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MAY 2014 AT A GLANCE

Sat, May 3 9:30 am – 2 pm	ILO Convention New Co. Oper. Ctr.
Fri, May 9 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
May 17-18	LWVC Council, San Jose
Mon, May 19 1 pm – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Margie Monroy
Sat, May 24 10 – 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Mtg San Marcos Library
May 31 9:30 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Annual Mtg El Camino Country Club

JUNE 2014 AT A GLANCE

Wed, June 4 11 am – 2 pm	San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon Home of Nancy Hand
June 6-10	LWVUS Conv. Dallas
Tue, June 10 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices (Tentative date)
Mon, June 16 1 pm – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Anne Omsted
Sat. June 21 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	Carlsbad Unit Observer Breakfast Broken Yolk Café 2434 Vista Way Oceanside

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Let's Get Ready to Vote!

By Suzanne Carneiro and Cathy Greene

June 3rd is the date for the Statewide Direct Primary Election. Between now and the November 4th General Election, you and your friends and family will have to make many decisions. The following information will help you.

As you know, California now has a Top Two Open Primary system, which means that all candidates running for state constitutional, U.S. Congressional and state legislative offices will be listed on a single statewide primary election ballot. Voters can vote for the candidate of their choice for these offices, regardless of how they are registered. The top two candidates, as determined by the voters, will advance to the general election in November.

This June voters will decide on two state ballot measures and fill the following offices:

- **Governor**
- **Lieutenant Governor**
- **Secretary of State**
- **Controller**
- **Treasurer**
- **Attorney General**
- **Insurance Commissioner**
- **Members of the State Board of Equalization**
- **Representatives to the United States Congress**
- **State Senators (even-numbered districts)**
- **Members of the State Assembly**
- **Superintendent of Public Instruction**

As well as other state, county, judicial, and local officers, as are provided by law.

Find all local candidates on our Smart Voter website:
smartvoter.org/ca/sd

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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*

I hope many of you were able to attend the general meeting hosted by the Quad Cities Unit. The Speakers Bureau coordinated by Jackie Stone is alive and well. Jackie and Nancy Telford's terrific presentation, "Analyzing Media in the Digital Age" is just one of several presentations that are available to outside groups.

Right on the heels of that general meeting we are now looking forward to the County League (ILO) Convention on May 3rd. It's taking place at the New County Operations Center with Registrar of Voters, Michael Vu, the keynote speaker. I hope many of you are planning to attend.

As far as our league is concerned the Annual Meeting will be taking place on May 31st at the El Camino Country Club (no, it's not Memorial Day Weekend). Registration check-in begins at 9:15, with breakfast at 9:30. We are just delighted that Eric Larson, Executive Director of the San Diego County Farm Bureau has agreed to be our guest speaker. As many of you know interest in the state of agriculture in San Diego County really increased after the LWVUS Agriculture Study; so much so, that one of the programs recommended to the ILO from both leagues was to do a study ourselves on local agriculture. One of the main reasons this came up was the feeling of the members that the national study did not address water issues which, of course, we all know is a major concern here in California. As a matter of fact Eric has titled his talk "Local Farming – It's all about the Water."

During any given year a local League plans and conducts many kinds of meetings for many different purposes. The Annual Meeting is where it all starts. This is the meeting where members have a chance to make their voices heard. Please join us.

On a personal note, this will be my final President's Message. It's hard to believe that three years have come and gone so quickly. I want to thank you all for your continued support and wonderful friendship.

Mary

May/June Meetings

LWV San Diego County Inter-League Organization County Convention

Saturday • May 3 • 2013 • 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

The Biennial ILO Convention will be held at the New County Operations Center, the Chambers, Building 5520, and will be hosted by County Supervisor Ron Roberts. Outstanding League Leaders will be honored. ILO officers and Directors for 2014-16 will be elected, and the ILO Program, and budget and bylaw changes voted upon. The Keynote speaker will be Michael Vu, County of San Diego Registrar of Voters. Your \$25 LWVSDC 2014 Convention reservation includes registration and luncheon. Contact Roni Seay for more information: RoSeay@aol.com or 858-926-8800.

San Dieguito Unit

No May meeting

Carlsbad Unit

No May meeting

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • May 19 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The book group will meet at the home of Margie Monroy on Monday, May 19, 1PM to discuss *A Country of Vast Designs: James K. Polk, the Mexican War and the Conquest of the American Continent* by Robert W. Merry.

For further information please contact Margie Monroy at 760-729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net.

Civil Discourse Group

All Members Welcome

Saturday • May 24 • 10 am - 11:30 am

Please join the conversation as we re-examine the civil discourse group's role within our League. The meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. The public is welcome to these open meetings. Please contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com for more information.

