

The VOTER

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of Greater Las Cruces
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2014 ANNUAL MEETING

*Saturday, April 26, 2014, 9 a.m. - Breakfast Meeting
Good Samaritan Social Center, Creative Arts Room
3011 Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces*

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions Erika Graf-Webster
Meeting Administration Erika Graf-Webster
- Appoint Minutes Readers (2)
 - Appoint Parliamentarian
 - Adopt Business Meeting Rules
- Changes to the Agenda All
Approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes (See Appendix) All
Treasurer's Report (Handouts at Meeting) Bonnie Burn
Report from the President Erika Graf-Webster
- Annual Meeting Business
- Adoption of the Nonpartisan Policy Erika Graf-Webster
 - Adoption of Bylaws Erika Graf-Webster
 - Adoption of the 2014-2015 Operating Budget Bonnie Burn
 - Adoption of the 2014-2015 Education Budget Bonnie Burn
 - Proposed Program for Study and Action Marjorie Burr
 - Adoption of Current Statement of Positions
 - Adoption of Recommended/Non-Recommended Program for Study and Action
 - Report of the Nominating Committee and Election Marjorie Burr
- Other Annual Meeting Business
- LWVUS Convention Delegates
 - Direction to the Board from Members
 - Announcements

Adjournment

Membership
Directory
Please Bring It

This meeting will start with a buffet breakfast at 9 a.m.
Cost: \$10 - RSVP by Friday (April 18, 2013)
Roberta Gran, 373-8490
Email: robertagran@q.com

Welcome to the 45th Annual Meeting

Meeting Administration

Appointment of Readers of the Meeting Minutes (2):

Appointment of a Parliamentarian:

Business Meeting Rules:

- Only members will have the privilege of the floor.
 - No person may speak twice until all members who wish to speak have spoken.
 - Motions with wording important to the minutes will be submitted in writing to the secretary.
 - Adoption of recommended program items requires approval by a majority of members present. Adoption of non-recommended items requires approval by two-thirds of the members present.
 - Those members present at the Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum.
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Annual Meeting Business

NONPARTISAN POLICY (2013-2014 Membership Directory, pp. 18–19)

BYLAWS: *Erika Graf-Webster*

The committee members, Erika Graf-Webster and Ruth Benjamins, met on February 24, 2014, reviewed the LWVGC Bylaws, and recommend the following changes:

Change: Article V, Section 5. The Treasurer – Add the following sentence at the end of this section: **The records of the treasurer shall be reviewed annually at the end of the fiscal year.**

Rationale: An annual review of the treasurer's records has been standard practice in our League. We feel it is appropriate to have this stated in our Bylaws.

Change: Article VIII, Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. In the first sentence, change "one month" to "**two weeks**", so that the sentence reads: The report of the Nominating Committee and its nominations for officers, directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members two weeks before the date of the Annual Meeting.

Rationale: Instead of sending the nominations separately to the membership, the nominations have always been included in the Annual Meeting VOTER, and the Annual Meeting VOTER is sent to the membership a month before the Annual Meeting. The Board feels that sending the VOTER to the membership two weeks before the Annual meeting will reduce the chance of the document being mislaid and will ensure that the contents are fresh in the minds of the membership.

Proposed 2014-2015 Operations Budget

(Assuming 64 full plus 8 household and 1 Honorary member)

Category	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
Retained Cash on Hand	\$6,887	\$6,175
Donation - Scholarship	\$1,025	\$965
Income (Operational)		
Members Dues	\$4,290	\$4,080 ¹
Voter Printed Subscriptions	\$60	\$36 ²
Contributions		
Members	\$1,000	\$1,000
Community	\$500	\$500
Fund Raising	\$2,262	\$3,429
Total Operations Income	\$8,112	\$9,045
Expenses		
Per Member Payment		
LWVUS	\$2,186	\$2,108 ³
LWVNM	\$846	\$884 ⁴
Meetings and Conventions		
LWVUS Convention (2014)	\$650	\$1,220 ⁵
LWVUS Council (2013)	\$300	\$0
LWVNM Convention (2013)	\$325	\$0
LWVNM Council (2014)	\$100	\$150 ⁶
League Day at Legislature	\$300	\$300
Local Annual Meeting	\$100	\$100 ⁷
Legislative Breakfast	\$100	\$100
Study Groups		
Education Committee	\$100	\$100
Affordable Housing Comm.	\$100	\$100
Voting Impediments	\$100	\$100
Quality of Life and Well Being	\$0	\$100
Office Expenses		
Telephone	\$500	\$500
P.O. Box	\$80	\$80
Office Supplies (incl Postage)	\$200	\$200
Membership Expenses	\$100	\$100
Membership Scholarships Expense	\$0	\$120
Fund Drive Expense	\$50	\$50
Website Domain	\$75	\$0
Website Server	\$100	\$120 ⁸
Website Upgrade	\$500	\$750 ⁹
Publications		
Voter Printing	\$600	\$600
Voter Postage	\$350	\$350
Impact on Issues	\$0	\$63
New Member Brochure	\$0	\$500
Membership Directory	\$200	\$200
Member Directory Postage	\$150	\$150
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,112	\$9,045

Operations Budget Notes

1. Member Dues:
\$3,840 = Individual 64@\$60
\$ 240 = 2nd Household 8@\$30
\$4,080
2. Subscription to The VOTER is available for \$12 per year.
3. Per Member Payment to LWVUS is budgeted at \$31 per full member, \$15.50 per 2nd household member for FY 2014-2015
4. Per Member Payment to LWVNM is \$13 per full member, \$6.50 per 2nd household member for FY 2014-2015
5. LWVUS Convention (2014):
Planning for 2 delegates - Dallas, TX.
\$720 = Hotel, \$180 x 4 days
\$500 = Travel Expenses
\$1,220 = Total
6. LWVNM Council, Santa Fe - Registration Fee estimated at \$20/delegate
7. Legislative Breakfast - \$10 for 10 Legislators.
8. Web Expenses:
Our current internet provider bundles the domain fee and the annual fee, and the sum (\$120) is shown under "Website Annual Fee." We are retaining the Domain line, in case these fees become separated in the future.
- 9- Website Upgrade cost is projected at \$750 to support software purchase and consultant labor to create the site

