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FEB 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Wed, Feb 11** 9:30 am *New and Not-so-new-
Member Morning Social
Home of Jackie Stone*
- Fri, Feb 13** 10 am – 12 pm *LWVNCSD Bd mtg
LWD Offices*
- Mon, Feb 16** 1:00 - 3:00 pm *Book Group Mtg
Home of Kathy Anderson*
- Thurs, Feb 19** 10 am – 12 pm *Carlsbad Unit Mtg
Dove Library, Carlsbad*
- Wed, Feb 25** 1:30 – 3:00 pm *San Dieguito Unit Mtg
3535 Manchester, Cardiff*

MARCH 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Sun, Mar 8** 2pm *LWVNCSD Theater Party
North Coast Rep*
- Fri, Mar 13** 10 am – 12 pm *LWVNCSD Bd mtg
LWD Offices*
- Mon, Mar 16** 1:00 - 3:00 pm *Book Group Mtg
Home of N. Marblestone*
- Thurs, Mar 19** 10 am – 12 *Carlsbad Unit Mtg
LWD Offices*
- Fri, Mar 20** 8:30 am – 2 pm *Restoring Respect Conf
USD*
- Wed, Mar 25** 1:30 – 3:00 pm *San Dieguito Unit Mtg
3535 Manchester, Cardiff*

PLANNING AHEAD

- May 15-17 *LWVC Convention
San Diego*
- May 30 *LWVNCSD Annual mtg*

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It's Theater Party Time

By Co-President Carol Grimes-Gartland

You will not want to miss the highlight of the LWVNCSD year, our theater party on March 8, 2015, 2:00 pm, at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. This year we will be seeing Neil Simon's *Chapter Two*. This is a semi-autobiographical, well received comedy about a widower, a divorcee and dating.

Our League theater party is a combination of fundraiser and social event. The tickets are available for \$50 each. Refreshments will be served before the show, so come early. Bring your family and/or friends. This is a great way to introduce a potential League member to the League in a relaxed atmosphere.

You can send your payment checks to: LWVNCSD, P.O. Box 131272, Carlsbad, 92013-1272, or pay online using PayPal at www.lwvncsd.org.

Carol

Thank You for Your Donations!

The following members have all made contributions in addition to their membership dues. Their generosity helps the LWVNCSD help our communities.

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The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Co-Presidents' Message

Wow, what a great turn out for the state and local program-planning meeting on January 31st. Past President Mary Crowley did a masterful job of moderating the lively discussions. Mary's clear, precise, and fun explanations made sure the 32 League members present understood the purpose and process of program planning. We extend a grateful thank you to Mary for her expertise in leading us.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this grass roots effort of guiding our League for the next several years.

Many thanks also to Barbara Lorenzen, Karen Stephen, Nancy Telford, Anne Omsted, Karen Pendergast, and Dorine Meade for their contributions to the effort. A special thank you goes to Bill Dunmeyer, Jane's husband, for the delicious quiche.

Program planning meetings at the unit level will continue at the February unit meetings. A report of all results will be in our next *VOTER*.

League members continue to be busy this month. The nominating committee is in full swing, gathering talented members to positions of leadership in the League. If they call you, please hear them out! You may be surprised to find the perfect job or position to fit your interests in the League.

One such good fit happened recently for member Kathy Anderson when I asked her if she would be interested this year in chairing the legislative interviews of our state elected officials. She said yes right away, as this is of special interest to her. If you would like to assist with these interviews, let Kathy know.

Another opportunity for a short term, interesting job for League members is to volunteer to help at our State Convention to be held here in San Diego on May 15th through 17th. Be sure to read Martha Cox's article in this *VOTER* (page 4) about ways to volunteer or to register to attend the convention. It is a not to be missed event!

We are taking names for delegates to the convention so let Carol or me know if that is something you want to do.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cathy and Carol

February Meetings

New and Not-so-new-member Social Wednesday, February 11

9:30 am

Home of Jackie Stone

2068 Ave. of the Trees, Carlsbad, CA

You are cordially invited to the home of Jackie Stone to meet other members and to ask all the questions about League that you may have been reluctant to ask. Over coffee, we will talk about League and get to know one another better. League has its own confusing “lingo” and practices that we can simplify for you.

