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## President's March Message

Greetings Members!

February was one busy month for LWVGLC with two Issues Forums, our Program Planning Meeting, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea, and League Day in Santa Fe!

We had seven members attend League Day including Gwen and Tom Hanson, Kathy and Tom Nickodemus, Eileen Van Wie, Dale Yeo, and myself. Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver gave a lively talk at the reception. Automatic Voter Registration and Same Day Voter Registration legislation looks promising. We spent the next morning visiting legislators followed by a league meeting featuring a welcome from Stephanie Garcia Richard, former Representative, Jim Dines who spoke on Enabling Legislation for the Independent Ethics Commission, and Amber Wallin, Deputy Director of New Mexico Voices for Children who spoke on Taxes and Funding for Essential Services. Jim Dines was presented with an LWVNM Outstanding Achievement Award for his work on promoting the Independent Ethics Commission. Eileen, Dale and I spent the afternoon attending committee meetings. Great fun.

Jane Asche and Vicki Simons organized and were panelists on two outstanding Issues forums that were both moderated by Dr. Fred Martino and televised on KRWG-TV. Jane Asche, Betsy Cahill, and Mary Parr-Sanchez were

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Amber Wallin



An important topic to the League is health care, which was discussed in a televised forum. Panelists joined moderator Dr. Fred Martino (left) of KRWG-TV.

## March Meeting to Feature Dr. Bill Spotz

Our guest speaker at the March 11<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will be Dr. Bill Spotz, who also happens to be LWVGLC member Vicki Simons's son-in-law. Dr. Spotz will speak to us about his work for Wolf-Pac (<https://www.wolf-pac.com/>), a national group working for campaign finance reform to make legislators more accountable to the electorate.

Dr. Spotz is currently Wolf-Pac's New Mexico Legislative Director. The group submitted a resolution to the 2019 legislature, but it was tabled on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to learning more about Wolf-Pac's analysis and efforts.

Dr. Spotz, earned his Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from UT-Austin in 1995, focusing on Computation Fluid Dynamics. Since then, he has worked at the



Dr. Bill Spotz

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the panelists for the Education Forum. They shared their expertise on what New Mexico needs to do to improve education including early childhood education and responded to excellent questions from the audience. The Forum on Access to Affordable Health was organized by Vicki Simons. Panelists included Simons from LWVGLC, Dr. Davena Norris from the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, and Colin Baillio from Health Action New Mexico. Topics included the Health Security Act and Medicaid Buy-in.

The Program Planning Meeting was well attended (22 members) and very productive. I look forward to seeing all our goals accomplished in 2019. See the summary of the meeting in this edition of the Voter.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea was a wonderful event! Thank you to all who attended. Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small were speakers and Marjorie Burr was honored as a founding member of LWVGLC. It was a great way to culminate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Celebration. A huge shout-out to Marjorie and the rest of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (pictured here) for organizing a full slate of events this past year, and for creating the history panels and the history booklet. I am in awe!!!



Finally, I encourage all of you to come to the March 11 dinner. Wolf-PAC's, Dr. William Spatz, scientist from Sandia Laboratory, will be speaking on getting big money out of politics. Wolf-PAC is a progressive political advocacy committee that works to end corporate personhood and promotes public financing for all campaigns.

The legislators are still in session and it's not too late to take legislative action. We have had very good news on our priorities progressing through the various committees and I'm sure your phone calls are helping.

Regards,  
Kim Sorensen, President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- March 7: LWVGLC Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-noon, Branigan Library Board Room
- March 7: LWVGLC Immigration Committee Meeting, 2 p.m., Branigan Library Roadrunner Room
- March 9: LWVNM Board Meeting, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Santa Fe Higher Education Center
- March 11: LWVGLC Dinner with a Speaker, 5-7 p.m., Good Samaritan Activity Room **(see story p. 1)**

### APRIL

- April 4: LWVGLC Board Meeting, 10 a.m.-noon, Branigan Library Board Room
- April 13: LWVGLC Annual Meeting, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Breakfast Meeting Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Rd.

