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Calendar

- February 6 LWVNM Legislative Reception, Rio Chama Restaurant, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail, SF, 5:30 p.m.
- February 7 LWVNM League Day at the Legislature, State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, SF, 10 a.m.,
and the Roundhouse, 1:30 p.m.
- February 19 Lunch with a Leader, Zero Waste Subcommittee, Mesa Public Library, 11:45 a.m.
- February 20 Program Planning Meeting, 140 Aspen Dr., 7 p.m.
- February 25 Ethics Legislation, Voices of Los Alamos, Unitarian Church, 6:30 p.m.

What Happens at League Day at the Roundhouse?

New Mexico has an amazingly open and accessible legislature. We are lucky to live so close to the State Capitol, a remarkable architectural space affectionately known as “the Roundhouse.” Furthermore, our legislators are welcoming and eager to hear our opinions. We want League Day to serve as an introduction to the building, the people, and the procedures you will encounter there.

To entice you to attend, here is the schedule:

Legislative Reception:

Wednesday evening, February 6, Rio Chama Restaurant, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

1. Have drinks and snacks with our favorite legislators.

2. Write a name tag with your name and League and an indication of a couple of issues that interest you; then you can find people from other Leagues who share those interests.
3. Hear from NM Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver, who will speak on voting rights priorities for the session.
4. Pick up a League Day packet with speakers, hearing, and lobbying information for the next day.

If you wish to join a carpool for this event, contact Rosmarie Frederickson at [frederrh\(AT\)yahoo\(DOT\)com](mailto:frederrh(AT)yahoo(DOT)com) or call 505-577-1914.

League Day at the Legislature:

Thursday, February 7, State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, 10 a.m. to noon.

(see page 2 for schedule)

1. Gather at Morgan Hall in the State Land Office, pick up the information packet if you did not get one on Wednesday.
2. Enjoy talks by former State Representative Jim Dines on the enabling legislation for the new State Ethics Commission and Amber Wallin, New Mexico Voices for Children, on taxes and funding for essential services.
3. Lunch where you like, or meet with Meredith Machen to discuss plans for the League's 100th anniversary (see below), or join Los Alamos League members at the Rio Chama.
4. Reconvene at the Roundhouse around 1:30 p.m. to tour the building and visit your legislators or others with information sheets on issues of priority for the League. Visit the House and Senate and/or committee hearings. *If you wish to sign up for a tour of the Roundhouse on League Day, contact Becky Shankland at [rebecca.shankland\(AT\)gmail\(DOT\)com](mailto:rebecca.shankland(AT)gmail(DOT)com) or 505-672-9106(h) or 505-412-0776(c).*
5. Head for home around 3 p.m., ready to continue participating in your very own state legislature.

To carpool to Santa Fe, contact Rosmarie Frederickson at [frederrh\(AT\)yahoo\(DOT\)com](mailto:frederrh(AT)yahoo(DOT)com) or call 505-577-1914.

The packets will include fact sheets about the legislation the League is supporting or opposing and a list of priority legislation for you and your legislators. You can pick one up at the League's table on the ground floor of the Roundhouse or at Morgan Hall on Thursday. Packets will also be available at the legislative reception Wednesday evening. If your representative or senator is unavailable, you can leave a message or handout with the secretary. They appreciate receiving your input.

Office locations for our legislators:

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| Senator Richard Martinez (Los Alamos) | Room 319 |
| Senator Carlos Cisneros (White Rock) | Room 325A |
| Representative Christine Chandler | Room 203B. |

Becky Shankland

February Lunch with a Leader: Zero Waste Committee

For the February 19 Lunch with a Leader at Mesa Library, we will hear from four women who are truly leaders in the field of **Zero Waste**. Sue Barns will talk about food waste; Angelica Gurule will explain the activities of the Environmental Services/Eco Station where she is the manager; Dorothy Brown will educate us about composting; and our own Jody Benson will talk about the Kroger Corporation's goal of generating zero food waste by 2025 and the Zero Waste group's initial collaboration with the local Smith's to support that effort. Each of them will talk for about ten minutes and that will allow us lots of time to ask questions about this crucial topic.

Please note that the Co+op is now sending salads in paper/cardboard containers that decompose instead of using plastic ones that are non-compostable and challenging to recycle. We are getting on board with helping our planet! All the plastic utensils and cups used at Lunch with a Leader are washed and reused. Each of us tries to do what we can.

Here are brief bios of the speakers:



Sue Barns. Courtesy photo.

