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DECEMBER 2015 AT A GLANCE

Mon, Dec 21 *Book Group*
12:00 pm *Holiday party*
 Home of Heather
 Callahan

JANUARY 2016 AT A GLANCE

Fri, Jan 8 *LWVNCSD Bd. Mtg.*
10 am *LWD Offices, Carlsbad*

Sat, Jan 9 *LWVNCSD / LWVSD*
1 pm *Money in Politics*
 Consensus Mtg.
 Mission Valley Library
 2123 Fenton Pkwy.

Mon Jan 11 *Health Int. Mtg.*
10 am – 12 pm *Home of Jane*
 Dunmeyer

Mon, Jan 18 *Book Group Mtg.*
1 – 3 pm *Home of Anne*
 Omsted

Sat Jan 23 *Carlsbad Unit Mtg.*
10 am – 12 pm *Dove Library*
 1775 Dove Ln
 Carlsbad

Wed Jan 27 *San Dieguito Unit Mtg.*
1 pm – 3 pm *Belmont Village*

Fri Jan 29 *Voter's Edge*
9:30 am – 2 pm *Workshop*
 S.D. Co. Oper. Ctr
 5560 Overland Ave

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The Money in Politics Consensus meeting will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 1:00 pm at The Mission Valley Library in San Diego, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, 92108. (It is located next to the IKEA store.)

By Cathy Greene

Earlier this year, representatives from both the North County League and the San Diego League, formed the study committee for the Money in Politics National League study. They have been hard at work all year addressing their directive to:

- **Conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance.**
- **Evaluate the extent to which political campaigns are protected speech under the First Amendment.**

So, why is the League updating the position on campaign finance? Our current position dates back to the 1970s and predates Supreme Court decisions that changed campaign finance law significantly. The MIP Review and Update will address a gap in our current position. It aims to get League member understanding and agreement as to the extent to which our organization believes that financing a political campaign is speech protected by the First Amendment.

Leagues are being asked to consider through the consensus process: the rights of individuals and organizations to express their political views through the financing of political campaign activities; and how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current LWV position.

We need your voice in this important discussion! Come to the consensus meeting and let your voice be heard.

Carpools will be formed so if you need a ride, contact Cathy Greene. We will all benefit from the combined meeting and discussions of the consensus questions. North County members will sit together and come to consensus on the questions as our own League.

To brush up on the issues, read the September and November VOTER articles on Money in Politics (available on our website) and check out this extensive LWVUS website for all the resources used by the committee.

<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>

Again, please contact Cathy Greene (csgreene49@aol.com) if you would like to attend this consensus meeting on January 9th.

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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.



December / January Meetings

Book Group

Monday, December 21, 2015

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

12:00 – 3:00 pm

The group will meet on December 21 at noon at the home of Heather Callaghan for our holiday party. A-M bring a salad or main dish, others bring a dessert. Bring a volume or two for our book exchange.

Call Margie Monroy at [760-729 7242](tel:760-729-7242) or <mailto:monroymario@att.net> for more information.

Money in Politics Consensus Meeting All Members Welcome

Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego

Saturday, January 9, 2016

1:00 pm

See Article page 1.

Health Interest Committee Meeting

All Members Welcome

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

Monday, January 11, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee will have its next meeting on Monday, January 11 at 10-1200, at Jane Dunmeyer's home. The topics will be: 1) "5150's" which are the mental health admission papers that are initiated mostly in the ER of hospitals - the hows and whys and what happens, patient rights, and how this affects not only the geriatric population but also the general population; and 2) a summary of all the topics we have touched on in our short life as a committee and what we would like to do with that information. The 5150 talk will be led by Liz Kruidenier.

From now on, the meetings will be held on the second Monday morning of each month. Put it on your calendar. Any LWV member is welcome to come. Call [760-473-7931](tel:760-473-7931) (Jane) for info.

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Home of Ann Omsted

Monday, January 18, 2016

1:00 – 3:00 pm

The Book Group will meet on Monday, January 18 at 1:00 pm, at the home of Ann Omsted to discuss *Going Clear: Scientology, Hollywood, and the Prison of Belief* by Lawrence Wright.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION

All Members Welcome

Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane

Saturday, January 23, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Cathy Greene

The Carlsbad Unit will hold their meeting on Saturday, January 23rd instead of the usual third Thursday to allow as many members as possible to attend a discussion of the Agua Hedionda South Shore Specific Plan (the 85/15 plan). The meeting will be held in the Dove library meeting room, starting promptly at 10 am.

Residents of Carlsbad who represent both supporters and opponents of the issue will present their viewpoints and take questions from our members. This will be a League-like discussion that we hope will be of benefit to those members who want to understand all aspects of what is at stake with the upcoming February special election that will decide this issue.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

Belmont Village

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

1:00 - 3:00 pm

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 to discuss the Higher Education Study. Two members of the Study Committee will present the Committee's work. Please call Anne Patton if you have any questions at 858-759-2715. Come for homemade cookies and a great discussion.

Parking instructions: Park in the lower end of Temple Soliel which is just north of Belmont. Walk to Manchester, turn right. Walk to the nearest driveway, turn right and walk a short distance to the end. Veer left and you will see the Dining Room. Enter and go through to the Town Hall Room.

Voter's Edge Workshop

All Members Welcome

San Diego County Operations Ctr.

5560 Overland Ave., Room 172, San Diego

Friday, January 29, 2016

9:30 am to 2:00 pm

See flyer Page 6



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

Perhaps it's the predicted El Nino effect, but umbrellas seem to be popping up everywhere. Our League has an umbrella of its own: A place to collect important initiatives in one place. As we look to the year ahead, it seems timely and beneficial to take stock of our efforts and acknowledge and benefit from the overlap of our shared common purpose and optimum use of our resources.

