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Call to Annual Meeting

April 17, 2018, at Mesa Public Library

(Please bring this newsletter to the Annual Meeting.)

Calendar

- March 20 Lunch with a Leader, Robert Gibson, Mesa Public Library, 11:45 a.m.
- March 24 March for Our Lives, Santa Fe, 12 noon
- April 17 **Annual Meeting:** Lunch with a Leader, Los Alamos Public Schools Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus; LWVLA annual business meeting, Mesa Public Library, 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- April 26 Board Meeting, Mesa Public Library, noon

Lunch with a Leader: Robert Gibson, Kurt Steinhaus

This month's LWV will be on March 20 at Mesa Library at 11:45AM. Our speaker will be Robert Gibson, who has been a bill analyst researching proposed legislation for three different House committees and the Senate minority caucus during the past four sessions of the NM State Legislature. Gibson will briefly recap the most recent legislative session, but also will focus on what he has learned about the legislative process beyond Civics 101 in an innovative manner as you might surmise from the title of his talk: **Making Sausage: Observations of a Fly on the Wall at the Merry Roundhouse.**

Robert Gibson has served on the Los Alamos County Council, Board of Public Utilities, Transportation Board, the first Charter Review Committee, and most recently, the Future Energy Resources Committee. When not engaged in developing public policy, Gibson is a physicist and engineer, retired from LANL but pursuing other projects. He also continues to fly part-time as a professional pilot and pursues several hobbies.

The speaker for our April 17 Lunch with a Leader/Annual Meeting will be Dr. Kurt Steinhaus, the Superintendent of the Los Alamos Public Schools. Steinhaus will be explaining NM public school funding and how Los Alamos schools are funded. Of course, education is an area the League actively monitors.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

Report of February Lunch with a Leader: Andrew Harnden, LAC Housing Manager

Andrew Harnden, Los Alamos County Housing and Special Projects Manager, described the activities of his department at February's Lunch with a Leader. He is guided by the housing priorities as stated in the Council's Strategic Leadership Plan, which was to be updated on February 27. One of the priorities of that plan is to support the development of affordable workforce housing.

Harnden explained that there are two current programs for affordable housing in the county. The Home Renewal Program subsidizes renovations to improve the comfort, safety, and security of the homes of low-income residents. To qualify, the applicant must have an income of 80% or lower than the median income for the area, which means a maximum income of \$68,000 for a family of two, and \$87,000 for a family of four. The program will provide up to \$45,000, and permit fees are waived. It receives about fourteen applications a year, of which it funds about ten. Half of those enrolled are seniors.

The second program, the Homebuyer's Assistance Program, provides a down payment loan for a home, capped at \$25,000 or 10% of the price. The loan is interest free and does not need to be repaid until the owner sells or moves out.

The affordable housing programs are overseen by Harnden but administered by the non-profit Los Alamos Housing Partnership, run by Steve Brugger. Applicants meet with Brugger, who provides homebuyer education and free referral service to contractors.

The Homebuyer's Assistance Program meets only a small portion of the demand. It opened in November and 25 people have responded. Harnden noted that his ideal model for affordable housing is the Sawmill Community Land Trust in Albuquerque.

Harnden described the three current housing projects in development in the county. At A-19 in White Rock, west of the Fire Station, a plan is underway to build 155 market rate homes; the preliminary subdivision plat has been submitted. At A-13, east of the hospital, 160 upper market-rate rental apartments are to be built. And Council

recently agreed to donate 4.2 acres for Bethel Development, Inc. to build 70 units of affordable rental housing on A-9, the land on the north side of DP road just west of where the Canyon Walk Trail crosses the road. The units will consist of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments. Renters must have a total income of no more than 60% percent of area median income. Assuming the NM Mortgage Finance Authority approves the arrangement, the apartments are required to be ready by December of 2020.

Barbara Calef

LWV Los Alamos Is Now a 501(c)(3) Organization

We applied for 501(c)(3) designation in July and received approval the first week of March. This new status will allow members to deduct all dues and contributions to the LWV Los Alamos. It will no longer be necessary to write donation checks to the LWV Education Fund in order to get this tax deduction.