PROPOSED 2014-2015 EDUCATION FUND BUDGET

Category	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
Income		
Transferred from Op. Budget	\$0	\$0
Retained Balance	\$1,682	\$3,300 ¹
Member Donations	\$1,800	\$1,000
Community Donations	\$1,000	\$500
Total Education Fund Income	\$4,482	\$4,800
Expenses		
Voter Services		
Voters Guide	\$2,500	\$900 ²
Candidates Forum	\$200	\$300
Who's Who	\$0	\$0
Retained for Voters Services	\$1,682	\$3,500
Public Education		
Public Issue Forum	\$100	\$100
Total Education Fund Expense	\$4,482	\$4,800

Education Fund Notes

1. Retained Balance of \$3,300 is current Education Fund balance.
2. Negotiated contract with Sun-News for 2014 Voters Guide and Who's Who for \$900.

TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE LEAGUE

MEMBER CONTRIBUTORS With Special Appreciation

Operating Fund	Education Fund
Johnnie Aldrich	Ruth Benjamins
Kurt Anderson	Marjorie & Alex Burr
Marcia Anderson	Jane Carter
Becky Beckett	Sally Christman
Kathleen Brook	Maggi Davidson
Bonnie Burn	Erika Graf-Webster
Jane Carter	Nancy Hall
Maggi Davidson	Winifred Jacobs
Caroline Jackson	Diane Lilley
Lee Kershner	Christina & William Little
Judith LaPointe	Louise Lockhart
Marnie & Jim Leverett	Charlotte McCarthy
Christina & William Little	Joan McClure-Post
Charlotte McCarthy	Barbara Myers
Vicki Simons	Peter Ossorio
Ellen Young	Clifford Pelton
	Kathryn Schultz
	Marie Sutter-Sinden
	Donna Tate
	Kathy Wooten

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS With Our Gratitude

John Ameriks, M.D.	Louise P. Lockhart
Anonymous	Barbara Myers
Robert Buggert	Jean Ossorio
Sharon Burbano	Clifford L. Pelton
Reed R. Burn	Nancy Phillips
Joseph David Camunez, DDS	Kathryn Schultz
Donald Dresp	Shirley Soules
Edward Jones	David Sudimack, DDS
Connie Lee	Marie Sutter-Sinden
Roberta Gran	Sunspot Solar Energy
Nancy & Ken Hall	Donna Tate
Win Jacobs	Williams Design Group, Inc.
Al Kissling	Zia Engineering & Environmental Consultants
Patricia Kratz	
Marlene Lavetts	
Lilley & O'Connell Law Offices	

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM - 2014-2015

Marjorie Burr

CURRENT POSITIONS

(See pp. 28-35, Membership Directory)

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR STUDY AND ACTION - 2014-2015

Recommended Program:

- **Voting Impediments Study** approve the requested one-year extension that would allow the committee to complete its work by Annual Meeting, April 2015.
- **Quality of Life and Well Being in Doña Ana County** approve the requested one year extension that would allow the committee to complete its work by Annual Meeting, April 2015.

Non-Recommended Program: None

ADOPTION PROCESS

A study item is recommended by the Board for consideration at Annual Meeting. All recommended items are considered and adopted by majority vote. If an item is not recommended by the Board, it may be considered at the Annual Meeting if the membership votes to do so by majority vote, and it may be adopted by a two-thirds vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

*Marjorie Burr, Elected Chair, and Sue Cain, Elected Member
Johnnie Aldrich, Membership Director and Appointed Board Member*

For Two Year Terms (2014-2016)

Vice President: Gwen Hanson

Secretary: _____

Co-Directors, Voter Services: Marcia Anderson and Dale Yeo

Nominating Committee Chair: Ardyth Norem

Nominating Committee Member: Sue Cain

Note: Those remaining on the Board to complete the second year of their two-year elected term:

President: Erika Graf-Webster

Treasurer: Ruth Benjamins

Director of Membership: Johnnie Aldrich

INTRODUCING THE PROPOSED NOMINEES (2014-2015)



Gwendolyn (Gwen) Hanson Candidate for Vice President

Gwen moved to Las Cruces in January 2011, and joined the League for the first time. She is a licensed clinical social worker and has worked in several mental health settings as a psychotherapist and as a prevention specialist in a large suburban school district. Her MSW degree was earned at the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, after completing a BA in Sociology. Prior to moving to New Mexico, she volunteered locally and nationally with the American Red Cross, Disaster Mental Health Services, Greeley and Rapid City Symphony Guilds, and political campaigns in Colorado and South Dakota.

Married to Thomas Hanson, M.D., they have three married adult daughters, and eight grandchildren. The Hansons were long-time residents of Houston, Texas, where they raised their children and each practiced. She is retired, while her husband, Dr. Hanson, currently practices Internal Medicine-Endocrinology locally.

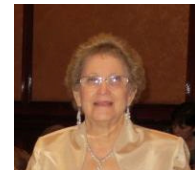
Gwen has been an active member in the League since joining in 2011, currently serving as Co-Director of Voter Services (2012 to 2014).



Marcia Anderson - Candidate for Co-Director, Voter Services

Marcia has been a member of The League of Women Voters for 45 years in various capacities and locales. She retired as a Reading Specialist in 2011 after 22 years with Las Cruces Public Schools and continues, as a volunteer, tutoring dyslexic students. Marcia is married to Kurt Anderson, a retired NMSU astronomer, who has just become a LWV member. Daughter Sara, at her birth, received a blanket from LWVGLC emblazoned with ERA and son, Joshua, was a toddler when Marcia became president of a very small LWVGLC. Teaching combined with parenthood curtailed all but simple membership in the League, but she is looking forward to returning to a more active status in this stimulating and challenging organization.