After this meeting, we hope you will be more comfortable with League ways and have found some new friends. RSVP to Roni Seay 858-755-0639 or RoSeay@aol.com

Book Group Meeting All Members Welcome Monday • February 16

1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 16 at the home of Kathy Anderson to discuss *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert. This is an account of the mass extinction of species presently unfolding before our eyes. For information, call Margie Monroy at 760-729-7242 or <mailto:monroymario@att.net>

Carlsbad Unit meeting All Members Welcome Thursday, • February 19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Karen Pendergast

The Carlsbad Unit will meet Thursday, February 19th, at the Dove Library **Gowland meeting room**, 1775 Dove Lane Carlsbad 92011. We will have our annual Unit Program Planning. Additionally, Elizabeth Kruidenier and Vicki Beck will be presenting an update on the San Diego County League’s Behavioral Health Position and mental health programs in our area.

Save the date: March 19. Carlsbad's City Manager Steve Sarkozy will be our guest speaker at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad 92009.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

Wednesday, February 25

1:30 – 3:00 pm

**Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester,
Cardiff**

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on Feb 25th at 1:30 pm until 3 pm. The meeting will be in two parts. First, Social Policy Director, Liz Kruidenier, and her committee, will speak about the San Diego County League’s update of its Behavioral Health Position, including a discussion about the controversial Laura’s Law. We will have a lively discussion, please come.

Second, will be a discussion regarding our Local Program Planning. This is very different from State and National Planning. We urge you to participate in this as it gives our unit direction for the coming year. We need your suggestions.

Please call Anne Patton if you have any questions at 858-759-2715.

Parking instructions: Park in the lower end of Temple Soliel which is just north of Belmont. Walk to Manchester, turn right. Walk to nearest driveway, turn right and walk a short distance to the end. Veer left and you will see the Dining Room. Enter and go through to the Town Hall Room.



**LWV Founder Carrie Chapman Catt,
See story, page 6**

From Civil Discourse to Deliberation

By Mary Thompson & Martha Cox



Highlights and Lowlights

– Sifting through the best and worst examples of civility. . . This one came to our attention from the LWVUS newsletter about the Johnson County League in Kansas City, MO which received the city's Civility Award for their work

on The Civility Project. Here is a list of what they are asking elected leaders to do, based on what they heard from hundreds of local residents. A few simple, practical changes in the way counties, cities, school boards and others engage the public would make a world of difference.

- 1. Involve people before you've made a decision.** The earlier you involve us, the less conflict you'll face.
- 2. Actively recruit participants.** Don't just post an ad or send a postcard, build networks. Reach out to us.
- 3. Set ground rules.** They help us feel safe.
- 4. Expect more from the public.** Let us help make the hard choices. Let us be citizens, not just customers of government services.
- 5. Let us work in small groups with other citizens.** We want to hear from one another and have a dialogue with people who think differently.
- 6. As often as possible, don't separate yourselves from citizens** up on a stage, but join us as peers.

Would our list look any different in the San Diego region? We invite you to join us in thinking creatively about civility as our group embarks on a collaborative book read that meets the qualifications of book group: available in kindle format, available in audio format and available in local libraries. We'll be making the selection within the next few weeks in preparation for discussion at the July meeting of the book group. Keep checking the League website for more information.

For questions, suggestions, sharing your own research findings or interest in engaging with us, please contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com.

LWVC Convention



By Martha Cox

Registration for the 2015 LWVC Convention commences on February 1, 2015. The North County League is co-hosting this Convention with several other Southern California

Leagues. We have been actively engaged in the collaborative planning process from the beginning, working hard to ensure that the Convention delivers on all levels. This is your Convention. We invite you to be a part of the excitement from opening to closing gavel May 15th - 17th.

The *pre-Convention Border Tour on Thursday, May 14th* has generated tremendous enthusiasm. The Border Tour is an extra offering (separate Border Tour fee is \$100) available to those registered for the full Convention. The tour bus will depart from the Westin Gaslamp (the Convention Hotel) at 9:30 a.m. and will travel to Friendship Park, to Colef University for a panel discussion on immigration, to the American Consulate and then conclude with a stop at a detention center or shelter. According to Wikipedia, Colef (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte) is a prestigious Mexican institute of higher education, specializing in teaching and research in the social sciences with focus on border issues. It is also considered one of Mexico's think tanks.