This status has benefits for the Treasurer, who will no longer have to send checks to Washington, D.C., to the national LWV Education Fund and then apply for reimbursement when we have eligible expenses, such as forum advertising and room rental. We will also be able to hold these funds in our own account and receive bank interest.

Kathy Taylor

Message from League Member Suzie Havemann: March for Our Lives

The list of issues to be passionate about for any one of us is personal and probably lengthy. We all have concerns that matter to us more than others as a result of personal circumstances or worldview perspectives.

For various reasons, Scott and I have frankly reached a tipping point with gun violence and gun safety. Our anger began in 1999 after Columbine, hit our radar again after Virginia Tech in 2007, and has worsened with every mass shooting, murder, and suicide we've seen on TV or have experienced personally over the past decade.

It is not inconceivable that one of our daughters, sons, nieces, nephews, friends, or relatives could bear witness to or even be a casualty or fatality of gun violence. They could be at a concert (Las Vegas), movie theater (Aurora), church (Sutherland Springs), office party (San Bernadino), night club (Pulse in Orlando), community college (Roseburg, Oregon), elementary school (Sandy Hook), high school (Stoneman Douglas), Bible study (Charleston), grocery shopping (Tucson), going to work in service of our country (Fort Hood, Washington, DC Navy Yard)--and the list goes on.

None of us knows what tomorrow will bring. But we know we can do something today. Advocacy, legislation, and cultural shifts have absolutely made a positive difference. For example:

- Most of us grew up not wearing seatbelts and cars did not have airbags.
- Drinking and driving was not frowned upon, generally speaking.
- People smoked like crazy.... even pregnant women.
- Almost anyone could walk into an airport terminal and carry almost anything onto an airplane.
- Buildings and bridges were not designed to be earthquake resistant.

We feel we have a unique opportunity, right now, to make a difference by making our voices heard on the topic of gun violence. It's almost impossible to listen to the students from Parkland and not be compelled to participate in advocacy for at least some legislation that might help nudge the conversation, help reduce complacency, help change the cultural paradigm that seems to tune out and eventually forget about the array of daily shootings, whether they be "mass," a drive-by of a promising young girl in Chicago, or a local teen suicide.

This does not mean everyone has to agree on the list of new laws that could potentially mitigate the incident rate or fear of being in public places. Nor does it mean we should ignore other important and related issues such as funding for mental illness, research at the CDC, school safety, domestic abuse, the opioid crisis, suicide prevention, etc.

BUT- we should at least show support for SOMETHING to be done on this topic.

On Saturday, March 24 there will be marches in cities all across the country, with the primary one being in Washington DC. Thanks to a young adult from Los Alamos, there will be a March For Our Lives in Santa Fe. Scott and I will be there with lots of friends, or at least we hope so! Even my Dad who just had major surgery hopes to march along with us! Please click on these links to learn more:

<http://www.bradycampaign.org/take-action>

<https://www.gofundme.com/march-for-our-lives-santa-fe>

If you'd like to better understand the state of gun violence in our country, check out this data-driven site: <http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>

If you agree that there needs to be more representation and resources on this topic, consider joining one of these organizations. You don't have to donate beyond your comfort zone; these groups get much of their strength from the size of membership rosters and the scale they can then bring to lobbying efforts. There are different ways you can take action: donate, sign petitions, learn more, march, share, educate.

Here are some ways to get started:

<https://everytown.org/who-we-are/>

<http://www.newmexicanstopreventgunviolence.org/>

Grassroots efforts DO make a difference. Our elected leaders do notice. There is indeed power in numbers.

Suzie Havemann

Pay for NM Legislators: Letter to the Editor

I was dismayed to read in the January 24 *Los Alamos Monitor* that every local government in New Mexico, no matter how small, is paying thousands of dollars every year to lobbyists to represent their interests at the NM legislature. Even tiny Red River with 328 residents spends \$2,000 per month to have someone lobby the legislature on their behalf. I thought that was the job of our NM senators and representatives!