Sadie Suazo Valverde - Candidate for Secretary



In 1970, after losing her husband in a car accident, Sadie was transferred by AVCO Financial Services to a new area, Las Cruces. She had four small children, and can say with pride that today that all are graduates of NMSU. They found employment in cities other than Las Cruces. Sadie was employed with AVCO for 15 years until 1978. She then began working with Ken Miyagishima Insurance Agency, and has worked as a licensed Insurance Solicitor for 26 years.

Sadie's other interests in the community besides her membership in the League include:

- Table Director, Pan American Round Table of Las Cruces. This is an organization that seeks to promote mutual knowledge, understanding and friendship among women in North, South and Central America. There are a total of 218 tables and over 7,500 women.
- Doña Ana Genealogy Society where she served as treasurer for two years.

Sadie was born and raised in the northeastern part of New Mexico. She went to school in Santa Rosa, NM,, has taken courses at NMSU, and experienced lots of on-the-job training.

Dale Yeo - Candidate for Co-Director, Voter Services



Dale retired from a long teaching career in 1994 in the Copper Country area of Upper Michigan where she was Title 1 director and a teacher for 28 years in the Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools. She is proudest of developing a ground-breaking preschool program, an elementary computer lab, and later a theme-based summer school.

After retirement she became a member of the Copper Country League of Women Voters with an interest in Voter Services activities and became editor of the *Voters Guide* and developer and webmaster of that League's site. After moving to

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Dale Yeo - Candidate for Co-Director Voter Services *(Continued from page 6)*

Las Cruces in late 2006, she gravitated to the LWVGLC and worked in the same areas. She has extended her interests a bit, as time permits, and is a member of the Quality of Life study committee.

In Las Cruces, Dale has a small but active pet-sitting and home maintenance/repair business. She is very involved in her church, working with preschoolers in Sunday School, helping with a food and clothing pantry, taking regular turns as a media presenter, and playing in the bell choir. She is a Board member of the Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico.

In her spare time, she loves to hike and climb in the desert and beautiful mountains of Southeastern New Mexico, go to the movies, and attend live performances as well as explore other areas of life in her adopted home. She also travels occasionally to visit family and friends.

Dale is currently not married and has one son and one grandson who live in Michigan and one brother who lives in Minneapolis where Dale was born and raised.

**Ardyth Norem - Candidate for Chair, Nominating Committee (2014-2015)**

Lifetime theme: Embracing what is positive and good. Pursuing truth.

Present life: Retired. Participating in pro-social committees and causes.

Current Present Interests: Education, Cosmology, Health, Environment .

Excitement: Intellectual "Menus," Travel, Life Long Learning.

Family: Married 23 years, two children, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

Residences: North Dakota, Minnesota, Arizona, Washington, New Mexico.

Education: BS in Secondary Education and Speech Therapy, MA in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling and PhD in Social Psychology and Evaluation

Professional History: Teaching, Research in Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Adolescents, Counseling and Psychotherapy (25 years).

Professional Specialization: Hypnosis and Spiritual Hypnotherapy.

Current: Seeking to live a positive and good life in Las Cruces.

Sue Cain - Candidate for Elected Member, Nominating Committee (2014-2015)

Sue, a five-year resident of Las Cruces, is a first-time member of the League of Women Voters. After serving for 30 years as a media specialist, and teacher and counselor in public elementary, middle, and high schools in Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City, Kansas; and Lincoln, Nebraska Public Schools, she retired in 1998. Sue specialized as a facilitator for gifted students for ten years and helped to develop multicultural and diversity educational services at the elementary and high school levels. She also worked in professional development for staff at all K-12 levels in the Lincoln Public Schools.

Sue's favorite hobbies are off-trail hiking, collecting rocks, reading and traveling.

Sue is married to Terry Cain who is a retired United Methodist Minister from the Nebraska Annual Conference. Terry is also a member of LWVGLC.

Sue's son, Terry, works as a computer systems manager for State Farm in Bloomington/Normal, IL. Her daughter, Sherry Clements, lives with her husband Dan in Silver City where they own a small construction company specializing in building new homes that are as "green" as possible along with smaller remodeling and building projects.

YEAR END REPORTS - 2013-2014



President's Message

First, I want to thank you all for entrusting me with the leadership of our League. It is such a great honor to serve such an outstanding organization. Like Leagues everywhere, our League

has a sterling reputation, and we can all be very proud of being a part of it.

We have accomplished a lot during this past year. We have been active and successful in furthering our League's mission and furthering progress in our major areas of interest. I urge you all to read the reports from our ongoing study committees as well as the reports from our membership chair and our Voter Services chairs.

Overall, our League is strong and financially sound. We added 12 new members during the year, and several of these immediately jumped into ongoing League activities such as the Education committee and the Voting Impediments study. We continued performing in our standard missions such as Voter Services, and started some new activities.

Here is an overview of some of our accomplishments:

- Last May we hosted our State League's Convention. About 50 League members from around the state attended, and all seemed to be very pleased with the event. The silent auction generated about \$1,700 for the state League, the most successful ever.
- Our new study, "The Quality of Life in Doña Ana County," (also known as the "Happiness" study) kicked off in May.
- Planning for the fall's Voter Services activities began in June. An important aspect of this was to obtain a new contract for the printing of our *Voters Guide* and the *Who's Who*. We issued a request for proposal (RFP) for these services, and received bids from both the Sun-News and The Bulletin. A successful negotiation with the Sun-News, the low bidder, resulted in a financially advantageous contract that even included four free ads. Sun-News staff were

exceptionally helpful and responsive to our needs during the production of the *Voters Guide* that was published on schedule on October 8.