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAS CRUCES BOARD:**

- Kim Sorenson – President**
- Cindy Murrell – Vice President, Events & Speakers**
- Ashley Beyer – Secretary**
- William Little – Treasurer**
- Vicki Simons & Dale Yeo – Voter Services**
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- Erika Graf-Webster – Youth Engagement Director**
- Jane Asche & Judith LaPointe – Nominating Committee**
- Bonnie Votaw & Jo Galván Nash – Editors, the Voter**

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea a Huge Success

A good time was had by all at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea that took place at the Double Eagle Restaurant February 23<sup>rd</sup>. About 60 members, guests, and elected officials came to honor the League's special day. Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver and Congresswoman Xochitl Torres Small were both welcomed with standing ovations. Plus, Marjorie Burr was honored with an Outstanding Service Award for her 50 years of dedication to the League! The event concluded with Johnnie Aldrich leading us with a rousing song, "The Song of League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces;" lyrics by Winn Jacobs.



Founding League member Marjorie Burr was honored during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary tea.



## LWVGLC Re-establishes Immigration Committee

The LWVGLC has revived the Immigration Committee. It quickly began its work and the following minutes are provided for everyone's review. All are welcome at future meetings.



### Immigration Committee Minutes • Feb. 21, 2019

*Present: Kim Sorensen, Sadie Valverde, Sally Christman, Judy La Pointe, Kathy Nickodemus, Eileen Van Wie, Sue Cain, Kurt Anderson, Mary Martinez White, Yvonne Flores.*

*Guests: Kathleen Erickson, Martina Jilerio, Martina Diaz de M.*

The meeting was very energetic. Past members of the LWVGLC Immigration Committee including Yvonne, Sue, and Sadie, gave background on their work. This generated a lot of discussion on the problems with the current situation. Yvonne shared that efforts to convince LWVUS to make it a priority advocate for immigration reform was not successful. She feels that several points on the LWVUS Immigration Position needed changes.

Our guest, Kathleen Erickson, shared her thoughts, as well. Kathleen is a Sister of Mercy and former Anthony resident. She is volunteering for a few weeks with Annunciation House and has worked on immigration issues for years. Kathleen shared that there are 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. who are very fearful of the ramped-up criminalization that has occurred in the last several years. She believes we are in a humanitarian crisis related to lack of understanding and lack of empathy. We need practical strategies on how we can change. We need to look at root causes of economic inequality in Central America and take ownership of the part we have played in creating this crisis. We must work for economic justice.

Kathleen recommended several books to read: ***When the Line Becomes a River*** by Francisco Cantu; ***The New Confessions of an Economic Hitman*** by John Perkins; and ***The Long Honduran Night*** by Dana Frank.

Our goal as LWVGLC will be to work toward changing policy through education and advocacy. We want to determine actions we can take now and come up with a long-term strategy to affect change at the national level. This is a big challenge to be sure, but I came away from the meeting feeling like we can do anything because of the passionate energy everyone shared!!!

Members are encouraged to study the LWVUS position on Immigration. Take a look at "A Guide to Public Policy Positions 2016-2018." The Immigration section begins on page 89:

[https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact\\_on\\_issues\\_2016-2018.pdf](https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact_on_issues_2016-2018.pdf)

Also, if you haven't, read the information on Immigration that Kathleen sent me, and I forwarded to everyone last week. If you need me to resend it, let me know. Also, many of you are already on Molly Molloy's Frontera List, but I recommend getting on it if you aren't ([mollymolloy@gmail.com](mailto:mollymolloy@gmail.com)). She sends out news articles daily related to the border crisis.

Our next meeting will be on March 7, at 2 p.m. in the Branigan Roadrunner Room. Come with your ideas. I'd like to come up with at least two actions and a long-term strategy.

Thank you so much for a wonderful first meeting. I look forward to accomplishing great things with all of you.

Respectfully,  
Kim



*Kim Sorensen  
LWVGLC, President*

# Program Planning Meeting Summary

## February 11, 2019

We had a productive meeting with 22 members attending.

### Reports from Committees:

Christina Little reported on Affordable Housing stating that there were some positive developments with money being allocated for some single unit dwellings. She will have a complete report for a future Voter.