Unfortunately, NM has a part-time cadre of senators and representatives who are paid only per diem expenses during the legislative session and when doing other official business, even though they spend significant time throughout the year responding to constituent concerns. These hardworking individuals are essentially volunteers with limited time to follow all of the issues their communities care about.

It seems an obvious solution to pay that same money to our legislators so that they can afford to devote more time to local concerns. This would also allow a more diverse group to represent us, rather than what Senator Ivey-Soto calls “the three Rs – the rich, the retired, or the resourceful.” New Mexico is the sole remaining state that does not have a salaried legislature.

We should also extend the legislative session from our current 30-day one year and 60-day the following year. This would allow more reasoned consideration of issues rather than trying to pack a year’s worth of concerns into a very short session.

Kathy Taylor

Observer Corps Reports

Board of Public Utilities

Carbon-Free Power Project

On March 6th the Board of Public Utilities joined the County Council for a joint meeting to discuss the Carbon-Free Power Project (CFPP) ahead of a go-no-go decision to continue Los Alamos County’s participation through March 2019. (The BPU will decide on March 21 and the County Council will decide on April 3).

The CFPP is a project to construct a 600-megawatt nuclear power-generating facility that utilizes small modular reactors. It will be built in Idaho Falls and is estimated to go online in 2027. DPU has signed up for 8 MW with various go-no-go dates for which the County can exit the project. The purpose is to provide Los Alamos County clean energy in combination with other renewable energy generation resources to meet a carbon neutral goal by 2040. At the March 6th meeting, DPU explained the first go-no-go date is approaching and needs to be decided by early April. DPU is specifically asking the BPU and the Council to agree to participate in the project through March 2019, with a maximum exposure to the county of \$80,000.

Presently, with 183 MW subscribed in the future facility, the CFPP project developers will use this year to increase subscription and seek additional funding. If after a year, the CFPP project management committee determines that the project is not viable, it will reimburse Los Alamos County all of its investment. If the project management committee determines the project is viable and will continue with the licensing phase of the project, but Los Alamos County would like to exit for any reason, it may do so. Los Alamos can opt to sell its 8 MW shares to other project participants to recover its investment. In a worst-case scenario, such as the subscription levels in the CFPP drop to 150MW and the County is not able to sell its shares, the costs to the county would total \$80,000.

Camp May Water Pipeline Project

An environmental assessment is currently underway for a proposed project to extend potable water services to the Pajarito Mountain Ski area for snow making and additional fire suppression. The project would be constructed by the County's Department of Public Utilities. Project information is available on the DPU website at: rebrand.ly/DPU-CampMayWater A scoping meeting was held on March 1st at UNM-Los Alamos. Public comments are being accepted by the U.S. Forest Service through March 16th. Visit the Espanola Ranger District's web page <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53328> to provide comments on line or send an email to Lynn Bjorklund at lbjorklund@fs.fed.us. You can also mail comments to:

Lynn Bjorklund
Espanola Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest
1710 North Riverside Drive
Espanola, NM 87532

Upon completion, the draft environmental assessment will be made available to the public for input for an additional 30 days.

Julie Williams-Hill

County Council

At the January 30 meeting of the County Council, representatives of Kroger spoke regarding both the old Smith's store in Mari-Mac Village and the new Smith's Marketplace. The main concern for the Council was the poor appearance of the old Smith's and the fact that it has been left vacant for so long. This is prime real estate in the downtown area. There was extensive discussion and also concern on the part of Kroger, but there was no immediate solution in sight.

Three more parcels of land along the south side of DP road (A-5-2, A-5-3 and A-16-a) were turned over to the county. All three have been cleaned to residential standards. A-5-2 and A-5-3 are canyons connecting other county properties such as the Canyon Rim Trail, and A-16-a is almost 30 acres.

The county staff and County Council members plus the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities (RCLC) and our senators and representative worked hard at the legislature

to get Senate Bill 17 (SB17) passed. This bill would have required that the new LANL contractor pay Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) even if it were a non-profit. The GRT would benefit the state, Los Alamos, and the counties of northern New Mexico. The bill had considerable bipartisan support, but Governor Martinez vetoed it. Now the county will have to struggle with budget deliberations and its future because it will have little idea of what kind of GRT income they might get from LANL in the years ahead.

