

LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, 1947-1975

Regular annual LWV events such as voter registration drives, most candidates' forums, and legislature previews and wrap-ups are not shown, nor are the national and state study and action items which were concurrent with these local issues.

1947 - 48	Roma Walters, President, Provisional League Registered voters for the 1st Town Council election.
1948 - 49	Marian Ager, First President of the League of Women Voters of Los Alamos After the State Supreme Court disenfranchised 3,000 Los Alamos voters, declaring them not to be legal residents of the state, The League and others began a successful campaign to have the federal government cede jurisdiction to the state. Pros and Cons of proposed legislation to make Los Alamos a county were discussed at a luncheon on Mar. 15.
1949 - 50	Marian Ager, President
1950 - 51	Marian Ager, President Supported an elected School Board and appointed Superintendent.
1951 - 52	Emma Busey, President
1952 - 53	Emma Busey, President Worked for representation in the state Legislature for Los Alamos County, comparable with other counties in N.M. (continuing until 1957)
1953 - 54	Carol Roberts (later Kinney), President Studied the financial structure of Los Alamos, including costs of operation and sources of revenue.
1954 - 55	Mally Ribe, President Studied housing policies and possibilities for home ownership. (At the time, all housing was owned by the federal gov't, and rented according to a system based on family size, salary and years of service.) The Candidates County Fair included the High School Band, folk and square dance exhibitions, a barber shop trio, a clarinet quartet, and many organizations selling food, gifts, cards, kitchen gadgets and toys! 57 candidates came to give 5-minute talks! Candidates arrived between 2:30 and 7:45, and were given tours of the town, and dinner at the Lodge (for \$2.25, including tip!) There was a Legislative Workshop at the Men's Residence Hall (now DOE Hqtrs.)
1955 - 56	Phyl Wallis, President A Town Meeting was held on six proposed amendments to the NM Constitution. Among the speakers was our state senator, Harold Agnew. Studied the tax structure of the County, and distributed copies to LWV non-member contributors. Held a public dinner meeting on the national "Freedom Agenda"
1956 - 57	Phyl Wallis, President Studied structure of county government.

	<p>Sponsored a lecture by Sigmund Spaeth on "Music for Everyone" as a fund-raiser.</p> <p>Studied the role of political parties in the county.</p> <p>The Pueblo School auditorium was the site of another County Candidates Fair extravaganza, with music, booths, etc.</p>
1957 - 58	<p>Marianne Post, President, first half of year; moved to Albuquerque;</p> <p>Lore Watt, President, remainder of the year</p> <p>Studied recreational facilities in the county, including school recreation programs and facilities.</p> <p>The Annual Meeting was a celebration of our League's 10th anniversary.</p>
1958 - 59	<p>Lore Watt, President</p> <p>The League had a booth at the KRSN Home Show, for the first time.</p> <p>Undertook a many-part study of the structure of local governments.</p> <p>Had LWV observers at all County Commission meetings.</p>
1959 - 60	<p>Jane Lewis, President</p> <p>Supported at-large election of our 3 County Commissioners.</p>
1960 - 61	<p>Jane Lewis, President</p> <p>Had observers at all AEC Planning Committee and Task Group meetings looking into all aspects of local administration.</p>
1961 - 62	<p>Joyce Jarmie, President</p> <p>Charter Study.</p> <p>Supported a land use study to be followed by zoning.</p> <p>Supported city-county form of govt.</p> <p>Election at-large of County Commission achieved.</p>
1962 - 63	<p>Jean VanDilla, President</p> <p>Worked for County ownership of gas and electric utilities.</p>
1963 - 64	<p>Adele Hopkins, President for May-June; went to England</p> <p>Dana Douglass (later Rohr), President for rest of the year.</p> <p>Utilities election won.</p> <p>Evaluated government needs to assume the duties imposed by transfer from AEC to local control. Researched the issues and published "Transfer Topics."</p>
1964 - 65	<p>Marj Cromer, President thru November; went to Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Pat Pimbley, President for rest of year.</p> <p>Worked for an incorporated county form of government.</p> <p>Worked for Amendment 4 of the state constitution, giving L.A. home rule. We won.</p>
1965 - 66	<p>Lore Watt, President</p> <p>Evaluated, then supported the proposed Charter. The election, alas, failed.</p> <p>Disseminated information about the charter and transfer issues.</p> <p>Evaluated policies and programs in the county related to equal opportunity for education and employment.</p>
1966 - 67	<p>Phyl Wallis, President</p> <p>Fall Membership meeting had a short "Rogers and Hammelstein"</p>

