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CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ON AUGUST 26

Women's Equality Day celebrates the 86th anniversary of woman suffrage in the United States. This 72-year political campaign for women's rights began in Seneca Falls, NY, in July of 1848. The campaign culminated in August, 1920, with the final ratification by the State of Tennessee of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which granted women the right to vote. In those 72 years, many men and women fought bravely to secure equality for women citizens of the United States.

Since 1920, the League of Women Voters has educated and advocated for issues that relate to responsible citizenship. By voting, you are taking action to support this democracy and recognizing those who worked to secure the vote for women today. You might like to celebrate this day in August with one of the following suggestions.

- ❖ A movie event showing "Iron-Jawed Angels." The history of the struggle for woman's suffrage is told in this film co-produced by the League.
 - ❖ Honor the elected women of your community with a special event.
 - ❖ Ask your local government to recognize this day with a resolution or other observance..
- Or choose your own way to celebrate, but do celebrate this landmark day for women. Consider volunteering with a local League to register voters, distribute their *Voters' Guide*.

Would you like to participate at the State Fair in Albuquerque in September? We need people to spell each other at our booth handing out literature, registering voters, and answering questions. Let your local League know if you are available for a one-time job of citizenship.

Marilyn Morgan

Some Summer Highlights in Women's History *

- July 4, 1777 Mary Katherine Goddard publishes the Declaration of Independence in Baltimore, Maryland.
- July 19-20, 1848 Seneca Falls Convention, first women's rights convention.
- July 2, 1937 Amelia Earhart's plane lost in the Pacific Ocean near Howland Island.
- July 6, 1957 Althea Gibson is first black woman player to win a Wimbledon title in women's tennis singles.
- July 2, 1964 President Lyndon Johnson signs Civil Rights Act.
- July 1, 1979 Susan B. Anthony dollar starts circulating.
- July 7, 1981 President Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as first woman Supreme Court Justice.
- July 12, 1984 Representative Geraldine Ferraro (D-NY) is chosen to run for Vice President of the United States on the ticket with Walter Mondale (D-Minnesota).

* Source: National Women's History Project ENewsletter, July 2006

And did you know that the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first drafted by Alice Paul, one of the suffragists featured in "Iron-Jawed Angels," in 1923. In 2006 the ERA still has not become an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

President's Message

Since the Spring Issue, your State League has been busy. The Call to Council brought delegates and observers to Santa Fe on May 13 for a successful and informative 2006 Council (our annual meeting). Thank you to all who attended and to our Santa Fe League hosts. Two speakers briefed us on New Mexico's Liberty, Security, and Immigration issues. A delicious lunch and good business.

Next, ten delegates representing the four local Leagues and the State League went to Minneapolis for the 2006 LWVUS Convention from June 10-13, to help elect our own Mary G. Wilson as LWVUS President for the next two years. Garrison Keillor was our banquet speaker. Read your local delegates' reports in your local newsletters.

Delegates were: Judith Binder, Jan Bray, Josephine Porter (A/BC); Connie Lee (Las Cruces); Chris Chandler (Los Alamos); Jane Gaziano, Jody Larson (Santa Fe); Barbara Calef, Marilyn Morgan, and Delores Watkins (New Mexico). Sarah Buck Kachaluba (Las Cruces) and Andrea Targhetta (A/BC) were active observers. Linda Moscarella, member-at-large from El Prado, was honored with other past LWVUS Board members. Husbands and other League friends joined us and we all had a great time at the Convention and in our free time.

On the first day, state presidents carried their state sign across the stage, stopped at the microphone, said four words describing their state's Leaguers and talked one minute about the state's accomplishments. I told them New Mexicans were "intelligent, informed, indomitable, and interesting," and we were definitely "In League." I further urged attendees to stop at our display showing our Drug Policy and Pain Management Committee's success in New Mexico. Our state rates #1 as having the lowest recidivism of all drug courts in the U.S.

Many stopped and were duly impressed. Many signed up for more information on our study materials. I closed with, "Last but not least, we produced the nominee for League President."