Fifty-five new wayfinding signs have been installed along the Los Alamos trail system. Enjoy.

Lynn Jones

LWV Registers Young Voters at Student Gun Protest

The League was invited to come register students eligible to vote at the school walkout to protest the lack of action by legislators to curb gun violence.

League members Jody Benson, Waine Archer, Leslie Wallstrom, and Naishing Key registered voters and passed out “register online” slips at the walkout event. Ted Galvin from LAPS estimated 600 people attending—both students and adults there to support them. A total of 17 students were registered.

One surprise was having Suzannah Rousculp join the League so that she could help with registration. Welcome to the League, Suzannah!

One of the student organizers, Laura Wolfsberg, made a profound comment—she said, “It starts here. If you see someone who’s left out, who’s sitting alone at lunch, who is ignored in class, go up to them and talk to them.” How important that is to have the students take responsibility for the other students—how mature that they understand that often, violence starts with the small steps of neglect! (If you never saw the world’s most terrifying movie—“Let Me In”—filmed at LAHS and in Los Alamos, then watch it. It is an allegory of how little things lead to pure evil, and then we accept and protect that evil.)

Our state representative Stephanie Garcia Richard said, “I’m so sorry that my generation has failed you. I hate to put this on you, but... now... YOU are the adults in the room.” The students (sadly for us, excitedly for them) agreed with rousing cheers. She, as do we, did assure them, however, that we’re still here and we will continue to work for them and with them.

Something reinforced by this event is that this truly is The Year of the Woman. Women are taking on a significant mantle of power. The organizers at LAHS were mostly girls.

Jody Benson

League Members Visit the Legislature

League members from all over the state met for League Day at the Legislature on February 1. Members visited the offices of all their legislators: Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard, Senator Richard Martinez, and Senator Carlos Cisneros. They also heard talks by Bill Jordan of NM Voices for Children and Heather Ferguson of Common Cause.



Visiting with Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard (sitting at her desk) are Barbara Calef, Sandra West, Akkana Peck, Kathy Taylor, Dave North, and Becky Shankland.

Annual Meeting

Following the April 17 Lunch with a Leader, we will hold our Annual Meeting, from 1 p.m. till 2:30. We will review our positions, decide on the program for the following year, approve the budget, and elect a new board. Please mark your calendars and come!

Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting begins**
- Minutes of the 2017 Meeting (see June 2017 Update)**
- President's Report**
- Membership Report**
- Treasurer's Report**
- Adoption of Local Program (positions, plans for action)**
- Adoption of the 2018-20 Budget**
- Election of Officers and Directors**

Please bring this newsletter, membership form, and checkbook and turn in your dues at the meeting! Dues for fiscal year 2018-2019, which begins May 1, are accepted beginning April 1. Dues are now tax-deductible.

LWV Los Alamos Positions

At the Annual Meeting members will be asked to re-adopt our local League positions.

SUSTAINABILITY (Adopted 1995; Revised 1997, 2004, 2008, 2015) The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos endorses the concept of a sustainable society as a preamble for all of its current and new positions. We define a sustainable society as one that satisfies its own needs without jeopardizing the prospects of future generations. We aspire to make our society more sustainable by preserving and respecting its interdependence with the natural world. A sustainable society protects nature. Our society should offer all individuals a clean environment including pure water, unpolluted air, and sufficient sources of renewable energy to provide for their physical needs. Our society should distribute scarce resources equitably so that conflicts over them are minimized. Every working person should be paid a living wage.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (Adopted 1965; Revised 1991, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that public transportation is an essential element of a sustainable society in so far as it conserves natural resources and decreases pollution. Public transportation is also important economically and socially as an alternative to the current norm of one commuter per car. Public transportation can benefit all citizens including workers, students, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public transportation should be affordable, convenient and reliable. The County should extend the existing County system and continue to subsidize and support the expansion of the regional system.

