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MARCH 2014 AT A GLANCE

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| Fri, Mar 14 10 am – 12 pm | LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices |
| Sat, Mar 15 10 am – 2 pm | LWVNCSD/LWVSD Ag Study Consensus Mtg University Comm. Library |
| Mon, Mar 17 1 pm – 3 pm | Book Group Mtg San Diego Public Library |
| 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 |
| Fri, Mar 21 8 am – 12 pm | 3rd Annual Restoring Respect Conference |
| Sat, Mar 22 8:30 am – 2 pm | LWVC Regional Mtg See flyer page 6 |
| Sat, Mar 29 10 – 11:30 am | Civil Discourse Group San Marcos Library |

APRIL 2014 AT A GLANCE

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| Fri, Apr 11 10 am – 12 pm | LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices |
| Wed, Apr 16 1:30 – 3:30 pm | San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village |
| Thur, Apr 17 10am – 12 pm | Carlsbad Unit Mtg Field Trip |
| Mon, Apr 21 1 pm – 3 pm | Book Group Mtg |

Planning Ahead

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| 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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Getting a Bigger (Better) Megaphone

*LWV North County joins San Diego Region consortium in
Kettering Foundation 2014 Learning Cohort*



*Jan. 14, 2014, San Diego - Civil
Discourse Co-Chairs Martha Cox and
Mary Thompson at San Diego Center
for Civic Engagement*

Perhaps the reason you joined the League of Women Voters was because you care about the politics of your community and want to affect the decision-making on issues that concern us. According to our latest membership renewal, you represent a tiny portion of North County's population—just .03%!

Imagine if more of your fellow citizens joined you in engaging in the “public life” of our region. Can you picture how more citizens' voices might create a more vibrant community? That's the vision of the Kettering Foundation through their research and ideas about democratic, deliberative practices.

According to the Kettering Foundation, citizens seeking active roles in their communities face a fundamental challenge. Community-based organizations, which were once the vehicles for bringing citizens together into public work, have changed in essential ways. Civil society is now the realm of professionally managed organizations that are defined by particular problems or needs. Citizens are no longer seen as necessary assets in public work. Rather than active decision-making actors, they are clients or customers to be served, victims to be aided, or donors to support work designed and governed by the professionals.

Meanwhile, however, a countertrend appears to be occurring. There is an emergence of a growing network of organizations that are exploring ways to act as “centers for public life.” What distinguishes these centers is that their work is not focused on any particular problem or on advocacy for particular groups. Instead, the centers act as community and regional hubs for experiential learning about the practices that shape the capacity of people with different convictions, interests, and abilities to work in complementary ways in combating common problems as they emerge.

See Civil Discourse, Page 3

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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*

Wow – March Madness (an expression all you collegiate basketball fans will understand) has nothing on us! As I mentioned in February, March is full of great meetings and events. I would encourage you all to review the calendar here in the *VOTER* and really make an effort to get to as many meetings as possible.

Our members that so willingly volunteer to be on a study committee or spearhead a regional meeting work long and hard to make sure that your time is well spent. It's important that we support them and it's important that we participate. After all, that's what makes LWV such a formidable grass roots organization.

Program Planning continues at the March Unit Meetings with local league and unit planning. This is the time for **all of us** to determine what direction we want to see our league and our units take in the upcoming year. Do we want to work on some community education goals? Is there something in the wind that we might want to consider action? It's at this meeting that we decide on our Issues for Emphasis so it's important that we have good participation.

Participation is also critical for the LWVC Regional Workshop taking place on Saturday, March 22nd. The flyer with registration information is at your fingertips right here in this *VOTER*. Although this is an LWVC sponsored meeting, we here in North County are the host league. The Civil Discourse Committee has been working non-stop to make us proud and we need to support them.

We also need to support and recognize the wonderful work of the LWVUS Agricultural Study Committee. They have been researching and studying this issue for months so they can provide us with the invaluable background information that is essential for us to know before we send our opinions back to LWVUS. We will be doing this at the consensus meeting on March 15th and, again, it is vitally important that the study committee hear from as many of us as possible.

See you soon, I hope.

