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## JANUARY 2013 AT A GLANCE

<b>Fri, Jan 10</b> 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd mtg LWD Offices
<b>Sat, Jan 11</b> 3:00 - 5:00 pm	LWVC Board Mtg, SD San Diego
<b>Wed, Jan 15</b> 1:30 – 3:30 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village 3535 Manchester, Cardiff
<b>Thurs, Jan 16</b> 10 am	Carlsbad Unit Mtg Sage Creek High School
<b>Mon, Jan 20</b> 1:15 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Jane Schaff
<b>Sat, Jan 25</b> 10 – 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Group San Marcos Library

## FEBRUARY 2013 AT A GLANCE

<b>Fri, Feb 14</b> 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd mtg LWD Offices
<b>Mon, Feb 17</b> 1:15 pm	Book Group Mtg
<b>Wed, Feb 19</b>	San Dieguito Unit Mtg
<b>Thurs, Feb 20</b>	Quad Cities/Carlsbad Unit Mtg
<b>Sat, Feb 22</b> 10 – 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Group San Marcos Library

### Planning Ahead

Mar 15	LWVNCSD/LWVSD Ag Study Consensus Mtg University City Library
Mar 21 8 am – 12 pm	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Restoring Respect Conference</b>
May 3	ILO Convention
May 17-18	LWVC Council, San Jose
May 31	LWVNCSD Annual Mtg
June 6-10	LWVUS Conv. Dallas

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By Peggy Dornish

The LWVUS Study Committee is still dragging its collective feet, but our Committee is not. And, Mary Hanson, former ILO Natural Resources director, has joined the team. Each member is researching a particular facet of the study which we have divided into these seven categories:

1. GMO's—**Jeanne Brown**
2. Herbicides and Pesticides—**Peggy Dornish**
3. Water Pollution & Aquifer Depletion—**Mary Hanson**
4. Antibiotics and Hormones in Livestock—**Liz Kruidenier**
5. Crop Subsidies—**Anne Omsted**
6. Accurate Food Labeling—**Roni Seay**
7. 2013 Farm Bill, Fed. Reg. Process, & Consolidation in Agricultural Industries—**Nan Valerio**

Once reports, glossaries, and recommended internet resources are prepared, they will be posted on our local League websites. Although these many materials may at first appear daunting, individual members can access them selectively and according to their particular interests and concerns.

February Unit Meetings in each League will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of Study materials and issues, led by the various Unit Chairs in both the San Diego League and the North County League. Committee members will be on hand as well.

**We have scheduled a single Consensus Meeting for our two Leagues meeting together in the University Community Library on Governor Drive on Saturday, March 15, 2014, from 10:00 until 2:00.** In the morning session, Committee members will be set up around a conference room to present their materials visually and in print to members who will be circulating among their "information posts." We will break briefly for a catered lunch. The afternoon session will then be for the Consensus itself and will be moderated by Roni Seay, ILO President.

Considerable interest in this Study has been expressed by many members in both our Leagues. The Study Committee is now at work--researching, sifting, summarizing, and preparing balanced, non-biased presentations for Units, for our websites, our VOTERS, and for the March 15 Joint Meeting morning session. Some members may wish to read right away "Challenges and Opportunities in U. S. Agriculture" on the LWVS website. See Members Only: Agricultural Update

## LWVNCSD Officers/Directors 2013-14

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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.*

## President's Message

*by Mary Crowley, President*



Happy New Year and welcome to our first electronic edition of *The Voter*. We're saving trees and now you will be able to peruse the newsletter in living color. Not to worry, however, we're still going to be printing

enough hard copies for our non-email members and for distribution to the libraries. The e-Voter will be coming to you as an email attachment and you can also check it out on the website as well - [lwvncsd.org](http://lwvncsd.org). We really want to know what you think so please let us have some feedback.

As many of you know we've had to make a few adjustments to the *Voter* as we are presently without a *Voter* Editor. We all owe a great deal of gratitude to Board Secretary, Margaret Liles, who volunteered to put this edition together for us. Many, many thanks, Margaret. Having Margaret do this *Voter* has meant we have a little breathing room to contemplate where we go from here. We've had some wonderful suggestions and offers for help that we're following up on, so stay tuned!