Cindy Murrell read a written report from Susan Schmugge on the Observer Corp. With only two observers at present, the Corp is in danger of being terminated. We need a pool of people to volunteer to share going to meetings especially School Board and City Council meetings. Please email Susan if you can volunteer.

Erika Graf Webster gave a report on the Voter Impediments Study and the Youth Engagement Committee. The Voter Impediments survey will hopefully go out this spring with analysis presented in the fall. Reaching 18-24 year olds who are not going to school is a challenge. Goals for YEC 2019 include: continue the collaboration with LCPS on the Civic Engagement Project; recruit young people to the league; and help sponsor another Celebrate Democracy in DAC event.

Erika also gave a report from the ad-hoc Position Review Committee. The committee recommended some revisions to the Election Procedures Position including merging the Municipal Elections Position in with the Election Procedures position and updating the position to reflect current law on consolidations of elections and ranked-choice voting. The committee also

recommended the County Government Position needs redoing. Erika stated that a full study of County Government is not feasible. It was suggested we take a couple of functions at a time. Lynne Carter agreed to begin with researching Mental Health. She will submit a report to the board in March for consideration of a study. All proposed changes will be submitted for action at the Annual Meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dale Yeo gave the Voter Services Report. Plans for 2019 include: continue both written and web publications of Who's Who and Voter Guides in both English and Spanish; hold candidate forums for municipal and possibly school board elections; hold issues forums in collaboration with KRWG-TV; and collaborate with other groups to educate the public about electoral changes.

### Recommended Actions:

1. Increase Legislative Advocacy for our priorities. It was recommended that all members sign up for the League of Women Voters Legislative Action List serve. There is a link on [www.lwvnm.org](http://www.lwvnm.org) web site. Look into automatic sign up.
2. Develop a marketing flier that highlights who we are and what we do. Jo Galvan Nash is taking the lead.
3. Increase youth and Hispanic membership. Possibly start with representatives of each group forming a caucus to talk to board about how to bring in new recruits.
4. Revive the Immigration Committee with a focus on advocacy using the national position as a start.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019  
Annual Business Meeting  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Sunset Grill**

## Keeping up with Legislation Under Consideration

Akkana Peck, webmaster for LWVNM, has been updating positions and tracking sheets. She has created a tracking site, [www.NMbilltracker.com](http://www.NMbilltracker.com), where you can get the current status of any bill. Legislation can also be tracked through the NM Legislature website: <https://nmlegis.gov/>

## Consider Making Your Donation to the Bonnie Burn Scholarship

The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces Education Scholarship in honor of Bonnie Burn, administered by the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation, Inc., was adopted February 9, 2015. Many generous contributions were made by members, friends, and family to this scholarship fund last year. In order to sustain this scholarship **additional contributions are needed**. March has been designated as the month each year to bring attention to this fundraising effort.

Criteria for this scholarship was established by our League, and includes the following:

- The funds will provide one \$1,000 (non-renewable) scholarship each year;
- The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from the Las Cruces school district;
- The senior must plan to major in education at NMSU in the College of Education; and
- The award will be given during the Fall of each year.

All donations to the **LWVGLC Education Scholarship in Honor of Bonnie Burn** are to be made directly to the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation, Inc. with a designation in the memo line of your check. This designation **must name the Bonnie Burn Scholarship** in order to be credited to that scholarship fund, otherwise the donation will be credited to the general fund of the Foundation.

Send your tax-deductible contribution to the follow:

Betsy A. Geery, Executive Director  
Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation  
P.O. Box 16214  
Las Cruces, NM 88004



*Thank you in advance for your generous contribution to this worthwhile scholarship fund!*

## March Meeting (cont. from p. 1)

the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Sandia National Laboratories. He has received recognition from Sandia Laboratories as the Principal Investigator on the project A Next Generation Global Atmosphere Model, using Sandia Lab's computational infrastructure to take uncertainties into account in predicting the atmosphere component of a global climate model. For several years he has served on the organizing and program committees for the Scientific Computing with Python Conference.



### LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Regular Meeting

February 5, 2019

Observer: Christina Little

The Las Cruces City Council has taken major steps to address the issue of Affordable Housing. The most effective funding source for Affordable Housing is the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) Program administered by the Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA). Funds are awarded on a competitive basis. Points are given for the amount of leveraged resources corresponding to a percentage of direct reduction in the total development cost. To have any reasonable chance of getting such an award, the City needs to support 10% of the total cost of the project. Las Cruces has been losing out in recent years because the City has not had a mechanism for contributing this amount.

The City Council has voted to supplement HOME Funds with funding from the Telshor Facility Fund. This fund will soon acquire an additional \$4 million to add to the current total of \$38 million.

The City Council has approved financial support for two tax credit projects. This funding will only be available if MFA awards tax credits to the projects.

- The Desert Hope Project is for a Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority property. It is for the rehabilitation of a current structure to provide 40 efficiency units for homeless individuals and veterans. The Housing Authority has applied for vouchers to support this population. Supportive Services will be provided by the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. These include case management, transportation, income support, and medical and mental health referrals.

The City has allocated \$200,000 in HOME funds and \$500,000 as a grant from the Telshor Facility Fund to the project. Since the total project costs \$5.7 million, the \$700,000 will provide more than the 10% needed for an application to be competitive.

- The Peachtree Canyon Project is being proposed by Tierra del Sol. The 60-unit, new construction apartment complex will be located in the Metro Verde South planned unit development on the East Mesa. The proposal is for 20 two-bedroom and 40 three-bedroom apartments. There will be a Community Building where supportive services are available, with offices, possibly a computer lab, and space for residents to use. There will also be playgrounds, landscaped areas, and a pullout for future bus service.

Peachtree Canyon is designed to serve tenants who earn less than 50% of the Area Median Income, which was \$26,850 for a household size of four in 2018 and may eventually serve some households earning up to 80% of area median income which was \$44,700 for a household size of four in 2018. Some units will be set aside for special needs populations. Veterans and active duty military will have a priority.

The City Council voted to support this project with \$200,000 in HOME funding, \$500,000 and \$495,500 for a total of \$995,500 in the form of a 20-year loan of 3% from the Telshor Facility Fund. The total cost of the project is \$11,995,000. The City contribution will make the 10% threshold for being competitive in the tax credit application.

At the February 5 meeting, the City Council approved a community blueprint for 32 affordable housing units on a tract of land adjacent to Sierra Middle School. The land was acquired from the Las Cruces Public



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Schools and transferred to the City of Las Cruces Land Bank. The property can be developed as single-family, townhouses, and perhaps multi-family. There will be a request for proposal process where developers can submit proposals that will be evaluated by staff and an Affordable Housing Committee.

At the same meeting, The City Council approved the expansion of Metro Verde South. This planned unit development proposes the inclusion of a number of land use types and includes specific goals for affordable housing.

Las Cruces has a large need for additional affordable housing units. There is a need for more than 5,000 rental units for families earning up to 120% of the median income. There is a need for 2,460 single-family units for families earning 60-120% of the area median income.

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### **DONA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION, Regular Meeting**

**Feb. 12, 2019** • All Commissioners present [*Note: Chairwoman Karen Trujillo resigned from the County Commission due to her appointment as NM Secretary of Education.*]

**Observer** – Jo Galván Nash

**APPROVED, Appointees to Board of Registration** — The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) unanimously approved three voters (and two alternates) to sit on the Board of Registration Committee. The County Clerk noted that on odd-numbered years, the committee must verify the names that are proposed for removal from voter lists due to no current address or the voter is no longer a county resident. This purge list has fewer than 3,000 names at this time. Dr. Amanda Lopez Askin said three political parties sent names for consideration to the Committee. Those selected were: Joe Fuller, Republican; Steven Jones, Democrat; and Reggie Begley, Libertarian. The alternates are Charles Wendler (D) and Abraham Sanchez (R).

**APPROVED, Resolution in Support of NM Health Security Act** — After a presentation by pharmacist Davina Norris, the BOCC unanimously approved a Resolution in support of the NM Health Security Act (HB 295/SB 279). If approved by the Legislature, the Act would allow for a comprehensive fiscal analysis to determine if offering health care to all New Mexicans would be feasible. She said the Act would benefit all ages, allow citizens their choice of providers, and would provide access to secondary health coverage. The analysis would determine what cost savings would be feasible, if any, how much the fees would be for employers and employees, what caps would be needed on contributions, and other fiscal matters. Access to Medicare and Medicaid would be maintained for low-income individuals.