When we were not in plenary sessions doing Convention business, we were in workshops. One I attended featured Judge Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC is the main reasonable alternative to war. It has 100 member countries and deals with individuals, not countries. To date, the U.S. has not ratified the "Rome Statutes" that established the ICC as a separate and independent international organization. The goal of this caucus was to encourage League delegates to support a review and update of current LWVUS positions on the ICC. Before this caucus, a Resolution was presented to the Convention to support the ICC, but it did not pass. More background information was needed.

Following the caucus of about 150 attendees, I was asked by the sponsors to meet with a small group to draft a "Direction to the Board" to present the last day of Convention. We met. I drafted and presented the following direction.

"I respectfully request that the board look carefully at the League's United Nations position on the creation of an international tribunal and then interpret it to include support for this tribunal (now called the International Criminal Court), which tries crimes of genocide, war crimes, and other systemic crimes against humanity."

The League from Florida, sponsor of this caucus, called me last week for the exact wording of my "Direction to the Board" and since they are publishing it in their newsletter, I thought I should share it with you in our newsletter. I'd be happy to share the information I have on the International Criminal Court, too.

Marilyn Morgan

Board Meeting Summaries

May 13 meeting after Council in Santa Fe Business

- Corrected Minutes of March meeting filed for the record
- Treasurer's final year-end report filed for the record
- Approved Memo of Understanding (MOU) between LWABC and LWVNM for use of office in Albuquerque – will review in six months for future MOUs
- Approved one annual payment for 2006-2007 office space through May 2007
- Approved Treasurer investing half of savings balance in 6-month CD
- President will inventory and post list of furniture in storage space
- Archives in storage space will be moved to UNM Library in Albuquerque

Announcements

- Las Cruces League will host the 2007 Convention on May 19-20
- La Palabra Summer issue deadline is July 8 meeting
- Discussions of Portfolio Descriptions, League Policies, and Coalitions

- deferred to July meeting
- Next meeting July 8 in Albuquerque

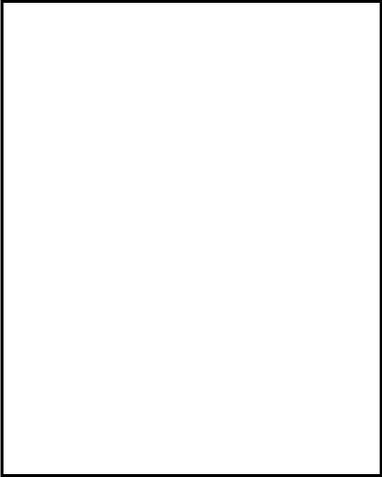
July 8 meeting in Albuquerque Business

- Corrected Minutes of May meeting filed for the record
- No Treasurer's Report presented in absence of Treasurer
- Motion passed to direct Treasurer to proceed with purchasing CD
- Amended and approved 2006-2007 Calendar of Events
- Report from Andrea Targhetta, *Voters' Guide* Chair
- Report from Helen Wright, Nominating Committee Chair
- Approved purchasing four phone cards for conference use by League members for Action, Board and other meetings when members cannot attend
- Approved Sustainability Study questions for use at local Leagues
- Approved new Liability Insurance Policy for LWVNM

- Adopted new Fiscal Policies and Procedures proposal with changes
- Re-Adopted League Policies as of July 8, 2006
- Approved Barbara Calef's "How to Do a Study" outline for distribution to members who propose doing a future study

Announcements

- Budget Chair and members needed before end of 2006. Please volunteer.
- Bylaws Chair and members needed before end of 2006. Please volunteer.
- Dick Mason volunteered to chair the Healthcare Committee
- Next meeting September 23 in Los Alamos
- Speaker at September 23 meeting on Death Penalty Coalition
- Leagues may post their Voters' Guides on national web site
- Circulated Portfolio Maps DVD purchased at Convention
- Distributed purse-size copies of the Constitution of the United States purchased at Convention



Mary Wilson is the first person from New Mexico to be elected president of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

A native of Ohio, Mary came to Albuquerque in 1979. For twenty years she has been a member of LWV/ABC. She has served the local League in various offices and has been president of LWVNM as well as Chair of the LWVUS Advocacy Committee.

Mary, an attorney, is a partner of Aungier & Wilson, P.C.

