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Thur, Mar 17 10 am – 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD Offices
Sat., Mar 19 2 – 4 pm	Higher Ed Study Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Pkwy, S.D.
Mon, Mar 21 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Jackie Stone
Wed, Mar 23 1:30 – 3:00 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg

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By Mary Crowley

Plan to join North County League members in goal setting and program planning at a general membership meeting on Thursday, February 18th from 9:30 am-12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District board room in Carlsbad.

This is our annual grassroots gathering to consider goals and priorities for our local League. We will also discuss what we want to see on the LWVUS agenda for the next two years.

This is the time to make your voice heard in deciding where to focus the LWV's time, talent, money, and reputation.

Come meet your friends and get to know your fellow League members. Refreshments and Door Prizes will add to the fun. See you there!

P.S. Watch your email for Mary Crowley's updates on this goal setting process so you will be in the know for the meeting.

Seacrest Update

By Nancy Telford

Thanks to the talent and willingness shared by LWV and AAUW members, all of the 2016 Seacrest program dates are filled for the year. We meet every other Tuesday from 2:30m to 3:30pm at Seacrest. We present a large variety of topics, the participation of the residents is rewarding and we learn something new about each other at every meeting. Some examples of dates and topics are: Academy Awards – February 16th, Gun Control – March 1st, Money in Politics – April 12th, Friendship and Aging – June 7th, Drones – June 21st, Cyber Bullying – August 2nd. League and AAUW members have also been stopping by and participating as active audience members. This is a wonderful collaborative opportunity for both LWV and AAUW; the best part is working with our Friends at Seacrest and the enjoyment all of us experience every two weeks. If you're interested in helping with this unique fundraising opportunity contact Jackie Stone (jlscarlbad@gmail.com) and please feel free to stop by, we'd love to see you.

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Thoughts from the Steering Committee

Happy New Year!

2016 will present our League with many exciting ways to make a difference in our communities. We are already off to a good start in January with our Carlsbad unit facilitating a community discussion of Carlsbad's Measure A. Then, on January 29th, the State League will hold a regional workshop for League members to learn about voter service in an election year and to train volunteers on the new Voter's Edge election information website. The months ahead will bring voter registration events, cooperative programs with local colleges, and, in the fall, candidate forums and ballot measure presentations to enlighten voters on issues and choices.

Early January saw the culmination of local League work on the Money in Politics study. This consensus will result in a National League position that we can use to take action to improve political campaign financing. This is our grassroots organization in action—consensus from the local members all the way up to National League.

And for more grassroots action, be sure you mark your calendars for our League meeting on February 18th. Mary Crowley will lead the discussion on where we want our National League to focus their efforts over the next two years—then we will decide the same for our local League. So please start thinking about where you want to put League efforts in the coming year. Mary will be sending out eblasts about possible priorities. Please read these and give it your considered thought before the meeting.

While you have your calendars out, mark February 17th at 6:00 pm at the Oceanside Public Library community room to watch deliberative dialogue in action! I am sure you have heard Mary Thompson, Martha Cox and their committee talk about deliberative dialogue—now plan to see it in action in the form of a community conversation on health care costs.

Hope to see you all at these programs,
Happy Valentine's Day!

*Arlene, Barbara, Cathy,
Connie*

February Meetings

New and Prospective Member Coffee **Saturday • February 6** **10 :00 am – 12:00 pm** **Home of Jackie Stone**

New and prospective members are warmly invited to a coffee at the home of Jackie Stone. It is your opportunity to meet other new members and some experienced members. Learn about LWV and how and why the LWV operates the way it does. Any member who wants to know more about the League of Women Voters is welcome. There will be plenty of time for questions. Contact Roni Seay at RoSeay@aol.com for more information and directions. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Health Interest Committee Meeting **All Members Welcome** **Monday • February 8** **10:00 am – 12:00 pm** By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee met 1/11/16. Member, Liz Kruidenier, explained the process of "5150", a state form/petition to request a mental health evaluation by professionals in a hospital when people with mental health issues are brought to the hospital by police or show up in the ER. She also discussed the problems and deficits the county has in short and long term care for these kinds of residents.

Then we tackled what we will do with information we have gathered in the past months about skilled nursing and residential care facilities, and memory care units for the elderly, and how we would present it to our LWV units and to the general community. We plan on tapping other communities to see what they have so the wheel won't have to be re-invented. Stand by for more information on what to consider when you or a loved one needs an RCFE, a Board and Care home, or a Skilled Nursing Facility. And, what Medicare really means when it says you have 100 days in a SNF to recover. Any LWV member is invited to attend our meetings – Second Monday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 noon. Call Jane Dunmeyer, chairperson for directions, [760-473-7931](tel:760-473-7931).

