



The Sacramento Voter

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N. Nelson, Lana Wong
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**Make
Democracy
Work, meeting
1/25/2020
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R. Barrett, T. Riviera, D. Campbell
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EVENTS

Sunday, 3/1/2020, 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: Street Vets, vet clinic voter registration. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, Sacramento. G. Powell lead. Page 6 for more information

Monday, 3/2/2020, 11:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.: CSUS & LWVSC, Hinde Auditorium, 6000 J Street, Sacramento. Volunteers needed for shifts: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Volunteers will register & pre-register voters, and provide voting and election information; parking passes will be provided to all volunteers. For event details -RSVP to attend the events.

Sunday, 3/8/2020, 3:00-5:00 p.m.: 828 I Street, 8th & I Streets. *Motherhood by Choice, Not Chance*, film. Continued page 2

Tuesday, 3/10/2020 OR Wednesday, 3/11/2020: Units, page 3

Sunday, April 26, 2020, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Sacramento Earth Day Celebration, Southside Park , 7th & T Streets, Sacramento.

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916-875-6451

**Web sites to check for LWV
news**

LWV.org & LWVC.org

Board Meeting Dates

Mar. 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
April 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
May 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Articles for *The Voter*
Members are encouraged to write
articles relevant to LWV issues,
word length up to approximately
350 words. Please provide
attribution when appropriate.

Email: aliceginosar@yahoo.com
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URL to check your voting status

Voter Service Activities

Congressional District 7 Candidate Forum. On 1/28/2020, a candidate forum was presented by Rio Americano High School CIVITAS program students and LWVSC, in the Performing Arts Center. The moderator was P. Lee; L. Einspahr -question sorter, M. Khazari -timer, greeters were students and Candy Furlong. The LWVSC team worked with government teacher Nina Seibel and students to engage voters in learning about the candidates as well as registering and pre-registering voters. Five candidates qualified for the 7th Congressional District race including Jeff Burdick, Jon Ivy, Buzz Patterson and Robert Christian Richardson. Candidate and incumbent Ami Bera was unable to attend due to duties in Congress.

Sacramento City Council District 8 Candidate Forum. On 2/4/2020, a candidate forum for District 8 was coordinated by the LWVSC and convened at the Mack Road Partnership office at 75 Quinta Drive, Sacramento. Four of five candidates attended. Paula Lee was moderator, M. Khazari -timer, E. Heaser -question sorter and T. Riviera, D. Larson and C. Bonsignore were greeters. There was a good turnout and the candidates were enthusiastic participants. C. Bonsignore

Voter Education and Registration Event in Folsom. On 2/9/2020, the Empowered Seniors group in Folsom held an informational session with a speaker from the Sacramento County Registrar's Office. J. Normington is the co-chair of the group and she was able to re-registered two people and provide voter education. P. Lee demonstrated Ranked Choice Voting to the group. Eleven people participated in the event. Attendees expressed appreciation for the presenters and the information they received. J. Normington

The **Land Park Community Association** sponsored a candidate forum on 2/5/2020, featuring incumbent Steve Hansen and challenger Katie Valenzuela, District 4 candidates for the Sacramento City Council. The event was held before a packed audience at the C.K. McClatchy High School Auditorium on Freeport Boulevard. The event could not have been done so well without our own P. Lee as the timer, having been called at the last minute to help out. The minutes for each candidate positions and rebuttals were prominently displayed so the audience could watch candidates' efforts to stay within their time limits and observe out-of-turn interruptions. Paula is usually a forum moderator for the League, in this case; she demonstrated the versatility and professionalism so evident in our members.

Women's Empowerment Includes Voting. On 2/6/2020, a voter education and registration event was held at the Women's Empowerment Center in collaboration with the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). Approximately 20 women were enrolled in eight weeks of classes to prepare them for work and to move out of homelessness. Since the start of the program, over 1,500 women have graduated with approximately 83% finding jobs and 93% no longer homeless. We were awestruck by the walls of the building covered with photos of the women and their success stories. The women participants, staff and volunteers all had a positive attitude toward success. Claire Lipschultz and volunteers from NCJW presented a lively dialogue about suffragists while League members C. Bonsignore and M. Patzer informed the women about the rights and processes of voting. They registered thirteen women so they could vote in March. The women were delighted to register to vote and enjoyed having their photos taken with the League representatives. You can read more about [Women's Empowerment](#) Photo page 3.