Mary

March Meetings

Consensus Meeting for Agricultural Update Study

March 15, Saturday, from 10 am – 2 pm
University Community Branch Library
4155 Governor Drive

(Parking is limited, so carpool if possible)

By Anne Omsted

Join the Agricultural Study Committee at 10 and visit different stations, browsing through interesting maps, charts, information, and discussion with the resource people about various agricultural topics. Bring a bag lunch, or get a sandwich, chips and drinks for \$5.00. At 12:30 pm we will begin the consensus questions process. Any questions? Call Jeanne Brown for San Diego or Anne Omsted for North County League. Anticipate a fascinating program!

See Agriculture Update Consensus Questions Pages 4 & 5.

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday March 17 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group is going to visit the new San Diego Public Library on March 17. All members are welcome. Details about time and arrangements will be finalized soon. Contact Margie Monroy at monroymario@att.net or call 760-729-7242.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

Wednesday, March 19 • 1:30– 3:30 pm

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at Belmont Village. Our program will be devoted to Local Program Planning. We do this each year. This is not a boring topic. In fact it is quite exciting, especially when our members participate.

This is an election year, so we will have to pay close attention to our ballots this year. However, aside from the elections there are other ideas you may have as to what you might want the Unit to focus on for this year. Please put your thinking caps on and come with suggestions. Please be prepared for a good discussion.

We will have freshly baked cookies, but you will need to bring your own drinks. See you all on the 19th
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, Mar. 20 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

The March meeting of the Carlsbad Unit will be held on Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 a. m. in the Leucadia Water District Board Room. A review and possible new studies for our local LWV and specifically for our local unit will be the focus of our discussion. A detailed review of past positions will be given by Margie Monroy as we determine the need to retain the position, add an update to the study or drop the position. To determine our future studies we need member input, so please make every effort to attend. For further information please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit Chair at clgspeced@sbcglobal.net

Third Annual Restoring Respect Conference **Saturday March 22, 2014.**

--see flyer page 6

Civil Discourse

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For 2014, Kettering has identified a San Diego region collaborative as a newly-emerging Center for Public Life. Our regional consortium includes, the League of Women Voters, the San Diego Center for Civic Engagement, California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM); Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU); Restoring Respect at the University of San Diego (USD); the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD); San Diego City College (SDCC); and, the University of California, San Diego Extension (UCSD Extension).

Accepting the Kettering Foundation's invitation to join their 2014 Learning Cohort, this group will travel to Dayton, Ohio four times over the next 18 months to study and share among a variety of civic entrepreneurs around the country, seeking to develop a fresh understanding of and to activate the role of citizens as actors in democracy. As our League's representatives in the San Diego consortium, Civil Discourse co-chairs,

Mary Thompson and Martha Cox will have completed the first workshop in Dayton, Ohio as this edition of the VOTER goes to press.

The Kettering Foundation, a research organization, uses cooperative research methods with national and international organizations that try to encourage a more democratic, public life; seek to understand the challenges and opportunities associated with the public engagement of pressing local or national issues; and aim to encourage public deliberation as one means of addressing these challenges.

An initial defined goal of the San Diego collaborative will be to:

- 1) educate students about deliberative democracy practices using a modified version of a Colorado State University curriculum developed by Dr. Martin Carcasson;
- 2) connect students with real community concerns to practice their learning and see the effects of deliberative democracy practices;
- 3) build and support the relationships between students-turned-civic facilitators and community groups, so communities view these facilitators as a local resource to help move civic deliberation and decision-making forward; and
- 4) duplicate this model around the region so multiple communities learn and use deliberative democracy practices to improve and strengthen their communities.

For LWV North County, this means that our League's mission of *Making Democracy Work®* will be gathering mass and momentum through this collaboration, expanding our influence far beyond our .03% of our population!

