

Call to State Convention - 2011
May 13-15, Los Alamos, NM
Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Los Alamos
Holiday Inn Express, 60 Entrada Drive

Schedule

Friday, May 13

6:00-8:00 p.m. Reception at the home of Kyle and Mike Wheeler, 1855 Los Pueblos. Carpools will form in the lobby of the Holiday Inn Express starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Registration. Silent auction begins.

8:30 a.m. Convention 2011 convenes
First Plenary Session

Noon Lunch Speaker: Mary Wilson, *Redistricting and the League of Women Voters*

1:30 Workshop: *Deliberative Democracy* (presentation by Dick Mason followed by discussion)

3:15 Tour of Los Alamos (or sightseeing on your own)

5:30 No-host bar at Best Western Hilltop House, 400 Trinity Drive

6:30 Banquet, Best Western Hilltop House
Speaker: NM Senator Tim Keller on *Building Healthy Communities*

Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Second Plenary Session

10:30 a.m. Silent auction ends

Noon Convention 2011 adjourns

Convention registration: The registration fee of \$40 (\$45 after May 1) includes the Friday reception, convention packet, Saturday lunch, snacks at breaks, and Saturday afternoon tour of Los Alamos. The banquet is not included. Guests who do not wish to register as observers may sign up for the Saturday lunch and/or tour as well as the banquet.

Registration forms and additional information are in your Spring 2011 *La Palabra* (and page 3 of this document). Please bring this issue of *La Palabra* with you to the Convention.

Directions to the hotel: The Holiday Inn Express is just off Rte. 502 at the entrance to Los Alamos from the east. Rte. 502 climbs to the altitude of Los Alamos (7300 feet) from the Rio Grande. At the top of the hill, about 0.2 miles beyond the county line, look

for the turnoff to Entrada and the sign for the Holiday Inn Express on your right. After you turn right, Entrada Drive is the first left.

Room reservations: The Holiday Inn Express is reserving a block of rooms for delegates at the “government rate” of \$86/night + tax, one king-size bed or two double beds per room. Call the Inn at (505) 661-2646 to make reservations, mentioning the League.

In and around Los Alamos

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos is delighted to host this year’s state Convention of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico. Since you will be coming so far, consider spending an extra day or two to explore the neighborhood. The Holiday Inn Express will allow you to extend your stay at the same rate they are offering delegates and their families for the Convention.

There are two museums in Los Alamos, both free. The **Los Alamos Historical Museum** next to **Fuller Lodge** at 2132 Central. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 to 4:30 and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Learn more about the Jemez Mountains, the Los Alamos Ranch School, and life in Los Alamos during the Manhattan Project.

The **Bradbury Science Museum** is located at 15th Street and Central Avenue. Learn about the Manhattan Project and watch the short film called *The Town That Never Was*. In addition, there are exhibits about current research at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays.

Other interesting places to visit while in the area are **Bandelier National Monument** and the **Valles Caldera**. Bandelier offers a newly renovated museum as well as self-guided walking tours of the pueblo ruins and cliff dwellings. For the more ambitious, hikes of five to 20+ miles take you into its largely untouched back country. A separate small area, the **Tsankawi ruins**, provides a scenic hike and scramble of about 1.5 miles, partly on old foot paths worn into the soft tuff.

The mesas and canyons in Los Alamos County are criss-crossed by trails. Near the Holiday Inn Express, a paved trail runs up the south side of the mesa into Los Alamos proper (about 1.7 miles one-way), and an unpaved trail runs up the north side of the mesa, for a round trip of about 4 miles. The scenic top of the Camp Hamilton trail, built into the edge of the mesa, starts about ½ mile east of the Inn.

Websites for more information:

- Bradbury Science Museum <http://www.lanl.gov/museum/>
- Los Alamos Historical Museum <http://www.losalamoshistory.org/>
- Bandelier National Monument <http://www.nps.gov/band/>
- Valles Caldera National Park <http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/>
- LA Country trails <http://www.losalamosnm.us/parks/trails/>

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local League Delegate _____ State Board _____ MAL Rep _____ Observer _____

Registration fee Postmarked by May 1 \$40 \$ _____

After May 1 \$45 \$ _____

Saturday banquet \$38 \$ _____

Guests:

_____ Number of guests for banquet \$38 each \$ _____

_____ Number of guests for tour \$10 each \$ _____

_____ Number of guests for Sat. lunch \$12 each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (check made payable to LWVLA) \$ _____

Choice of entrees for banquet:

Lamb _____ (number)

Salmon _____

Vegetarian lasagna _____

Mail registration form with check payable to LWV Los Alamos to:

LWVLA (att. convention committee)

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