Luther Burbank High School, Global Studies Club. League members T. Colosimo, C. Bonsignore and M. Patzer met with the Global Studies Club of Luther Burbank High School on 2/6/2020. In addition to voter education, they trained the students to register other students and family members, while registering themselves. Their teacher and club leader, Kara Synhorst helped coordinate the event and will provide the students with voter registration forms from the count Registrar's office. Approximately 15 students attended the training and six registered to vote. The other nine students had already registered to vote. The students were excited to learn how they can help register other voters. One student told us that the first person he was going to register was his grandfather who had never voted. We all cheered. Kara told us that she will talk to other teachers so the League can return to assist in registering more students. We were also invited to send information for distribution about future voter events held by League. Photo page 3. By M. Patzer

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Film: *Motherhood by Choice*

Women's History Month • International Women's Day, OSCAR-nominated, EMMY-winning filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman's documentary on the history of reproductive rights. Special guest panel discussion to follow 30-minute film -free and free street parking on Sundays.

By P. Lee

LWV 100th Birthday Resolution

Board of Supervisors Resolution to salute the 100th anniversary of the 1920 founding of the LWV. Attend the ceremony on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Board of Supervisors, 700 H Street, Room 2450.

Unit Meetings—March 2020

Greenhaven Land Park	Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 10:00 a.m.	Roseann Kerby 916-392-1267	Mary Hopkins 45 Sunlit Circle, Sacramento, 95831, 916-422-6958
Outlier's Folsom	Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 11:45 a.m.	Nancy Compton 916-600-1992	Lunch, Cliff House, Folsom, 9900 Greenback Lane. 916-989-9243
Suburban	Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 9:15 a.m.	Anne Berner 916-944-1042	2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608

Unit Meeting Discussion Topic, March 2020

Topic Statement: At the national, state and local League levels we are “fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.”

At this month’s unit meeting, we’ll review the League’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, and discuss what more we can do at the local level to realize this commitment in practice. There are a number of League resources we could explore, but let’s begin by developing ideas on how we can make this a League-wide effort.

At unit meetings, we’ll review the best information available about the current demography of the city and county of Sacramento. Following that, we’ll ask whether there are ways we can improve our reach by targeting services, membership engagement and political action that will resonate with the people and communities we live among.

I will send out references for these discussions in advance of the meetings.

By S. Bakker

From page 2, Women’s Empowerment,
2/6/2020



From page 2, Luther Burbank H/S
students register to vote, 2/6/2020



Dr. Joanna Neuman (left)
Beth Ruyak, CPR Insight program
moderator. Photo by Ruth-Marie Chambers

Lecture/Book Talk

On 1/24/2020, Johanna Neuman, author, historian and journalist, discussed her latest book *And Yet They Persisted: How American Women Won the Right to Vote*, 2019. Dr. Neuman's first history book was: *Gilded Suffragists: The New York Socialites Who Fought for Women's Right to Vote*, 2017, a book about wealthy society figures who joined the suffragist movement. Dr. Neuman's recent book discusses women's suffrage beginning with its origins during the "revolutionary fervor in the 1770's" and brings it forward two centuries when African-American women had to fight Jim Crow laws to win the right to vote (from Program Flyer). Dr. Neuman reviewed more recent history, stating that Wyoming was the first state to grant suffrage to women in 1870, Colorado three years later, and California 1911. By 1919, 27 of the 48 states had passed the 19th amendment. She mentioned that until circa 20th century, the only people who marched in parades (a male identity activity) were men; as well, only men were allowed to speak at public events.

The League of Women Voters of Sacramento was founded in the late 1930s and became incorporated in April 1965. The League officially expanded its representation to the entire county of Sacramento and changed its name to the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County in January 2005. Podcast available [Capital Public Radio's podcast](#)

By E. Heaser



C. Peth 1/24/2020

D. Vizzard, B. Main, N. Compton
L to R



Photos by M. Patzer

During the lecture held at CSUS and sponsored by the Renaissance Society in collaboration with the University, LWVSC members N. Compton, K. Lewis, M. Patzer, D. Vizzard, B. Main and O. Aguirre registered one new voter and provided education to many attendees. League members provided information on candidate forums to several people.

LWVSC member Carolyn Heijn Peth hosted a booth honoring the women's struggle to vote with dolls representing women in the movement. Carolyn and the other women who hosted the booth wore white costumes from the 1919 era.