Summary of a Message Sent by Mary G. Wilson, President LWVUS

President Mary Wilson sent this report on the progress of the new program-related issues just 24 days after the close of Convention. Details are available in the Members section of the LWVUS website. Text of Resolution and Concurrence items should appear on the public section of the website. Questions should be directed to Kelly Ceballos at kceballos@lvv.org.

Carolie Mullan has been appointed to chair the Immigration Study Committee. She expects to have the committee in place before the LWVUS] October Board meeting to decide the exact scope of the study of this multi-faceted issue. Also she expects that the first article on the topic of immigration will appear in the next issue of the *2007 National Voter*. Her email is carmelchai@aol.com.¹

Another program-related issue supported at Convention was voter verifiable paper ballot or other record. This issue is being considered by the Advocacy Committee. The Resolution will have a positive impact on reform of the systems used by voters to cast their ballots. Contact Angela Canterbury (acanterbury@lvv.org) if your League has questions.

On the day the Convention passed its Resolution on restoring our system of checks and balances and the separation of powers in the protection of our civil liberties, Past President Kay J Maxwell issued a very strong statement decrying the erosion of the separation of powers in this country and calling on Congress to assume its role as a strong independent branch of government.

The Convention also reached concurrence with the Illinois League position on the abolition of the death penalty. Now State Leagues may use this position immediately to begin state action efforts to work towards abolition in their states. Practical considerations in each state will drive the action taken to encourage the state toward abolishing the death penalty. Look for an opinion piece on this issue in the October issue of *The National Voter*.²

¹ Carolie Mullan is New Mexico's new Regional Board Liaison.

² Our NM Death Penalty Study will be presented for consideration at our LWVNM Convention in Las Cruces in May, 2007

Those who attended Convention sessions last month had ample opportunity to learn about the special focus on membership growth throughout the LWVUS during the coming year.

A pilot project will focus on just five local Leagues across the nation who will work in close concert with specialists from LWVUS to increase their membership. The LWVNM Board of Directors decided that we will not present a proposal to participate in this project. Project participation involves intensive activity and extensive monthly reporting that we felt we could not adequately staff. In the process, LWVUS will develop guidelines and techniques to be shared with us. I'll keep *La Palabra* readers posted. It may be that little that is radically different will be forthcoming.

Certainly I expect that the five pilot project Leagues will show dramatic increases in membership; an organization cannot focus on increasing membership for an entire year without seeing results. I also believe that even before applying any of the new guidelines and techniques to be developed by LWVUS we will see growth.

Local Membership Chairs have received from me lists of members in their areas who are designated on our state roster as "National" members. They pay their dues directly to LWVUS. We need their funds and talent far more than LWVUS does, but many of these members do not even realize that they can ally themselves with our local groups. **National members who read this, consider yourselves forewarned:** some member of a local League should soon be writing or calling or visiting you to do a bit of gentle arm-twisting, if they haven't already. We NEED you!

Membership chairs and presidents, however, cannot carry alone the full burden of outreach to potential members. No technique is more effective than one-on-one conversation. In every one of our activities that put us in the presence of other people—poll worker training, church-going, socializing with family and neighbors, footwork or telephoning about voting during this very active political season—we should be talking about the League. Use these occasions to invite people to our next meetings or to publicize those, like the candidate forums, to which the public is invited.

All our acquaintances should know of our involvement with the LWV and that the League welcomes all who believe in the importance of educating voters and influencing public policy.

When members take upon themselves the responsibility to market our organization, increased numbers on the rosters are a sure result.

Jhnnie R. Aldrich, Membership

LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Albuquerque/Bernalillo County

LWV/ABC ran a representation election for city transportation workers in May. We have run elections before, but now have developed materials and procedures usable for future elections. We hope to promote our expertise in this area and increase the number of elections we conduct. LWV/ABC does this on a consulting basis; money earned goes into our operating fund.

Recently, our general meetings speakers have been David Iglesias, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico, on changes to the PATRIOT Act, and Judge Lorenzo Garcia, on issues related to naturalization of immigrants.

We had a very successful new member event in June—a well-attended cocktail party held in a private home with appetizers provided by board members. We will continue to have these social new member events.

The LWV/ABC delegates to national convention -- Judith Binder, Jan Bray and Josephine Porter,--along with LWVNM delegate Dee Watkins gave an enthusiastic presentation on the convention to our board.