Sue Barns grew up in Northern New Jersey but fell in love with Los Alamos during family visits. She came to work at LANL as a postdoctoral fellow in microbiology in 1996 and remained until 2008, when she left to train service dogs for Assistance Dogs of the West in Santa Fe. She now volunteers locally for environmental groups, PEEC, and the Los Alamos County (LAC) Environmental Sustainability Board and is chair of the Los Alamos Zero Waste Team.



Angelica Gurule. Courtesy photo.

Angelica Gurule serves as the Environmental Services Manager for Los Alamos County. She holds a Master of Science in Sustainable Environmental Resources

Management from the University of Malta and a Master of Science in Information, Science, and Technology from James Madison University. In addition, she is a national certified Sustainable Resource Manager, accredited through Penn State University. She worked at LANL on pollution prevention, sustainability, and waste reduction and later at the Department of Game and Fish, contributing to wildlife conservation.

Dorothy Brown grew up in a beautiful valley near Mecklenburg, NY, in the Finger Lakes Area, where her family lived off the land. She later lived for brief periods in Beirut, Lebanon; Rutland, VT; Antrim, NH; and Utah. She lived for longer periods in Ithaca, NY and the Bay Area. She has spent over 27 years in Los Alamos and says, “This location is the place in which I have found it significantly more difficult to garden and keep bees. My intention for my 1/5-acre yard is to achieve maximum biomass and maximum biodiversity.” Brown has worked as a registered nurse, physician assistant, flight instructor, massage therapist, and animal shelter employee. She was appointed to the LAC Environmental Sustainability Board and Zero Waste team last summer.



*Jody Benson.
Courtesy photo.*

Jody Benson’s family moved to Los Alamos when she was 10 and her father was recruited as one of the first private practice physicians to come to the town after the gates opened in 1958. Like most people of her generation with a liberal arts degree, she worked many jobs in the

US and the world before returning to Los Alamos with no retirement plan at age 40. Although she has worked on environmental issues for decades, she only recently discovered that we waste 40% of food in the US before it even gets to the store, only a piece of the huge and critical impact food-waste has not only on climate change but land-and-water use as well.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

Co-President’s Message: How to Lighten Our Imprint on the World

What is the worst problem faced by humanity? Climate change? Overpopulation? Refugees? Income disparity? The Great Pacific Garbage Dump?

My answer is that these problems are interrelated and it doesn’t matter how you rank them—just know that they are all worth understanding and acting upon.

I’m delighted that this month’s Lunch with a Leader will have **four** leaders who have thought long and hard about how our wasteful consumer society can improve. I’m eager to hear their answers to some of my questions:

1. How can one move toward living without waste?
2. How can our community move toward being a Zero Waste community?

Here are some issues raised in recent articles:

1. “On [Boyam] Slat’s scuba-diving trip to Greece, when he was sixteen...he saw more plastic bags than fish.” “A Grand Plan to Clean the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—*Can a controversial young entrepreneur rid the ocean of plastic trash?*” Carolyn Kormann, *The New Yorker*, Feb. 4, 2019
2. “With estimates suggesting that up to 13 million metric tonnes of plastic waste [are] still entering the ocean in a given year, there’s a pretty good chance you’re eating plastics without even knowing.” Jackson Ryan, *CNET*, Dec. 20, 2018
3. “Rising temperatures, extreme heat, drought, wildfire on rangelands, and heavy downpours are expected to increasingly disrupt agricultural productivity in the U.S.” US Government National Climate Assessment, volume 2, quoted in the *New York Times*, Carol Davenport and Kendra Pierre-Louis, Nov. 23, 2018

Our four speakers at Lunch with a Leader will have lots of positive ideas about all these issues—come and join the creative discussion!

Becky Shankland

A League Milestone

The League of Women Voters will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding on February 14, 2020. Once the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Congress, the National American Woman Suffrage Association transformed itself into the League of Women Voters to mobilize ratification efforts across the states and to educate women about how to use the vote effectively. Since then the League has worked diligently for the civic rights of individuals and groups denied the vote and equal status under the law, not only in the United States but worldwide. On August 26, 2020 Women's Equality Day will commemorate the official 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Groups and individuals in New Mexico are convening this winter to organize.

LWV History Buffs and Organizers Needed for 100th Anniversary Committee!