Agriculture Update Consensus Questions

Economic Health of the Agricultural Sector

1. Should government financial support for agriculture be directed to:

- a) Subsidized agricultural credit (loans) (Yes, No)
- c) Disaster assistance (Yes, No.)
- d) Crop insurance (Yes, No.)
- e) Farms that supply local and regional markets (Yes, No.)
- f) Subsidized implementation of best management practices (Yes, No.)
- g) Commodity crop programs, e.g., corn, soybeans, sugar, cotton, wheat (Yes, No.)
- h) Commodity livestock program (Yes, No.)

i) Commodity dairy program (Yes, No.)

j) Specialty crops, e.g. fruits, vegetables, nuts, etc. (Yes, No.)

k) Other production methods, e.g. organic, hydroponic, urban, etc. farms (Yes, No.)

2. What changes should government make regarding direct payment programs to farm operators? Note: Farm operators can be anything between family farms to huge corporations.

a) Eliminate direct payments to farm operators (Yes, No.)

b) Update the rules for direct payments to farm operators to support sustainability (Yes, No.)

c) Broaden the types of farms that are eligible (Yes, No.)

d) Broaden the types of crops that are eligible (Yes, No.)

e) Effectively enforce existing rules (Yes, No.)

3. What changes to current crop insurance programs should government make?

a) Extend to more types of crops (Yes, No.)

b) Link to the use of conservation practices (Yes, No.)

c) Limit insurance for the cultivation of marginal and environmentally sensitive land (Yes, No.)

d) Cap amount of premium subsidy to a single farm operator (see note in question 2) (Yes, No.)

4. Should government act on any of the following?

a) Revise anti-trust legislation to ensure competitive agricultural markets (Yes, No.)

b) Enforce anti-trust laws as they relate to agriculture (Yes, No.)

c) Promote alternative marketing systems, including regional hub markets, farmer cooperatives, farm markets, etc. (Yes, No.)

Animal Management

5. Which of the following approaches to animal management should government achieve?

a) Transparently collect and disclose data about regulated animal feeding operations (AFOs) or aquaculture operations and about the health of animals in such regulated operations (Yes, No.)

b) Apply and enforce existing clean air and clean water regulations to animal or seafood management facilities (Yes, No.)

6. Which of the following approaches to animal waste management should government require or bring about?

a) Treat animal waste with environmentally sound technologies for all regulated AFOs (Yes, No.)

b) Prioritize federal funds to mitigate existing environmental challenges (such as Environmental Quality Incentives Program, cost share, loans, etc.) rather than construction of new facilities (Yes, No.)

Research and Development

7. Which of the following approaches to research and development (R&D) should government fund or accomplish? Note: For the purpose of these questions and some questions below, “developed using any new technology” or “new technologies” refer to any of many scientific processes for developing new crops or animals with genetic engineering, nanotechnology or other new techniques, which are not the traditional breeding or hybridization techniques.

- a) Basic research (Yes, No.)
- b) Independent third-party (such as an academic institution) risk assessment of products developed using any new technology (Yes, No.)
- c) Research to assess the impacts of new technologies on human health and the environment, prior to their widespread adoption (Yes, No.)
- d) Research that advances the continuation of diversified and sustainable agricultural systems (Yes, No.)
- e) Seed banking, research, and other means that promote and preserve genetic diversity (Yes, No.)
- f) Both transparency in the reporting of research studies related to approval of new products and respect for intellectual property rights of private enterprises engaged in research (Yes, No.)
- g) Research on long-term effects of new crops, products and processes (Yes, No.)
- h) Development of new practices and technologies to promote conservation for all types of farms (Yes, No.)

Food Safety

8. Which of the following approaches to food safety should government perform or fund?

- a) Clarify and enforce pre-market testing requirements for new foods and food additives developed using any new technology (see note below question 7) (Yes, No.)
- b) Require developers to monitor all food products developed using any new technology after releasing to the market (Yes, No.)
- c) Withdraw marketing approval if products are shown to be unsafe (Yes, No.)
- d) Require post-market monitoring of approved pharmaceutical applications in animal production for human health and environmental impacts (Yes, No.)
- e) Require developers of new products to provide data and other materials to independent third-parties (such as academic institutions) for pre- and post-market safety assessment as appropriate (Yes, No.)
- f) Limit use of antibiotics in animal production to treat and control disease (Yes, No.)
- g) Fund independent third-party (such as academic institutions) risk assessment of long-term and multiple exposures from foods on human health and the environment (Yes, No.)

h) Promote crop management practices that decrease dependency on added chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, and synthetic fertilizers) (Yes, No.)

i) Fund, train and add personnel for assessment and compliance functions of regulatory agencies (Yes, No.)