Book Group Meeting **All Members Welcome** **Monday • February 15** **1:00 – 3:00 pm** By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 15 at 1:00 pm at the home of Naomi Marblestone to discuss *Out of Order: Stories from the History of the Supreme*

Court by Sandra Day O'Conner. Please RSVP to naomimarblestone@gmail.com or [760-720-9187](tel:760-720-9187).

Community Forum **Health Care Cost** **All Members Welcome** **Wednesday, • February 17** **6:00 - 8:00 pm** **Oceanside Public Library** **330 North Coast Hwy., Oceanside**

How do we reduce the cost of healthcare and still get the care we need? Don't miss this event. Facilitated by members of the San Diego Deliberation Network, participants in the forums will rely on a proven framework to consider how we can reduce costs and still get the care we need. Several options will be considered, each rooted in a shared concern, along with drawbacks to each option. The deliberative format provides a means for moving forward, while avoiding polarizing rhetoric. To watch a brief two minute YouTube video about the discussion, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3HeqVp_Yx0#action=share.

Program Planning General Meeting **All Members Welcome** **Thursday, • February 18** **9:30 am – 12:00 pm** **Leucadia Wastewater District** **1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad** See Page 1.

Carlsbad & San Dieguito Units By Karen Pendergast

The Carlsbad and Sam Dieguito Units will join all of our League members in goal setting and program planning at a general membership meeting on Thursday, February 18th from 9:30 am-12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District board room in Carlsbad.

Come early to socialize!

This meeting is a grassroots gathering to consider and discuss among ourselves what we want to see on the LWVUS agenda for the next two years and to consider the goals and priorities for our local League. This is the time to make your voice heard in deciding where to focus the LWV's time, talent, money, and reputation.

Save the Date: March 17, LWD Office • 1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad

A Program Planning review and discussion for our Carlsbad LWNCS D Unit will be the focus of our March 17 meeting. We need member input, so please attend.



By Mary Thompson and Martha Cox Co-Chairs, Civil Engagement

Since we began our work in civil engagement, our goal has been to bring deliberative dialogue to North County. What does that mean? Here's a definition from Scott London, associate of the Kettering Foundation: Deliberative dialogue is a form of discussion aimed at finding the best course of action. Deliberative questions take the form "What should we do?" The purpose is not so much to solve a problem or resolve an issue as to explore the most promising avenues for action.

Experiencing deliberative dialogue first-hand explains more than thousands of words. On **February 17th at 6:00 pm**, the San Diego Deliberation Network, in conjunction with the Oceanside Library, will host a community conversation on **Health Care: How Can We Reduce Costs and Still Get the Care We Need?** This forum is one of hundreds being held across the country as part of a national deliberation project sponsored by the Kettering Foundation, the National Issues Forum Institute, the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation and other nationwide good governance groups. These forums are part of a project to prepare a national report which will be presented to policymakers at *A Public Voice* in Washington D.C. on May 5th.

At this forum, San Diego Deliberation Network members will lead participants in table conversations and deliberation. These are not debates, but opportunities to address problems that can't be solved by one group of people or one institution **Please join the dialogue on Feb. 17 in the Community Room of the Oceanside Library, 330 N. Coast Hwy, Oceanside at 6pm.** Members of the public are invited to attend; *pre-registration is required.* To register, go to: <http://www.sddn.org/contact-sheet.html>

"We deliberate not about ends, but about the means to attain ends." ~ Aristotle

ILO Options Study Committee Update

By Anne Omsted

The ILO options study committee has learned a lot about how regional issues are handled by each League by interviewing eight urban Leagues. Every League (including Inter-League Organizations or ILOs, County Councils, and Local Leagues) we interviewed does pay attention to and sometimes takes actions to promote or defend regional issues. The biggest problem for every League entity is having fewer members to do the work.

We asked "How many people in your League would

you estimate work regularly on regional issues?" Most told us that they had 1-5 people involved in regional issues San Diego had 6 – 10 and Los Angeles, 20 or more.

Here is some numerical information about the various Leagues we have interviewed, including numbers for San Diego County. The full chart of other questions we asked concerning such regional topics as transportation, health, land use, water, juvenile justice, and funding sources and mechanics of organization will be in the short report that our committee is producing for general meetings for the two Leagues that make up our San Diego ILO. The actual surveys will be in an Appendix to that short report.

Type of Organization: Interleague Organization (ILO) County Council (CC) Or Local League (LL)	Number of Local Leagues served	Number of League Members served	Regional Population (millions)
Alameda CC	6	1,054	2
Bay Area ILO	20	2,863	7.5
Los Angeles ILO	12	1,248	10.2
Orange Co. ILO	3	355	3
Sacramento LL	1	166	1.5
San Diego ILO	2	477	3
Santa Barbara LL	2	270	0.18
Santa Clara CC	5	781	1.9
Ventura LL	1	98	0.7

Please plan to attend the North County meeting on Tuesday, March 8th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District boardroom to learn about the study, the ILO, or anything else related to the survey.