Over the next year, each League will be determining its own way to celebrate the League's 100th anniversary and the long, valiant struggle to secure the women's right to vote. There will be some activities organized by LWVNM and LWVUS. Luckily, each League has celebrated different birthdays over the years and recorded our major activities in our monthly newsletters and in [La Palabra](#), so there is a wealth of information to sort through. We'll want to showcase our major accomplishments over the decades with an eye to inspiring others to get involved and engaged. Please help gather information for display boards and tables that we can share at our Convention in Los Alamos this May and at the capitol in winter 2020. Please write short vignettes of movers and shakers and of those wonderful moments where our advocacy efforts paid off. We can post some photos and excerpts of these memories and milestones on our local and state League websites as well as publish them in our newsletters. We can also submit some of our work to the NM Records and Archives, whose director has enthusiastically agreed to help us find source material and to participate in celebrating women's suffrage.

Please contact Meredith Machen at 505-577-6337 or [Meredith.Machen\(AT\)gmail\(DOT\)com](mailto:Meredith.Machen(AT)gmail(DOT)com) if you can volunteer even a few hours to make this important project a success. **On League Day, February 7, right after the presentations end at noon, let's lunch together at the Rio Chama restaurant and share ideas with members from across the state and start our planning.** Thank you!!!

Meredith Machen

New Mexico Bill Tracker

I've been working on a website that helps people track bills through the New Mexico legislature. You can create an account, choose the bills you're interested in, and see which ones have recent changes and whether any of them are scheduled to come up in committee or on the House or Senate floor, so you'll know when it's time to contact your representative or make a trip to the Roundhouse. If you register with an email address, it will mail you daily updates showing the status of all the bills you're following.

It's still new and experimental, but if you want to try it out, go to: <https://nmbilltracker.com/>.

Akkana Peck

January Lunch with a Leader: Health Security Act

Mary Feldblum has been working for years to achieve a Health Security Plan for New Mexico that would contain health care costs while offering coverage for a wide range of services. The concept has been discussed since 1993 and now has bi-partisan support in cities and counties across the state. The current bill ([SB 279](#) and [HB 295](#)) represents years of input from around the state and is unique to New Mexico.

Two studies of this approach have been conducted, one in 1994 and one in 2007. Both concluded that pooling all or most of the population into one system would save the state hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Health Security Act would enable New Mexico to set up its own health plan for most residents. The

military and federal retirees would not be participants. The tribes could volunteer to join and, in fact, the program has been endorsed by the All Pueblo Council of Governors. Employers with a third-party payer like LANL and PNM could also choose to join.

Feldblum estimates that 1.7 million residents will participate. There will be no network; participants will be able to choose any doctor or hospital. Preventive health care, hospitalization, behavioral health care, and pharmaceutical needs will be included, but not long-term care. To maximize the benefits, duplication of payment for services will not be allowed. Therefore, it will be possible to reduce the cost of auto insurance since the medical portion of a claim will already be covered.

The program will be administered by a cooperative, not by politicians or the insurance industry. It will be governed by a geographically representative commission. The commissioners must be participants and all meetings will be open to the public. Premiums will be based on a sliding scale based on income and deposited in a dedicated fund.

Phase 1 of the act calls for a fiscal analysis of the cost and revenue and to determine the premiums. The plan will only be enacted if it is deemed feasible. In Phase 2 the commission will be set up over two to three years. There are still many issues to be worked out.

The second speaker, physician Dr. Tyler Taylor, has been on the Health Security Board for only eight months, but he is very dedicated. He said the current complex, irrational system is bad for morale. He tried to achieve reform through the NM Medical Society but was frustrated by their lack of interest. He attended a Health Security Act meeting and was impressed by the plan. He said New Mexico is the perfect place for this approach with lots of poverty, policy, and politics.

Taylor is expanding connections with doctors around the state, signing them up to speak. He said that 30 to 40% of doctors are fed up with the for-profit health care system. He predicts that doctors will flock to New Mexico to practice here.

The facts that the program will be paid for by premiums rather than taxes and that it will not be a government program make it more politically

palatable. It will be automatic for all eligible residents, with no opt-out.

Flexibility is necessary for the commission. Private insurers can offer supplements; the program can also be a supplement to Medicare. There will be no deductibles, but there will be co-pays.

So far, there is no support among Republican legislators.

The commissioners will be chosen by a nominating committee, which will give three recommendations for each position on the commission to the governor. If the governor does not make an appointment in a specified time, the nominating committee will make the decision.

The bill has been assigned to three Senate committees: Public Affairs, Judiciary, and Senate Finance (SFC). Feldblum was very optimistic that it would be passed by the first two, but she is less certain about the SFC. For more information or to sign up for alerts, go to <https://www.nmhealthsecurity.org/>.

