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Call to State Convention - 2009

May 15-17, 2009 - Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico

Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Reception at home of Diane & Don Goldfarb
7909 Charger Trail NE
Pick up Convention packets

Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m.

Convention 2009 Convenes

8:30 a.m.

First Plenary Session

Noon

Luncheon

Speakers: Jody Larson and Frank Susman
"Santa Fe Transparency Project"

1:30-2:20 p.m.

Workshop: "Developing League Leadership"
Carolie Mullan, LWVUS Board of Directors

2:20-2:40 p.m.

Break

2:40-4:40 p.m.

Workshop: "NM State Budget Process"
Anne Stauffer, New Mexico Voices for Children

6:30 p.m.

Cash Bar

7:00 p.m.

Banquet

Speaker: Doug Fernandez, News Anchor,
KOAT-TV, ABC affiliate, Albuquerque
"Covering Politics in New Mexico"

Sunday, May 17

8:30 a.m.

Second Plenary Session

Noon

Convention 2009 adjourns

Registration Form and additional information is on page 11
Please bring this issue of *La Palabra* with you to the Convention.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The LWVNM state convention is coming right up. It will be a busy two days, and I hope that all of New Mexico's Leagues will participate to the fullest in helping the state set its course for the next two years.

Our hosts at LWVCNM are working hard to obtain space at a reasonable price and arrange the main social event, the Saturday evening banquet. We also have a full afternoon of talks and workshops that I hope delegates will find interesting. Jody Larson, president LWVSFC, and Frank Susman, chair of the Northern New Mexico ACLU, will tell us about the Santa Fe County Transparency Project. Our LWVUS liaison, Carolie Mullan, will provide hints on developing League leadership. And Anne Stauffer of NM Voices for Children, I am reliably told, can make even the dry topic of the NM state budget process comprehensible, and we hope to learn how to "follow the money" better than in the past.

In other news, LWVNM vice-president Linda Moscarella, Jody Larson and I met with Senator Bingaman in February. He took almost an hour out of his schedule to talk with us about health care and climate change. On the latter, we were pleased to learn that he recognizes the main problems with "cap-and-trade" under the Kyoto treaty, namely the excessive use of "offsets" to meet requirements and the initial give-away of permits. As one of the leaders developing a bill that can pass the Senate, perhaps he can ensure that these mistakes are not repeated.

Keep your eye out for a forum on climate change in August to be sponsored by LWVNM under a grant from the national League, arranged by Natural Resources chair Lora Lucero. The date has not yet been determined, but the goal of the program will be to introduce the public to the issues surrounding "cap-and-trade". We are partnering with the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club and the panel will include UNM experts and members of our Congressional delegation.

Kathy Campbell, President

LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Central New Mexico - *Diane Goldfarb*

Fortunately, calls from the public slowed down after the November election. We were able to concentrate on publishing our member handbook and *Who's Who* political directory. 12,000 copies of the *Who's Who* were printed for distribution in Bernalillo and Sandoval counties.

In December LWVCM sponsored a Health Care Community Discussion moderated by Dick Mason. Despite the fact that it was put together very quickly and held during the holiday week, 91 people attended, the vast majority from outside the League.

Our January unit meetings were on Pain, Drugs and Prison: The Connection and

Issues, and our Drug Policy Study Committee brought in excellent speakers. February's topic was Voters' Issues and speakers included Bernalillo County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver, NM Secretary of State Mary Herrera and LWVUS President Mary Wilson. Attorney Andy Schultz spoke to us about voter identification and what happened in the Albuquerque lawsuit. March brought our annual Sunshine Week program with ACLU Executive Director Peter Simonson and members of the NM Attorney General's "Road Show", including the Attorney General himself, Gary King.

The Board has reviewed policies and positions and updated them to reflect our boundary and name changes. We hope that

the major changes needed will be completed with approval at the annual meeting. We are also searching for new office space.

And for fun we celebrated the League's 89th birthday with our annual theater party, attending a performance of *Arsenic and Old Lace* and enjoying a reception afterwards. Proceeds went to benefit our operating fund.

