

Hello Members,

Everything is moving in a whirlwind these days. What a difference one month makes.

The SOCL Committee determined we should postpone the State of the County Luncheon to September. Thank you to all the committee members that worked so diligently to get the luncheon started and then had to stop so abruptly. Though the luncheon has been postponed, we will still honor our two recipients. Please read the article on one of the recipients, *Wanda Wahlund* in this VOTER.

This crisis has brought a lot of questions forward for reflection, such as voting in a democracy. Some states postponed their elections, more are working on making voting by mail easy and safe. In this rural area, Humboldt County Registrar of Voters has been working on moving people to vote by mail. For some of us who enjoy the ritual of going to the polls and getting that sticker, it was a shift. Now we can see the wisdom of voting by mail, registering online, and other features that enable easy access to participate in our democracy. The League continues to support easy access to voting so all can participate in this great democracy experiment. This is a country that has chosen to govern itself, and not have a ruling class. That is a great responsibility for all of us to participate.

The Schools & Communities First campaign is proud to announce the submission of more than 1.7 million signatures of support to qualify for the November 2020 ballot – the most signatures ever submitted in California for a ballot initiative. This historic benchmark was achieved weeks ahead of schedule and surpassed the original 1.6 million goal set by the campaign. Thank you, **Mary Lou Lowry** and **Kathryn Donahue** for the incredible effort to secure signatures here in Humboldt County, part of a tremendous grassroots effort. The League will continue to provide the information to voters and correct misinformation. Thank you all for doing your part.

Please stay home, stay healthy, and stay informed!

Deborah Downs, LWVHC President

Our Mission Statement...

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.

SAVE the (NEW) DATE
for the
**STATE of the COMMUNITY
LUNCHEON (SOCL)
2020**

**Due to COVID-19
the SOCL
has been postponed until
Friday, September 25th.**

**Ticket information can be found in
this VOTER as well as at
LWVHC.org**

We will be celebrating the
100 year anniversary of the Women's
Right to Vote as well as our honorees.

Looking forward to still see all of you.

Stay Safe Until Then

**New League Member
Brittany Gonzalez**

Wanda Wahlund to be Honored with Civic Contribution Award



Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much"

– Helen Keller.

At this year's State of the Community Luncheon on September 25th at the Adorni, one of our Civic Contribution awardees will be **Wanda Wahlund**. (Last month we featured the other honorees **Eric and Vivianna Hollenbeck** and their Blue Ox Historic Village and School.)

Wanda's many activities add up to the creation of community. In Freshwater, where she lives, she is a long-time member of the Freshwater Community Guild (formerly the Grange). These folks raise funds to keep the Grange open for activities including a senior exercise program and social events that bring the community together. They recently raised thousands of dollars for speed humps for Freshwater School, which is located where two busy thoroughfares meet. She has been active and served as an officer, in groups that support youth scholarships, including Quota Club, a service organization which, among other projects, awards scholarships to high school students who have shown a love of community service. Quota Club also helps support a transitional residence in Blue Lake that takes in young women who are recovering from substance abuse issues. The group also contributes monthly to Launch Pad, a local program for youth facing challenges. She served as president and led various projects for the Cattlewomen's Association, which offers scholarships for high schoolers interested in going into agriculture.

Wanda is also instrumental in the local sales of See's Candy, based at the Discovery Shop in Eureka, raising funds for cancer patients to help with their lodging when they must travel for treatment. She is the kind of neighbor we all would be glad to have.

LWVHC ENCOURAGES YOUTH AT HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORY DAY

For several years, our League of Women Voters has been supportive of the Humboldt County History Day by giving awards to selective students who have presented excellent projects about voting or about impressive and influential women. The topic for National History Day this year was "Breaking Barriers in History." At Humboldt County History Day on February 29, two League volunteers looked at all the individual and group high school and middle school exhibits, and chose eight projects to award. The topics included Suffrage, Katherine Johnson, Malala, Billie Jean King, Sandra Day O'Connor, Jane Addams, Helen Keller and Dolores Huerta. We were very impressed with the quality of so many of the exhibits. Students that we honored were Ella Manthorne, Taylor Nada, Cadence Corell, Maelah Hanshaw, Willa Osborne, Sierra Sobota, Genevieve Caruso, Sophia Rosales, Sarah Privat and Bodhi Jennings.