Barbara Calef

Observer Corps Reports

County Council

This brief report is based on a detailed summary by Becky Oertel. Please see the Los Alamos County website for the agenda packets and video: <http://losalamos.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. [You can also read Becky's more complete summary of the meeting on the [Voices of Los Alamos Facebook page](#).]

The new County Council met for the first time on January 8. They elected Sara Scott to be chair and Pete Sheehey to be Vice-Chair.

The Council adopted a proclamation declaring the week of January 20 to 27 to be Diversity Week in Los Alamos County. They also voted to re-zone the two parcels adjacent to 195 East Rd. to C-1 (Light Commercial and Professional Business District).

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One parcel was multi-family high density and the other was public land. The purpose of the re-zoning was to allow enough parking for the existing building to meet code.

Becky Oertel and Barbara Calef

Board of Public Utilities

The Board of Public Utilities met on January 16. Carry Walker is the new Board Chair and Jeff Johnson is the Vice Chair. Pete Sheehey is the Council Liaison. At the meeting the Board tabled an “opt-out” policy for Advanced Metering Infrastructure presented by the Department of Public Utilities. Rather, the Board will reach out to the Council to discuss whether a rule is more appropriate. Resolution is desired before the proposed bid expires.

Additionally, the DPU presented, for discussion only, a 6.25% proposed rate increase for water. The Board asked DPU to prepare an ordinance and bring it to the Board on February 20 for their consideration.

Julie Williams-Hill

Katzman Speaks to Voices of Los Alamos about RDX and Chromium Plume Contamination

Danny Katzman, Environmental Programs Manager for LANL, first spoke about the chromium plume at the Voices of Los Alamos meeting on November 27, 2017 (<https://www.lamonitor.com/content/chromium-plume-safety-discussed-voices-los-alamos-meeting>). He returned on January 28 to give an update on LANL’s chromium remediation project and to explain the extent of Royal Demolition Explosives (RDX) contamination.

Katzman began with a diagram showing a “conceptual slice” through the upper portion of the earth in the vicinity of TA-16 where Royal Demolition Explosives

(RDX) were machined until 1996. Water used to cool the material had been released onto the ground.

Katzman said that even though the public has only recently become aware of the contamination, it has been studied for 15 to 20 years and the contaminated soil has been removed. In a further effort to cut off infiltration pathways, the group injected grout into the permeable rock layers. However, they don’t know if that was effective. The remediation was completed in 2017 and, Katzman said, no further work on the surface is necessary. Long-term monitoring and reporting will continue.

Now they are trying to understand the contamination at the subsurface levels, a more challenging and time-consuming task. Monitoring wells have been drilled into the perched aquifer (200 to 900 feet below the surface) and the regional aquifer, which is 1,300 feet below the surface of TA-16. The concentration is highest at the surface, but RDX has been found in several of the regional groundwater monitoring wells. Katzman emphasized that the contamination is three miles from the nearest of the Los Alamos County (LAC) water supply wells and moves only 20 to 30 feet a year. They are still studying what can be done to remediate the groundwater. A Deep Groundwater Investigation Report is due to New Mexico Environmental Department in August 2019.

Last year Katzman reported on LANL’s plan to remediate the chromium plume, which was half a mile wide, a mile long, and 1,000 feet down, at the top of the regional aquifer in the vicinity of Sandia Canyon. The plume extended to the boundary of San Ildefonso Pueblo land. Katzman proposed to use extraction wells to remove contaminated water, pass it through an ion exchange treatment unit, and return the cleaned water to the aquifer through injection wells located in such a way as to keep the plume from expanding toward San Ildefonso and also the nearest LAC water supply well, TM 3. The process has been underway since May and has been effective. A well on San Ildefonso land, monitored monthly, shows no contamination to date. Katzman said that the data are available on the website <https://www.intellusnm.com/>, and he offered to return to Voices of Los Alamos in the fall to give another update.

Barbara Calef

Program Planning Meeting

In preparation for our Annual Meeting in April and the LWVNM Convention in May (in Los Alamos!), we will hold a program planning meeting on February 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Leslie Wallstrom's home, 140 Aspen Drive, in Los Alamos. All League members are invited to the event. Each League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of issues where the League will focus its time, talent, and funds. To keep the League vital, it is important that a large number of League members participate in this event.