Greater Las Cruces - *Cathy Mathews*

Legislators accepted our invitation to a Breakfast in December. At the well attended event, we met newly elected Senator Steve Fischmann, who unseated Senator Lee Rawson, who received recognition for his long-time service. Also, the League sponsored a table at the NMSU's Model UN Team dinner to fund the team's trip to the Model UN International conference held in Xi'an, China.

During the NM legislative session, our local Action Committee participated in the statewide teleconferences and a local Action Alert broadcast email system called upon members to telephone or email support or opposition for bills. Additionally, members focused on local and state program planning in anticipation of annual meeting and state convention.

On February 14, we celebrated the League's birthday and ratification of the 19th amendment with a Gala Fund Raiser. The movie, *Iron Jawed Angels*, gave members of the League and community a new understanding of the privilege of voting. The continental breakfast was delicious and the event was a sell-out.

Recycling has been a major local issue. Throughout the year tips about recycling appeared in a VOTER article, "Talking Trash," written by Marjorie Burr. She and other League members represent the League on the South Central Solid Waste Authority and the grassroots effort, South Central Recycling Partnership. We reached consensus on several questions regarding LWVUS' National Popular Vote

study at the March general meeting. Members discussed the various points with the leadership of Sharon Burbano, Ellen Haltom, and Bonnie Burn

Thank you to our many members who supported our activities.

Los Alamos - *Executive Committee*

It has been a very busy first quarter in Los Alamos. We began the year with a candidates forum for the local school elections plus a school bond election. Next came our legislative preview, at which Representative Wallace and Senator Cisneros presented their expectations for the upcoming session and answered lots of questions.

In February, we held a consensus meeting to define our new position on water for use in lobbying within the County. The opening statement of our new position reads: "The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that the goal of our county should be to use no more water than can be produced from our aquifer without depleting it." In particular, the County should reserve its San Juan-Chama water rights for future emergencies that might be caused by drought and/or contamination.

LWVLA sponsored two public talks by member Julia DeMichelis, home between assignments this winter. In the first she told about the year she spent in Iraq, where she led a multinational team that assisted the Iraq National Assembly to develop its internal governance mechanisms. Her second talk dealt with her three years in Morocco where she directed the U.S. Government's effort to strengthen the capabilities of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco.

In addition we launched our annual fund drive and held a program planning meeting, plus three interesting "lunches with leaders", including a visit to the County's new Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standard "Eco Station" at the County's transfer facility.

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Local League Presidents' Message

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Santa Fe County - Jody Larson

Our local League has been busy with elections recently. Despite legislation allowing them to be consolidated, elections for the Santa Fe Public Schools board and the Santa Fe Community College board were held separately in February and March. According to our County Clerk's office, combining the elections could have saved the county about \$50,000. LWVSFC published voter guides and held candidate forums for both elections.

Our program planning meeting in February yielded proposals for studies at the local and state levels. Locally, we will develop criteria for evaluating local referenda, such as bond issues, publishing the criteria and distributing them to local entities such as school boards and city and county governments, so that

they may know how we will consider their issues for advocacy purposes. We will continue our review of the city budget, and we will undertake an action item to develop a local "Impact on Issues."

We reached consensus on all of the LWVUS questions for the National Popular Vote Compact study, and have reported our results. This was a very thought-provoking study. Our discussion was comprehensive, and our attendance included members who have studied and worked on the issue for many years. We look forward to the results to be announced by the LWVUS board in May.

Other activities include our transparency project, due to be completed in May, and our preparations for Annual Meeting on May 2. Check out our 2009 *Who's Who* and other features at our website, www.lwvsfc.org.

REPORTS TO CONVENTION

Action Committee for 2008-09

Dick Mason, Chair

The 2009 Legislative session has just ended, and there were some significant victories and some disappointments. Here they are by category:

Ethics and Election Reform – The legislature did pass bill, SB116, that puts a limit on campaign spending. Also passed was SB72 that would assure greater oversight of election results. HB393 was passed that opens the legislative conference committee meetings to the public. The Legislature didn't give serious consideration to an Ethics Commission. Given the scandals that have arisen over the last couple of years, this shows that many of our legislators have a high threshold of embarrassment.