In this month's edition you'll see two informative articles from Peggy Dornish and Jackie Stone. Both articles discuss some exciting projects that we will be working on in the coming months. Please encourage your fellow League members to attend the upcoming agricultural study meetings and also let the other organizations you belong to know about our Speakers' Bureau presentations.

I think we can all agree – it's going to be a busy, exciting 2014.

*Mary*

## January Unit & Interest Group Meetings

### **San Dieguito Unit Meeting All Members Welcome Wednesday, Jan 15 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

The San Dieguito Unit will meet at Belmont Village. We'll have the third in a series of presentations by our new Speakers' Bureau. The topic will be Voter Access. As you know the Supreme Court recently overturned a portion of the 1965 Voting Rights act, which required states and counties with histories of voter suppression to get Federal permission for any changes in voting requirements. Now, these previously restricted states are free to, and are, passing laws, such as voter ID laws, that make voting more difficult. Please come and hear what our Bureau Speakers have to tell us about this issue. We will have fresh cookies and coffee.

**Directions:** The address is 3535 Manchester, Cardiff. You can park on Manchester or in the Temple Soliel parking lot. Walk to Manchester, turn right at the first short driveway. When you get to the end, veer left and you'll see the dining room entrance. You can go through that door, turn left and walk to the Town Hall Room.

See you there! For further information, please contact Unit Chair Anne Patton.

### **Carlsbad Unit Meeting All Members Welcome Thursday, Jan 16 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The Carlsbad Unit of the LWVNCSD will meet on Thursday, January 16 at 10:00 am at the new Carlsbad High School, Sage Creek. The school is located on Cannon just northeast of the intersection of Cannon and College. Members are asked to park in the Visitors' Parking Lot and proceed to the Administration building. A director from the school will explain the many facets of Sage Creek as we take an hour-long tour of the facilities. Sage Creek has recently embarked on a cooperative venture with Mira Costa College which will also be explained. Please mark your calendars and come to this special League opportunity. For further information e-mail Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit chair at [clgspeced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clgspeced@sbcglobal.net).

**Quad Cities—there will be no January Unit Meeting.**

### **Book Group Meeting All Members Welcome Monday, Jan 20 • 1:00-2 pm**

Attention all book lovers--Did you know that League has a book group that meets on the third Monday of every month at 1 PM? We meet at members' homes to discuss a book chosen by the hostess. The subjects include history, biographies, social issues and current events. The air is full of ideas and opinions at these meetings. On January 20, 2014, we will meet at the home of Jane Schaff to discuss "The Revolution 1989: The Fall of the Soviet Empire" by Victor Sebestyen. For more information about this exciting group contact chair, Margie Monroy, 760-729-7242 or [monroymario@att.net](mailto:monroymario@att.net)

### **Civil Discourse Group All Members Welcome Saturday, Jan. 25 • 10 am - 11:30 am**

The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. There will be a full agenda as we review the latest Speakers' Bureau presentation, *Analyzing News in the Digital Age*; prepare for the group's hosting of the LWVC So. Cal. Regional Meeting on March 22, 2014; review the status of group collaboration with the Oceanside Foundation in planning a community forum, and more. Upcoming events to put on your calendar: 3rd Annual Restoring Respect Conference at USD on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 8:00 - 12:00 and LWVC Regional Meeting on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 8:30 - 2:00 pm. Please contact Mary Thompson at [thompsmg@roadrunner.com](mailto:thompsmg@roadrunner.com) or Martha Cox at [marthacox@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthacox@roadrunner.com) for more information.

### **February Unit Meetings:**

As noted on page one, the February Unit meetings will be devoted to the LWVUS Agricultural Update Study.