In order to sustain clean air and healthy ways of living, an emphasis should be placed on developing infrastructure to encourage pedestrians and cyclists. Land use decisions should support this emphasis by promoting higher density mixed-use development.

ENVIRONMENT (Adopted 2012, Revised 2014, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that our natural environment is integral to our community's unique sense of place and to our well-being and prosperity.

- We support protection of this environment, including the canyons and other open space, vistas, wildlife habitat, and dark skies.
- To improve ecosystem health and community livability, we support wherever possible "Green Infrastructure." EPA defines this as "... an array of products, technologies, and practices that use natural systems – or engineered systems that mimic natural processes – to enhance overall environmental quality.... Green Infrastructure techniques use soils and vegetation to infiltrate, evapotranspire, and/or recycle storm water runoff."

Further Guidelines

The LWVLA supports the implementation of the Open Space Management Plan, which develops a system of designated open space to protect scenic vistas and memorable landscapes; recreational, natural and cultural resources; and significant wildlife corridors and habitats.

- We support adoption of a Rendija Canyon master plan that reserves the transfer land for recreational uses only.
- We support adoption of a storm water management plan that employs green infrastructure strategies, such as infiltration planters, vegetated swales, tree boxes, and rain gardens.
- We support adding green spaces in the downtown with landscaped road edges, medians, parking lots, and pocket parks.
- We support limiting the use of herbicides in open space areas, as well as along roadsides where mowing and planting native grasses can be as effective.
- We support a policy of zero increase in run-off beyond the natural rate for commercial and private property.
- We support implementation of all the policies in the Protect the Environment section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2005.
- We support implementation of the goals in the Open Space section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2016.

Execution of the actions suggested in Further Guidelines will improve the quality of our air and water.

SUSTAINABLE WATER (Adopted 2009; Revised 2012, 2014, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos (LWVLA) believes that the goal of our county should be to use no more water than can be produced from our aquifer without depleting it. In order to achieve this goal, decisions about growth must consider water use. Even with the current population in Los Alamos, conservation is essential.

For the sake of the public welfare, the County should be guided in all decisions by the following policies:

- Encourage conservation and efficiency of use.
- Preserve riparian ecosystems and wetlands.
- Preserve public lands, water, and open space.

Further Guidelines

To reduce per capita consumption, we support:

- economic incentives,
- codification of standards for all new construction,
- encouraging conservation practices for existing homes.

We support the County's efforts to apply water efficiency standards in new construction, to reduce leaks, and to irrigate the parks with wastewater effluent. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) should educate consumers about best irrigation practices, including how to use gray water, and should provide economic incentives to conserve.

We support the inclined block rate ordinance.

Residential conservation and vigilance on the part of the DPU will not suffice to achieve sustainability. The LWVLA advocates:

- requiring growth or development to be compatible with the availability of water for the indefinite future without requiring the diversion of the San Juan-Chama water;
- careful monitoring and continuing study of the aquifer;
- increased efforts by the County to participate in and assure that regional and state plans are sustainable;
- engaging the public in the water budget process.

The LWVLA recommends that the County continue to maintain its quota of San Juan-Chama water until a decision is made to build the infrastructure needed to utilize it, and that any plans for use of the water be designed to minimize the impact on White Rock Canyon.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Adopted 1996; Revised 2003, 2008)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the county. LWV Los Alamos believes that affordable housing units should be integrated into neighborhoods throughout Los Alamos County. New developments should have a mix of market-rate and affordable units. We acknowledge that some type of subsidy by the county is required to achieve affordable prices.

Effective methods to keep these units affordable when they are resold must be in place if we are to retain a stock of affordable housing. For instance, land provided as a subsidy could be retained in a trust.

FULLER LODGE (Adopted 1992, Revised 2004)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that Fuller Lodge should be used primarily for civic and cultural activities. Activities not open to the general public should be charged at a rate comparable to that charged by local businesses for equivalent space. Activities open to the general public should be charged at a lower rate.

