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LWVCNM Participates in Leadership Development Training

A two-day Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) training was conducted for the four New Mexico Leagues by Cheryl Graeve from LWVUS at the Hotel Elegante July 9 and 10. State coaches participated in a one-day workshop beforehand on July 8. Two other LWVUS trainers, Nancy Eitrem and Salye Stein, assisted. Past LWVUS President and a Ruth S. Shurr Fellow, Mary Wilson, attended and will be a member of our newly-formed local MLD Committee.

Bonnie Burn from Las Cruces (LWVGLC) will be our state coach in this development program which had its start four years ago at the Atlanta convention. All four local league presidents in New Mexico attended and will be conducting the same program. The LWVCNM League was represented by Marilyn Fifield, Cheryl Haaker, and Andrea Targhetta.



LWVCNM's Marilyn Fifield and Andrea Targhetta discuss a photo that Andrea has chosen to represent LWVCNM strengths.

The training included techniques for growing the skills of local leaders, increasing visibility of the League, increasing membership and some best practice tools to accomplish our mission. Nationally, the League has grown by 28 percent this last year. This may seem minimal, but it has turned around the membership loss we have experienced in the past. Leagues which have already participated in this MLD Program have grown. You will be hearing more about this as we implement the program.

-- Andrea Targhetta

Voter Registration Training Set

A voter registration training with Vince Facio is set for Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. It will be held at the Towers Apartments Community Room, 5404 Montgomery NE.

Facio will teach new people how to register voters and to give an update and review for those already trained in the procedure. The training usually lasts about an hour-and-a-half. There will be lemonade and cookies. For more information and to RSVP please contact Pam Harris by phone at 255-1222 or by email at pamharris25@gmail.com.

August Calendar

August 5	Voter Deadline
August 1	LWVCNM Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
August 8	General Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
August 13	Mental Health Study, 5:30 p.m.

President's Corner

By Andrea Targhetta, LWVCNM President

OPPORTUNITIES. It's election season once again and our League has some activities that you may be interested in joining. Voter registration closes Sept. 10, and the Albuquerque Municipal election is Oct. 8. Pam Harris our Voter Services Director is planning to have a voter registration table at the SW Alliance and Neighborhood annual event Aug. 10. Peggy Howell, our Membership Chair, will also set up to provide information about our organization and supply membership applications to all interested persons. You may want to help with either activity. Please contact these two members and help expand our impact in the community.

Aug. 29 a candidate forum for the office of City Councilor, District 7, sponsored by the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 2600 Louisiana NE. This is your chance to help with audience questions, assist the moderator or help direct and welcome attendees. It's always an interesting night.

League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico Board Meeting

1st Thursday of each month
Offices of Sutin, Thayer & Browne,
6565 Americas Parkway NE

August General Meeting is Consensus on Alcohol Study

Join us for the General Meeting on Aug. 8 at 11:45 a.m. at the MCM Elegante. It will be a consensus discussion on the Drug and Alcohol Study. This is a state study, and Jan Bray will lead the discussion.

The study committee is seeking consensus from all units in the state on four questions.

Consensus questions (Approved by the State Board 7/21/12).

1. Is alcohol abuse a public health issue? Explain your answer.

2. If you do believe alcohol abuse is a public health issue, what policy changes are needed to alleviate alcohol problems in New Mexico?

3. Would any of these changes cause undesirable outcomes?

4. How should the League prioritize any proposed changes?

Study information is available on the LWVNM website at www.lwvnm.org/alcohol-study.html

The cost of the lunch is \$15.

Telephone your reservation to the League office by 10 a.m. Aug. 5 at (505) 884-8441 or email a reservation to lunch@lwvnm.org.