	<p>production.</p> <p>Held one simple auditorium-seated type Candidates' meetings for first time, for local candidates only, on Oct. 13. 130 people attended. KRSN broadcast it. Bill Wood was emcee.</p> <p>13 LWV/LA members joined 13 others from around the state for a "Go See" tour of the Molybdenum mine near Questa, whose effluent had been polluting the Red River which flows into the Rio Grande.</p> <p>Held a panel discussion on possible rezoning of the "Green Area" in the Community Center. Bob Porton was moderator.</p>
1967 - 68	<p>Marj Cromer, President</p> <p>Worked in support of NM Constitutional Amendment #7 providing for absentee voting. It passed.</p> <p>Many League observers spent hours at Charter Commission meetings. A festive celebration was held for member Fern Lyon, who was LWV/NM President.</p> <p>Local "Go See" tour of County facilities, by bus, starting at 8:30am.</p>
1968 - 69	<p>Martha Wells, President</p> <p>All local study and action was devoted to evaluation, then support of a second proposed Charter. It passed.</p> <p>The great Blood-Letting (100 League members and friends gave blood, for \$500, for a lead pollution study.) The money earned became known as Blood Money. "Not one sample showed cause for concern."</p>
1969 - 70	<p>Mada Jones, President</p> <p>The fall meeting topic was Environmental Quality of Los Alamos County: How it is being Maintained. Folksingers Marge Agnew and George Shepherd sang songs of pollution.</p> <p>Studied the County's Master Plan, and planning and zoning changes. Jessie Rudnick presented to the County Council a proposal for a Farmers' Market, as an outlet for the produce of neighboring farmers. The proposal was accepted. It started in 1970, and is still going and growing.</p>
1970 - 71	<p>Adele Hopkins, President</p> <p>With cooperation from the county, and work of the Northern Rio Grande RC&D Council, established the Farmers' Market, Thurs. mornings, at the corner of 20th and Trinity. This is the first in the state. Jessie Rudnick, Louise White, and other volunteers act as monitors, to assure compliance with health regulations and that growers and producers are New Mexico residents.</p> <p>Supported proposed amendments 1, 2, 3, and 5 to the NM Constitution. They provide for municipal home rule, and 4-year terms for elected officials.</p> <p>Studied County finance and the "AEC A\$\$i\$TANCE FORMULA"</p>
1971 - 72	<p>Helen Gram, President</p> <p>Compiled a League Handbook for new members.</p> <p>V.S. Chair Linda Ostrye and Mada Jones acted as Deputy Registrars at LA High School, on "Youth Voter Day." (18-20 year olds vote this year</p>