Students in all areas -- posters, exhibits, websites, papers, performances and documentaries, who were selected to go on to the state competition will receive digital coaching from the History Day Team, and the state competition will be conducted digitally because of the coronavirus and will not include student interviews. In the past the League has awarded monetary scholarships to help defray travel costs to students whose projects fit our mission, but because of the coronavirus, there will be no travel.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT

LWVHC cordially invites you to the 29th Annual State of the Community Luncheon to honor

Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck
The Blue Ox Historic Village and School

and

Wanda Wahlund
Community Volunteer

Master of Ceremonies – Deborah Downs, President
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

State of the County Remarks, Estelle Fennel, Board Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Keynote Speaker – Anne Hartline, History Educator
The Struggle for Suffrage

Friday, September 25th

11:30 Seating

12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon and Program
Adorni Center

Luncheon Committee

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Please detach and send with your check

My check is enclosed to support the 2020 State of the Community Luncheon:

- Checkboxes for contribution options: A \$50 contribution entitles a League member to one luncheon seat... I wish to support the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County... I am unable to attend the luncheon, but I wish to support the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County with a contribution of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Payment must be received in advance. Please make checks payable to LWVHC and mail to 4835 Dickson Drive, Eureka, CA 95503 or use PayPal at LWVHC.org (707) 442-2729

Contributions to the LWVHC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

*ALL tickets purchased online through PayPal will be \$65ea

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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 1st

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

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

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$105 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

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Join Now!

THANK YOU, ELECTION VOLUNTEERS!

Our League of Women Voters serves as the Election Board for the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, and as I write this we have completed the second mailing for the March 28, 2020, regular election. Our work includes preparing and mailing a first notice of the election citing the positions open for election allowing voters to file and intent to run as well as a request for an absentee ballot. The second notice lists all those who are running for a position and an absentee ballot for those who have requested one. These two mailings, one at the end of January and one at the beginning of March, require a large work party to prepare all the priority flat rate envelopes with the appropriate materials in them. I want to thank all the willing Leaguers who came to my house on two different days to spend an afternoon stuffing envelopes! Thank you to **Janine Randall, Judy Bennett, Charmin Bailey, Debbe Hartridge, Nan Nieboer, Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Joan Williams, Ally Kennedy, Peg Gardner, Willa Mauro, Ann Diehl, and Jennifer Jenkins**. I appreciate every one of you! I also want to thank Brittany Gonzalez, Bear River executive secretary, who helped us mail all the packets through the tribal postage machine, even coming back to work after hours on March 6, so we could finish the job. Thank you, Brittany!

Also, congratulations to the Bear River Election Committee. For the last few elections, the Tribal Council has also appointed an Election Committee of tribal members who are also League members. **Charmin Bailey, Ally Kennedy and Jennifer Jenkins** serve on that Committee this year and they have been working with me on the election. Not only have they helped with the mailings, but they put together candidate forums for all the candidates for the positions of member-at-large, treasurer, and chairperson. Because of the coronavirus recommendations, they arranged for IT Technician Christian Pehl to video cast the four and a half hour event to Facebook so that people could watch from home and not go out to a crowded venue. Congratulations to the Election Committee for arranging home viewing for tribal members! Thanks and congratulations to **Ally Kennedy** for doing a great job as moderator of the forums, to **Charmin Bailey** as an accurate timekeeper and to **Jennifer Jenkins** for becoming an excellent question sorter very quickly! Thank you, too, to **Carol Masterson** and **Patricia-Anne WinterSun** for acting as consultants to the Election Committee members as they made their debut with candidate forums.

Flash: For the first time ever, the **Avenue of the Giants Marathon** has been **canceled**. The Forest Service canceled the date. It was the only sensible alternative because so many people traveled great distances to get here and travelling is out of the question now.

Thank you to all the faithful who had signed up to work the aid station for the League of Women Voters. They tell us it may be rescheduled in October. We'll let you know.



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LWVHC Calendar **tentative due to*
COVID-19

Board Meeting (via Zoom) Tuesday, 4/14/2020
530pm @ A1AA

State of Community Luncheon Friday, ~~4/24/2020~~
9/25/2020 at Noon @ Adorni Center, Eureka

Board Meeting* Tuesday, 5/12/2020
530pm @ A1AA

Annual Meeting* Thursday, 5/28/2020
Date & Time TBA