At the meeting we will consider whether there are local issues that should be addressed based on our League's current positions, which are on our website at <http://lwvlosalamos.org>. We will also ask members to consider whether any of our current positions need to be updated or whether there are other studies to be undertaken.

In addition, we will discuss issues for the state League to consider. The state positions are on-line at <http://www.lwvnm.org/positions.html>. Last year the LWVNM Board revised the position on election procedures and added a new position on net neutrality, high-speed internet, public access media. The study of the transfer of federal public lands has been completed and a new position will be brought to the Board in March. All state positions are subject to approval by the delegates at the LWVNM Convention. League advocacy must be based on our positions. What are we missing?

Barbara Calef

Report of the Legislative Preview

The LWV/ AAUW (American Association of University Women) Legislative Preview on January 9 was well attended and very informative. Rep. Christine Chandler reported that since the election in November, she has enjoyed visiting all parts of her district. Topics brought up by her constituents were very diverse, including guns, clean-up at LANL, a



House Dist. 43 Rep.-elect Christine Chandler and Sen. Carlos Cisneros answer questions at the Legislative Preview. Photo by Bonnie J. Gordon/ladailypost.com

new car for the Jemez Springs police department, and water issues for the Ponderosa Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. She is one of twenty new representatives in the House!

Chandler said that her goals are multi-fold. Many of the legislature's pent-up policy initiatives that were vetoed by Governor Martinez will be placed on a "rocket docket" to speed them to the desk of the new governor. Education is "on the front burner" for every group and party, Chandler said, commending the "positive energy" in the legislature.

In addition to education, Chandler's major issues are health care, Medicaid expansion, and criminal justice reform. As a new member of the legislature she was not allowed to pre-file bills (nor was she given an office until the first day of the session; she is now in room 203B). However, she intended to introduce legislation for paid family leave ([HB 264](#)) and to support [SB 11](#), the bill filed by Senator Cisneros that would continue the gross receipts tax on LANL. Chandler also planned to file bills to ban trapping on public lands ([HB 366](#)) and to allow the opportunity for the public to participate in a hearing prior to approval of an application to lease water rights ([HB17](#)). To date, she is a sponsor on 16 bills and she is a member of both the Justice and Taxation and Revenue Committees.

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Senator Carlos Cisneros is the Vice-Chair of the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC). He remarked that 2018 was a good year for the state in terms of revenue. The budget, which was to be filed on January 14, would have \$1.1 billion of recurring items, including universal Pre-K, \$600 million of non-recurring funds for capital projects, and \$300 million for legislative member projects. [HB 2](#) includes \$400 million for roads, listed under transportation.

Cisneros pointed out that oil and gas revenues comprise 40% of the state's income. He said we can expect production to continue at the current level through 2019, but the LFC is allocating 20% of the new money for reserves to prepare for an eventual downturn in the economy.

Cisneros explained that bills on the rocket docket will have just one hearing rather than the customary two or three before going to the floor for a vote. He expected that renewable energy bills like the tax credit on solar panels ([SB 39](#)) would pass.

Senator Martinez was sick and could not attend the forum. In response to questions from the audience, both Chandler and Cisneros said they are committed to supporting [HB 51](#), repealing the anti-abortion statutes, because they don't want doctors to be liable for performing abortions.

Both legislators said that a greater proportion of the education funds would be under local control. Senator Cisneros anticipated difficulty in passing the Health Security Act ([SB 279](#) and [HB 295](#)), which he is sponsoring. However, he wants to keep the debate going as the Affordable Care Act is unraveled by Congress. His bill would grant a \$200,000 appropriation to collect data to make sure the plan is viable. There is more support at the local level than in the legislature, he said.

Robert Rhatigan, the associate director for the UNM Geospatial and Population Studies Group and New Mexico liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau, was the third speaker. Rhatigan, who spoke at Lunch with a Leader in August, was invited back to speak to a larger audience about the importance of counting every New Mexico resident, including children, during the 2020 census. He repeated that each individual counted is

worth about \$3,000 per year in federal funds coming to the state.

Immigrant households are one of the groups most likely not to participate, and they tend to be larger than the average New Mexico household. The citizenship question, which is being litigated but may be retained, will be a major deterrent even for legal immigrants. To minimize the loss of funds, New Mexico should set up a Complete Count Committee, which could then reach out to local communities, tribal councils, nonprofits, etc. to form their own Complete Count Committees. "Local involvement will help get out the message through a trusted source," Rhatigan said.