There is general Convention information available at the following link right now. It will be activated for registration after February 1st: <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2015-registration/>

There will be many opportunities for North County Leaguers 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 you wish to volunteer – we welcome you. Please contact Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com or 760-436-4962. "Check out the related flyers about convention happenings online."



By Margaret Dornish

The County League's study of San Diego agriculture is proceeding apace with interviews of both officials and stakeholders. The primary purpose of the study is to assess the present and future of commercial farming in our county. Every League member will surely recognize how complex this topic is-- including as it does, attention to water and land use programs and regulations, the ever-present environmental concerns, and ultimately, crop sustainability in an area of limited resources.

Committee members are: Chair Peggy Dornish, Kathy Anderson, Mary Hanson, Diane Mochizuki, Anne Omsted, Anita Reith, Roni Seay, Nancy Telford, and Nan Valerio, to any one of whom members may direct questions and concerns as the study proceeds. Our "target" date is this coming fall for Local League general meetings and the subsequent recommendations to the County League.

It may be argued that agriculture in our county is unique in California: there are more organic crops grown here than elsewhere in the state. The Board of Supervisors strongly supports farming ventures into new areas, especially grape and wine production; and the "footprint" of farming with respect to land use still eludes a viable rationale for future development.

There are a number of websites which interested members may consult as the study proceeds, but perhaps the first is the 2013 Weights and Measures Crop Report. www.sandiegocounty.gov/awm

Nominating Committee Report

The LWVNCSD Nominating Committee is seeking a few good members to serve as officers or directors on our Local League Board. At our Annual Meeting this May, we must elect a President or co-Presidents, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and up to seven directors. Directors may choose to focus on issues that most interest them like voter service, action/lobbying for League positions, or work in any League program area such as natural resources or health care. We also need

people with administrative skills who can keep the whole League moving forward.

Being a League board member is a very fulfilling experience. You will find yourself energized by working with other members on important projects that make our communities stronger. The opportunities to interact and exchange ideas with government leaders can be exciting. You will meet interesting people and forge strong friendships when you become a board member.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Liz Gabrych, Roni Seay, Jackie Stone and Connie Ulrich. Please contact one of them if you have any interest in becoming a board member or if you have other members to suggest

LWVSDC (ILO) Update of San Diego County Mental Health Position

By Vicki Beck

The ILO has concluded a half-year study of San Diego County's mental health program to update the 1997 LWV of San Diego County Mental Health Position. Key stakeholders were interviewed and dozens of documents were reviewed by the small but mighty committee led by Bettie Reinhardt. Findings will be presented at February unit meetings and members will learn about the County's progress in nine areas of care and services for patients with serious mental illness: regional care and case management; dually-diagnosed care; outreach programs; age-specific care; funding streams; shelter beds and housing; criminal justice system; law enforcement training; and community and partner input.

Since 1997, many improvements have been made, but hurdles remain. The recent integration of behavioral with physical health care, and mental health with substance abuse care, is good news countywide, but adequate Medi-Cal coverage for serious mental illness is still a challenge. Targeted outreach programs for vulnerable groups (i.e. older adults, homeless, and youth), and community support and partnerships (i.e. schools, faith groups, and law enforcement) have expanded as well, but many needs are still unmet in the areas of housing and inpatient beds, recovery and criminal justice support, and provider access to patient medical records. And the infusion of state funds from the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63), known as the millionaires' tax, introduced dozens of new programs in the past ten years, but coordination issues as well.

Committee members include Liz Kruidenier, Sylvia Hampton, Kathy Smith-Brooks, Deanne George, Rachel Perlmutter, and Vicki Beck.

Remembering Phyllis Rosenbaum



By Cathy Greene

Longtime League member Phyllis Rosenbaum passed away at her home in Cardiff by the Sea, Calif., on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Sheldon,

daughter, Sharyn, son, David, brother, Barry and his wife, Jane, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In 2011, Phyllis was profiled in an article in the *VOTER* describing her as quiet, intelligent, charming, and “so good at drawing out other people.” Her many friends in League can attest to these qualities in Phyllis.