	<p>for the first time). LWV deputy registrars also worked with the political parties to register voters in White Rock. The County Clerk's office had done all voter registration until this year.</p> <p>Began a study which resulted in the 1973 publication, "Know Los Alamos County."</p>
1972 - 73	<p>Allene Lindstrom, President</p> <p>Evaluated the suggested AEC assistance formula.</p> <p>Studied county finance.</p> <p>Completed work on first edition of "Know Los Alamos County" publication.</p>
1973 - 74	<p>Betty Leffler, President</p> <p>Fall meeting had Ann Bingaman as speaker on equal rights for women, discussing the effect of the federal law and recent NM Equal Rights Amendment.</p> <p>Pres. Leffler wrote a series of 5 articles related to ERA for the Monitor, providing general info, on community property laws in NM.</p> <p>5 foreign students at LA High School were given copies of "The Government of the United States of America", provided by our League.</p> <p>The Lab purchased 100 copies of "Know Los Alamos County", to give to new employees</p>
1974 - 75	<p>Lois Godfrey, President</p> <p>Studied the proposed bond issues for Los Alamos' first bond referendum, and disseminated our consensus on them.</p> <p>Studied school funding, land use issues, and transportation.</p>
1975 - 76	<p>Kay Young, President</p> <p>Observation and study of the School Board's non-curricular policies.</p> <p>Provided voter information for the school bond election.</p> <p>Provided 7 poll workers for the High School Student Council election.</p> <p>Studied a proposed mass transportation system for Los Alamos, and worked for county subsidy of such a system.</p> <p>Kay testified at a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Atomic Energy Community Act, 1955, re. ERDA assistance to our schools and county.</p> <p>Worked for a charter amendment to add a new section on Home Rule.</p> <p>Sponsored a workshop on Getting Involved in Government, in conjunction with "Women's Week, Phase 2."</p>
1976 - 77	<p>Hedy Dunn, President</p> <p>There was a League float in the 4th of July parade. The float's theme was "Don't Vote Like A Machine--Be Informed."</p> <p>We competed in the "Votingest City" competition, with 15 new LWV deputy registrars and over 200 new registrations.</p> <p>Studied the historical background of the ERDA assistance contract.</p> <p>Lobbied our Congressmen for restoration of funds which were appropriated and budgeted for the county and schools but have now been deferred by Pres. Ford.</p>
1977 - 78	<p>Donna Herbst, President</p>

	<p>Updated, published and distributed "Know Los Alamos County." The County agreed to reproduce copies for distribution to newcomers as they requested utility hook-ups.</p>
1978 - 79	<p>Lonna Evans, President Held a Conservation Fair (lots of solar energy, etc. exhibits) in mid May Fall Membership meeting was "Close Encounters of the Program Kind," with discussion groups on 4 local topics following a catered brunch. Studied Los Alamos schools' finances. Held a public forum on Nuclear Waste Disposal.</p>
1979 - 80	<p>Barbara Edwards, President Fall membership meeting theme was "Transportation: Alternatives to the Single-occupant Car." Studied land use in the county and supported residential development of Rendija Canyon. A referendum favored recreational use only. Assisted with a transit survey; 86% favored some form of public transportation. Studied services available to troubled children in the community. Co-sponsored, with AAUW, a forum on "Who will provide our higher education, Northern New Mexico Community College or UNM?" Sponsored public meeting on "Geothermal Energy in Our Backyard."</p>
1980 - 81	<p>Jane Bendt, President Sponsored a concert by the Platte River Jazz Band as a fund raiser for the LWV's (Voter) Education Fund. \$250 was raised. Registered about 80 voters at the Lab. ("first time in a long time," there) Collected information from the candidates and did the input at the Monitor, which printed our Voters' Guide. Did precinct results reporting for ABC. Held a panel discussion on recreational land use in the county.</p>
1981 - 82	<p>Michelle Poling, President First year of publication of "Update" by xerography, thanks to Lonna Evans and the Real Estate Associates; had been produced on the League's mimeograph until then. Held a public forum on the Westgate issue, broadcast live on KRSN, and taped for later use on Public Access Channel 8. This preceded a June 30 referendum. Held voter registration at the fall Arts & Crafts Fair. Second Platte River Jazz Band performance sponsored by LWV, Pops-style at the Community Bldg. Studied local referenda issues, and the whole process of zoning by referendum. Jill Cooper, Asst. Atty. General was principal speaker on legal aspects of zoning at the fall open meeting to kick off the study. Prepared an information sheet on the petition process, distributed March 1982. In its 11th year under our guidance, the Farmers' Market has grown to 40 vendors.</p>
1982 - 83	<p>Betty Lou Lebeda, President Divided the Candidates' Fair into two: one for state and regional</p>

