



VOTER

The VOICE of League for Members; the FACE of League for our Communities.

DEC 2014 AT A GLANCE

Mon, Dec 15 *Book Group Luncheon*
12 – 2 pm *Home of Maryrae Fanta*

JAN 2015 AT A GLANCE

Fri, Jan 9 *LWVNCSD Bd mtg*
10 am – 12 pm *LWD Offices*

Mon, Jan. 19 *Book Group Mtg*
1:00 - 3:00 pm *Home of Jackie Stone*

Sat, Jan 24 *Civil Discourse Mtg*
10 am – 11:30 am *San Marcos Library*

Sat, Jan 31 *Program Planning*
 General Meeting
9 am – 11:30 am *Dove Library*

PLANNING AHEAD

March 8 *Theater Party*
2 pm *N. Coast Rep.*

May 15-17 *LWVC Convention*
 San Diego

May 30 *LWVNCSD Annual mtg*

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By Co-Presidents Cathy Greene and
Carol Grimes-Gartland

Over the next few months League members will be engaged in program planning for LWVC, our local League, and our units.

Program planning is really a grassroots gathering of our members to engage in strategic consideration of what we want to see on the League's agenda for the next two years. This is our opportunity and responsibility to decide where to focus League time, talents, money, and reputation.

The LWVNCSD program planning meeting for both state and local League programs will be held on Saturday, January 31st at the Dove Library meeting room in Carlsbad. Come at 9 am for refreshments and to meet and greet your League friends – old and new. The meeting will start promptly at 9:30.

At this meeting, we will review our current positions, which you can view at lwvncsd.org (for state positions, go to lwvc.org/issues/lwvc-positions).

We will ask:

- **“What issue is most in need of addressing by League?”**
- **“Is a new study needed?”**
- **“What position might we need to update to be able to speak more effectively on an important issue?”**

Top considerations will be where League efforts will be most effective, what best serves our mission, and what is the best use and allocation of our time and resources.

Our lively discussions and deliberations will lead to a consensus on what we want on the agenda for state and for local League over the next two years.

Program planning is as much of who we are and what we do, as are the voter service activities during election time. Please plan to join your fellow League members and friends on January 31st for program planning.

Hope to see you there!

Cathy Greene
Carol Grimes-Gartland



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Carol Grimes-Gartland	Co-President
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Anne Patton	San Dieguito Unit Chair

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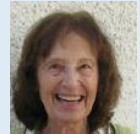
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Co-Presidents' Message



By Cathy Greene and Carol Grimes-Gartland

Happy Holidays!

December brings the end of one busy year for League and the beginning of a new and exciting year of programs, events, and activities. The year begins with our general program planning meeting for all LWVNCSD members on Saturday, January 31, to set League agenda for the coming two years, (see page one). Please plan to attend—come early at 9 am to greet League friends—we will get down to business at 9:30 for deliberation on what is most important to our local and state Leagues. **There will be no unit meetings in January.** In February, our units will meet for their own program planning to set their agenda and priorities.

Spring will bring the return of a popular social event and fundraiser for our League—the theater party, scheduled for Sunday, March 8th, at the North County Repertory Theatre. Mark your calendars now, as you won't want to miss Neil Simon's *Chapter Two*. More information to come!

Other League projects and events planned for 2015 include legislative interviews of local elected officials, a general meeting/social event for members and the public, and our annual meeting on May 30th. This year, our annual meeting will be a luncheon held at a new, exciting venue. Stay tuned for more information in the spring. Mark your calendar now for May 30th.

Also in May--don't miss the fun and excitement as Leaguers from all over the state get together here in San Diego, May 15th through the 17th, for the LWVC Convention. Watch the *VOTER* for information on attending and volunteering. To become a delegate from our League, submit your name to Carol or Cathy for consideration.

There are many opportunities to become involved with the League in the coming year, including helping with legislative interviews, assisting our webmaster Suzanne Carneiro with projects, working with the Speaker's Bureau and Observer Corps, and volunteering to help with the State Convention in May.

An especially fulfilling way to be involved with our League is to become a member of our board of directors. Lois Martyns is chair of the Nominating Committee. She and her committee may call on you to consider a term on the board of directors. Please hear her out! This is a great way to meet interesting and fun League members, to use your talents, and to help shape and direct League priorities, programs, and events. Any current board member will be willing to talk to you about what it is like to be a board member. Please consider joining our board and give Lois a call!

We wish you a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at League events in 2015.

Cathy and Carol

December / January Meetings

Book Group Holiday Luncheon All Members Welcome Monday • December 15 12:00 – 2:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book group will hold its annual holiday luncheon at the home of Maryrae Fanta on Monday, December 15, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net for more information.

There will be no Unit Meetings in January.

Book Group Meeting All Members Welcome Monday • January 19 1:00 – 3:00 pm

The Book group will hold its January meeting at the home of Jackie Stone on Monday, January 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, to discuss *Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time*, by Jeff Speck. Call Margie Monroy, 760-729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net for more information.

Civil Discourse Meeting All Members Welcome Saturday, January 24 10:00 – 11:30 am San Marcos Library

Program Planning Meeting All Members Welcome Saturday, January 31, 2015 9:00 – 11:30 am

What would you like to see the League do over the next year? Here's your chance to influence not only the North County San Diego League's agenda, but the California League's too. Please join us on Saturday, January 31, at 9:00 at the Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

Long time League member Helen Simmons passed away on Friday, October 24 at her home in Valley Center. She went out to walk her dog and seems to have peacefully laid down. She was 100 years old, and still safely driving. She was active in the AAUW, Friends of Wilderness Gardens, and, of course, the League of Women Voters.