The County should continue to be responsible for the maintenance, restoration, and protection of the Lodge.

MEDICALLY INDIGENT FUND (Adopted 1988; Revised 2004, 2008, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the County ordinance establishing the Indigent Health Care Fund, which funds the county’s Health Care Assistance Program through designated GRT monies. Desirable features of such an ordinance include:

1. A limit for the amount of reimbursement.
2. Provisions for changes in this limit because of changing medical costs or demands on the fund.
3. Possible reimbursement of costs beyond hospital and ambulance services.
4. Consideration of for-profit health care providers, but with non-profit facilities given first consideration.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION: RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS (adopted Oct. 31, 2013)

LWVLA supports the development of residential neighborhoods that are sustainable and livable. To achieve those goals, we believe that new and redeveloped neighborhoods should be designed to minimize sprawl and impact on the natural environment.

Neighborhoods should support a diverse population with inviting streets and public spaces as well as access to public transportation.

Further Guidelines:

1. Where to build (efficient use of land that minimizes sprawl)

- Neighborhoods near the downtown should be compact.
- New development should not consume or fragment important natural habitats or wildlife corridors; it should be avoided on steep slopes or in canyons.
- Redevelopment of “brownfields” and infill are preferred over new development in pristine landscapes. However, existing small neighborhood parks should be maintained or enhanced to reflect the unique character of the neighborhood.
- Neighborhoods should be situated along available public transit lines and within easy access of daily activities.

2. What to build (neighborhood pattern/design)

- Cluster homes to make transit more viable and to create walkable neighborhoods.
- Design streets and pathways for safe and pleasant walking/biking within neighborhood.
- Include a range of housing types/sizes to support diverse neighborhood population; include a mix of affordable housing within each neighborhood.
- Encourage ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) designs in individual homes to accommodate all ages and abilities.
- Encourage the preservation of the positive character/architecture unique to each neighborhood.
- The developer should include quality parks, trails, and public spaces within each neighborhood; the option of allowing payment in lieu of parks provision should be restricted.

3. How to build (how to manage environmental impacts)

- Reduce storm water runoff and eliminate pollution sources.
- Emphasize energy and water efficiency of streets and buildings; plan orientation of buildings to optimize solar gain.
- Reuse older buildings to reduce energy and resource use as appropriate.
- Encourage building materials that support high indoor air quality and are sourced sustainably.
- Encourage appropriate landscaping based on native and xeric plants; create a streetscape with shade trees appropriate for our climate.
- Minimize light pollution.

EDUCATION (Adopted 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that a strong, collaborative relationship between K-12 education leaders and citizens must exist in order for the school district to successfully deliver education services meeting community standards. This belief is consistent with the League of Women Voters expectations for the relationship between citizens and all government entities.

As an elected body, the School Board should actively solicit and weigh heavily community input when making strategic planning and funding decisions. In order for citizens to provide educated and meaningful feedback, they need to be involved in the strategic planning process and have access to information about the district's direction, the issues it faces, and its financial situation.

The strategic plan describes how the School Board addresses the needs of the children, including but not limited to academic goals, class size, enrichment programs (i.e., art, music, and athletics), vocational training, special education, and counseling. The strategic plan also discusses the facilities plans, enrollment trends, current financial budget, 5-year financial forecast, community involvement plan, and public communication plan.

In order for the School Board to solicit and incorporate community input into their strategic planning and annual budgeting processes, communication mechanisms need to be created and maintained as an essential part of the board's business activities. Examples of communication mechanisms that achieve this objective are: community surveys; a formal strategic planning process that incorporates citizen input; an Open Forum-type online feedback service; Facebook and other social media; and smaller district meetings between school board members and constituents.

In order for the community to learn about and participate in strategic planning and funding decisions, the School Board needs to routinely provide relevant information to the public as a normal part of the board's business activities. That information would include: issues, options and data provided in advance of decision making deadlines; reporting on decisions made; and access to key policy documents like budgets and the strategic plan. The LAPS website should be the board's primary communication vehicle. To be effective, it needs to have the following characteristics: easily found, accessible 24x7, and possessing a robust search capability. Examples of other communication mechanisms that can be utilized include: broadcasting board meetings on PAC 8; sending email newsletters to subscribers; using smart phone apps to share information with community members; and using local media to communicate open issues and final decisions. The information presented should be in a format that is understandable to the typical citizen, and be timely and relevant to the issues.