	<p>candidates, one for local.</p> <p>Did ABC key precinct election night reporting.</p> <p>Studied criteria and selection of members of county boards and committees.</p> <p>After hearing from the incumbents, members reached the consensus that the county clerk, sheriff and assessor should continue to be elected officials.</p> <p>Collected information for the first "Who's in Charge?" under Donna Herbst's direction.</p>
1983 - 84	<p>Mary Kidman, President</p> <p>15 Leaguers met with the new county administrator, Ron Jack, at his invitation, to share information and concerns.</p> <p>Held a "Go See" tour of the county building and police station, following a picnic at Ashley Pond.</p> <p>Produced the first edition of "Who's In Charge?" and held a public meeting at which non-elected officials described their staff, budget, and duties.</p>
1984 - 85	<p>Connie Sheridan, President</p> <p>Co-sponsored public meeting on "Drilling for Oil/Gas" in Los Alamos County.</p> <p>Worked toward the next edition of "Who's in Charge?"</p> <p>Unit meeting/panel on land use in the county.</p>
1985 - 86	<p>Elizabeth Best, President</p> <p>Panel discussions were held during the summer exploring facets of land use, including traffic and parking problems, to be covered in the county's revised Comprehensive Plan. Members felt that provision should be made for moderate priced housing; high density housing should be in the center of town; new housing be energy efficient; a developer should be required to have lots on which housing can be built without a variance. Good publicity in the Monitor was reported on this.</p> <p>Studied public transportation, state and the local volunteer-operated bus system.</p> <p>Held a forum on Education in Los Alamos.</p> <p>Co-sponsored meeting on "Opportunities for Agricultural Development in Northern NM."</p>
1986 - 87	<p>Elizabeth Best, President</p> <p>Held a meeting on the necessity for a Code of Ethics for the county, with council candidates.</p> <p>Held a meeting on local aspects of "Meeting Basic Human Needs." (lots of time on State agenda education item)</p>
1987 - 88	<p>Peggy Lackner, President</p> <p>Produced and distributed a new edition of "Who's In Charge?"</p> <p>In connection with a local "Meeting Basic Human Needs" item, we studied the need and procedure for establishing a "Medically Indigent Fund" for the county. The high cost of housing here was identified as a major source of difficulty for low-income people.</p>

1988 - 89	<p>Betty Lou Lebeda, President Worked for the establishment of a "Medically Indigent Fund" for Los Alamos County. Held a public meeting on the issue of the proposed Petroglyphs National Monument, on Albuquerque's west side. Held a public forum on the DOE Buyout Proposal.</p>
1989 - 90	<p>Betty Lou Lebeda, President Collected information about recycling, our local program issue for the year.</p>
1990 - 91	<p>Donna Herbst, President Published a brochure about "Recycling" by Bonnie Borel-Donohue which was distributed to 6,000 households with their trash bags by the Boy Scouts. Supported a proposed Charter amendment to have staggered 4-year terms for County Council members, based on our 1978 position. A letter in support of open meetings was sent to the County Council.</p>
1991 - 92	<p>Donna Herbst, President, first half of year; moved to Washington, DC. Ann Pendergrass, President for remainder of the year. Held a public meeting on the OLE electric power line extension in the Jemez.</p>
1992 - 93	<p>Ann Pendergrass, President Held a public meeting on the future uses of Fuller Lodge. Held a public meeting on Los Alamos County Public Buildings and Redevelopment. Sponsored a panel discussion on The Role of a Responsible Press in its Community.</p>
1993 - 94	<p>Ann Pendergrass, President Published 1993 edition of "Who's in Charge?" (Lois Godfrey, ed.) distributed with county utility bills. Held a public meeting on Affordable Housing in Los Alamos-"Is There Hope?" Held a public forum, on the future of the present public library building, 9/29.</p>
1994 - 95	<p>Adele Hopkins, President Sponsored an April "TV Turn-off Week" for children in elementary school classes Arranged for participation of Los Alamos residents in the LWVUS videoconference on Health Care Reform, in the County Council Chamber. Participated in meetings of the Community Futures Team. Held a public meeting on "Building a Sustainable Community." Held a pre-legislative workshop on "The Nitty Gritty of Effective Lobbying." Distributed mail-in voter registration forms at the County Fair parade. Other members participated in the parade. Arranged for John Foley's talk on "Ethics and Civility in Collective</p>