We are putting together a new membership brochure and finalizing the job descriptions written by board members and committee chairs during the past year. At a board retreat we addressed our organization's vision and a long-range plan. We are working on our General Election Voters' Guide. *Diane Goldfarb, President*

Los Alamos

Christine Chandler, president-elect of LWVLA, prepared a report on our two Town Halls on the structure of local government. The report was sent to the Los Alamos County Council and is on our website. The first town hall, in March, tackled the questions of partisan county council elections and the role of party affiliation in board and commission appointments. The second town hall, in May, addressed the form of governance with an inquiry into whether the current seven-councilor system should be critically reviewed and whether the county should consider another system, such as one that includes an elected mayor. The Town Halls consisted of short presentations by a panel of experts followed by breakout sessions in which participants were asked to consider a series of questions and whether the county should consider a charter review. The meetings were instructive and lively.

In June, LWVLA hosted a discussion with six visitors from French-speaking Africa at the request of the Santa Fe Council on International Relations (CIR). The theme of their U.S. visit was local approaches to conflict resolution. Barbara Calef and Kathy Campbell emphasized the League's work on strengthening democracy and open, transparent government and promoting dialog on local issues, which the League views as important mechanisms for enabling conflict resolution at the local level. League member George Chandler, a retired physicist and now a lawyer, talked about mediation alternatives to adversarial court procedures, and Mary Beth Stevens, a LANL ombudsman,

explained how the Laboratory's mediation program works and how its volunteers, all of whom have other "day jobs", are trained. The group also attended a session of the Santa Fe Teen Court, learned about Esperanza (a program for victims of domestic violence), and met with Carl Moore, a local facilitator and mediator who has worked with the Los Alamos League as well as with the County during the development of its Comprehensive Plan.

This League is gearing up for the fall elections, including a business-oriented fund-raising drive to defray the associated expenses. *Katherine Campbell, President*

Greater Las Cruces

The following quotations are from articles in *The Voter* of Greater Las Cruces, July, 2006. Two members describe their experiences at the LWVUS Convention.

"What a privilege it was to represent our League at the national meeting.... Are there shrinking violets in the League of Women Voters? That would be a definite NO! What a remarkable group of women and men comprise and support the league nationwide. The debate was always spirited and few votes received unanimous consent. There were caucuses held at 7 am and at 10 pm on every issue various Leaguers wanted to have considered on the floor. It was non-stop immersion into League lore and tradition. I am in awe of those who have led before us and have given the League of Women Voters the powerful reputation it has today. It was an unforgettable experience." *Connie Lee, President*

"The convention offered different kinds of presentations to delegates, including caucuses, workshops, and the plenary sessions. Caucuses were held by different State Leagues advocating for resolutions recommended by the National League, such as abolition of the death penalty, and non-recommended resolutions such as giving an increased priority to health care reform and global warming, and preparing an update on the League's military policy position. Individual sponsors of these resolutions passed out literature encouraging delegates to support their initiatives.

Workshops outlined different skills and suggested certain policies in administering Local Leagues, such as "Money Matters," exploring fiscal issues encountered by Local and State Leagues, "Technology Tools to Assist Your League," instructing delegates on creating a league website; and "Focus Your Approach-- Increase Your Membership!" Other workshops focused on League advocacy issues, such as "Civil Liberties: Where Are We Now?" and "Update on Current Advocacy Issues," outlining the federal League's position and activities regarding issues located under the "Democracy Agenda."

Plenary sessions were definitely the most interesting part of the conference. They met every day and delegates sat in blocs with other delegates from their state. The president or spokesperson for each State League gave a brief speech during the roll call and it was a lot of fun for us to sit with the other delegates from New Mexico and to see groups from other states

(just like at a party convention). On the first day we enjoyed speeches by Dr. Thomas Mann, Senior Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution, shared some of his knowledge regarding congressional process, campaign finance reform, and the state of the Nation in his speech, "American Democracy in a Partisan Era" and by members of the national board and committees on their work during the past year.

