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FEBRUARY 2014 AT A GLANCE

Fri, Feb 14 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
Sat, Feb 15 9:30 am – 12 pm	Program Planning Dove Library, Carlsbad
Mon, Feb 17 1 pm – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg at the home of Anne Patton
Wed, Feb 19 1:30 – 3:30 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village
Thurs, Feb 20 10am – 12 pm	Quad Cities/Carlsbad Mtg LWD Offices
Sat, Feb 22 10 – 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Group San Marcos Library

MARCH 2014 AT A GLANCE

Fri, Mar 14 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
Sat, Mar 15 10 am – 2pm	LWVNCSD/LWVSD Ag Study Consensus Mtg University Comm. Library
Mon, Mar 17 1 pm – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg
Wed, Mar 19 1:30 – 3:30 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village
Thur, Mar 20 10am – 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD Offices
Mar 21 8 am – 12 pm	3rd Annual Restoring Respect Conference
Mar 22 8:30 am – 2 pm	LWVC Regional Mtg

Planning Ahead

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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It's Time for Program Planning!

By Mary Crowley

As our national League, LWVUS, begins preparations for the LWVUS Convention in June and our county league, ILO, prepares for the ILO Convention in May one crucial outcome of the conventions starts now in local leagues – making our voices heard. We do this through program planning.

What do you want to see on the agenda for LWVUS and ILO for the next two years? Do you have an idea that you think calls for a new study? Do we need to update one of our existing positions? What should our advocacy and community education priorities be? In a nutshell, what do you want to see on the agenda for LWVUS and ILO for the upcoming biennium?

As a valued member of this grassroots organization, you have the opportunity and the responsibility to indicate the issues on which you believe the national League and the county League should focus their time, talent, money and reputation. Use the program planning process as an opportunity to think strategically about the work of the League. Consider where there is the most need, where we will be most effective and what activities best serve our mission. And consider the indirect impact of these choices particularly on membership time and resources, fundraising and our reputation – all of which are crucial to the future of our local League.

Our Program Planning General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 15th at the Dove Library Meeting Room. The meeting will start promptly at 9:30 but plan to come a few minutes early for refreshments and a chance to catch up with your League friends.

So, Gather Your Thoughts and Bring Your Ideas!

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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*

As you look at our calendar in this month's Voter it's very easy to see that this is going to be a very busy few months. Over the next two months we will be engaged in program planning for LWVUS, ILO (county), our League and our Units as well as working on the Agriculture Study Update and participating in the LWVC Regional Meeting on March 22nd.

Why everything at once? Both program planning and study consensus questions have early deadlines in order for the respective boards to have adequate lead time to prepare these issues for consideration at the conventions which are taking place in May and June.

So, in **February** we encourage your attendance at the February 15th general meeting for national and county program planning, and then at the regularly scheduled unit meetings for the presentation and discussion of Study materials and issues.

In **March**, there will be a general meeting with our sister League, LWVSD, on March 15th to answer the agriculture study questions and submit our report to LWVUS. Also in March, locally, we will be working on our own league and unit program planning at the March unit meetings. Of course you won't want to miss the LWVC Regional Meeting, hosted by us and coordinated by Martha Cox and Mary Thompson on March 22nd. Busy? Yes. Important? You betcha!

Speaking of deadlines and conventions, our own Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 31st, will be here before we know it. That means the Nominating Committee will be moving into high gear. Please consider taking a turn to serve on the Board. You don't have to be an expert in League matters; there are always experienced members sitting on the board who are only too happy to mentor and advise. Let Nominating Chair, Nancy Dietrich, know if you are interested or have any suggestions for possible nominees. She can be reached at richdiet@san.rr.com

Mary

February Unit & Interest Group Meetings

Book Group Meeting All Members Welcome

Monday, February 17 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The LWV Book Group will meet at the home of Anne Patton on February 17 at 1 PM to discuss *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America* by Timothy Egan. It is a gripping story of the history of the Forest Service and the growth of the conservation movement. For more information, contact Margie Monroy at monroymario@att.net or call 760-729-7242.

Welcome New Member!

Katherine Fromm

Our January tour of Sage Creek High School proved very inspiring. The principal, Cesar Morales conducted our tour. Many of us wished we were back attending a school with such a creative curriculum, state of the art technology and excellent facilities.

March Meetings:

**LWVNCSD/LWVSD Ag Study
Consensus Meeting
Saturday March 15 •
University Comm. Library
4155 Governor Dr., San Diego**

San Dieguito Unit Meeting All Members Welcome

Wednesday, February 19 • 1:30 pm

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit will meet at Belmont Village on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. We will begin at 1:30 pm. There will be a presentation by members of the LWVNCSD/LWVSD Committee for the National League's Agriculture Study. Don't roll your eyes, this is a very interesting topic—we do all have to eat. Yes, there will be the usual freshly baked cookies, bring your own drinks.

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.

Quad Cities / Carlsbad Unit Meeting All Members Welcome

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Carol Grimes-Gartland

Both the Carlsbad Unit and the Quad Cities Unit will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 10:00 a. m. at the Leucadia Wastewater District.

The Agricultural Study which is this year's national study will be presented by members of the committee who have been studying the materials sent by the LWVUS. We will be meeting again in March on the 15th in San Diego to participate in the consensus on these various issues. Our January Voter gives more specifics on the aspects of the study. This is of great interest to all of us as we participate daily in eating food which we expect to be safe and reasonably priced.

Third Annual Restoring Respect Conference Saturday March 22, 2014.

--see flyer page 4

Please join us for a day of learning and collaboration.

There are two ways to register, online or mail-in. For mail-in, complete the registration form on page 4, and follow the instructions on the form.