Carolyn marched in the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade. The booklet the *100th Year Celebration [.] Women Win the Vote*, said of her appearance in the parade, "Carolyn has always been an active volunteer in her community, a world traveler, believer in lifelong learning, and an admirer of valiant women who came before her. Carolyn is proud to pass on her mother's legacy of strength and self-reliance to her strong daughters and spirited granddaughters. She marches today in honor of her mother, grandmothers, and 62 plus great-grandmothers, who were born without the guarantee of universal suffrage."

By M. Patzer

M. Patzer, N. Compton (L to R)

Photo by Ruth-Marie Chambers



Voter Education Event at St. Mark's United Methodist Church 1/26/2020

Nancy Lapp and M. Patzer coordinated a voter education event about the upcoming election during coffee hour at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. N. Lapp developed some tools to help voters find their voter registration on their phones. This was very helpful to two people who had not received their confirmation about the voter status. People expressed frustration about not hearing soon enough about their selected ballot when they are registered "no party preference." One person was moving the next day, so we helped with re-registering to vote. This event did not take long and it was well received. We suggest holding a similar events with other organizations you know about. You can request a copy of the tools by emailing [N. Lapp](mailto:N.Lapp) or [M. Patzer](mailto:M.Patzer).



You can register to vote online with the California Secretary of State <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> Or scan the QR code to the right.

Pet Clinic Voter Registration – Volunteers Needed

Gloria Powell and Kae Lewis have been registering voters at the Street Vets, free clinics held one Sunday morning a month at various Sacramento libraries. The date and library location for future events is posted on the website with the next to happen on March 1, 2020 at the Martin Luther King Library. Gloria and Kay describe long lines of people and their pets waiting for the free clinic at each event. In February, Kae registered five new voters. The very last person in line said his chihuahuas helped him "keep his sanity." He even offered one of his four puppies to Gloria – wonder how she could refuse? It is exhilarating to chat with individuals and families about the power of individual votes, the eligibility to vote, and when registration needs to be updated. If you are a pet lover, we invite you to volunteer for this monthly event. By taking our registration materials to locations where people naturally congregate, we reach those who would not otherwise become active citizens. Since they are waiting in line, there is time to answer a variety of questions regarding voting. According to Gloria and Kae, volunteers need to be outgoing for this event where they meet people and their pets. We need a team of volunteers who can rotate the assignment.

All of the 2020 free pet clinic dates and locations can be found on the "Street Vets" web site. Volunteers, please contact Gloria Powell at 916 531 8505 (text or call) or email: gloriaprn298@gmail.com or voterservices@lwvsacramento.org

Voter Registration at Women's March on 1/18/2020

A voter registration table was hosted at the West end of the Capitol on 1/18/2020 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. during the Women's March. T. Riviera, M. Khazari, N. Lapp, R. Barrett and D. Paul staffed the table. Voter education was provided to many people. They gave out 12 voter registration forms; signed up 24 people to receive *The Voter* newsletter; several people took the LWVSC membership applications and one person requested a voter registration event at their workplace. The attendees expressed appreciation to learn about many issues involved with voting. Thank you for your participation. By M. Patzer

Observer Corps: How to Observe When You Can't Attend

While in-person Observer Corps attendance at public agency meetings is ideal—offering League visibility to elected or appointed officials, potential League partners, and the community—sometimes that is impossible. Many public meetings are broadcast live online or video-recorded for on-demand viewing; are televised live and replayed on schedule at Metro Cable Channel 14 (the local public affairs channel available to customers of Comcast, AT&T U-Verse, and Consolidated Communications); or video-recorded for on-demand playback via YouTube.

Remote observing through electronic media still enables League members to track important issues, monitor meeting processes, and share observations through short reports and committee meetings.

Agencies broadcasting on Channel 14 are listed below. Most also offer online options at their websites.

Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento City Councils
 Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
 Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Districts
 Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission
 First Five Sacramento Commission
 Sacramento Air Quality Management District
 Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
 Sacramento City Unified School District
 Sacramento County Community Corrections Partnership
 Sacramento Environmental Commission
 Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
 Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
 Sacramento Municipal Utility District
 Sacramento Public Library Authority
 Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority
 Sacramento Regional Transit District
 Sacramento Transportation Authority
 Sacramento County Board of Education [audio recording only](https://www.scoe.net/board/Pages/schedule.aspx)
<https://www.scoe.net/board/Pages/schedule.aspx>

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To view live-streamed or video-recorded meetings for a particular agency, visit the agency's website for meeting schedules and viewing options.