**PRESENTATION, County Community Resource Centers Assessment and Recommendations** — Consultant, and former city manager, Robert Garza of Garza & Associates provided a lengthy assessment of the 15 county community centers. His survey included extensive interviews, review of the current policy, floor plans and land, and assessment of fees and usage. He told the BOCC that the centers are underutilized, and he provided multiple recommendations: update the appropriate fees; implement marketing strategies; place property management duties under one department and hire a fulltime property manager; utilize the centers for more purposes (such as movie nights, spay/neuter programs, performing arts, etc.) and adopt a new policy. The BOCC asked that a work session on the topic be arranged. The survey will be posted on the county's website in order for the public to see all the information.





### **LAS CRUCES UTILITIES BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS • Work Meeting and Regular Meeting**

**Feb. 14, 2019**

**Observer:** Susan Schmugge

#### **WORK MEETING:**

A sense of the Board was reached after discussion of a presentation on the 40-year water plan implementation action proposal. The LCU staff and CLC administration presented highlights of the PEAK strategic business plan as it pertains to LCU.

#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

All 7 members were present to approve an upgrade to the utilities dispatch recommend modifications to the Municipal Code regarding mandatory sewer hookup under certain circumstances.

All discussions at these meetings related to the business of complete customer service regarding utilities and the effect of all activity as it relates to ground water and the current U.S. Supreme Court Water Case involving CO, TX, and NM.

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### **SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING • Regular (Quarterly) Meeting**

**Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. at the Transfer Station Board Room**

**Observer:** Johnnie R. Aldrich

This governing entity consists of a Board with nine representatives from both city and county. Chairmanship rotates between city and county, so today, City Councillor Gabriel Vasquez was elected chair and former chair, County Commissioner Isabel Solis, was elected as Vice Chair.

Director Patrick Peck began by reporting that the past quarter's tonnage collection was over 16,000 tons for each month for solid waste. "We used to pray for 12,000 tons," he said. Recycled waste tonnage increased from 633 tons in November to 945 tons in January 2019 — also excellent.

Several community meetings in the fall revealed that "citizens are very happy with the overall program." Most frequent complaint was about "customer service," (especially when users try to call Friedman Processing Services) and Peck said that policies already have begun to change that.

Most the business of this lengthy meeting was financial. Peck reminded the Board that "trash never stops," and that the increased total volume of collection causes higher fuel and maintenance costs so that budget adjustments also are constant. Readers who want specifics should call the Authority's central office, 575-528-3800, or check the website: [www.scswa.net](http://www.scswa.net).