Health Care – Once again the Legislature avoided dealing with any systemic reform

issues. The Health Security Act (SB281 and HB339) did make it through some Committees but did not make it to the floor of either house. A few transparency bills (HB130 and HB544) passed that will make it easier for Medicaid advocates to obtain information from the Human Services Department. A watered down Electronic Medical Records Act (SB278) also passed.

Natural Resources – There were some victories in this area: State Engineer Jurisdiction Over the Deep Aquifer (HB19); Oversight for Tax Increment Development Districts (TIDDS) (HB451); and Training for Green Jobs (SB318) all made it to the Governor's desk. Another important victory was blocking the passage of TIDDS for the Westside SunCal project (HB470).

Social Issues – The big victory was repealing the death penalty, and the League was a key player in the Coalition to Repeal the Death Penalty. The Domestic

Partnership bill lost a vote in the Senate and the Freedom of Choice bill didn't even get out of its second committee.

Education – The change in the funding formula made it through the House but got stuck in Senate Finance.

The Action Committee wants to thank the LWVNM membership for their responses to our Action Alerts. The League advocacy made a significant difference in a number of victories, most notably the repeal of the death penalty and blocking the SunCal TIDDS bill.

Our day at the Legislature had a lower turnout than in past years, about 40 people. We did get a lot of activity at the League of Women Voters table set up at the State House.

The Acton Committee will soon start to plan for participation in the Interim Committees that meet when the Legislature is not in session. In addition, the committee will discuss whether we want to initiate any legislation. We will also be discussing whether we want to start advocating for national legislation on health care and other issues.

Election Issues - Cheryl Haaker

Nearly all of the pre-election work on voter registration and voter education took place in the local Leagues. The state League did compile material on state-wide candidates and issues for inclusion in local *Voters' Guides*.

The State League stepped in just before the 2008 General Election to dispute a ruling from the Attorney General that would have imposed what LWVNM believed to be an overly restrictive way of counting hand-tallied ballots (mostly absentee). The case was argued pro bono by Ed Ricco. The League eventually prevailed, just a few days before the election, and issued a formal written opinion on February 9, 2009.

The Fair Representative study group conducted consensus unit meetings in November and, as a result, LWVNM now has a new position on redistricting, included on page. 7 of this newsletter. In the legislative

session just concluded, SJR 15 proposed a constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission that LWVNM would have supported, but it did not pass its first committee. HB 935 to create a constitutional revision commission passed the house without opposition but died in the Senate.

Lobbying Workshop - Kathy Campbell

The LWVNM sponsored a lobbying workshop on January 24 in Santa Fe. Our legislative presenters were Representative Jimmie Hall from Bernalillo County and Senator Peter Wirth from Santa Fe. Our other invited speakers were Leanne Leith, political director of Conservation Voters New Mexico, and Natasha Ning of the consulting firm Buerkle and Ning. In addition, Dick Mason talked about the legislative process and Kathy Campbell about the legislative web site maintained by the Legislative Council Service.

Wirth and Hall, although of different political parties, made a terrific "tag team" in their joint presentation. Between them they provided many useful hints for citizen lobbyists. They emphasized working with the sponsor of legislation of interest, and getting handouts not only to key legislators but also the committee and party analysts. They also agreed that it is important to be prepared to explain and rebut the arguments against your position in one-on-one conversations with legislators, while focusing on "why this is an important bill" when addressing a committee during a hearing..

Always, of course, be respectful, and do not misuse e-mail or blitz legislators with pre-printed postcards. And, don't forget the Governor! The Governor's "constituent days" are very effective, as we learned most recently in advocating for the repeal of the death penalty.

Wirth did admit that paid lobbyists have an advantage not only relative to citizen lobbyists but also even relative to the legislators who have fewer resources than many of them. But active, focused citizen lobbying does have a major impact. We need more League members to join the Action Committee and get Involved.

Reports to Convention (Continued) Membership Report

Johnnie Aldrich, Director

It's been a very good year!

Overall, our numbers remain strong. The Summary Sheet from the LWVUS Membership Database shows that our total New Mexico membership increased from 653 in October 2008 to 670 in March 2009. That's good.

Much of the increase, I suspect, came from large numbers of new "National" members in every League. This phenomenon often occurs in General Election years because of contributions that go directly to the LWVUS headquarters. Our local membership directors will actively court these contributors so that they will become members of our local entities.

