

President's Message

Dear LWVHC Members:

Thank you again for being members of this important organization. The League was very successful when we (**Deborah Downs** and **Rollin**) attended the Women's March on January 20th at Market Square in Eureka. I was very impressed by the number of people who came to march and voice their opinions about social and political issues. Here's one of the photos we took:



Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

There was an estimate that more than 4,000 people attended. **Deborah** and I set up a table to register voters and were able to get 19 folks to sign up. In my experience registering voters, this is a good number. Here's a photo of our table when we first set up before the crowd arrived:



President's Message Continued

. and here's one showing four young folks filling out the form at once – very encouraging.



Thanks to **Deborah Downs** for bringing a folding table and spending several hours at the march.

On Sunday, January 21st, a group of us met under the leadership of **Michele Fell-Casale** to develop our League's proposals for National Program Planning. We discussed proposals for all Leagues to work on Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance Laws and Campaign Finance Reform and Redistricting. You can find details on these proposals at this web site:

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/program-planning-leaders-guide-2018-2020>

Michele will present the proposals we developed at the February Board meeting.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for February 6th at 6PM. Note the slightly later time to allow working Board members to have an easier time arriving. All the best for the second month of 2018.

Rollin C. Richmond
President

Joint LWVHC/AAUW Book Club

By Nancy Kay

The second of the three books of the "political" joint League and AAUW book club will be discussed on Wednesday, February 7th at 10:00 at the home of Nancy Kay (4835 Dickson Drive, Eureka).

All New Don't Think of an Elephant!: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate
by George Lakoff

This mini-book club is for ONE year, and has only THREE books. Again, this is the second book.

Please let Nancy Kay know if you will be attending (442-2729 or nkay@nancykaycpa.com)

Welcome Jessica Snow as a new member!

National Program Planning By Michelle Fell

League members met on Sunday, January 21st to review and discuss the 2018-2020 Program as submitted by the LWVUS Board. The LWVUS Board recommends that Program 2018-2020 continue The Campaign for Making Democracy Work, which includes the following areas of emphasis: Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance Laws/Campaign Finance Reform and Redistricting. After a robust and far-reaching discussion, the group reached consensus on supporting the Program, with the following suggestions: 1. Under 'Improving Elections', ensure that paper ballots are maintained as a verifiable back-up system in every election. 2. Under 'Voting Rights', continue to oppose the concept of an 'Election Integrity System', such as the one that was put in place in 2017 (since disbanded), and any actions that would create a similar system under a different name.

In addition to discussion on the National Program, the group reached consensus on recommending support for the Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro League's proposal for a new national study on the economic, social and policy implications of the use of artificial intelligence (AI), to be presented at the 2018 National Convention. Results of the meeting will be presented to the LWVHC Board at the February Board meeting.

League members will meet on Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 in the second floor conference room of the A1AA building, 434 7th Street in Eureka to review and discuss 2018-2019 State and Local Program Planning. Please bring your 2017 Annual Meeting Kit. Information on LWVC positions can be found at lwvc.org. Additional information will be provided prior to the State/Local Program Planning meeting.

Become a Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages.

Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible. Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax-deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1.

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- ☐ \$75 Individual membership
- ☐ \$105 Household membership
- ☐
- ☐ Please accept my donation of _____
- ☐ Please send me more information
- ☐

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Come to the State of the Community Luncheon on April 20, 2018!

This April 20, at the State of the Community Luncheon, we will honor NAMI Humboldt (National Alliance on Mental Illness) along with Betty Diehl and the Ferndale Choir for their contributions to the well being of our community. The luncheon will take place at the Adorni Center in Eureka with seating at 11:30. Information about tickets, which much be purchased in advance, may be found on our webpage and in the next Voter.

NAMI Humboldt is part of a national, grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness. It's an all volunteer group started here in the 1970s by a few parents whose young adult children had been recently diagnosed with serious mental illness. Several years later they became part of the national organization and continued to bring support, awareness, advocacy and hope to Humboldt County residents through an ongoing series of support groups in Eureka, Fortuna and Redway as well as an annual 12 week class for family members. Family to Family is an evidenced based program taught by trained volunteers that significantly improves the coping and problem solving skills of the people closest to a person with a mental illness. Research has shown if family and friends stay involved in their lives, there is a much better prognosis for that person. NAMI has been instrumental in establishing an annual crisis intervention training program (CIT) which helps first responders, including law enforcement, intervene appropriately when mental illness is part of the situation. NAMI has also donated over \$2,000 for books related to mental health for local libraries, and they provide holiday gifts annually for about 100 residents of mental health facilities.

In 2016, NAMI Humboldt and the League jointly organized a well attended workshop on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness, bringing together local leaders to discuss problems and solutions to the fact many people behind bars are there as a result of untreated mental illness.

Mary Lou Lowry a League member who helped organize this workshop, nominated NAMI as a recipient of our award this year and said: I have personally been impressed with the many volunteers who give so much time even when some are dealing with a mental health crisis at home. Their commitment to improving our community is inspiring.

Watch next month's Voter to find out more about Betty Diehl and the Ferndale Choir.

Pictured is Angela Winogradov, Board President of NAMI Humboldt (National Alliance on Mental Illness)



Nominating Committee News By **Sharolyn L. Hutton**

The nominating committee has been working to prepare a slate of officers for your consideration for the coming year. If you or someone you know wish to be considered as an elected or appointed Board member, please contact me. I can be reached at 499-0178 or at sharolynart@gmail.com.

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**Who's Who on Your League Board
2017-18**

ADMINISTRATION

President.....Rollin Richmond
Vice President.....Michelle Fell-Casale
Secretary.....Patricia-Anne WinterSun
Treasurer.....Deborah Downs
Director.....Leslie Leach
Director.....Byrd Lochtie
Director.....Carol Masterson
Director.....Anne Hartline
Director.....Becky Simpson
Director.....Kathy Johanson
Director.....Celeste Ruiz
Director.....Julie Kelly
Director.....Mary Lou Lowry
Director.....Keith Snow-Flamer
Director.....Elaine Weinreb

PORTFOLIO DIRECTORS

Government.....Julie Kelly
Natural Resources.....Leslie Leach
.....& Elaine Weinreb
Social Policy.....Mary Lou Lowry
ProgramMichelle Fell-Casale
Governance Chair.....Byrd Lochtie
Historian.....Vacant
Membership.....Becky Simpson
Nominating Committee Chair.....Alex Stillman
Publications.....Lorey Keele
Communications Support.....Kathy Johanson

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FUNDRAISING

Marathon Fundraiser.....Kay Escarda
Poll Workers Fundraiser.....Carolyn Otis
State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee Chair.....Judy Bennett

COMMUNICATIONS

Access Humboldt Rep.....Elaine Weinreb
Social Media.....Kathy Johanson
Website.....Kathy Johanson
VOTER Publication.....Keith Snow-Flamer
VOTER Circulation.....Carolyn Otis

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service Director.....Becky Simpson
Candidate Forums.....Carol Masterson
Citizen Education.....Judy Bennett
Election Service.....Byrd Lochtie



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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to give. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

Making Democracy Work!

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, February 6
Monthly Board Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Thursday, February 15
Membership Meeting
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Tuesday, March 6
Monthly Board Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Tuesday, April 3
Monthly Board Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Friday, April 20
State of the Community Luncheon
Time: Noon
Location: The Adorni Center

Please go to the LWVHC website for updated information:
www.LWVHC.org.