In past years, the cost of the census has doubled each decade. In 2010 the federal government allocated \$13 billion. Yet, for the 2020 census Congress is intending to allocate the same amount as in 2010, despite inflation. The Census Bureau is attempting to compensate with money-saving innovations that have not been tested. The bureau plans to initially ask for responses to be filed online during a two-week period in March. They estimate that 60% of the country will attempt to log in then. However, when a fraction of the population attempted to sign up for health care, chaos resulted, so this mechanism may not be an effective way to get everyone counted.

If the legislature were to appropriate \$10 million for the census, that would help to compensate for



Robert Rhatigan at the Legislative Preview. Photo by Bonnie J. Gordon/ladailypost.com

the difficulties faced by New Mexico, especially helping to pay for outreach to residents in remote areas. Considering the high cost of an undercount, the investment will be well repaid.

This report was written after the January 9 legislative preview. The census appropriations, like all appropriations, are a work in progress, so watch <https://www.nmlegis.gov/> for current information on all these bills. If you would like help tracking these bills, try Akkana Peck's website: <https://nmbilltracker.com/>.

Barbara Calef

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Here is our membership list as of January 2019. We have made email addresses more private by substituting (AT) for the @ symbol.

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Thank you to all our members.

Volunteers Needed for the Next League Year!

We are always searching for assistance in running our organization. We will be electing a new board at our Annual Meeting on April 16. The term is one year. If you would like to serve either on or off the board, please contact Ellen Mills, the Nominations Chair at [efmillsnm\(AT\)gmail\(DOT\)com](mailto:efmillsnm(AT)gmail(DOT)com) or call 505-660-2345. You can see the list of positions on this page.

For next year Ellen has volunteered to step up as first vice-president! Wendy Swanson has agreed to be in charge of arrangements and Rebecca Chaiken will take over from Rosmarie Frederickson as secretary.

However, we still need a volunteer to publish our monthly newsletter. Sandra West has been doing an excellent job, but she has moved to Albuquerque and would like to hand the job over to someone else. The newsletter editor formats the material for each newsletter. Ideally the editor will be on the board, but that is not necessary.

We also need a couple of League members to work on nominations for the following year. The Nominating Committee is elected at the Annual Meeting even though their work does not begin until at least six months later.

If you'd like to be on the board without a portfolio (i.e., at Large), we welcome volunteers, but our bylaws limit us to the officers and eight board members. Visitors are always welcome at our board meetings, currently held every fourth Tuesday of each month.

Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland

LWVLA Board of Directors

Officers:

- Co-presidents: Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland
- 1st Vice President: *unfilled*
- 2nd Vice President: Leslie Wallstrom
- Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor
- Secretary: Rosmarie Frederickson

Directors:

- Reservations: Amy Birnbaum
- Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster
- Director-at-Large: Ellen Mills
- Director-at-Large: Akkana Peck
- Webmaster and Social Media: Julie Williams-Hill
- Newsletter: Sandra West
- Publicity: Jody Benson
- Voter Services: Lynn Jones

Off-board Directors:

- Arrangements: *unfilled*
- Fundraising: *unfilled*
- Membership: Rebecca Shankland
- Nominating Committee: *unfilled*
- County Council Observers: Lynn Jones and Becky Oertel
- BPU Observer: Julie Williams-Hill

If you would like to join the League, fill out and submit the membership form on page 11.



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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P.O. Box 158
Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Address: _____

Phone(s): _____ E-mail _____

- Check here to receive our local newsletter Update as an electronic file, saving us postage
OR Check here if you prefer the newsletter mailed in hard copy.
Check here if you wish to receive occasional friendly reminders of upcoming events by e-mail.

Membership Categories (All checks for memberships and contributions should be payable to LWV-Los Alamos and all are now tax-deductible.)

- Single membership: \$45
Household membership (two+ people at the same address): \$65
Single Sustaining membership: \$75
Household Sustaining membership (two+ people at the same address): \$95
Contribution: \$ _____

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

- Topics of Interest: Affordable Housing, Local Government, Education, Elections, Voting Rights, Water Issues, Land Use, Health Care, Money in Politics, Sustainability, Living Wage, Public Transportation, Environment, Other topics (please suggest):
Ways to Help with League Activities: Set up Refreshments at Forums, Observer Corps (County Council, DPU, etc.), Nominating Committee, Voter Guide Committee, Voter Registration, Publicity, Website, Social Media, Newsletter, Membership, Fund-raising, Budget Committee for LWV, Lunch with a Leader (assistance), Fund-raising Committee for LWV, Participate in board meetings or join the board

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