Many thanks are due to all of our local directors. They have worked diligently both to clear our rolls of inactive members and to bring in new members. Working with these outstanding leaders has been a huge source of satisfaction for me. They are "doers"!

My own term of office will end with the 2009 Convention. I look forward to welcoming a new member to our Board of Directors and leaving my duties to a new director. But I will greatly miss the other members of our Board. Talk about "doers"! All have been an inspiration to me and are just vibrant, caring people to know. Thanks so much for giving me the opportunity to serve and learn during these past four years.

Voters Key - Kathy Campbell

The 2009 Voters Key was prepared, and 5000 copies were printed for an initial run in late January. More than half of these were mailed to public libraries in areas outside the four cities where there are local Leagues. They were distributed on League Day at the Legislature. Local Leagues are welcome to as many as they think they can use to supplement their own Who's Who. They are also available for other non profit organizations and public meetings. Please contact your local League if you are attending an event where you would like to hand some out.

2009 CONVENTION BUSINESS

Report of the Bylaws Committee

Barbara Calef and Kathy Campbell

Most of the changes proposed by the Bylaws Committee are small, such as removing a reference to "provisional Leagues" in Article V (provisional Leagues were eliminated in 1996 and replaced by MAL Units). Some changes were required to ensure consistency, for example in notification requirements before state Council and Convention.

A major change that is being proposed is the creation of a two-year budget cycle. The LWVNM budget is not complicated, and it seems unnecessary to convene a budget committee more than once every two years. In fact, budgeting for two years will actually

be easier because the various Convention and Council registration and expense cycles, both national and state, are two-year cycles. Also new program is adopted only at Convention. Other expenses are pretty much the same from year to year.

The proposed bylaws changes would require the state Board to review the budget prior to the state Council meeting in years when we have no state Convention and allow the state Council to make changes if necessary.

The proposed changes will be included in the Convention packets in May, and will be made available at our web site www.lwvnm.org.

Report of the Budget Committee and LWVNM Board

Dick Mason, Chair

In preparation for the possible adoption of a two-year budget cycle (see the report of the Bylaws Committee), the Budget Committee prepared two one-year budgets this year. The Budget Committee was chaired by Dick Mason. Other committee members were Rosmarie Frederickson, Cathy Mathews, Adair Waldenberg, and *ex officio* Diane Albert. The LWVNM Board of Directors reviewed and modified the budget put forward by the Budget Committee.

The expenses that change most between the first and second year of the two-year League cycle are delegate expenses (larger in the even-numbered years that include a national convention) and voter services (the LWVNM Voters Key is produced in the winter following a General Election, although we sometimes reprint a smaller number in the off years.)

Most of our income comes from the per member payment (PMP) received from the local Leagues. Because the budgets for both years are deficit budgets, the board feels that a reduction in state PMP is not prudent at this time.

The Board is recommending that, for 2009-10, we budget \$1,100 in grants to local Leagues to help offset the increase in the LWVUS PMP. The availability of funds for grants in 2010-11 will be reevaluated by the board and Council in spring 2010.

The Board is recommending that we commit to \$4,000 in fundraising activities in 2010-11 to avoid further erosion of our reserves. This will require the creation of a Fundraising Committee which the Board will initiate at the 2009 LWVNM Convention.

[Convention] is a way to get out of the box of our own branch and participate in the bigger picture.
Jean Amman, AAUW of Indiana

New LWVNM Position

Position on Reapportionment and Redistricting

(Adopted January 10, 2009)

Fair Representation Study Group
Cheryl Haaker, Chair

LWVNM supports a redistricting process and standards that provide the people with a meaningful choice in electing their representatives and facilitate holding government accountable.

The criteria for preparing redistricting maps should require that districts meet all Federal criteria including equal population and the provisions of the Voting Rights Act. In addition, it is important that districts:

- be contiguous
- be reasonably compact, in terms of travel time from one part of the district to another
- avoid crossing geographic barriers to travel, such as mountain ranges
- minimize the partition of major jurisdictions (counties, municipalities) to the extent possible
- not intentionally favor any political party.

The League supports having an independent commission or other independent group develop redistricting plans meeting these criteria to be considered by the Legislature.