LWVNCSD Annual Meeting

Saturday • May 31 • 9:15 am – 12:00 pm

The LWVNCSD Annual Meeting will be held at the El Camino Country Club. Eric Larson, Executive Director of the San Diego County Farm Bureau will be the guest speaker. You can make your reservations on line now at www.lwvncsd.org, or by mailing your \$23

check to LWVNCSD, P.O. Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272. Look for your annual meeting packet email in the second week of May.

San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon

All Members Welcome

Wednesday • June 4 • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

By Anne Patton:

Please take note that our Observers Potluck Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, June 4th at the home of Nancy Hand. Details will follow. If you have any questions contact Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • June 16 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet at the Home of Anne Omsted on June 16, 1PM, to discuss *The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert M. Edsel.

For further information please contact Margie Monroy at 760-729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net.

Carlsbad Unit Observer Breakfast

All Members Welcome

Saturday • June 21 • 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

By Carol Grimes-Gartland

The Carlsbad Unit will not have a separate meeting in May, but all members are requested to attend the Annual Meeting on May 31st. We will have the Annual Observers Meeting beginning with breakfast at the Broken Yolk Cafe, 2434 Vista Way, Oceanside on Saturday, June 21st beginning at 9:30 a. m. in a private dining room there. The members of the Quad Cities Unit are encouraged to attend as many of our Observer reports are regional. This event is always special as we listen and ask questions regarding our communities and the challenges which are encountered. Our observers present many very insightful reports of governmental issues and decisions made by the various officials. Please plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor with you--an excellent way to introduce a potential member to the League.

For further information please contact Unit Chair Carol Grimes-Gartland at clgspeced@sbcglobal.net.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? LOTS!

By Jackie Stone

You can see by all these articles in this VOTER that LOTS is happening in our League in May and June! It's a climactic time for many of our most enjoyable and important activities...our Annual Meeting, our ILO Convention, our National League Convention in Dallas, Texas, and our Unit Meetings to hear the reports of our amazing League Observers who have been observing the meetings of our city and county public boards, councils and committees.

Now, at our Unit Meetings they will be bringing us up to date on what these public entities have been doing during the last six months. You won't want to miss this sharing of information. It has long been a favorite meeting for our members. Check the date on your calendar and we'll see you there!

For more info contact Jackie Stone at jlsarlsbad@gmail.com

Let's Get Ready to Vote!

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Measures on the Ballot

Proposition 41 Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014

Should California sell \$600 million in new general obligation bonds to fund affordable multifamily housing for low-income veterans?

Proposition 42 Public Records. Open Meetings. State Reimbursement to Local Agencies

Should the state Constitution be amended to require local governments to comply with state public-access laws, and to eliminate the requirement that the state reimburse local

governments for the costs of such compliance?

Important Dates:

May 5 -First day mail-in ballots available. First day early voting available at Registrar of Voters between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday

May 19 - Last Day to Register to Vote

May 27 - Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot.

May 31 -Weekend voting at the Registrar of Voters between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 3- Election Day Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Registrar of Voters Office is open for voting 7 a.m. through 8 p.m.

Websites with Useful Information

cavotes.org – A California LWV site with voter information, Pros & Cons, Ballot Measures.

EasyVoterGuide.org – Download a copy in any of five languages.

SmartVoter.org – Polling places, candidate info and election result.

<http://www.sos.ca.gov> - California Secretary of State's site with election information and also register to vote online.

<http://www.sdvote.com> - San Diego County Registrar of Voters.

Something more to consider....

While we don't have any voter service events planned for the June primary, our League will be gearing up for the fall general election on November 4th. Requests are starting to come in for candidate forums and pro/con discussions and we expect many more by the fall. Contact Cathy Greene now if you know where you want to get involved. Mail-in voting means we must have these events earlier than in the past.

Election season is a fun time for League members to volunteer to assist with moderating forums, presenting the ballot measures, and registering voters. These events are a great way to meet fellow League members, learn more about the candidates and the issues, and help your friends and neighbors become informed and educated voters. Please say yes when we call for volunteers—we will need all of your help!

**Welcome New
Members!
Sue Agostino
Patricia McArdle
Mona Marra**

Vote YES on Propositions 41 & 42!

We support BOTH statewide propositions on the June ballot:

[Prop 41](#) authorizes \$600 million in bonds for affordable multifamily supportive housing for low-income and homeless veterans. All Californians should have safe, adequate housing.

[Prop 42](#) makes access to public meetings and public records a constitutional requirement for local governments. It's a common-sense measure that helps us hold our elected officials accountable.

Vote with the League June 3!



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:

LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
PO Box 131272
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?

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