# Speakers Bureau Is Up and RUNNING!

**By Jackie Stone**  
**Director Speakers' Bureau**

Earlier we talked about the revival of our once-vital Speakers Bureau, a community service providing presentations on matters of interest. Many of you have seen some of our newly developed programs at your unit meetings. Here is a summary of what we now have available, and ways you can help us keep this great Voter Service activity vital and growing:

## **Presentations We Have Now:**

### **Women's Battle for the Vote**

Some of this inspiring story you will know...but we bet you'll be fascinated and surprised with this tale of an epic struggle beginning in early America, through to the era of Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elisabeth Cady Stanton (all of whom died before ever getting to vote) and beyond! Also include a discussion (and/or Q and A) of "Where are we Now?" Great presenters!

### **Immigration Reform**

Where have we BEEN and where are we NOW with our quest for a just and workable reform of our Immigration Reform legislation. This is an issue that is of interest to us all and is on the table for our national discussion RIGHT NOW! Don't miss this informative and interesting presentation and discussion of the pros and cons of the immigration reforms currently under discussion. We and our communities need to hear this excellent presentation

### **Climate Change-Apocalypse When?**

This balanced, fact-based review of both positive and negative scenarios of anticipated changes in our future will help you cut through the hyperbolic rhetoric and politically-charged arguments. It skillfully explains the scientific basis for making judgments about this critical issue. A terrific team has labored long and hard to bring this presentation forward.

### **Vote Suppression and Accessing the Vote Now**

Recent dramatic Supreme Court rulings have made the Voting Rights Act ineffective in preventing many of the historical abuses to voting rights. This has left many vulnerable to disenfranchisement. We and our

communities need to be made aware of the impending effects of these changes. Includes a review of the history of abuses and the legal battles to prevent them. Great discussion and Q and A follows the presentation.

### **How to Analyze Media Information Sources**

Our newest offering...and just when the next election is starting to heat up (yes, already!)! We are in for a year of being bombarded with tweets, twitters, facebooks, youtubes, TV, well, you get the idea! How to make sense of it? Where to turn for true and reliable information? How do we make judgments about information we receive? It's getting complicated! Come and hear about the SMELL test and other strategies for separating truth from hype and bias!

### **Here's What We Need From You:**

Help in developing, presenting, and getting the word out to community groups about these great presentations. Give me a call/email for more info: Jackie Stone; 760-687-3141 or [jlscarlbad@gmail.com](mailto:jlscarlbad@gmail.com).

## **Restoring Respect 3rd Annual Conference Restoring Civility to Public Dialogue**

### **Where:**

Joan Kroc Institute For Peace and Justice  
Garden of the Sky Plaza  
The University of San Diego  
5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA

### **When:**

Friday, March 21, 2014  
Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Conference: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free admission

Register after March 1st at:

<http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/>

# Annual Fiscal Report 2012-13

By *Arlene Meadows, Treasurer 2012-2014*

In compliance with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the LWVNCSD, the following information offers members an at-a-glance recap of fiscal activity for the 2012-13 fiscal year:

<b>Beginning Balance 7/1/12</b>	
Checking	27,396.76
Savings (CD)	10,273.98
<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>2,323.35</u>
Total Assets	\$39,994.09
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/13</b>	
Checking	14,826.79
Savings	27,684.19
<u>Education Fund</u>	<u>1,122.52</u>
Total Assets	\$43,633.50

Additionally, LWVNCSD is compliant in all mandated reporting as a non-profit organization with the Attorney General's Registry of

Charitable Trusts Office, the Secretary of State, and the IRS and FTB tax filings for the fiscal year 2012.-13. A fiscal review was conducted by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Barbara Lorenzen in November 2013. She made suggestions for changes in our record keeping as we approach the utilization of a new bookkeeping software.

Our application to a 501(c)3 status [from a 501(c)4] is still pending. Tom Carson, the former State League Treasurer is monitoring the IRS' progress for all The California Leagues who have submitted this application.

As a 501(c)3 organization, donations to our League will generally be tax deductible. With this status we will also be eligible to apply for additional grant dollars.

During the past fiscal year we applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from the San Diego County League. This was issued specifically for the purchase of audio/visual equipment. As of this date we have completed the purchase.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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or join online at:

[http://www.lwvncsd.org/join\\_form.html](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

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

Have you checked North County League's website this week?  
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