Phyllis first joined the LWV in the 1970s in Illinois; she joined our LWV in 2004 and was an active participant for many years. She served as observer to the San Dieguito High School District and was a San Dieguito Unit co-chair. She was a participant in the LWVUS Immigration Study, the LWVUS Education Study and the National Popular Vote Compact Study. Her research skills were a definite asset to any League study.

Phyllis was a member of the Civil Discourse Interest Group, volunteered for voter service activities during election times, and twice served on the LWV nominating committee. She was a founding member of the Media Monitors Issues Group.

A teacher for 23 years in Illinois, she received a Distinguished Teacher Award from Glenbrook North High School. After moving to Cardiff by the Sea in 1999, she continued to use her teaching skills in various ways, from being a coordinator at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UC San Diego to tutoring international students. At Osher, Phyllis taught a class in modern and contemporary novels and facilitated a popular poetry class. Her literature class was always filled to capacity.

Our League was very fortunate to have such a remarkably talented member. Phyllis will be missed.

In Memoriam: Rosella Heffner, Marilyn Voorhies

By Cathy Greene

As we look forward in this New Year, please take a moment to remember two other League members who passed away in January, Rosella Heffner and Marilyn Voorhies.

Rosella Heffner was a kind, capable, and caring person who is remembered for her great sense of humor. She was a wonderful support for her husband and fellow League member, Howard, who passed away in 2003.

Howard maintained the League Database, the League Directory, directed Unit Communications and actively supported Smart Voter.

Marilyn Voorhies was a long-time faithful member of the League. Those who knew her will miss her gentle intelligent presence.

Facts about our Founder: Carrie Chapman Catt

From LWVUS

On January 9th in 1859, Carrie Chapman Catt was born in Wisconsin. While we all know that Carrie Catt fought tirelessly for women’s suffrage both here and abroad and that she founded the League of Women Voters, here are some facts about this remarkable woman of which we may not be aware:

Originally interested in practicing medicine, [Catt received a Bachelor of Science degree in general science in 1880](#). She was the only woman in her class.

Before working in the suffrage movement, [Catt served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Iowa](#). Catt began her career as a political activist at the age of 27 [when she joined the Iowa Woman Suffrage Association](#).

When her husband died in 1885, [Catt made a living by becoming San Francisco’s first female newspaper reporter](#).

By 1900, [Catt succeeded the 80-year-old activist Susan B. Anthony as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association \(NAWSA\)](#), the organizational predecessor to the League.

She served as president until 1904 when internal political issues within NAWSA caused her to take a break to advocate for the rights of women across the globe, not just in the U.S. As the president of NAWSA, she founded the International Woman Suffrage Alliance (IWSA).

Catt returned to NAWSA as president in 1915. Catt’s relentless campaigning is [credited with helping win President Woodrow Wilson’s respect and support](#) — which ultimately lead to the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Catt was [close friends with Eleanor Roosevelt](#), a [fellow League leader](#) and women’s rights pioneer.

In her later years, Catt advocated on behalf of working women [and tirelessly lobbied for world peace efforts](#).

She supported efforts for both the League of Nations and the United Nation, [the latter of which the League of Women Voters helped establish](#).

For decades throughout the women’s suffrage movement, [Catt traveled across the country](#) to make speeches and lead parades. Even when she was in her late 70s, she remained an effective and impassioned speaker.

Carrie Catt described the League as a “mighty experiment”. Nearly 95 years later the League is still a mighty experiment in making democracy work work through citizen education and engagement. No doubt, Mrs. Catt would be exceedingly proud of her legacy.

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Help us get the word out about League by signing up for Facebook and sharing our posts with your friends and family. You might be surprised about what you will learn. Also, if you find anything on the internet on the topic of non-partisan politics that you think would interest your fellow Leaguers, send me the link and I will share it on our Facebook page. It's today's method to connect to our future members. Thanks for your help in this important task. Our Facebook page:

<http://facebook.com/leagueofwomenvotersnorthcountysandiego>

Suzanne Carneiro
Webmaster and social media guru

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Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).

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