Members of the San Dieguito Unit enjoying their tour of the McClellan Palomar Airport in October, from left: Nancy Telford, Pat Yeakley, Kathy Anderson, Anne Omsted, Anne Patton, Susan D'Vincent, Karen Stephen, Nancy Dietrich.

From Civil Discourse to Deliberation

by Mary Thompson & Martha Cox

Highlights and Lowlights – Going around our virtual table to sift through the best and worst examples of civility. . .



Printed posters carried aloft in a September demonstration at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign read “Civility = Silence. Silence = Death.” Will 2014 be the year of civility in faculty conduct? It seems to be shaping up that way, with administrators and even courts

recently weighing in on the concept – to the dismay of many faculty members who see expectations of civility as incompatible with academic freedom. It's not that critics want everyone to be rude, but they say that civility can be used as grounds to squelch unpopular ideas that deserve a home in academe.

What's New? - Martha Cox returned from the National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation in Reston, VA in October elated to have met a fellow League member who has been walking in our moccasins as we bridged the journey from civil discourse to deliberation. Since meeting Mary Dumas of LWV Bellingham/Whatcom, WA League of Women Voters, winner of **the LWVUS 2010 Connection with the Community Award** for their program series on “*How to Have a Civil Discussion in Uncivil Time*,” we've been exchanging ideas, particularly around LWV Washington State's “Civility in our Democracy” initiative which hopes to train 850 state leaders in conflict skills, roll out a statewide Civility Commitment, and produce replicable high conflict skills training kits to enhance League programs nationwide.

Civility Matters

Civility in our democracy is not about squelching assertiveness, protest, civil disobedience, or rigorous discussion of the issues. Civil discourse and deliberation is a set of attitudes, behaviors and skills that support thoughtful, fact and values-based discussions when citizens and public officials do come to the table to talk.

LWV Washington State
Civility in Our Democracy

LWVC Convention



Mark your calendar for May 15-17, 2015 when San Diego plays host for the next LWVC Convention. We know that San Diego has a lot to offer – be a part of it!

Many attendees arrive a day early for the Convention in order to participate in pre-convention local events, so save this date as well. The steering committee is hard at work planning an engaging day of activities for Thursday, May 14th. Registered attendees for the Convention will be given first choice for tickets. Members will want to register early, as space is limited.

2015 State Convention - Silent Auction Items Needed!

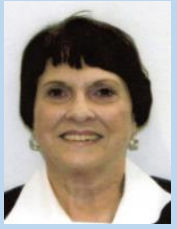
Silent auctions are suspenseful and the better the items, the more suspenseful they get. We'd like to make our Silent Auction at the 2015 State Convention a real nail-biter! But we need your donations of sought-after items to pull it off. Remember, proceeds go to support all the important work we do.

Do you own time at a vacation home, fine art, or a really special piece of jewelry? Are you a member of a wine club? Help us gather silent auction items that would cause bidders to keep checking back until the winner is announced. Your donation will make LWVC Convention a sure winner. Please contact Lottie Fox (lottiefox@verizon.net) about your valuable donation.

For North County San Diego Members: During the convention, there will be many opportunities to volunteer, serving as hospitality hosts, registration desk helpers, marketplace volunteers, computer/projector operators, doorkeepers or timekeepers.

If you are interested in more information, have a suggestion for a convention sponsor or silent auction item or wish to volunteer – welcome aboard! We're looking for you. Please contact Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com or (760) 436-4962.

Member Spotlight: Lois Martyns



By Kathy Anderson

Lois Martyns has been an active member of the LWV since the 1960's. She was originally from Pennsylvania and moved with her parents to California after World War II. Lois had been a teacher and resident of Glendora, CA prior to moving with her family to Carlsbad seventeen years ago. She has been married for 55 years to her husband Len and has 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and a 97 year old mother.

Lois joined the League when her children were in elementary school, needing an outlet to fulfill her need to have adult discussions with intelligent counterparts. As a League member,

she led a study of the election system, participated in statewide studies of education, served as Vice-President in charge of program planning and moderated many candidate forums and debates. Lois also served as an Observer of the Carlsbad School Board for many years. Now she has graciously agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee and is asking anyone who is thinking that they might be interested in serving on the LWVNCSD Board to give her a call to discuss opportunities.

When she's not busy with LWV tasks, Lois is an enthusiastic member of the Assistance League of North Coast. The Assistance League's goal is to help disadvantaged children obtain what they need to achieve a positive starting point for academic success. An all-volunteer organization, Lois has written grants for the organization to help meet the children's needs for books, clothing and other services, and also pitches in to regularly work in one of the Assistance League's Thrift Shops.

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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and mail to:
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Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or join online at:
http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

Dues:

\$60/year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
\$30/year for 2nd member, same address
New members joining after Feb. 1st will pay 1/2 annual dues.
Student Memberships available

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

\$100/year • Suffragist
\$200/year • Activist
\$300/year • Advocate
\$500/year • Founders Circle

- New Member Renewal
- Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).
- Why I'm joining

I am interested in the following
(please √ interests):

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
 - ◆ Book Group
 - ◆ Civil Discourse
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Natural Resources
 - ◆ Women's Issues



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The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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