major political party can vote only on the ballot of their party;
7. more direct citizen involvement in the candidate selection process for special elections to fill a vacancy;
8. consolidation of elections in New Mexico;
9. methods that increase voter participation, including automatic voter registration and same-day voter registration;
10. systems that improve the election experience and provide ease of ballot access including vote-by-mail, supplemented by secure ballot drop boxes and accessible voting centers;
11. amending the State Constitution to allow run-off elections in the case of non-partisan elections.

Chris Furlanetto, LWVSFC

Observer Corps Reports

[All of the meetings are now being conducted virtually.]

County Council

January 5

At the first County Council meeting of 2021 Randall Ryti was elected Council Chair, and James Robinson was elected Vice Chair. Three new Council members, Denise Derkacs, David Reagor, and Sean Williams, are replacing outgoing Council members Antonio Maggiore, Katrina Martin, and Pete Sheehey.

The Council authorized the sale of land at 3661 and 3689 Trinity Drive (just east of the Los Alamos Medical Center) to Pet Pangaea. Cyndi Wells, owner, plans to have the retail pet store on the first level, and four “pet-friendly” housing units on the second floor. This sale to a local business was welcomed by all seven councilors.

Lynn Jones

January 12

Council Special Session, Strategic Priorities Discussion

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the county's top priorities for 2021. Last year, there were seven: Housing; Local Business, Social Services, Open Space, Recreational & Cultural Amenities; Transportation & Parking; Vacant Property Utilization, Infrastructure. The Council agreed that seven was a good number and, if they added new priorities, they should replace old ones.

The first topic was broadband. It was not one of the 2020 priorities, but the Council has gotten a lot of requests to make it a priority, and most councilors agreed that it was very important.

Councilor Williams thought broadband was important enough that the County should at least find out what it would cost to install fiber everywhere as a long-term investment. Councilor Reagor disagreed, and thought Los Alamos should auction off space on towers for wireless internet companies to bid on. There seemed to be fairly strong agreement that broadband was important enough to be one of the seven priorities, replacing transportation.

There was some discussion about making communication a priority. In the recent survey, respondents gave county government low marks for communication and transparency. Several councilors wondered what the problem was and wanted to bring back the company that did the survey to discuss the issue with them. Public Relations Officer Julie Habiger said the company was willing to come back for an additional fee.

Councilors Scott and Robinson both cited a need to make the County website easier to use. Councilor Izraelevitz commented that there used to be just one place to go for information, the *Los Alamos Monitor*, but now there are many places. Council needs to find out how people get their information. Councilor Ryti wondered, could they use some means other than social media, or do people prefer social media? What about the potential privacy concerns people might have with third-party services? People don't get much of a choice in clicking through social media privacy policies. Williams thought we live in a world where social media is inescapable.

When they opened comment to the public, Greg White recalled that there used to be a way to sign up for email alerts, but there's nothing like that now. Another member of the public, Jeanette Hyatt, suggested that they reach out to new members of the community: it's not easy to find out about things like the County Line. Councilor Scott said that having "listservs" was on her wish

list if the website gets upgraded.

After a ten-minute break, the discussion moved on to succession planning: how do County employees retire, how are new employees chosen, and how is knowledge transferred? County Manager Harry Burgess will be retiring and said he'd given them a lot of warning so they would have time to find a replacement.

Next, Steve Lynn presented a report of the ongoing capital projects. Some projects, like the Canyon Rim underpass and the Tween Center, are running over their estimates because the bids turned out to be higher than originally expected. (Councilor Robinson said young people he'd talked to hated the name "Tween Center" and hoped they'd call it something else.) The discussion also touched on the golf course improvements (about halfway done) and the White Rock splash pad (mostly done).

Several people, requested that racial equity be made a priority. The Councilors were generally in favor, but thought it should be added as an overarching priority, like "quality government," rather than one of the seven points, because it pervades everything. They won't have any specific concrete actions they can take until the racial equity task force starts meeting.

A few of the councilors will now work together to create a document that captures what was discussed in the meeting. It will be presented at an upcoming Council meeting.

Akkana Peck

Board of Public Utilities

The Board of Public Utilities met virtually on Wednesday, January 20th. Board members voted for Cornell Wright to serve as the new chair and Steve McLin to serve as vice chair. Councilor

James Robinson will replace Councilor Randall Ryti as the Council liaison. County Manager Harry Burgess reported to the board that the County raised concerns to state legislators recently related to IPRA (Inspection of Public Records Act) laws versus the privacy of DPU customers. Specifically, since the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is a County entity, it may be required to turn over customers' consumption data through a request submitted under IPRA. Burgess indicated that several state legislators requested that a draft bill be prepared. Burgess is working with Utilities Manager Philo Shelton and the County's lobbyist to develop a draft bill to resolve the problem.