Food Labeling

9. How sufficient are the following regarding current food labeling?

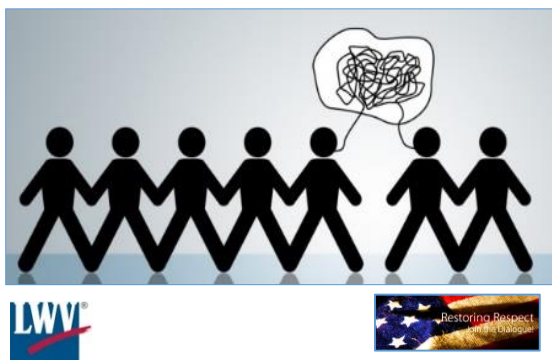
- a) Nutrition Facts on food labels (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much.)
- b) Nutrition Facts on food labels as a means of consumer education (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much.)
- c) Common allergen labeling (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much.)
- d) Health and ingredient claims that consumers can understand (Insufficient, Sufficient, Too much.)

10. Which of the following should government achieve regarding marketing and ingredient claims on food labels?

- a) Define (and approve for use) health and safety marketing terms (e.g. immunity support, humane, pasture-raised, natural, etc.) (Yes, No.)
- b) Regulate the use of images or other sensory advertising (Yes, No.)
- c) Require that ingredient marketing claims accurately represent what is in the required ingredient list (Yes, No.)

11. Recognizing that each food developed using any new technology can be unique, and assuming that required food labeling should be useful to consumers, should the following generalized information relating to how products or components are developed be presented on food labels? See note below question 7. All these questions also assume some percentage threshold of new technology ingredients, such as the 0.9% used in the European Union.

- a) Contains ingredients developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory.)
- b) Does not contain ingredients developed using any new technology (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory.)
- c) If meat, fish, eggs, or dairy products are from animals that have consumed feed developed using any new technology stating which technologies are involved (Not Recommended, Voluntary, Mandatory.)



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,
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Questions? Contact:

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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.
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LWVNCSD, Attn: Regional Workshop, PO Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013
 - ☐ LWV Members: I will attend and buy lunch \$30 (\$35 after March 14)
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 - ☐ I will attend and bring my own lunch \$15 (\$20 after March 14)

What's for lunch?
Check one:
☐ Chicken
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Thanks for registering early!

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By Suzanne Carneiro

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National Women's History Month

By Margie Monroy

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, California led the way. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor, a member of the Sonoma County group, was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College.

When the participants learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration, they decided to initiate similar celebrations. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

As word spread rapidly across the nation, state departments of education encouraged celebrations of National Women's History Week as an effective means to achieving equity goals within classrooms.

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity.

This year's theme, Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment, honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

To view the list of honorees go to www.nwhp.org/whm/honorees2012.php

LWV North County San Diego

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http://www.lwnvncsd.org/join_form.html

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\$30/year for 2nd member, same address

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\$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 _____

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(please ✓ interests):

- Provide organizational support
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 - ♦ Book Group
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 - ♦ Education
 - ♦ Natural Resources
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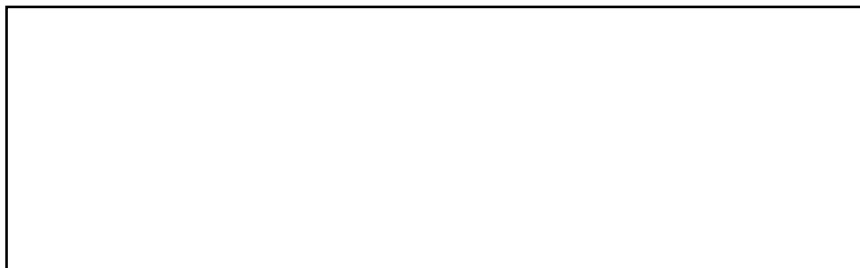
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Have you checked North County League's website this week?

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