## Candidate Books for LWVGLC Book Club – February 2019

Status	Book
<b>Selected for March 28 at Viki's</b>	<p><b>Our Towns - A 100,000 mile Journey into the Heart of America</b> by James &amp; Deborah Fallows</p> <p>A vivid, surprising portrait of the civic and economic reinvention taking place in America, town by town and generally out of view of the national media. A realistically positive and provocative view of the country between its coasts.</p>
<b>Selected for April 25 (at Dale's?)</b>	<p><b>Dark Territory – the Secret History of Cyber War</b> by Fred Kaplan</p> <p>“An important, disturbing, and gripping history” (<i>Kirkus Reviews</i>), the never-before-told story of the computer scientists and the NSA, Pentagon, and White House policymakers who invent and employ cyber wars—where every country can be a major power player and every hacker a mass destroyer.</p> <p>“An eye-opening history of our government’s efforts to effectively manage our national security in the face of the largely open global communications network established by the World Wide Web....<i>Dark Territory</i> is a page-turner [and] consistently surprising” (<i>The New York Times</i>).</p>
<b>New 7-14-18</b>	<p><b>Anna, Age Eight: The data-driven prevention of childhood trauma and maltreatment</b> by <a href="#">Katherine Ortega Courtney PhD</a> (Author), <a href="#">Dominic Cappello</a> (Author)</p> <p>We are in the midst of an epidemic of childhood trauma with far-reaching effects that the public, media and lawmakers would prefer not to see. With research showing child maltreatment is substantiated for one in eight children in the US. The book suggests a series of shockingly modest yet strategic reforms, changes that can ensure that the future systems of protection in every community are better at identifying their own shortcomings and fixing them. The proven strategies proposed have the power to heal families, illustrating how we can all take courageous and compassionate steps toward designing child-friendly, trauma-free communities.</p>
<b>New 9-10-18</b>	<p><b>The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure</b> by Greg Lukianoff &amp; Jonathan Haidt</p> <p>Something is going wrong on many college campuses in the last few years. Rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are rising. Speakers are shouted down. Students and professors say they are walking on eggshells and afraid to speak honestly. How did this happen?</p>
<b>New 9-28-18</b>	<p><b>Fear: Trump in the White House</b> by Bob Woodward</p> <p>With authoritative reporting honed through eight presidencies from Nixon to Obama, author Bob Woodward reveals in unprecedented detail the harrowing life inside President Donald Trump’s White House and precisely how he makes decisions on major foreign and domestic policies. Woodward draws from hundreds of hours of interviews with firsthand sources, meeting notes, personal diaries, files and documents. The focus is on the explosive debates and the decision-making in the Oval Office, the Situation Room, Air Force One and the White House residence.</p>
<b>New 9-30-18</b>	<p><b>Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment</b> by Francis Fukuyama</p> <p>Demand for recognition of one’s identity is a master concept that unifies much of what is going on in world politics today. The universal recognition on which liberal democracy is based has been increasingly challenged by narrower forms of recognition based on nation, religion, sect, race, ethnicity, or gender, which have resulted in anti-immigrant populism, the upsurge of politicized Islam, the fractious “identity liberalism” of college campuses, and the emergence of white nationalism. The demand for identity cannot be transcended; we must begin to shape identity in a way that supports rather than undermines democracy.</p>
<b>New 10-3-18</b>	<p><b>Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger</b> by Rebecca Traister</p> <p>From Rebecca Traister, the New York Times bestselling author of <i>All the Single Ladies</i> comes a vital, incisive exploration into the transformative power of female anger and its ability to transcend into a political movement. The story of female fury and its cultural significance demonstrates the long history of bitter resentment that has enshrouded women’s slow rise to political power in America, as well as the ways that anger is received when it comes from women as opposed to when it comes from men.</p>

## Candidate Books for LWVGLC Book Club – February 2019 (cont.)

Status	Book
<p><b>New 1-27-19</b></p>	<p><b>The Death of Truth: Notes on Falsehood in the Age of Trump</b> by Michiko Kakutani            From the Pulitzer Prize-winning critic comes an impassioned critique of America's retreat from reason. We live in a time when the very idea of objective truth is mocked and discounted by the occupants of the White House. How did truth become an endangered species in contemporary America? This decline began decades ago, and in <i>The Death of Truth</i>, former <i>New York Times</i> critic Michiko Kakutani takes a penetrating look at the cultural forces that contributed to this gathering storm.</p>
<p><b>New 1-27-19</b></p>	<p><b>Let Me Finish: Trump, the Kushners, Bannon, New Jersey, and the Power of In-Your-Face Politics</b> by Chris Christie            From the outspoken former governor, a no-holds-barred account of Chris Christie's rise to power through the bare-knuckle politics of New Jersey and his frank, startling insights about Donald Trump from inside the president's inner circle. In <i>Let Me Finish</i>, Christie sets the record straight about his tenure as a corruption-fighting prosecutor and a Republican running a Democratic state, and what really happened in the 2016 campaign and inside Trump Tower.</p>

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## Treasurer's Report

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Provided by William Little, Treasurer

1 February 2019

For 7 February 2019 Board Meeting

Activity since last Board Meeting:

### Expenses

Consumer Cellular: \$ 19.38 [League cell phone]

50<sup>th</sup> Anniver. invites \$123.65 [for Feb 23 tea]

Web hosting fee \$102.36

TOTAL: \$245.39

### Income

No activity

31 January 2019 Checkbook Balance: \$5,879.20

### Education Fund

No activity

### DISCUSSION

Budget committee will be meeting this month to develop a 2019-2020 budget.