- Vice President Roberta Gran and I went up to Albuquerque in July to receive training about a new US League program entitled "Membership and Leadership Development" (MLD). This training provided a number of very helpful recommendations for us to improve our League, to attract new members and to develop new leaders. Many of these recommendations, such as assigning mentors to new members and developing group events based on issues, were incorporated later into our new strategic plans (discussed below). In addition, based on the MLD recommendations, we have initiated plans for developing an annual League award given to a local community member who personifies the League's motto of "Making Democracy Work."
- September and October were devoted to Voter Services activities, including a successful candidates forum for the Las Cruces Municipal Election. In addition, the Voting Impediments Committee surveyed the community and NMSU students (with the outstanding help of Professor Neil Harvey) to determine the reasons for Hispanic citizens not registering to vote. These surveys were concluded in December, and a report describing the findings is in progress.
- An important event in early November was a membership retreat. The objective of the retreat was to find ways in which we can improve our League, make it friendlier, attract new members, and enable it to be more productive. This retreat resulted in two Strategic Plans, a Short-Term Plan with proposals that can be implemented right away and a Long-Term Plan of actions, aimed at making a better, stronger League, that will require additional work and planning to bring to fruition. The plans incorporate a number of MLD recommendations. One of the exciting activities under the Short-Term Plan is to start informal get-togethers, termed "Talk-Abouts" based on specific issues of interest. The intent here is to bring together members who are interested in a specific subject, for example, ethics in government, and to just talk about the

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President's Message *(Continued from page 8)*

subject in an informal setting such as over coffee. Such Talk Abouts might identify actions that the League could take, and might even lead to formal studies.

- Our November monthly meeting was an afternoon "social", where state Senator Bill Soules reported on the status of education in the state. He especially stressed the lack of adequate funding for the education system. This event was recorded by KRWG TV, and led to a televised public forum on that station in December. This forum was sponsored by the League, and consisted of a panel of education experts, including Senator Soules and our own Jane Asche. The success of this forum has led to discussions about additional forums on KRWG.
- Our legislative advocacy actions began with our Legislative Breakfast in December, and continued under the state League's leadership throughout the 2014 legislative session. A major event was League Day at the Legislature on January 27-28. We came away from that with a much better understanding of the severe issues that New Mexico faces, and how very important our activities are to promote improvement in these areas.
- In February, our Affordable Housing Committee was invited to the monthly AAUW meeting to describe the housing situation in Las Cruces, and what is and could be done about it. The presentation was very well done and well received.
- Also in February, we conducted a Candidates Forum for the Town of Mesilla municipal election. We had a social celebration at the Picacho Hills Country Club that celebrated the 94th anniversary of the League. Both events were quite successful and enjoyable.

Phew! What a Year! We are ending it by planning for next year starting May 1. There are lots of things to look forward to in the coming year –the June Primary Elections and the November General Election will keep us busy with voter registration, candidate forums and the *Voters Guide*. We are already planning for interesting speakers for our

monthly meetings. We hope our new Talk Abouts will take off and generate more interest among our members. We hope to have one or more community forums. With your help and participation, it will be another interesting year!

Erika

Membership - *Johnnie Aldrich, Director*

Our PMP (Per Member Payment) to both the LWVUS and LWVNM is based on the number of members on January 31 each year. Our total number on that date was 73 (64 individual, 8 second household, and 1 honorary).

We have added 12 members during the year, only three of them before January 31. Two of the "new" members are renewals.

I conducted a well-attended New Member Orientation on March 10, 2014 at Good Samaritan Social Center, in the hour before our Lunch with a Leader. The seven new members who attended that day met with their assigned "buddies" from the Board after the meeting. This "buddy" system is an initiative derived from the LWVUS Membership and Leadership Development Program. The object is to pair experienced Leaguers with new members to give what we hope turns out to be a much more in-depth orientation to LWV and its policies and programs than can be effectively presented in a single session.

Another project that has occupied membership in recent months has been member polling. This initiative came from the Retreat held in November. We want to know how members feel about LWVGLC. We especially want to know whether we can effect changes that might increase member participation in our activities.



Making Democracy Work!

Voter Services

Gwen Hanson and Gracia Class, Co-Directors

Activities for 2013-2014 were divided into the following four major task areas:

Voter Registration activities were coordinated by Bonnie Burn. Eleven members were identified as certified voter registrants. Registration opportunities were held in September, 2013, and in March, 2014.

Voters Guide activities were led by Dale Yeo and Gwen Hanson. The Guide reflected only the 2013 Las Cruces Municipal Election candidates for three city councilors and one municipal judge. It was two full pages in English only. It was published by the Las Cruces Sun News newspaper, following a request for proposal (RFP) process to determine the lowest bidder. Distribution of the *Voters Guide* was October 8, 2013, prior to the November 5 election.

City of Las Cruces Candidates Forum was coordinated by Gwen Hanson and Gracia Class. The forum was held October 8, 2013, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, and hosted candidates for City Council, Districts 3, 5 and 6, and District II, Municipal Judge. The forum was well-attended by the candidates and the public. It was broadcast live, and rebroadcast, via CLTV, until the election.

Currently elected New Mexico State Senators and Representatives from the Doña Ana County area were invited to the **Annual Legislative Breakfast**, Saturday, December 7, 2013. A total of thirty-five League members and legislators attended. Legislators were given the opportunity to discuss their legislative priorities for the upcoming 30-day session in January-February, 2014.

Town of Mesilla Candidates Forum was coordinated by Bonnie Burn and Gwen Hanson. It was held February 12, 2014, in the Mesilla Community Center, and hosted candidates for Mayor and two at-large positions for Trustee. It was well-attended by the candidates and the public.

We wish to express our appreciation to our fellow League members for their support, skill, and expertise in making our Voter Services activities so successful. Our thanks for the collaboration of several community organizations, the City of Las Cruces for use of the Council Chamber and television facilities, and the Town of Mesilla for inviting the League to host its candidates forum.

Affordable Housing

Christina Little and Vicki Simons, Co-Chairs

The Affordable Housing Committee, consisting of Jane Carter, Chris Little, Charlotte McCarthy, and Vicki Simons, has continued to review the status of affordable housing in Doña Ana County.

Activities during this past year have included:

- Vicki Simons has been attending meetings of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority and submitting observer articles to the *VOTER*.
- Successfully advocated at the LWVNM State Convention to adopt by concurrence the affordable housing position developed by LWVGLC.
- Submitted a Letter to the Editor in April 2013 addressing the impact of sequestration on housing funds (especially Section 8).
- Met with Councilor Nathan Small in June 2013 about affordable housing issues. The conversation included a discussion of how Las Cruces can more effectively apply for New Construction Tax Credits as well as other tools for funding affordable housing. For example, Albuquerque supports affordable housing issues with general obligation bonds.
- Presented the Affordable Housing study at the AAUW February Membership Meeting. In order to do this, we contacted affordable housing providers and updated our information.