The plenary sessions on Sunday and Monday in which delegates voted were particularly exciting. On Sunday, voting focused on whether or not to consider individual resolutions which were not recommended by the National League, such as a resolution to increase health care as a priority for the League, an initiative to create a study committee on global warming, and increased attention to gun control. On Monday, voting concentrated on the approval or rejection of resolutions, including both League-recommended items, and the non-recommended resolutions placed on the agenda on Sunday. Delegates voted first orally, and if the results of that vote were too close, by standing in favor or against the resolution, and finally, if that vote was still too close, by paper ballot. It was fascinating to hear arguments in favor and against the resolutions and to cast votes. Energy was high and the pace for discussions and voting at these sessions was fast. Via this voting process, delegates supported resolutions against the death penalty, to protect free internet access against pressures to limit it, to step up work to protect checks and balances, and to create a study committee on immigration." They voted against a resolution calling for increasing League focus on health care and global warming, preferring that the League concentrate energies on the "Democracy Agenda" and let other groups dedicated to health care and global warming focus on those issues. They also rejected proposals to require states to create paper ballots or reform redistricting because of the arguments that the proposals were too general to be of much help with different state laws.

Sarah Buck Kachaluba, Vice-President

League Nonpartisan Policy

What's in a Name?

We guard our nonpartisanship policy actively. The League of Women Voters supports or opposes issues, not candidates.

Officers and Board members must make nonpartisanship clear in their public speaking or in participation in their community with committees, coalitions or other groups. The State League has a list of these coalitions and the League representative on each.

Members may always speak as individuals, but members must avoid the appearance of speaking for the League. The official spokesperson for the League is the President, unless another has been so designated by the League President.

Let's guard our name carefully. Our reputation depends on it.

Marilyn Morgan

Drug Policy

The Drug Policy display at LWVUS Convention was popular. Many interesting conversations about Drug Courts were touched off by the U.S. map of their locations and the handouts from the NM District courts. Pain Management and Addiction attracted persons who were surprised to learn about the issue and connection with drug policy. One person sat down on the floor and started reading our best reference book. Twenty-five persons from 16 states were added to the 55 already on our list of those interested in drug policy issues across the U.S.

We thank Jan and Olin Bray, Marilyn Morgan, and all the other members of the Drug Policy Committee for their work on the display. Jan also did a major amount of contact with convention attendees, engaging them in thoughtful and persuasive discussions.

At each of the monthly committee meetings, members present articles and experiences to help us better understand the complicated interaction of drugs, addiction, and their impact on individuals and society.

If you are interested in materials to read, let me know.

Dee Watkins, Drug Policy Chair

Health Care

Consistent with the instructions of the 2005 Convention, the Health Care Committee will present an expanded health care position to the 2007 Convention. In pursuit of developing that position and to inform the local Leagues of what may be coming up in the next legislative session, I will visit each local League in the fall. Since I was active in health care reform in Massachusetts, I will also discuss the so-called Massachusetts universal health care law and initiatives in other states.

In the 2007 Legislative session we expect that the LWVNM will support a study of alternatives to achieving universal health care in New Mexico and the Health Security Act which we expect will be reintroduced in this session.

Dick Mason, Health Care Chair

National League Position on Campaign Finance

Statement of Position on Campaign Finance, as announced by National Board, January 1974, revised March 1982:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.

The position is applicable to all federal campaigns for public office—presidential and congressional, primaries as well as general election. It also may be applied to all state and local campaigns.

Consensus and Discussion Questions for a Sustainability Position

Introduction

Sustainability is defined as “meeting the needs of the current generation while not impairing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” Should League support for any position or action be based on its impact on sustainability?

- Do LWVNM members believe that sustainability may be imperiled by human activities that are stressing Earth’s biological and physical support systems?
- The precautionary principle states that when there is reasonable suspicion of harm, lack of scientific certainty or consensus must not be used to post-pone preventive action. Do LWVNM members believe the precautionary principle should be more widely used in public decision-making, for example, in dealing with greenhouse gas emissions or genetically modified organisms?

Governance

Do LWVNM members believe that active, educated citizen participation in a democratically organized system of governance is essential for sustainability?

- Sustainability will require some global standards, such as standards for atmospheric emissions and population. How can the development and implementation of international standards be shared with regional and local governments?
- Would reversing the tendency towards the concentration of power at higher levels of government improve or reduce the chances of developing a more sustainable society?
- Should the League take a position on issues related to corporate responsibility? For example, should corporations have legally enforceable responsibilities towards the communities in which they operate as well as to their shareholders and investors?