Program Planning for 2018-2019

League members gathered at Becky Shankland's home on February 12 to review our local positions and discuss plans for the next year. There was no recommendation for changes to the LWVLA positions. Action was requested in the following areas.

*Transportation: Encourage weekend service for Atomic City Transit.

- *Sustainability: Seek improvements in education about recycling, make the White Rock disposal site friendlier. Ask if the League can be a sounding board for recycling literature to make sure it is effective.
- *Environment, Land Use and Transportation: We need an observer for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Jean Dewart said that she had applied to serve on the P&Z. She has since been elected by the Council.
- *The Development Code needs to be updated.
- *Find out who is in charge of the County water and conservation plans.

Legislative Reform: This is a state issue, but the members at the program planning meeting would like to study how to improve our state government.

At the February 22 LWVLA Board meeting it was proposed that before the General Election we hold a forum on early childhood education in New Mexico with a panel to discuss successful programs and methods for financing them.

Barbara Calef

LWVLA Nominations for 2018-2019

Here are the nominations so far. We hope that there will be nominations from the floor.

Officers

Co-Presidents: Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland

1st VP: *not filled*

2nd VP: *not filled*

Treasurer: Kathy Taylor

Secretary: Rosmarie Fredrickson

Directors

Reservations: Amy Birnbaum

Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster

Voter Services: Lynn Jones

Board of Public Utilities Observer: Julie Williams-Hill

Publicity: Jody Benson

Director at Large: Akkana Peck

Director at Large: Sandra West

Director at Large: Ellen Mills

Off-Board Directors

Arrangements: *not filled*

Fundraising: *not filled*

Membership: Rebecca Shankland

Webmaster: Julie Williams-Hill

Assistant Webmaster: Barbara Lemmick

Observer Corps: Lynn Jones, Julie Williams-Hill

Newsletter Editor: Wayne Archer

Nominating Committee: *not filled*

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Shankland, Nominations Chair, pro tem

**Proposed Budget for FY19 FY20
(May 1 through April 30)**

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos	Actual FY18: YTD (05/01/17-01/31/18)+ 3mo assumption		Proposed FY19 Budget: 05/01/18-04/30/19	Proposed FY20 Budget: 05/01/19-04/30/20
	General	Ed Fund	General/Svngs/EdFund	General/Svngs/EdFund
EXPENSE				
A. Administration				
1. President's Funds	\$30.00		\$40.00	\$40.00
2. Secretary	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Treasurer	\$523.25		\$100.00	\$100.00
4. Board tools	\$0.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
5. Communications				
a. Newsletter	\$142.79		\$150.00	\$150.00
b. Webpage	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00
6. Other Administrative				
a. Refreshments	\$0.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
b. Travel (unassigned)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
c. Miscellaneous	\$0.00		\$150.00	\$150.00
Total Administration	\$896.04	\$0.00	\$690.00	\$690.00
B. Per Member Payment (PMP)				
1. State	\$624.00		\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00
2. National	\$1,536.00		\$2,720.00	\$2,720.00
Total PMP	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$3,825.00	\$3,825.00
C. Committees				
1. Fundraising	\$62.59		\$100.00	\$100.00
2. Membership	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Lunch with a Leader	\$205.00		\$380.00	\$200.00
4. Arrangements	\$0.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
Total Committees	\$267.59	\$0.00	\$505.00	\$325.00
D. Position Support				
1. National	\$0.00		\$60.00	\$60.00
2. State	\$0.00		\$60.00	\$60.00
3. Local	\$0.00		\$60.00	\$60.00
Total Position Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
E. League Meetings				
1. National Convention (FY19) in Chicago	\$0.00			
a) Registration 2 delegates @\$450/ea			\$900.00	\$0.00
b) Travel \$550 (Abq-Chi) roundtrip			\$1,100.00	\$0.00
c) Hotel block rate \$209			\$836.00	\$0.00
2. State Council (FY19)	\$0.00		\$40.00	\$0.00
3. State Convention (FY18 & FY20)	\$449.75			
a) Registration FY20 in LA 2 delegates			\$0.00	\$120.00
b) Venue FY20 in LA			\$0.00	\$180.00
c) Food FY20 in LA			\$0.00	\$200.00
4. LWVLA annual mtg	\$0.00		\$150.00	\$150.00
Total Travel	\$449.75	\$0.00	\$3,026.00	\$650.00
F. Program				
1. Voters' Services (reimbursed by Ed Fund)	\$741.35	\$0.00		\$700.00
a) Printing of Voter Guide			\$2,000.00	
b) 7 Forums (Ads Monitor & Daily Post)			\$2,422.00	
c) Venue for 7 forums @ \$100			\$700.00	
c) Speaker dinners			\$80.00	
2. Local Government		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
4. Land Use		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
5. Other Programs		\$0.00	\$0.00	0