For more information, go to www.lwvncsd.org

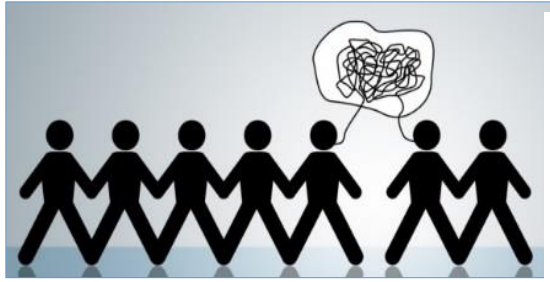
To view driving directions to Mesa College, click:
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/directories/directions/>

To view the Mesa College campus map, click:
<http://www.sdmesa.edu/directories/campus-map/>

Getting to the workshop: Park in the parking lot (shown in lower left corner of the map) that references "flagpole." We will have directional signs to the meeting location and guides to assist you.

Yolanda Fleet, active League member for many years, died at her home, under hospice care and surrounded by friends, on January 20, 2014. She had been struggling with cancer for the last few years, but had remained active until this past year. Her passion and enthusiasm for animal rights and the environment was bottomless. She was a guiding light in the development of the Wilderness Gardens Preserve. She was an active member of the Escondido Women's Club, AAUW, Audubon Society, and many environmental groups.

There will be a celebration of her life on March 1, 2014, 10:00 am at the Escondido Women's Club.



FROM RESTORING RESPECT TO SHARED GOVERNANCE

LWVC Regional Workshop Saturday, March 22, 2014

Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters®
and Restoring Respect San Diego

Mesa College
7250 Mesa College Drive
San Diego, CA

8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Check-in at Room 101

For workshop and travel information,
go to:

www.lwvncsd.org

Questions? Contact:
Martha Cox

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Mary Thompson

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Please join us for a day of learning and collaboration as we explore new ways for communities to engage all citizens in issue-driven problem-solving. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear one of the country's leading scholars in the field.

Speakers:

Dr. Martin Carcasson, Professor of Communications at Colorado State University and Director of the Center for Public Deliberation;

Dr. Carl Luna, Professor of Political Science at Mesa College and Co-Founder of Restoring Respect;

Dr. Lisa Shaffer, Encinitas City Council Member and retired lecturer at UCSD's Rady School of Management.

Want more? The 3rd Annual Restoring Respect Conference on Friday, March 21, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at USD's Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice, 5998 Alacala Park, San Diego is free and open to the public. For information, go to: <http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/>

There are two ways to register:

- Register online.** Go to www.lwvncsd.org/RegMtg complete the registration form and pay by credit card.
- Register by mail.** Complete this registration form and mail with payment to:
LWVNCSD, Attn: Regional Workshop, PO Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013
 - LWV Members: I will attend and buy lunch \$30 (\$35 after March 14)
 - Non-LWV Members: I will attend and buy lunch \$40 (\$45 after March 14)
 - I will attend and bring my own lunch \$15 (\$20 after March 14)

What's for lunch?
Check one:
 Chicken
 Veggie

Name: _____ League/Organization: _____

Contact Phone and e-mail: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Thanks for registering early!

It's Budget Time!

By Barbara Lorenzen

The Budget committee of our North County League is asking for your input regarding possible expenditures for our 2014/2015 fiscal year. If there is something you anticipate or think would be a good idea for our League, please write a description and cost estimate and send it to the budget chair by February 10, 2014.

Examples of the expenses to consider are: meeting and speaker costs, supplies, flyers and posters, voter education, etc.

The committee carefully reviews prior year financials and the plans for the coming year, but additional input can be very helpful

Please send your comments to Barbara Lorenzen: barblorenzenlwv@gmail.com or call 760-305-7842.

News from LWVUS

By Margie Monroy

January 9 was Carrie Chapman Catt's birthday. In a little over a month from now, we will be celebrating the birthday of her most enduring legacy, the League of Women Voters. Looking back at the political landscape that faced women voters when the League was created, we see many similarities to the current climate. Moneyed special interests wielded great influence and politicians responded to those interests with little regard for facts or evidence. "The League of Women Voters was an experiment. It was a wholly new thing and no one could tell...in which direction its evolution would go," said [Catt at National Convention in 1921](#), "but I am satisfied...that every woman here...is convinced that there is work and a big tremendous work for the League of Women Voters to do...and that the League of Women Voters is going to give the greatest service in all the world to womanhood...So I look to the League of Women Voters to lead us out of this stage of discontent, which is common to our own country and to all the others in the world."

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 _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD
and mail to:

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Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or join online at:

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

New Member Renewal

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

Why I'm joining

I am interested in the following
(please ✓ interests):

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:

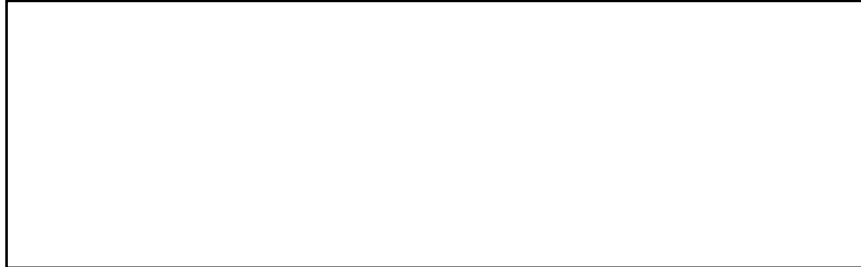
- ◆ Book Group
- ◆ Civil Discourse
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Natural Resources
- ◆ Women's Issues



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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?

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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