	Decision Making," open to the public following our annual meeting.
1995 - 96	<p>Mary Kidman, President</p> <p>Held "Open" meetings at noon at the library on several current topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Betty Lou Lebeda: County Utilities: Current Concerns • Diane Albert: Planning and Zoning in Los Alamos • Sid Singer: County Acquisition of the Water System from the DOE, and County Water Well Fields • Chris Ortega: County Water System. <p>Participated in the County Fair Parade, with placards celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.</p> <p>Celebrated the first Saturday Farmers' Market, honoring member Jessie Rudnick for the establishment of the first Farmers' Market, here, in Los Alamos, 25 years ago.</p> <p>Produced a 1995 edition of "Who's in Charge?" distributed with county utility bills.</p> <p>Held a public meeting on "The Path to a Sustainable Future," with speakers Tom Ribe and Stanley Euston. Dr. Jeanne Logsdon, UNM, later addressed the same topic at a lunchtime open meeting.</p> <p>Kevin Fenner spoke to "The County's Comprehensive Plan" at an open meeting.</p>
1996 - 97	<p>Diane Albert, President</p> <p>Participated in a PAC-8 "Talk of the Town" broadcast on Economic Development in Los Alamos.</p> <p>Participated in a series of noontime Cross-Cultural, Community-Building meetings organized by Gloria Mirabal and John Foley.</p> <p>Held a well-attended Land Transfer Forum in the Council Chambers, at the request of the DOE and the County.</p> <p>Participated in the County Fair parade. Two of our placards advertised our biennial "Candidates' Forum."</p> <p>Held an open meeting on Population and the Global Ecosystem by Kim Manley.</p> <p>Participated in an electronic forum on "Tools for Drinking Water Protection."</p>
1997 - 98	<p>Elizabeth Best, President</p> <p>Held a public meeting on "Waste Disposal & Recycling: The Natural Step." Developed a Working Group for Sustainable Communities," which held several meetings during the year.</p> <p>Supported a Sierra Club talk by Sue Gorman on "Albuquerque's Sustainable Community."</p> <p>Gave presentations in Los Alamos and Santa Fe on sustainability.</p> <p>Held a public meeting on Campaign Finance Reform in New Mexico.</p> <p>Produced a 1997 edition of "Who's in Charge?" distributed with July county utility bills.</p> <p>Publicized the PBS special on "Affluenza."</p> <p>Presented a forum on "Los Alamos Schools--Where Are They Headed?" This included presentations on site-based management and the</p>

	<p>"Educational Plan for Student Success, EPSS." Held a public meeting on the proposed school bond issue. Supported the Sierra Club public meeting on "Reducing Immigration Numbers."</p>
1998 - 99	<p>Sonya Sukalski, President Held a joint public meeting with "New Mexico Citizens for Clean Air and Water" on the new NM Public Regulation Commission. Cooperated with the Sierra Club on a public meeting about Mesa del Sol, the Albuquerque sustainable community development. Held three "Citizen Advocacy" classes, one each on local, state, and national advocacy. Participated in all of the "County Comprehensive Plan" meetings. Participated in Vision 2020 meetings.</p>
1999 - 2000	<p>Sonya Sukalski, President Produced a 1999 edition of "Who's in Charge?" (Kyle Wheeler, ed.), distributed with county utility bills. Continued to participate in the Comprehensive Plan and Vision2020 meetings. Co-sponsored a Bill Fruth seminar on the "Economy of Los Alamos" with the LA Commerce and Development Corp. Participated in the LA Historical Society's celebration of Los Alamos' 50th year with a poster captioned, "What was the League of Women Voters Doing the Year You First Came to Los Alamos?", giving LWV highlights over the years. It won a \$50 prize. The Sustainability Committee under Elizabeth Best held a series of five public forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Zink, UNM Economist "If Our Community Is Not Growing, Is It Dying?" • Joan Gibson, UNM Health Sci. "Your Health: Whose Responsibility?" • Juliet Schor, Harvard Economist, "The U.S. and Los Alamos: Overworked and Overspent?" • Richard Coughlin, UNM Sociologist, "Community: What Is It? What Sustains It?" • Panel discussion "Working Together to Survive" with speakers Kevin Holsapple, Director of the Los Alamos Commerce & Development Corp; Ware Hartwell, LANL's Environmental Sciences & Waste Division leader; Robert Trapp, Rio Grande Sun publisher of Española; moderated by Chris Dissinger, Los Alamos Monitor general manager.
2000 - 2001	<p>Stacey Eaton, President LWV/LA hosted the LWVNM Council in July, after Cerro Grande Fire required postponement from the original May date. Held candidates forums for the November election to the County Council, Senate, and Hous and for the School Board and UNM/LA election.</p>

Judith Schlosser and Steve Tobin spoke on affordable housing to a membership meeting.