The public must have access to all information used in the redistricting process on a timely basis, and have the opportunity to comment and be heard on the proposed redistricting processes,



**SILENT
AUCTION**

(Details see p. 10)

LWVNM PROPOSED TWO YEAR BUDGET FOR 2009-2011

<u>Category</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>2011</u>
Expenses			INCOME		
Board Administration			Contributions	500	500
1. Meeting space	100	100	Fund Raising Events/Mailings	0	2000
2. Meeting travel	275	275	Local League PMP @\$12 and \$6		
3. Training	100	100	Central New Mexico	3426	3426
Delegate Expenses			Greater Las Cruces	942	942
1. LWVNM Convention	400	280	Los Alamos	618	618
2. LWVNM Council Reg.	270	75	Santa Fe	1578	1578
3. LWVUS Convention .	900	3000	Members-at-Large Dues	260	260
4. LWVUS Council	0 ⁽¹⁾	600	Other Income		
Fundraising Expenses			1. Special Events	700	700
1. Events	25	25	2. Interest	100	100
2. Mailing	0	200	3. Convention Auction	1000	0
Member Services			Reimbursement from Ed Fund	0	1600
1. MAL Services	0	0	TOTAL INCOME	9,124	11,724
2. Newsletter printing	2060	2160	Net Gain (Loss)	(1,121)	(1,761)
3. Mailing Services	300	315			
4. Newsletter Postage	300	315			
5. Newsletter Editor's Exp.	200	200			
6. Membership Development	100	100			
7. MAL PMP	190	190			
Operating Expenses					
1. Office Use	600	600			
2. Office Supplies	100	100			
3. Postage - Bulk Mail Permit	185	200			
4. Postage - Stamps	100	100			
5. Telephone					
Phone cards: Local Leagues	165	175			
LWVNM Phone	200	200			
6. Web Site	125	125			
7. Copying	100	100			
8. Insurance	350	350			
9. Miscellaneous	200	200			
Program Expenses - Advocacy					
1. League Day	300	300			
2. Position Support	500	500			
3. State Studies	1000	1000			
Grants to Local Leagues	1100	0 ⁽²⁾			
Voter Services					
1. Voters Key	0	1600			
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,245	13,485			

(1) 2009 LWVUS Council is Electronic - no expense.

(2) Board and Council will review grants options in 2010.

**EDUCATION FUND BUDGET
FOR 2009-2011**

Expenses - Transfers to LWVNM Account		
For Voters Key	0	1600
For Revenue Sharing	0	0
Total Expense	0	1600
Income	0	0
Solicitation Letter	1000 ⁽³⁾	2000
Net Gain (Loss)	1000	400

(3) LWVNM will participate in the LWVUS "Window of Opportunity" fundraising program

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR STUDY AND ACTION (2009-2011)

RECOMMENDED ITEM

Proposal to Continue Water Study - Barbara Calef, Chair

At the 2007 state convention, the LWVNM adopted a two-year study of water supply and demand in New Mexico. The study committee is chaired by Barbara Calef.

During the same two years, LWV Los Alamos conducted its own water study, also under Barbara's direction. LWVLA has completed its study and in the process has compiled much information of use at the state level.

DVDs of a forum on water that was held in Los Alamos in 2008 were distributed to all four local Leagues. Members of the committee have also participated actively in a task force that has been meeting monthly to consider the issues related to water planning and land development.

The LWVNM study committee proposes to extend the LWVNM study for one more year. The committee will propose consensus questions in the following areas to the State Board in July or September:

- coordination of water planning and land use planning;
- public welfare statement and implementation;
- conservation; and
- role of regional water plans.

An on-line study guide has been started at www.lwvnm.org/water.html, and this will be expanded and updated to match the consensus questions by mid-September. Unit meetings will be scheduled with all four local Leagues. The committee expects to propose a new position for adoption by the board by May, 2009.

Recommendation: The Board recommended continuation of the study.

NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Proposal to Include Financial Literacy as a High School Graduation Requirement

Jan Gaziano, Chair

Scope: Study the advisability of including financial literacy as a partial-credit graduation requirement to be fulfilled by the completion of coursework from selections of high school courses. Various states will be studied.