**Proposed Budget for FY19 FY20
(May 1 through April 30)**

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos	Actual FY18: YTD (05/01/17-01/31/18)+ 3mo assumption		Proposed FY19 Budget: 05/01/18-04/30/19	Proposed FY20 Budget: 05/01/19-04/30/20
	General	Ed Fund	General/Svngs/EdFund	General/Svngs/EdFund
Total Program	\$741.35	\$0.00	\$5,302.00	\$800.00
G. Other				
1. Other Expense (transferred to Ed Fund)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Ed Fund Reimbursement to General Fund		\$741.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other	\$100.00	\$741.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,614.73	\$741.35	\$13,528.00	\$6,470.00
INCOME				
A. Dues				
1. Single	\$2,990.00		\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00
2. Single Sustaining	\$965.00		\$675.00	\$675.00
3. Household	\$1,015.00		\$455.00	\$455.00
4. Household Sustaining	\$1,045.00		\$1,045.00	\$1,045.00
Total Dues	\$6,015.00	\$0.00	\$4,380.00	\$4,380.00
B. Contributions				
1. Members	\$490.00	\$100.00	\$410.00	\$410.00
2. Non-members	\$300.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
3. Businesses	\$75.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$865.00	\$100.00	\$2,910.00	\$1,910.00
C. Miscellaneous				
1. Ed Fund Reimbursement	\$741.35			
2. Interest	\$0.72		\$0.45	\$0.45
3. Forum partners	\$86.25		\$150.00	\$150.00
5. Silent Auction	\$0.00		\$139.00	\$139.00
6. State Convention (FY20)-reimbursement	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$650.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$828.32	\$0.00	\$289.45	\$939.45
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,708.32	\$100.00	\$7,579.45	\$7,229.45
Income - Expenses	\$3,093.59	(\$641.35)	(\$5,948.55)	\$759.45
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (MAY 1)				
1. Checking (assumes \$917 last 3 mos FY18)			\$5,510.97	\$4,763.97
2. Savings (assumes interest for last 3 mos FY18)			\$2,147.23	\$2,147.68
3. Ed Fund			\$18,893.90	\$18,372.40
BEGINNING FUND TOTAL			\$26,552.10	\$25,284.05
TOTAL INCOME			\$7,579.45	\$7,229.45
TOTAL EXPENSES			(\$13,528.00)	(\$6,470.00)
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME			(\$5,948.55)	\$759.45
ENDING FUND BALANCE (APRIL 30)				
1. Checking			\$4,763.97	\$5,522.97
2. Savings			\$2,147.68	\$2,148.13
3. Ed Fund (voter services)			\$13,691.90	\$18,372.40
ENDING FUND TOTAL			\$20,603.55	\$26,043.50

LWVLA Membership Roster, April 2018

Here is our membership list as of March 2018. In these days where people wish to guard their privacy, we asked what information each person wished to list. We have made email addresses more private by substituting (AT) for the @ symbol.

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