Lunch with a Leader speakers included Kevin Holsapple on the Downtown Plan and Helga Christopherson on LANL Child Care. Denise Lamb and Nita Taylor spoke to Annual Meeting about "The Election Process in NM"

2001 - 2002

Rebecca Shankland, President

Unit meeting on proposed new LWVUS trade position, resulting in movement to amend this position at LWVUS convention in Miami. *Who's in Charge* was published by Los Alamos Monitor in tabloid form (Calef and Godfrey.)

Forums included Moises Gonzales on regional sustainability, a panel discussion on LANL child care initiatives (or lack thereof), and a panel discussion on affordable housing co-sponsored with 1000 Friends of New Mexico. Lunch with a Leader programs featured Laura Crotzer of LA School Board, Susan Herrera of LANL Foundation, Carl Moore, leader of the Comprehensive Plan vision effort, Jill Trehwella from LANL on biowarfare, and Kathy Campbell on her trip to Cuba. Unit meetings on campaign finance reform, drug policy reform, and NM school governance.

A trip to Santa Fe to see their affordable housing projects.

Candidates workshop called "Running and Surviving" with speakers Diane Albert, Robert Gibson, Bettylou Lebeda Elaine Morris, Sharon Stover, and Ken Milder

Responded to the Main Street Future Downtown Plan in writing and at P & Z hearings. Many League members participated in meetings to formulate the Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement.

2002 - 2003

Rebecca Shankland, President

A candidates forum in Española was run by Jeffrey Howell, Diane Albert, and Becky Shankland

At LWVUS national convention, Shankland, Campbell, Calef, and Gordon led caucuses and floor discussion on our proposed trade amendments; they reached the floor but failed to pass.

LWVLA won a LANL Foundation grant to assist child-care workers with education expenses

Sponsored a Candidates Fair for County candidates. In addition the League ran four more Council candidates forums on specific areas of the Vision Statement together with other organizations, as well as a candidates forum for School Board and UNM/LA election.

Monitored the development of the Comprehensive Plan with many Leaguers sitting on committees that wrote the action statements growing out of the Vision Statement.

Lunch with a Leader hosted Gayle Gerdes talking about the Concord Coalition, Greg Partamian, the new hospital administrator, and JJ Maier discussing regional transportation.

A NM Voters Guide was published free by the Los Alamos Monitor;

committee chaired by Adele Hopkins.
 The Sustainability Committee organized an Economic Development Workshop in Española. Participants included Don Bustos of Santa Cruz Farms, Barbara Deaux of N. Central NM Economic Development District, Moises Gonzales of Mexicano Land Education and Conservation Trust, Esther Kovari of NM Farmers Marketing Association, Ben Luce of NM Solar Energy Association, Larry Roybal of US Forest Service, Bill Wadt from LANL, and Alvin Warren of Santa Clara Pueblo.
 Unit meeting on NM Economic Development position.
 Sponsored two forums preceding the U.S. invasion of Iraq.
 Legislative preview including Rep. Wallace and speakers on specific issues (transportation, economics, energy.)
 Annual meeting featured a panel of speakers on regional water issues.