Plans for 2014

The Committee is continuing to monitor funding for affordable housing and is currently paying close attention to the budget being developed for the City of Las Cruces as well as the Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) tax credit process. Additionally, the \$1 Trillion Omnibus Spending Bill that is being developed by Congress may give us additional information about federal budget impacts on affordable housing.

The Affordable Housing Committee meets on an as-needed basis. If you would like to join us, contact one of our members: Jane Carter (644-1065); Chris Little (373-1882); Charlotte McCarthy (522-0183) or Vicki Simons (522-4813)

EDUCATION

Jane Asche and Sue Cain, Co-Chairs

A major Education Study that extended from April of 2010 to April of 2012 resulted in a revised education position statement for LWVGLC. Concerns raised by the study left committee members convinced that additional attention by the League to promoting quality education for all our children and youth in the local community was merited. So during this past year, the committee began to engage in follow-up research and advocacy activities as follows:

Two new ongoing mini-studies: 1) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education (known as STEM Education) and 2) For-Profit Online Charter Schools. The goal of the mini-studies is to expand information related to our current education position statement and educate League members and the community on these issues sometime in the early fall of 2014.

Two new book reviews: posted on the League website are *The One World School House* by Salman Khan and *The Reign of Error* by Diane Ravitch.

An in-depth interview on school finance and early childhood education: with Senator John Arthur Smith, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, to better understand his position on these subjects as well as the potential to substantially increase funding for early childhood education.

A late afternoon Reception with a Leader: with Senator Bill Soules and Representative Nate Cote addressing current issues and concerns in the state related to education and particularly adequate funding.

League co-sponsorship of three special sessions on racial equity in education: hosted during February, March and May of 2014 by Dr. Azadeh Osanloo, who occupies the Stan Fulton Endowed Chair in the College of Education, NMSU.

Co-development of a Town Hall Meeting on Education: held in the studios of KRWG on the NMSU campus in cooperation with host Fred Martino and broadcast several times on public television.

A visit to the Las Cruces Academy: to learn more about this private, not-for-profit school for gifted students from its Headmaster, Lou Ellen Kay.

Monthly observation of Las Cruces Public Schools' Board Meetings: carried out by the members of the committee to let the LCPS administrators and school board members know that we care about the educational outcomes of our children and youth. Our committee members attended a public rally in support of our local teachers and students focused on the over use of standardized testing in the classrooms and questionable practices in teacher evaluation being imposed by the NM Public Education Department.

Restructuring of a plan for Legislative Advocacy: during the 2014 NM Legislative Session in cooperation with Barbara Goedecke, who chairs the LWVGLC's Legislative Action Committee.

Letter sent to the NM Attorney General: asking him to investigate the legality of the contract between K12 Inc., a for-profit virtual charter school, and the Farmington School District.

The Education Study Committee is continuing to monitor two important issues at the state and local level: 1) changes in methods for teacher evaluations, and 2) implementation of the Core Curriculum State Standards.

Mental Health Services in Dona Ana County

Mental Health Services In Doña Ana County Committee has been inactive for most of the 2013-2014 League year. Originally co-chaired by Becky Beckett and Mickey Curtis, the study committee made up of Sharon Burbano, Bonnie Burn, Fran Clark, Christina Little, and Vicki Simons was disbanded.

In May, 2013, the League of Women Voters of New Mexico contacted Erika Graf-Webster, President, LWVGLC, about adopting our position by concurrence at the LWVNM Convention held May 16-18, 2013, in Las Cruces. Delegates voted to adopt our position.

In late summer, 2013, the NM Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sidonia Squire, unexpectedly

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Mental Health Services *(Continued from page 11)*

stopped Medicaid reimbursement to the 15 mental health providers in the State of NM based on an audit that alleged billing fraud. The Medicaid and state-funded mental health and substance abuse services of 12 provider agencies were taken over by Arizona agencies contracted by the State of New Mexico. Three nonprofit agencies in Doña Ana County were affected: Southwest Counseling Center, Families and Youth, Inc, and Southern New Mexico Human Development. Of the three, Southwest Counseling Center is the only agency that closed and had all of its services transitioned to La Frontera, an Arizona agency. Families and Youth, Inc, and Southern New Mexico Human Development are still providing non-Medicaid services in the area.

The NM Legislative Behavioral Health Subcommittee met in Las Cruces on September 3, 2013. The meeting was observed by LWVGLC members and an article about the hearing appeared in the October 2013 issue of The VOTER. Testifying before the committee were members of the Health and Human Services Department; a representative from Public Consulting Services (PCS), the company that performed the audit of the NM health providers; and a representative from the law firm, Williams Mullens, located in North Carolina who had experienced a PCS audit.

The Public Consulting Services audit results were referred to NM Attorney General Gary King for further action. To date, the audit results have not been released to the public, and requests made through the Freedom of Information Act have not produced details.

Although the League committee is no longer active, members of the Board are continuing to monitor the issue.

We want a world where life is preserved, and the quality of life enriches everyone...

Isabel Allende

Quality of Life and Well Being in Doña Ana County

Joy Goldbaum and Cynthia Pelak, Co-Chairs

At the League's 2013 Annual Meeting, delegates adopted a new study about the pursuit of happiness, also known as quality of life. The impetus for the study was the recently completed community survey that asked Las Cruces resident to identify services that its residents felt would improve their daily lives and initiatives within local government and non-government entities that are using the concept of quality of life to influence their practices and policies. Also, current media reported about efforts throughout the planet that focused on increasing happiness or quality of life among its residents.

Members attending the Annual Meeting volunteered to serve on the study committee. Joy Goldbaum was identified as chair, and Cynthia Pelak has recently joined Joy as Co-Chair of the study committee. The other committee members are Shirley Armstrong, Jane Asche, Ruth Benjamins, Gwen Hanson, Carol Jackson, and Dale Yeo. Quality of Life & Well-being in Doña Ana County was identified as the study title.