For a calendar of all meetings available on [Channel 14](#) Check for Channel 14 programming on Comcast and Consolidated Communications menus and in the Sunday *Sacramento Bee* OnTV section. Playback schedules are available at <https://sacmetro.cable.saccounty.net/MetroCable/Pages/MetroCableMeetings.aspx>. These meetings are also webcast on <https://metro14live.saccounty.net>

For YouTube videos, see <https://www.youtube.com/user/CountyofSacramento1/videos>.

For more information on the LWVSC Observer Corps, or to participate, email B. Main,

Welcome New Members

Olga Aguirre
Sydney Cordell
Karen Gale
Nancy Morris
Jill Peterson
Joan Simental

Sally S. Weinland 6/26/1928-2/18/2020

A memorial for Sally Weinland will be Saturday, March 28, 2020, 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, behind Country Club Shopping Center, near Watt and El Camino.

Our remembrance of Sally will appear in the April *Voter*.

Make Democracy Work January 25, 2020 at Casa Garden

An all-member meeting was held with more than 40 members present, several of whom were new or potential members of the LWVSC. Members were divided by areas where they live, so they could network with neighbors.

Sacramento League President Claudia Bonsignore welcomed the group and presented information on voter registration, education and efforts to increase voter participation.

Nancy Compton shared information on an event to honor the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. The event will be held at Cal Expo and will feature speakers, a luncheon and women sky divers.

Paula Lee discussed history of the League of Women Voters, noting the many times the League works collaboratively to strengthen League positions. One success story was the defeat of Measure L, the so-called strong mayor initiative. Paula discussed Candidate Forums, Ranked Choice Voting and an effort to recruit diverse representation for the City of Sacramento's Citizen's Redistricting Campaign ... for the City of Sacramento.

Brenda Main shared her experiences as a volunteer in the Observer Corps and told of opportunities where new members can participate.

Norma Nelson shared her experience in working on Criminal Justice matters. She encouraged others to join the effort, including volunteering for the Criminal Justice Observer Corps.

President Bonsignore read Patricia Pavone's report regarding the Children's Advocacy Roundtable that meets quarterly in Sacramento.

Terri Colosimo reported on the 2020 census and reminded members to emphasize to others the importance of the census, e.g. federal funds are distributed based upon the census data to assist special populations.

Inga Olson discussed the work of the LWV Climate Change initiative. An emergency climate proclamation has been signed by the City, with the County being next to make a proclamation. LWVC is forming state-wide teams on several topics related to climate change including: building electrification; food, soils and agriculture; transportation, and wildfires. To join the Task Force or to express interest in a state-wide team, email climatechange@lwvc.org.

Dolores Campbell and Theresa Riviera discussed diversity in the election process and provided information about Sacramento County population. Thirty-four percent of the population are non-English speakers and 90.7% are U.S. citizens. In the 2018 general election, Latinos experienced a significant increase in voter turnout of 35.9%, compared to the prior midterm general election in 2014 of 17.3%.

Eileen Heaser and Carol Enns shared information about the LWVSC newsletter *The Voter* and requested that articles be submitted between the 15th - 20th of the month. Carol presented other League media platforms including the website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

After a break, the groups broke into small discussion sessions:

- How to register voters. (Kris Rekdahl)
- Join a demonstration on Ranked Choice Voting (Paula Lee)
- Orientation to Observer Corps (Brenda Main),
- Focus on climate change initiatives (Inga Olson)
- Volunteer opportunities in the area of Criminal Justice (Norma Nelson)
- Effort to start a new LWVSC Unit in Midtown and East Sacramento with consideration of an early morning or early evening meeting time to complement the times of other unit meetings.
- Communication Team: newsletter needs an editor, help needed with Facebook, web page, Twitter and Instagram. Volunteers were identified for Twitter and Instagram.

By M. Patzer, C. Enns

Our Twitter Page is Back Up @LWVSacramento

I'm the new administrator of our Twitter account and new to Twitter, so I'm learning as I go. Here's an explanation of Twitter as I understand it. I'll post links at the bottom of the page that will explain it better than I can.

Twitter is like Facebook, but on steroids. Posts are limited to 140 characters, so people post a lot. They also "retweet" (share) the posts from those they "follow" and "reply" (comment). #Hashtags are used to organize posts so people will find posts of those they aren't following when they search on Twitter.

Public accounts like the LWVSC's can be viewed even if you don't have a Twitter account. Just search LWVSC on any search engine like Google or Bing. You can lock your account, so only those who follow you can see your post. This means if you are private and you retweet or "favorite" "like" the LWVSC tweets, I won't be able to see who you are unless you also follow us.