2003 - 2004

Barbara Calef, President
 Sustainability: Held forums on water, green economics, food security, alternative energy solutions, and green building. Hosted a series of discussions of Herman Daly's **Beyond Growth**.
 Civil Liberties: Held a forum on the impact of the Patriot Act on the community with pnelists from the library, police, bank, U.S. attorney's office and Los Alamos Monitor. Sponsored a talk by Congressman Udall on the Patriot Act. Helped draft the Resolution on the Patriot Act that was adopted by the County Council.
 Local Government: Action protesting lack of transparency in dealing with the Downtown Plan let to the appointment of a Citizens' Review Panel.
 Voters' Services: Held a forum on the proposed constitutional amendments on educational issues. The Legislative preview featured Jeannette Wallace and Craig O'Hare. Held a workshop on "Lobbying from Your Living Room". Several members helped lobby with the LWVNM Action Committee.
 Voting: Formed a voting committee to study voting issues including the rise of the direct electronic voting machine. Petitioned LWVUS to stop lobbying in favor of DREs. Members of the committee helped convince the County Council not to approve the purchase of DREs by the County Clerk.
 Lunch with a Leader hosted Rep. Jeannette Wallace, Aretha Ferrell-Brown (new assistant county administrator), and Kim Kiel (socially responsible investing). Donna Dreska, new county administrator, spoke at an evening membership meeting. The annual meeting speaker was Stan Euston on the NM renewable energy campaign.
 Created LWVLA website.

2004 - 2005

Barbara Calef, President
 Sustainability: Participated in the New Mexico First Town Hall on creating a sustainable economy in Los Alamos. Sponsored a talk about Smart Growth by Chris Leinberger. Produced "The People Speak:

Prosperity and Globalization", for which we received a grant from the United Nations Foundation, followed up with a talk by Julia Demichelis. Developed and taught the course "Sustainable Solutions in an Overused World" at UNM/LA.

Local Government: Observed the rewriting of the Comprehensive Plan Policy document. Participated in stakeholders' meetings to discuss solid waste issues. Hosted the annual legislative preview in January.

Voters' Services: Held the first pre-primary candidates forum as well as candidates forums for the local candidates for the general election in November and for school board and UNM advisory board candidates in February.

Voting: Worked at the National Convention to reverse the LWVUS position opposing voter-verified paper ballots. Hosted a talk by Charlie Strauss about electronic voting. Supported legislation to require recountable ballots and random recounts.

Hosted a visit from members of the Torreon Chapter of the Navajo. Lunch with a Leader hosted Kathy Guidry of the NM Community Advisory Board, Fred Nathan of Think New Mexico, Claire Swanger of the NM Land Conservation Trust and Jill Cook of LANB. We also cosponsored a showing of the video The End of Suburbia

2005 - 2006

Katherine Campbell, President

Public meetings included

A forum for the bond issue election for the Civic Center in August 2005

The annual legislative preview in January 2006

The first of two Town Halls on the structure of local government in March 2006

The League also sponsored presentation by Councilor Mike Wismer of his work in Iraq; cosponsored, with the Coalition for LANL Excellence, a forum on the RFP to manage the Laboratory; and cosponsored Colombian author Fernando Garavito as part of the Mesa Public Library's Authors Speak series.

Two unit meetings considered proposed LWVNM positions on the abolition of the death penalty and on sustainability.

Lunch with a Leader continued with a full program, including Kevin Holsapple (LACDC), Rebecca Collingsworth (archivist for the Los Alamos Historical Society), Jennifer Neal (Case Mesita), Alan Kirk (municipal judge), Judith Schlosser (affordable housing), Cathy Pannel (LARC) and Linda Moscarella (former LWVUS board member, speaking on instant runoff voting).

The annual meeting in April 2006 included a panel discussion of affordable housing with Ann Norton of the Housing Partnership, local developers Sid Singer and Stan Primak, green builder Steve Huebner, and Steve Brugger, the new affordable housing director for the County (replacing Judith Schlosser.)

2006 - 2007

Katherine Campbell, President

Public meetings included:

- The second of two Town Halls on the structure of local government in May 2006
- Our fall membership event in September, with speaker Richard Mason, director of the LWVNM health care committee
- A forum on public election financing, on November 28
- The January 2007 Legislative Preview.