Board member, Hank Williams, recently proposed an initiative to guide the LWVNCSD to forge deeper connections with members and communities. His proposal is shown in the graphic below that reflects our shared mission and overlapping work. Our umbrella has grown.



This fall the LWVNCSD and LWVSD have partnered on two national studies: Amending the Constitution and Money in Politics. The two Leagues also joined in the County agriculture study. Joining forces leverages our time and treasure, while making progress. And, we're just beginning...

What started as Civil Discourse in January 2011 taught us to see the League's work through the lens of community outreach and voter service, propelling our engagement with county libraries, good governance organizations and academic institutions. Seeing the League as a natural convener of civil, informed community discussions guided the path we took that converges with the League's voter service and community outreach.

The first meeting of the new Community Outreach group was held on Monday, December 7th. To learn more contact Board Member Hank Williams at HWWF@cox.net to receive information about the next meeting. We welcome your thoughts on our collaborative work in 2016.

Program Planning Gather Your Thoughts and Bring Your Ideas,

By Mary Crowley

As our national League begins preparations for the LWVUS Convention in Washington DC in June, 2016, one crucial outcome of the convention starts now in local Leagues – to make our voices heard during Program Planning.

What do you want to see on the agenda for LWVUS 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 education priorities be? In a nutshell, what do you want to see on the agenda at LWVUS for the upcoming biennium?

Not only do we make these important decisions for LWVUS at this meeting but we will also consider the goals and priorities for our local league. We will be presenting these ideas and suggestions at our Annual Meeting which will take place on June 4th.

Our **Program Planning General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 18th from 9:30 – 12:30 pm** at the **Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room in Carlsbad**.

To prepare for this meeting we will be sending out a series of e-blasts during the month of January that will provide you with the necessary background information so we can think strategically about the work of League.

Remembering Marjorie Cheney:

Marjorie A. Chaney, a longtime League member and Carlsbad resident, passed away of heart failure in Eugene, Oregon, November 8, 2015. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She attended William Woods College and received her BA in education from the University of Nebraska, where she met her husband, Robert. During Robert's career as a Marine officer, she raised their sons and kept homes in California, Colorado, Rhode Island, and Japan. She returned to school, receiving master's degrees in education and educational psychology in 1975. She taught many years at MiraCosta College. After retirement, Robert and Marjorie's travels took them to Japan, China, Finland and the former Soviet Union. She was active in the community, generously sharing her time with CASA, the North County Assistance League, and the League of Women Voters, where she served as statewide secretary for California. Her ashes will be interred with Robert's at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on December 14th.

Remembering Frances Ann Johnson:

Frances Ann Johnson passed away in her Rancho Santa Fe home on November 16, 2015, one week after her 95th birthday. Fran was born and raised in Mount Vernon, Illinois. She earned degrees from Columbia College and Ohio Wesleyan. After college, she worked on the Time Magazine News Bureau. She met her husband, then a Navy Lieutenant, during WWII. They moved to California after the war. She worked as a writer for the Rancho Santa Fe Times and as the first librarian of the Rancho Santa Fe County Library. In 1966, she began an 18-year career as a librarian at the newly opened University of California San Diego. Fran was an active member of the League of Women Voters. She served two terms on the San Dieguito Union High School District School Board. Fran was also active in her church, the RSF Historical Society, Country Friends, Garden Club and other groups. Her many relatives and friends remember her as a joyful spirit.

ILO OPTIONS STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The ILO Options Study Committee wants to keep the entire League membership in San Diego County informed about our progress. Last month, we reported our action plan, which was to collect information from other California Leagues about how they handle regional issues in their service areas. We have now narrowed our search down to the 8 large urban areas of California which have high populations. This includes Orange County, Los Angeles County, Sacramento County, and the Bay area. We have developed a script and will be conducting telephone interviews with knowledgeable Leaguers in these areas. All interviews will be done before January. We will be sharing the results with you soon.

The LWVNCSD Year in Review

Clockwise from upper left: March Theater Party, April Hometown Farms Tour, September fall Kickoff, and September National Voter Registration Day.





League of Women Voters of California



To all members of the San Diego and North County San Diego Leagues,

You are invited to attend an informational 2016 Voter Service and Strategy presentation with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters **Michael Vu**, LWVCEF Senior Director of Civic Engagement **Dora Rose** and LWV Membership and Technology Manager **Sharon Stone**. The upcoming 2016 Presidential election promises to be a very busy time for Leagues across the state, so whether you're "getting it in gear" or still trying to figure out "how the pieces align," you don't want to miss this opportunity to hear what's in store for 2016 and how you can be a part of it.

When: Friday, Jan. 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. Coffee and rolls
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. 2016 Plans for Voter Service

Where: San Diego County Operations Center
5560 Overland Avenue, Rm. 172
San Diego, CA 92123

Schedule of meetings/workshops:

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
2016 Voter Service & Strategy presentation
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Registrar of Voters Michael Vu
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Discussion and Questions
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lunch break and tour
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Voter's Edge California training
Stay and learn how to work on the next generation of Smart Voter. VEC, a joint project with MapLight, is our new one-stop online source for a personalized ballot, candidate, ballot measure, and elections information.



If you have questions, please contact Martha Cox at mcox@lwvc.org. A registration flyer will be available soon.

Save the Date for this valuable strategy session and training. Hope to see you there.

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Suzanne's Tip:

Click on the Flickr icon on our website home page to see photos of our meetings and events this past year.

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 _____

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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
- \$30/year, new members joining after Feb. 1st
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle

I am interested in the following:

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest groups:
- Book Group
- Civil Engagement
- Health

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

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