Natural Resources and Economic Development

Do LWVNM members believe that state economic policies and public finance should be more closely tied to the natural resource base of the economy?

- What are the economic limitations imposed by the source base in New Mexico? What opportunities are provided by resources in which we are rich?
- How can tax and subsidy policies be revised to encourage more careful stewardship of the environmental basis for the New Mexico economy?
- Should public and private development be regulated to ensure that the biophysical limits of the local resource base are not exceeded, in order to preserve the ability of future generations of New Mexicans to meet their own needs? In particular, should a stronger linkage between land use and water availability be enforced?

Social Policies

Do LWVNM members believe that social policies should equip all members of society to participate in and contribute to a sustainable society?

- What are the goals of education in a sustainable society?
What do these imply for the design of our educational system?
- How does health care contribute to a sustainable society?
What does this imply for the design of a health care system?
- The “core economy” is economically productive activity that takes place outside the market and is not measured by traditional indicators such as GDP. It includes all kinds of unpaid household labor and community work, much of it done by women. Economists have estimated its value at 20 to 40% of the total economy. Should the social policies of the League acknowledge and support the core economy as an essential component of a sustainable economic system? *Katherine Campbell*

Process for Conducting State Studies

1. A local League board votes to propose a study for LWVNM.
2. The local League provides a short description of the scope and objectives of the proposed study to the members of the state board and to *La Palabra* for publication in the Spring issue prior to the state convention.
3. At the March state board meeting a member of the local League presents the proposal to the board. It is reviewed with the following questions in mind:
 - Are there people (drawn from many local Leagues) available to work on the issue?
 - Is the problem one that can be addressed by governmental (as opposed to private) action?
 - Is the issue one in which the League is likely to make a difference in the outcome?

The board votes on whether to recommend the study for adoption at convention.

4. A study recommended by the board requires a simple majority for adoption. If the study is not recommended by the board, the local League must get a majority vote on the first day of Convention to receive consideration during the program planning session on the second day. A 2/3 vote is required to adopt a non-recommended item.

5. If the study is adopted, the local League must name a leader to form a Resource Committee.

6. The Resource Committee must then:
 - a. frame questions to guide the study
 - b. present the questions and a discussion of the intended process to the state board for approval at the July board meeting
 - c. contact all the local Leagues to schedule meetings with the units
 - d. compile a study guide including pro and con perspectives.

7. For a two-year study, the purpose of the first round of unit meetings will be to educate the members about the issue and to reach consensus about whether a League position is justified. A recorder must be chosen at each unit meeting to report on areas of agreement, areas where there is no agreement, level of member participation, etc.

8. In the second year, the Resource Committee must frame and present to the state board a set of consensus questions that will be used to help formulate the position. The committee must schedule a second round of unit meetings.

9. The Resource Committee will use the reports from the recorders to formulate the position. The state board must review and vote on the proposed position. Once approved, the interim position can be announced to the members and the public and used as a basis for action. The interim position must be presented at the next state convention for adoption. *Barbara Calef*

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* Bylaws provide for up to six elected Directors and up to six appointed Directors. As of June 1, 2006, there are no Appointed Directors.

Bylaws call for the Nominating Committee to consist of three elected members (one as Chair, two as Members) and two members appointed from the elected Board.

LWVNM 2006-2007 Calendar

	2006		2007
June 10-13	LWVUS Convention , Minneapolis, MN	January 6	Board Meeting , 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Homes by Marilyn 2017 Yale SE, Albuquerque
July 8	Board Meeting , 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Homes by Marilyn 2017 Yale SE, Albuquerque Deadline Summer <i>La Palabra</i>	January (late) or February (early)	LEAGUE DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE Santa Fe
September 23	Board Meeting , 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Los Alamos Location tba Deadline Fall <i>La Palabra</i>	March 10	Board Meeting , 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Homes by Marilyn 2017 Yale SE, Albuquerque Deadline Spring Call to Convention <i>La Palabra</i>
November 11	Board Meeting , 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Homes by Marilyn 2017 Yale SE, Albuquerque	May 19 and 20	2007 STATE CONVENTION , Las Cruces New Board meets after Convention
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