The complexity of the study, due to the relative newness of the use of the concept in the greater Las Cruces area, was revealed during this first year. The committee met between the months of May and September. During that time, a literature search was mostly completed. Interviews were held with several community leaders, and some are scheduled during the spring:

- Billy Garrett, Commissioner, Doña Ana County, and Ryan Steinmetz, Director, Ocotillo Institute for Social Justice, were interviewed during November. Commissioner Garrett and the Ocotillo Institute are currently engaged in using the concept of quality of life in their work. The study committee was interested in learning what will be done in Doña Ana County and at the Ocotillo Institute related to quality of life in the next five and ten years. The Ocotillo Institute evolved from the Quality of Life Initiatives that began in 2011 by Commissioner Garrett and U.S. Senator Bingaman's Field Representative, Jake Rollow. The Institute adopts a praxis approach that aims to provide a critical and holistic perspective on quality of life issues that involves maximizing human capabilities and

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functioning. The county is currently working on three areas of planning: strategic, regional and financial.

- Sharon Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Emerita and former Las Cruces City Councilor, Mark Winson, Assistant City Manager, and Jamey Rickman, Community Liaison for the City of Las Cruces, were interviewed during November. The study committee was interested in understanding the quality of life issues that the City of Las Cruces was prioritizing over the next five and ten years. Issues of transportation, job opportunities, food and water security, affordable housing, sustainability, and comprehensive planning were discussed.

As the study progressed and events intervened for committee members, it was apparent that the study would not be completed during the first year. The Board is recommending approval of the committee's request for an additional year to complete the study. During the second year, the focus of work will involve reviewing published research on quality of life when necessary, completing pending interviews with additional community leaders, organizing a meeting to update members about information learned so far, and completing the consensus process. Although the study is complex, we believe we can present a position for adoption at the Annual Meeting in April 2015.

VOTING IMPEDIMENTS STUDY

Roberta Gran, Chair

The committee is completing its second year of study to identify reasons that eligible voters are not registering to vote. The study focused primarily on the Hispanic community, of which, according to census data, less than 50% of citizens are registered to vote.

During this year, the focus of work was refinement of the survey questionnaire developed and approved by the Board during the first year, conducting the survey and analyzing the results. The survey was one page, printed in English and Spanish and simplified for easier understanding.

Surveys were conducted in three ways.

Confidentiality of response and anonymity of responders were ensured. Survey groups included:

- Public places such as Walmart and churches, where random people were asked and agreed to take the survey.
- At designated, trusted non-profit organizations where copies of the survey were left to be administered by the directors of the organizations and were returned to the committee by a designated time; and
- Students at designated government classes at NMSU and at one high school. Surveying at NMSU required approval of the NMSU Internal Review Board and involved two co-principal investigators, Dr. Neil Harvey, Head, Department of Government, and Dr. Rae Fortunato, member, Voting Impediment Study.

The committee completed 200 surveys, and the data were entered into a database. Analysis showed that the two major problems were lack of understanding of the process of registering and simply not being interested in politics. Most of the responses to the survey statements were: (1) respondents did not know they had to register, (2) they didn't care about politics, and (3) did not know how to register. Other responses of note were: (1) respondents did not know enough about issues or candidates, (2) they didn't want to be put on a jury list, (3) they thought they needed a photo ID, and (4) they didn't know they could get help with registering and voting.

The next steps for the committee are to conclude the study by producing a publication to assist the eligible voter to understand voter registration and the voting process. A final report and meetings to reach consensus and a position will bring the study to its conclusion.

Committee members include: Roberta Gran, Erika Graf-Webster, Rae Fortunato, Martha Duran, and Jane Carter

*Everybody counts
in applying democracy*

Carrie Chapman Catt

**LOOK
BACK**

Lunch with a Leader - March 10, 2014
New Mexico Santa Teresa Port of Entry for Commerce and Tourism
William Mattiace, Executive Director
Reported by Bob Burn

The New Mexico Border Authority was established in 1992 to work out border issues between New Mexico and the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Border issues involve four U.S. states (Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California) and six Mexican states (Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, Chihuahua, Sonora, and Baja California). Each year the governors of these ten states meet to resolve issues and foster commerce and cooperation.

There are three border crossings in New Mexico. Antelope Wells in the boot heel is an authorized entry point for agricultural products from Mexico. \$12 million has been invested there to improve surveillance systems primarily to warn and protect border agents. Columbus, south of Deming, is an entry point for agricultural products, livestock, and limited commercial goods. \$500,000 has been invested there to fund a flood control project. The main port of entry for agriculture, livestock, and commercial goods such as appliances and automobiles is Santa Teresa. Thousands of tons of chile, pecans, and fresh vegetables pass through Santa Teresa each year. Over 500,000 head of cattle enter the United States from Mexico on their way to states such as Iowa and Kansas where they are fattened up and sold in the U.S. and internationally as prime Iowa and Kansas beef.

Each year, more than 500,000 visitors from Mexico enter the U.S. at Santa Teresa and over 490,000 enter at Columbus. While commercial travel by Mexican trucks is limited to 6 miles beyond the border, unrestricted tourist travel within the U.S. has been increased from 25 miles to 55 miles. This means Mexican tourists, without visas, can go to and spend money in Las Cruces, Deming, and Lordsburg where they were previously limited to visiting El Paso because of the mileage restriction.

Santa Teresa is being set up as a binational industrial campus (BIC) and free trade zone (FTZ). Union Pacific Railroad has invested almost \$1 billion in its transcontinental rail hub. Burlington Northern may soon develop a second rail hub in the area. A free trade zone allows all manner of trade goods to be transferred across the border with minimal restrictions. Joint U.S. – Mexican customs inspection

teams have been set up so that goods moving in either direction undergo a single inspection. Factories employing over 8,000 Mexican workers have been built at the border. FoxConn, for example, produces Dell computers (over 50,000 per day) and Apple computers and I-Phones. Rapid response and delivery from just over the border gives the company a huge advantage over manufacturers in China and East Asia. Commercial trucking lanes have been built adjacent to rail lines at the border crossing to facilitate transfer of goods. A new study is underway for a highway directly from Santa Teresa to Interstate 10 along the West Mesa of the Mesilla Valley so that commercial trucks can avoid congested areas and connect directly with Interstate 10 near the Las Cruces Airport. In 2012, commercial traffic through Santa Teresa increased 11% over 2011. Santa Teresa has become the largest “inland port” in the U.S. and will soon become the fifth largest port of any kind, land or sea, in North America.

