

Annual Events Report

LWVSFC 2025

- A Calendar Planning Meeting was held in June led by Gail Bass.
- Our Events Director abruptly left the position in mid-December leaving it open for the rest of the year.
- Of the proposed events, the following took place:
 - Legislative Luncheon with over 50 attendees and 10 legislators. We dropped the cost of the banquet to \$25 (\$40 expense) leaving us to pay \$15 per attendee and the full \$40 for each legislator. This may have led to a higher turnout. It is traditionally our most popular event. There was excellent participation in the Q&A.
 - Sunshine Week panel presentation on Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) was co-sponsored by NM-FOG. Inez Russell Gomez, editor of the Opinions section of the New Mexican moderated, the legal counsel for NM-FOG, Phaedra Haywood reporter for the New Mexican and the executive director of NM-FOG addressed how every day citizens use IPRA and what kinds of calls their hotline receives. It was attended by only 17 people (members, non- members and guests). Despite the low turn-out, there was robust Q&A and the presenters were pleased to be there.
- All League members, guests and members of the general public were invited to attend the presentation by Leon Howard at the State Convention banquet. Cost may have been somewhat prohibitive (\$100) but through outreach to and by our collaborative organizations and a social media push, 11 non-members registered, we sponsored 2 non-members through our Rising Leaders Fund, and sponsored an additional member through the same.
- A Lunch with a Leader planned with Greg Shafer – Santa Fe County Manager was never rescheduled after it had been cancelled last year due to unforeseen circumstances.
- We are sponsoring a free screening of #UNTRUTH as a kick-off to a series on mid, dis and mal-information May 8th. At the time of this writing, it is to be preceded by an introduction by the film director (we had hoped to have him attend, but could not afford that and could not find a partner to pay for his travel). The cost of the theater is \$500 (borne by us). NOW and Indivisible Santa Fe are promotional partners. As of this writing, we have 42 people registered. We're still hoping an Op-Ed will be published in the SFNM on May 4th.
- As many events as possible were offered hybrid
- Thanks to Danis Kelly for excellent work on events arrangements and Stephanie and Judy Gibbs Robinson for promotion.