We have over 200 followers thanks to my predecessor. I'm having a lot of fun even though those 200 are pretty quiet and don't interact much. Our site only has a few favorites, retweets, and replies. I use a lot of #hashtags so people can find our posts easily.

We can increase our presence on Twitter a couple of ways: Produce trusted superior content with good #hashtags someone can find and would like to retweet, and get more followers who have lots of followers and who retweet our posts to their followers who then retweet ad infinitum. I've got the first part mostly covered, but your content suggestions are always welcome. I need all of your help with the second part.

It's a good thing I used to write and perform poetry in the 90's. It really helps to condense things on Twitter and think of creative ways to use #hashtags. There is an application that helps me condense links. I have been retweeting from other LWV and government twitter accounts and making up my own posts with links and gifs (mini videos) and, soon, photos too. If you have some content you want me to post on our Twitter account, please email me at twitter@lwvsacramento.org.

You can see what I'm doing without joining twitter; if you join you can help me avoid feeling like I'm posting into a void. All you have to do is read, reply or retweet. I make Action Alerts easy, directly linking you to the email part so you can instantly email your representatives. I'm also going to be doing some fun things like contests for some #LWV100 swag (buttons etc.) and you have to follow LWVSC if you want to win that. Hope to see you in the Twitterverse!

Sources: [This is a great explanation using a party analogy](#) [Twitter explained in a video](#)

By H. Bergholdt

Easy voter information and *Pros & Cons*

Publications are available online cavotes.org

Count on Census 2020

For toolkits, videos, jobs, data protections and much more.

By T. Colosimo

Book/Reports

E. Heaser

Poison Squad: One chemist's single-minded crusade for food safety at the turn of the twentieth century, 2019 by Deborah Blum, journalist, author, Pulitzer winner. From *Goodreads*, 2/8/2020, "... true story of how food was made safe in the United States ... led by Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley ..." "By the end of nineteenth century, food was dangerous. Lethal even. Milk might contain formaldehyde, most often used to embalm corpses ..." Borax, salicylic acid, maggots, rotten meats, etc. were all prevalent. At the beginning of the twentieth century Dr. Wiley had connected with women's groups including suffragists to protest and march for safe food. Today the USDA is the result of these actions over many years of protest on the part of Dr. Wiley. A *New York Times* Notable Book and aired on PBS, *American Experience* 1/15/2020, *The Poison Squad*. By E. Heaser

Jacobin Magazine, 1/26/2020, Marc Edelman, professor and author, *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Rural America*

The Sacramento Bee, 2/15/2020, 6A. "California Voter Registration Law Changed Ahead of Election Day," by Andrew Sheeler. Signed by Governor Newsom, "Senate Bill 207 will allow ... No Party Preference voters to change their party preference to Republican so that they can vote in the California GOP's closed primary."

"Activists Launch Effort to Get Asian-Americans to Fill Out Census" by John Eligon, *New York Times*, from *The Sacramento Bee*, 2/15/2020, 9A. "In a survey, Asian-Americans reported a lower likelihood of filling out their census forms than any other demographic group. They are also the least familiar with the census ... and the most worried that their information will be used against them, according to a Census Bureau report."



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American River College Voter Registration and Education

On 2/18/2020, J. Peterson, T. Colosimo, C. Hart and O. Aguirre hosted a voter registration and education table event at the Student Union at American River College. It was an exciting event with 12 new voters registered and voter education given to many people. Our thanks to Jill for getting permission and organizing the event. We hope to hold more events like this at our community colleges.

By T. Colosimo and J. Peterson

Elmhurst Candidate Forum

Thank you and all of the League of Women Voters who made our candidates forum last night [2/10/2020] possible and so successful! We had over 70 people in attendance. Again, we very much appreciate the work of the League.

By Maggie Coulter, President, Elmhurst
Neighborhood Association

S. Phinney, moderator, C. Bonsignore, timer, E. Heaser, question sorter, K. Lewis and T. Riviera assisted.

Voter Registration and Education Event at Parkside Community Church

A voter education event was held on 2/6/2020 at Parkside Community Church, 5700 South Land Park Drive at the coffee hour after church. Pastor Bonnie Rambob announced the event occurred on the 100th anniversary of women receiving the right to vote. The volunteers were: B. Main, J. Normington, M. Patzer, S. Bender and D. Tibor. We answered many questions about the upcoming election and shared information about candidate forums and pros and cons events. The event coordinator was Susan Voskuil who requested that she and several other attendees be placed on our email list for future events.

By M. Patzer



A church member; Sylvia Bender, Diana Tibor

L to R. Photo by M. Patzer

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