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Appendix and Notes

**League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces
2013 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m. Noon
Good Samaritan Village, Creative Arts Room, Las Cruces, NM**

Attendees: 24 (List on File)

Welcome: President Bonnie Burn welcomed the attendees and introduced a new member, Joy Goldbaum.

Called to Order: The meeting was convened at 9:35 a.m.

Preliminary Business Matters:

- Appointment of Recorders: Martha Duran, Secretary, and Gwen Hanson, 2nd Recorder
- Appointment of Readers: Sue Schmutge and Jane Asche
- Appointment of Parliamentarian: William Little

Adopt Business Rules (Annual Meeting VOTER, p. 2): were adopted on a motion by Vicki Simons, seconded by Dale Yeo, and passed. For voting purposes, a simple majority of those present is 13, and a two-thirds requirement is 16.

Changes to the Agenda: Erika Graf-Webster proposed the addition of a Recognition Event after the agenda item, Report from the President.

Approval of the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes: Members reviewed the minutes.

Motion: Gracia Class moved to adopt the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes as written. Cynthia Pelak seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Ruth Benjamins, Erika Graf-Webster presented a final financial statement for the fiscal year (FY 2012-2013) for the Operating Account:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$8,873	\$13,996	\$5,123
Total Expense	\$13,673	\$11,675	\$1,998

Erika Graf-Webster next reported on the Education Fund (FY2012-2013):

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Income	\$7,300	\$7,852	\$552
Total Expense	\$6,100	\$6,742	-\$642

Motion: Dale Yeo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for FY 2012-2013 for the Operating and Education Fund accounts. Ellen Haltom seconded. Motion passed.

Report from the President: President Burn had little to add to her report on p. 13 of the Annual Meeting VOTER. In leaving office her concerns involved two important issues:

1. Replacing members with expertise in the areas of land use, water, health, and election process who are no longer active in the League with currently active members. Expertise in these areas enables the League to carry out advocacy at the three levels of government.
2. Recruit new members: LWVUS has implemented an initiative, Member and Leadership Development program. It is being fanned out to several states in the southwest, including New Mexico. Each state identifies two state coaches, and the president and director of membership in each local League is part of the team. Linda Moscarella, current co-president, LWVNM, is leading the effort in New Mexico. Bonnie Burn has agreed to be a second state coach. Erika Graf-Webster and Johnnie Aldrich will be representing the Greater Las Cruces League. As the program unfolds, more information will become

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available. The Greater Las Cruces League has 76 members at present, with about 40 active members.

Special Recognition of Members:

1. Voter Services Co-Directors, Gwen Hanson and Gracia Class presented Bonnie Burn and Dale Yeo with thank you and appreciation cards, as well as, Barnes & Noble gift cards for each.
2. Erika Graf-Webster, Vice President, presented Bonnie Burn, outgoing President, with a floral bouquet and a framed issue certificate of the Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin. The Board expressed appreciation for Bonnie's remarkable four years of service to our League.

2013 Annual Meeting Business

Adoption of the Nonpartisan Policy: Members reviewed the nonpartisan policy, pp. 18-19, Membership Directory.

Motion: Christina Little moved to readopt the nonpartisan policy as written. Jane Carter seconded. Motion passed.

Adoption of Bylaws: Christina Little reported that the bylaws were reviewed and compared with state and national bylaws to ensure uniformity. At this time no changes to the bylaws were recommended.

Motion: Christina Little moved to readopt the bylaws as written. Vicki Simons seconded. Motion passed.

Adoption of the 2013-2014 Budgets: Erika Graf-Webster presented the following budgets:

1. **Operating Budget:** The proposed budget, balanced at \$8,112, appears in the Annual Meeting VOTER, p. 8. The registration fee for the 2014 LWVUS Convention will be paid from this fiscal year. Remaining convention expenses will be shown in the 2014 budget. Per member payment for LWVUS will go up to \$31 for individual and \$15.50 for 2nd household during 2013.
Motion: Cynthia Pelak moved to adopt the 2013-2014 proposed budget. Betty Pool seconded. Motion passed.
2. **Education Fund Budget:** The proposed 2013-2014 budget, balanced at \$4,482, appears in the Annual Meeting VOTER, p. 9. The voter services expenses will be reduced because the *Voters Guide* for the Las Cruces municipal election will have fewer candidates and pages.

Erika Graf-Webster reminded members that the education fund balance needs to be built-up during this year in anticipation of the 2014 General Election and encouraged member donations.

During discussion it was noted that the contract with the Las Cruces Bulletin has expired and the League will be sending a Request for Proposal (RFP) to both the Las Cruces Sun News and the Las Cruces Bulletin for the 2013 Las Cruces *Voters Guide*.

Motion: Dale Yeo moved to adopt the proposed 2013-2014 Education Budget. Ellen Haltom seconded. Motion passed.

Proposed Program for Study and Action:

Marjorie Burr led this part of the meeting.

- **Adoption of current Statements of Positions:** Turning to the Membership Directory, pp. 28-35, Marjorie read each of the titles of the League's current positions and members were given the opportunity to comment.
Motion: Cynthia Pelak moved to adopt the current statement of positions. Vicki Simons seconded. Motion passed.
- **Adoption of Recommended Program for Action and Study:** The Board recommended to members the adoption of the following:
- **Voting Impediments Study:** The committee requested that the study be continued one more year to allow for surveying and analysis of data.
Motion: Jane Asche moved to extend the current study for one more year. Betty Pool seconded. Motion passed.
- **A Study of the Pursuit of Happiness in Las Cruces:** Members turned to p.7 and 10, Annual Meeting VOTER, to read through the scope and justification for undertaking a proposed new study. At the February 2013 Program Planning meeting, three questions were answered during consideration of a new study.
 - Is there widespread member interest?
 - Is this a timely issue?
 - Is government action the most effective way to address the problem?