Voter Services: LWVLA sponsored two candidate forums prior to November's general election. The first, on September 19, was for the Council candidates only and was devoted to the topic of the Trinity Redevelopment Project. The second, on October 5, was for all candidates and more general topics. In January there were two-more election-related forums, first a forum for the special referendum mail-in election on the implementation of Ordinance 529 authorizing the sale of bonds for the Trinity Redevelopment Project, and then a school board and UNMLA advisory board candidate forum. The League also published a Voters Guide, paid for in part by two half-page ads taken by LANB and LAMC.

Lunch with a Leader hosted Pat Casados, Los Alamos magistrate judge; Craig Martin, the County's Open Space Specialist; Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan, manager of the county library system; Rick Bohn, director of the county's Community Development Department; and Cas Mason, who spoke about her work at the IAEA in Vienna.

A second unit meeting on sustainability in August 2006 kicked off the consensus-building unit meetings for a sustainability position, an effort largely led by the Los Alamos League. In March 2007, a water study committee formed to propose studies at both the Los Alamos annual meeting in April and at the state convention in May.

2007 - 2008

Christine Chandler, President

Public meetings included:

- A presentation by Health Care for All Campaign of the results of the study commissioned by the Health Coverage for New Mexicans Committee created by the Governor and Legislature, in September 2007
- A talk by Mike Davis, the county's new transportation director, as our September membership event
- The annual legislative preview in January 2008

The Voter Services committee produced the 2007 *Who's In Charge*. We also provided a moderator, timekeeper and one of three panelists for a debate between the two Republican primary candidates for the seat of retiring Senator Domenici in April 2008.

Lunch with a Leader hosted David Apple, program manager for the Airport Basin Site, Trinity Site, and the Municipal Building; Susan Herrera, Executive Director of the LANL Foundation; Rosalie Heller and Ann McLaughlin from the Los Alamos Concert Association; Steve Brugger, LAC Housing Program Manager; Cedric Page, the new director of UNMLA; and Alison Beckman and Jody Benson from the

Los Alamos school board.
 Unit meetings were held to discuss the consensus questions for the LWVUS immigration study (November 2007) and the LWVNM Fair Representation study (March 2008).
 Matt Dickens, the county's new Water and Energy Conservation Officer, was our speaker at the annual meeting in April 2008.

2008 - 2009

Christine Chandler, Acting President
 This year the League was run by an executive committee consisting of Christine Chandler, Rebecca Shankland, Barbara Calef, Anne Nobile and Kathleen Taylor.
 Public meetings included:

- A forum on Water Issues in June 2008, which was recorded and distributed to other state Leagues. Speakers were Angela Bordegaray from the OSE, Steve Harris, executive director of Rio Grande Restoration, Tim Glasco, LAC's Water Manager, and Paula Garcia, executive director of the New Mexico Acequia Association.
- The annual legislative preview in January 2009
- A talk by Julia DeMichelis and Mike Wismer on governance in Iraq
- A second talk by Julia, cosponsored by the AAUW and LACACIS, on Promoting Democracy in the Arab World.

Voter Services produced a Voters Guide and conducted three candidate forums. The first, on September 23, 2008, was for the candidates for Congressional District 3. The second, in early October, was for candidates for the County Council, PRC, and other local and district races. A forum for school board and UNMLA advisory board candidates was held in January 2009; the school bond issue was also discussed at this forum.

Los Alamos hosted the LWVNM Council meeting in May 2008. Chick Keller spoke about the latest science on climate change.
 Lunch with a Leader hosted Mary Pat Kraemer, County Clerk; Ralph Damiani, publisher of the Los Alamos Monitor; Katy Korkos, LA Chamber of Commerce Member Services; Linda Deck, director of the Bradbury Science Museum; Tony Mortillaro, Assistant County Administrator; Christine Hazard, a psychologist with LAPS; Roger Snodgrass, editor of the Los Alamos Monitor; Kristine Coblentz, director of the Los Alamos First Born Program; Regina Wheeler, LAC Environmental Sustainability Manager

The League also cosponsored a showing of the film *Election Day* with Mesa Public Library, and led the discussion following this film about the 2004 election.

Unit meetings were held for the state Fair Representation study to address the consensus questions for a new state position on redistricting; to develop a consensus position on water for LWVLA; and to discuss the consensus questions for the LWVUS study of the National Popular Vote Compact.

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