A public hearing was held to revise the DPU's Rule E-5, which pertains to the amount of rooftop solar that residential and commercial customers can install on their property. The board members requested that the department rework the Rule to make the language clearer. Another public hearing will be scheduled in the future to bring it back to the board to be adopted. Board members also voted to support the DPU's application for accreditation through the American Public Works Association in lieu of applying for a Zia or Malcolm Baldrige award. Department staff also shared the community survey results on the board-adopted environmental goals. A survey was conducted at the board's request in December. Results indicate that a majority of the community support all six environmental goals:

1. Be a carbon neutral electric provider by 2040;
2. Increase local solar to six megawatts;
3. Reduce drinking water by 12% by 2030;
4. Reduce natural gas use by 5% by 2030;
5. Eliminate natural gas use by 2070 (requiring all energy use be from carbon neutral electricity);

6. Improve reclaimed wastewater that is used to irrigate county and school turf to the highest quality possible for unrestricted urban uses.

The Utilities Manager mentioned that the DPU would be holding a virtual public hearing on Thursday, January 21 on the water resource recovery facility, which will replace the White Rock wastewater treatment plant. A recording of the public hearing will be made available on the department's website at: ladpu.com/WR-WRRF

Members of the board then conducted their annual self-evaluation before the meeting concluded.

Julie Williams-Hill

January Lunch with a Leader: Lonna Atkeson Discusses the 2020 Election and Its Aftermath

Lonna Atkeson is a Professor and Regents Lecturer in Political Science at the University of New Mexico, where she also directs the Center for the Study of Voting, Elections, and Democracy and the Institute for Social Research. For her fast-paced talk, she relied heavily on the



Professor Atkeson speaks via Zoom. Screenshot by Barbara Calef.

numerous surveys and polls conducted during the lengthy election season in 2020. She began by saying that American democracy is flawed, but robust and “mostly” enduring. She said the status quo is not as polarized as we think, but large social media platforms have given a voice to extremists on both sides.

Election spending doubled nationally. Normally the person who spends the most money gets the most votes, but not this year. There are still problems with the polls despite the effort to correct the deficiencies recognized in 2016. For instance, two exit polls she cited showed a large difference. There is still a bias toward Democrats. However, the polls accurately predicted the outcome of the presidential election in 48 of the states, although they underestimated the number of votes Trump would get. In response to a question about how the surveys were conducted, she said most surveys are done online on panels with professional respondents. They are divided into “cells” to make sure everyone is represented. Cell phones and land lines are also used.

Speaking of Biden, Atkeson said he is a transitional president, not here to make big changes. He cannot claim to have a mandate. She used election results to demonstrate that he had no coattails. At the state level the Republicans flipped 221 seats, Democrats flipped 87 seats, independent/third party candidates flipped 7 seats. She believes more Democrats are likely to lose in the 2022 election unless Biden can make progress in leading the country before then.

Trump lost the election due to his failure to handle the pandemic, but he still received the second highest number of votes of any presidential candidate because of concern about globalization, fear that the new economy is leaving people behind as the focus on technology

risers, anger about political correctness and elite condescension to those who value “God, guns, and football.” Also a factor is the profound disagreement with some policies Trump’s supporters identify as socialist, such as defunding the police, opening the border, ending fossil fuels, and higher taxes. His share of Black and Hispanic voters increased, and support by LGBTQ voters doubled!

Atkeson said that ranked-choice voting is “interesting,” but not the answer to every problem. It leads candidates to not criticize their opponent, but politics is about conflict. She believes semi-open primaries create more participation and noted that same day registration helped the Republicans more than Democrats in the latest election.

Barbara Calef

LWVLA Board of Directors 2020-2021

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If you would like to join the League, fill out and submit the membership form on page 12.

List of Members for League of Women Voters as of January 2021

We are happy to welcome many new members but are sad that we can't meet in person. We are also sad that a long-time member, Helene Suydam, died recently. Our youngest supporter is Drew Bacrania. At 11 years old he can't be a member, but he asked his father to send a donation of support so that he can read our newsletter. Young and old, we appreciate all our members. (Be sure to let us know if you see any errors.)

Adams, Tara & Mike
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Mills, Ellen
Mortensen, Jeannette (JJ)
Nickols, Joyce
Nobile, Anne
North, David
Olds, Cristina
Olinger, Colleen
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Orth, Felicia
Ozment, Catherine
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Walker, Carrie
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____ Single membership: \$45

____ Household membership (two+ people at the same address): \$70

____ Single Sustaining membership: \$75

____ Household Sustaining membership (two+ people at the same address): \$95

____ Student membership: \$0 (must be 16 or over)

____ Contribution to support League work: \$_____

Interests and Ways to Help the League (check as many as apply)

Topics of Interest

- ____ Affordable Housing
- ____ Local Government
- ____ Education
- ____ Elections, Voting Rights
- ____ Water Issues
- ____ Land Use
- ____ Health Care
- ____ Money in Politics
- ____ Sustainability
- ____ Living Wage
- ____ Public Transportation
- ____ Environment
- ____ Other topics (please suggest):

Ways to Help with League Activities

- ____ Set up Refreshments at Forums
- ____ Observer Corps (County Council, BPU, etc.)
- ____ Nominating Committee
- ____ Voter Guides Committee
- ____ Voter Registration
- ____ Publicity
- ____ Website, Social Media
- ____ Newsletter
- ____ Membership
- ____ Fund-raising
- ____ Budget Committee for LWV
- ____ Lunch with a Leader (assistance)
- ____ Fund-raising Committee for LWV
- ____ Participate in board meetings or join board

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