Nominating Committee Report

By Joyce Joseph, Chair, Nominating Committee

It's a New Year—are you ready for a new venture in 2016?

The North County League Nominating Committee is looking for members who are interested in exploring the possibility of serving as a Director on our Board of Directors for a one or two year commitment. beginning in June 2016. Interacting with other League leaders and having a voice in our League's goals and diverse activities is very satisfying. Directors usually choose a specific topic of interest to work on, often with a small committee to share the load.

Our Nominating Committee members would like to hear from you so we can explain in more detail how you might like to serve our League. Please contact me or any member of the Nominating Committee below (contact info in our Directory) for more information on this important venture you might be ready to take.

Joyce Joseph, Chair, Nominating Committee

(jjoseph@san.rr.com)

Suzanne Carneiro, Liz Gabrych, Dorine Meade

Member Spotlight Hank Williams



By Kathy Anderson

Hank Williams is the LWVNCSD new chair of Community Outreach. Hank was lured into the League by the dynamic duo of Mary Thompson and Martha Cox, after he attended one of their Civil Discourse presentations. Like many of

us he was tired of all the rancor in public discussions which prevented a fruitful discussion of the real issues. He joined the Leaguers who have been working on the San Diego Deliberation Network and is proud to say that the Network's first public event will be in February. These events will be roundtable forums which will focus on national issues, using Issue Guides prepared by the Kettering Foundation, which present 3-4 viewpoints on an issue as a starting point for discussion.

As the Community Outreach Chair, Hank is currently engaged in building a connection to the North County education community. Possible cooperation opportunities with the high schools, universities and colleges include taking on interns to work on Voters' Edge or as observers. Some thought is also being given to testing out the concept of a Civic Fair (similar to a Science Fair) centering on an important state/national issue.

Now a retiree, Hank formerly worked in Commercial Real Estate Finance. He is a native Californian, growing up in Los Angeles, where he met his wife Sheila, a retired elementary school teacher. With 46 years of marriage under their belt, the couple have a grown daughter and son. Their daughter recently presented them with their first grandchild, while their son is a Resident at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

In his spare time, when he's not hiking or at the gym, Hank has been an active member of OSHER at UCSD. Since 2010, he had been leading Deliberative Dialogue Groups on a variety of national issues--again interested in promoting civil discourse.

Member Spotlight Don Omsted



By Kathy Anderson

Don Omsted is the new LWVNCSD Director of Natural Resources, a logical fit, since he spent 34 years as a high and junior high school science teacher for the San Diego Unified School District. He has been a League member for a

number of years, recently doing presentations on global warming and money in politics. Donald would like to see the League broaden its efforts to help people understand government money creation.

He also would like to work to raise LWV awareness of the efforts both large and small currently being carried on to preserve local environmentally sensitive areas under SANDAG's Environmental Mitigation Plan.

A California native, Don has been involved in local government for many years. He headed the Leucadia Town Council in the 1970s, battling

to keep *Captain Nemo's Secret Harbor* (a theme park) out of the then undeveloped Batiquitos Lagoon. He also was involved with the establishment of the North Coastal County General Plan, before Encinitas was incorporated. For the last ten years, he has been on the Board of the Leucadia Wastewater Management District, acquiring expertise on all manner of water issues. Donald is also active at the Batiquitos Nature Center, working for the last three years as the Project Manager for the planning, permitting, and building of a nature center which will be double the original in size; the new Center is due to be open in the Spring.

Don lives in Encinitas with his wife of almost 50 years Anne; she is a well-known Leaguer. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. In his spare time, Donald has managed to build two boats and a house, and done innumerable large handyman projects, while also serving as a referee for kids' soccer. He is now working with his grandchildren to have them complete referee training and step into his capable shoes.

Welcome
New Member
Hannah
Wolfe



Lunch with League

How Can Planning Groups Become a Positive Vehicle for Change?



Thursday, February 25, 2016

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

2150 Harbor Drive, San Diego

\$30 by Feb. 22 or \$35 after

Speakers

Bill Anderson, Moderator - Past Chair, San Diego Planning Commission and Past Director, San Diego Planning Department

Joe La Cava - Chair, San Diego Community Planners Committee

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Lunch with League: Community Planning, February 25, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

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Amount enclosed (\$30 per person) _____ by Feb. 22. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal www.lwvsandiego.org Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$30, 'purpose' February Luncheon.

Stay Connected and Share

Our website will be experiencing a big change in the coming months. LWVC has been testing a new platform for all League Easy Web users that will take us into the coming decades. Hopefully, it will be even easier to use and have more features that will engage our members and entice new ones. The current website will have to go down for a few days for this transition in February or March. I will post updates on our Facebook page so don't hesitate to go there even if you aren't signed up for Facebook.

<http://facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersNorthCountySanDiego>

Onward to the future of League!

Suzanne Carneiro

Webmaster and social media guru

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Have you checked North County League's website this week?
Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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