Background: With our difficult economic times, it is important that students are armed with essential financial literacy skills, generally supported by our current position. HJM59 of the 49th legislative session, which looks like it will pass, will require review of current benchmarks and standards. All states surrounding NM require some form of this requirement.

Recommendation: The Board is not recommending adoption of this proposal because financial literacy as a graduation requirement can be supported under our current education position.

**Proposal to Raise
NM Driver License Age to 17**

Ellie Blossom, Chair

Scope: Study the advisability of raising the NM driver's license age to 17, for a basic permanent license. (At present, it is possible to obtain this permanent license at age 16.)

Background: Nationwide, sixteen year olds have the highest rates of crashes, deaths and injuries. Graduated driver license programs, adopted by most states, have shown significant reductions in these statistics. Would raising the license age from 16 to 17 lead to a further reduction in deaths and injuries?

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA recommends postponing full licensing until age 17. (Most states fully license teens at age 16-16.5.) A handful of states have attempted legislation to raise the age to 17, but New Jersey is the only state that requires teens to wait until age 17 for full licensure.

Recommendation: The Board is not recommending adoption of this proposal because it is not in line with League priorities.

**2009-2011 PROPOSED NOMINEES
FOR LWVNM BOARD**

Nominating Committee
Marnie Leverett, Chair

Jan Bray, Rebecca Shankland, Jody Larson,
Lora Lucero

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Health	Vicki Simons
Natural Resources	Lora Lucero

Nominating Committee (2011-2013)

Rebecca Shankland, Chair
Johnnie Aldrich
JoAnne Ramponi

Silent Auction - Convention 09

Another rewarding and **FUN** auction will be assembled for your enjoyment. Please bring your auction items to the Nativo Lodge, 6000 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque before the first session on Saturday morning , May 16. The meetings start at 8:30 a.m. Bidding will continue all day and end at 7:00 that night when dinner is served. Winners will be listed before the Sunday morning meeting begins, and items can be picked up that morning until 1:00 p.m. Bring some engaging items to pique our interest. The LWVNM thanks you for your assistance.

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Directions to the hotel: The Nativo Lodge is east of I-25 at the San Mateo Blvd. exit #230. Go right when exiting I-25 from either direction and immediately get into the left lane. Turn left on N. Pan American Freeway NE.

Room Reservations at the Nativo: The special rate is \$79 for a room with either a king bed or two double beds. Call the Nativo, 1-888-628-4861 and say that your reservation is for the League of Women Voters. To get the convention rate, make your reservations by April 22, 2009.

Convention Registration:

Fee includes: Friday reception, convention packet, Saturday lunch, morning coffee and tea breaks, Saturday afternoon break. Registration cancellations will be accepted until May 1, 2009.

Questions: Contact Diane Goldfarb, dgoldfarb1(at)comcast.net, (505) 821-4229.

Print or type form clearly with one person or couple per form. Make your check for the full amount and make it payable to LWVNCNM. Mail your check with your form to Convention Treasurer Don Goldfarb, 7909 Charger Trail NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

REGISTRATION FORM			
Name _____	Phone _____		
Address _____	Email _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____	
Local League Delegate _____	State Board _____	MAL Rep; _____ (Only One Allowed)	Observer _____
Registration Fee	Early registration (postmark by May 1)	\$50	\$ _____
	Late registration (postmark after May 1)	\$55	\$ _____
	Saturday Banquet	\$35	\$ _____
Guests: Guests may accompany you to the luncheon or banquet for the cost of the meal.			
	_____ Number of guests for lunch	\$18 each	\$ _____
	_____ Number of guest for banquet	\$35 each	\$ _____
Total Remittance			\$ _____
Choice of Entrees			
Luncheon (one ✓ per person)	Cobb Salad _____	Vegetarian Cobb Salad _____	
Banquet (one ✓ per person)	Chicken Wellington _____	Pasta Primavera _____	

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LWVNM BOARD CALENDAR - 2009

May 15-17 LWVNM Convention, Albuquerque

May 17 LWVNM Board Meeting, Albuquerque (following Convention)

June 13 LWVUS Virtual Council - All members are invited.
11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m., Albuquerque

August LWVNM Forum on Climate Change, Albuquerque