Because the City of Las Cruces recently distributed a Quality of Life survey that seemed to focus on gathering data to improve services, members felt

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that the study was timely. Whether government action could be taken to address the problem will be revealed by the study. Members seemed interested. Joy Goldbaum, Cynthia Pelak, Jane Asche, Gwen Hanson, Dale Yeo, and Marjorie Burr raised volunteered to be committee members.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the title of the study, which seemed too long, and the words "quality of life" came up numerous times during the discussion.

Jane Asche called the question, and the parliamentarian ruled that the discussion was ended.

A majority of members voted to move to adoption.

Motion: Jane Asche moved to adopt the recommended program for study and action, A Study of the Pursuit of Happiness in Las Cruces. Cynthia Pelak seconded The motion passed by majority vote.

Concerning the title of the study an amendment to the above motion was made to change the title.

Motion: Dale Yeo moved to change the title of the study to A Study of the "Pursuit of Happiness" (Quality of Life). Cynthia Pelak seconded. Motion failed.

Parliamentarian William Little clarified that the title of the study could be changed by members of the committee after the study was begun.

- **Adoption of Non-Recommended Program for Action and Study:** Although discussed at the February Planning meeting and brought to the Board as a recommended program for study and action, the Board did not recommend adoption of the study of the Children's Crises Center. During discussion it was revealed that the Children's Crises Center has been closed; therefore, if a study was to go forward, it would have to involve issues such as child abuse or neglect. The study as proposed did not meet the criteria of the following three questions:

- Is there widespread member interest?
- Is this a timely issue?
- Is government action the most effective way to address the problem?

Motion: Gracia Class moved to not recommend the Children's Crises Center for program study and action. Jane Asche seconded. Motion

passed.

- **Prioritizing Ongoing Programs for Action and Study:** In undertaking legislative advocacy there was consensus among members that the issues followed during the 2013 NM legislative session continued to be priority issues: health care, water, land use, education, and affordable housing.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election:

In the absence of Roberta Gran, Director, Membership, Bonnie Burn, read the proposed Slate of Nominated Officers and Directors. Members were asked to add a new elected category to the already existing slate. Under One Year Term (2013-2014) Secretary, Christina Little was added to replace Martha Duran, who resigned effective April 30. Christina will be completing the second year of a two-year term. Martha was recognized for her three years of serving on the Board as Secretary.

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Motion: Vicki Simons moved that the Slate of Officers and Directors be elected by unanimous voice vote. Sue Schmutge seconded. Motion passed.

The following individuals were elected and will serve as officers and directors during the years shown:

President: Erika Graf-Webster (2013-15)
 Vice President: Roberta Gran (2013-14)
 Secretary: Christina Little (2013-14)
 Treasurer: Ruth Benjamins (2013-15)
 Director of Membership: Johnnie Aldrich (2013-15)

Nominating Committee for 2013-14:

Chair: Marjorie Burr
 Elected Member: Sue Cain

Continuing on the Board for the period 2013-14
 Voter Services, Co-Directors
 Gracia Class, (2012-14)
 Gwen Hanson, (2012-14)

President Burn presented a new personal gavel to President Graf-Webster in recognition of this election change.

Other Annual Meeting Business

2013 LWVNM Convention: President Graf-Webster opened for discussion the issue of selecting delegates to represent Greater Las Cruces (GLC) at convention. Through a formula outlined in the LWVNM Bylaws, all local Leagues automatically receive two delegates, the President and one other member representative. For

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each League having more than 15 members an additional delegate is authorized for every 25 members. Fractions are rounded above 0.5. GLC will be represented by four delegates.

The following members will represent GLC as delegates at convention: **Erika Graf-Webster and Gwen Hanson; Christina Little**, who will be presenting GLC's Affordable Housing position for adoption by concurrence as a state position; and **Mickey Curtis**, who has expertise with GLC's Mental Health Services position that also is being proposed for adoption by concurrence as a state position.

The delegates' registration fee of \$65 will be paid from the GLC 2013-2014 budget. Delegates must pay for other expenses related to the convention and complete registration forms. If delegates will be attending the LWVNM Board of Directors (2013-15) meeting after convention has closed, they may choose to buy a box lunch.

Because GLC is hosting the convention in Las Cruces, all members of the local League were encouraged to attend. Having a convention in "your own backyard" could not be more convenient. Registration forms were available at the ends of the tables.

There will be a reception on Friday evening, May 17, 6-8 p.m., at the home of Carol Jackson. Details will be forthcoming after the close of registration and when we know the number of people who are arriving on Friday night.

Members were reminded to bring their Silent Auction items on Saturday, May 18, and to remove them on Sunday, if they were not sold.

Directions to the Board:

1. Bylaws: Christina Little requested that the bylaw timeline for getting information to members for the Annual Meeting be reviewed for the 2014 Annual Meeting.
2. General Meetings: Erika Graf-Webster requested consideration of one or more afternoon meetings instead of Lunch with a Leader.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Motion: Ellen Haltom moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marjorie Burr seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bonnie Burn

*You gain strength, courage and confidence by every
experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.*

You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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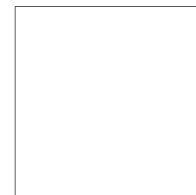
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April 18 (Friday) - Deadline for Reservations for Annual Meeting. RSVP Roberta Gran, 373-8490 or robertagran@q.vom.

April 26 (Saturday) - 9:00 a.m. - ANNUAL MEETING, Good Samaritan Social Center, Creative Arts Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. **BREAKFAST** is \$10. **Reservations required.**

MARK Your Calendar

May 17 - LWVNM Council, Santa Fe
(Details in La Palabra Spring 2014 issue)
June 6-10 - LWVUS Convention, Dallas, TX

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