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## President's Message

#### Dear LWVHC Members:

I hope you had a happy holiday and are looking forward to a joyful and successful new year. Our December Board meeting was short as we met just before a nice holiday party at the home of **Mary Lou and Alan Lowry**. Thanks to them for hosting all the League members who could attend.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, The Northern California Association of Nonprofits presented LWVHC Board member and leader, **Byrd Lochtie**, with the 2017 Nonprofit Leader Achievement Award. Several of us were there to congratulate **Byrd** for her continuing support of our community in several important ways. Thank you yet again **Byrd**.

Mary Lou Lowry and I, mostly Mary Lou, sent letters on behalf of the League to the Arcata Planning Commission to support the development of additional reasonably-priced housing in Arcata and to the Eureka City Council to support endeavors to reduce harm associated with drug use.

Our Social Policy position which supports affordable housing reads as follows:

**Position Summary:** Support of measures to encourage the cities and county to adopt regulations, programs and projects which will increase the affordable housing stock for all income groups.

Our position on Public Health Services reads as follows:

**Position Summary:** Support of measures to provide efficient publicly-administered health care, including mental health services, as these are essential and should be available to each individual.

## 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!

Our Board member, **Keith Snow-Flamer**, also President of the College of the Redwoods, and the editor of the VOTER recently had an excellent article in the *Times-Standard* about the successes of CR in increasing student graduation rates and developing additional programs with other campuses. One of the most important positions of the League is support for education in America.

All the best for a good January.

Rollin C. Richmond President

# National Program Planning By Michele Fell

Please join your fellow League members for National Program Planning on Sunday, January 21st from 2:30-4:00. Area 1 Agency on Aging, 434 7th Street, corner of F Street, Eureka.

Please bring your 2017 Annual Meeting Kit to the meeting. We will be using the Position Descriptions to facilitate our discussion.

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#### **FUNDRAISING**

Marathon FundraiserKay Escarda
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State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee ChairJudy Bennett

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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#### **VOTER SERVICE**

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### Become a Member!

#### LWVHC Calendar

Sunday, January 21 National Program Planning Time: 2:30-4:00

Location: Area 1 Agency on Aging 434 7th Street, corner of F Street, Eureka

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

Tuesday, May 1

Monthly Board Meeting

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Thursday, May 24 Annual Meeting Time: TBD Location: TBD

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

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 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 □ \$105Household 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.



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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

Please see page 3 of the VOTER.