

League of Women Voters

North County San Diego



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November at a Glance

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3:30 pm	Tour at Leucadia Wastewater Facility
Thur, Nov 10	Board Meeting
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Sat, Nov 12	New Members Coffee
10-Noon	(See Page 7)
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10 am	Leucadia Wastewater Offices
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10 am	Group
Fri, Nov 18	Civil Discourse
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10-Noon	San Marcos County Library

December at a Glance

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Mon, Dec 19	Book Group
Noon	Home of Anne Omsted

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LWVUS Education Study Discussions Move Toward Consensus

Following the Study Committee's four presentations to our Units in October, members are prepared-- and eager--to discuss and debate the Consensus questions printed on the insert to this issue. Please bring the page to our general meeting on November 19, beginning at 9:00 am, on Saturday, November 19, in the conference room of Aegis at Shadowridge in

Oceanside. This facility, new to us, is conveniently located just off Route 78.

Committee members, Peggy Dornish, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Phyllis Rosenbaum, Roni Seay, and Jackie Stone, began their work of gathering information and studying background papers in early June. The presentations to Units were then made in October by Peggy, Carol,

and Jackie, each of whom was a "education practitioner" for many years.

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Fall Kickoff Energizes Membership and Packs Schulman Auditorium

By Leita McCormick

Over 100 League members, guests and potential members came out Sunday afternoon, September 25, to renew friendships, make new acquaintances, learn about the League, enjoy the refreshments and be charmed by Peter Kaye's story of his career in journalism which spanned over 50 years. The food and wine reception held in the Dove Library Courtyard featured an Expo of our five interest groups, the book group, observer corps, voter service and membership. The chairs of these groups did a great job of setting up attractive, creative and informative displays which drew current and prospective members to their tables to ask questions and pick up information. The area was festooned with posters, balloons, colorful standup displays, and patriotic ribbons, and was abuzz with conversation and genuine interest. Since Civil Discourse is the new focus adopted by

members at the Annual Meeting in May, this interest group went all out with their display which included a video on uncivil discourse and a flow chart of the things they have studied.

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Mary Thompson (seated left), presents theme of civil discourse to Connie Ulrich, Barbara Lorenzen, Nancy Telford (left to right standing) and Margaret Liles (seated right).

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President's Message

By Mary Crowley and Nancy Telford

Dear Friends,

As you can see Nancy Telford and I are writing this column together. As first Vice-President, Nancy, on very, very short notice had to step in and assume the role of interim president. She has done a simply fantastic job. Many of you already know that my younger son was recently diagnosed with meningitis, an infection of the brain. It was very touch and go that first week, but thanks to some wonderful doctors and nurses and Brian's previous excellent health, he is on the mend. I wanted to update you all and thank everyone for your love and concern. Brian still has a way to go so please keep those good thoughts and prayers coming.

Love, Mary

We miss Mary very much and send her our best. September and October held many proud moments including our Kickoff, Civil Discourse presentations, Education Study discussions with the Units, and the Natural Resources Survey going to print. That one sentence covers monumental successes made possible because our members stepped forward and created those successes. Every day we see signs of the wonderful match with the merging of the former North Coast League and Escondido League. I'm amazed at how many talented, caring and intelligent members we have. The best part is that our work has attracted many new members and invigorated seasoned ones. Mary and I are very grateful to you for all you've done this and every year. I'm hesitant to single out people who deserve thanks for fear of missing someone. Personally, I'm very grateful for all the help you've given me while I'm keeping Mary's chair warm. Our 2011/2012 League Year is starting out with many proud moments and we're going to keep making it a stellar year.

Warm Regards,
Nancy

Editor's Note:

What were *you* doing 22 years ago in 1989? Retiring Voter Editor Roni Seay was putting to bed the first of 176 Voter editions published during her tenure. Her work chronicled the growth of our League and helped shape events through the act of writing our story.



Roni was toasted (with virgin Mai Tai's) at a recent Voter editorial committee meeting before flying off to Hawaii to get her second wind.

Mahalo, Roni! ∞

Education Study

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LWVUS Ed Study Committee presenting at Escondido Unit meeting, October 14th: Carol Grimes-Gartland, Jackie Stone and Peggy Dornish (left to right).

Both Jackie and Carol, because of their expertise, were able to provide critical information, summarize extensive data, and offer perspective on the much debated issues of the federal role in public education and the so-called “Common Core” standards which have been adopted by most states and are the basis for much federal funding in recent years.

Our members’ questions and comments, generated during the presentations, were probing and insightful and indicate a high degree of interest in the present state of our educational system. Your Committee looks forward to a robust discussion on November 19. Please be there.

Consensus Questions

The consensus questions which our League is asked to consider are grouped into three categories: General, Common Core Standards, and Funding and Equity. Among those categories, there are fifteen questions. Several questions require ranking of options, some require choosing one option, and others require a scaled answer.

In addition, we are allowed a maximum of 250 words to comment on each of the three sections of the Study. Our comments can be used to clarify or even point to areas we think should have been addressed by the consensus questions.

The colored insert to this issue contains the questions and responses.

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Barbara Hallman 1917-2011

Barbara Hallman, a long-time member of the League of Women Voters North County San Diego, died on September 23, 2011. Barbara held many positions in League, including Membership and Program Chair. She was a gentle and knowledgeable mentor to many of us who knew her. She taught us how to be Leaguers and never stopped being a Leaguer herself. During her stay at Las Villas de Carlsbad Retirement Community, she organized Voter Registration and Pros and Cons presentations for the staff and residents there.

Barbara was one of the “tough old girls” as she described them, no-nonsense Leaguers who saw no reason for frills at meetings. The cookies came out of a box and the coffee was served in Styrofoam cups (before we knew better). We were there to work. I loved her kitchen at her apartment in Carlsbad Village. Her stove was covered with files and publications. She never cooked. When she moved in with her great good friend, Margaret Brownley, another legendary League member, they threw great parties poolside. Attendance there was a veritable who’s who of Carlsbad.

On September 27, Mayor Matt Hall of Carlsbad closed the city council meeting in Barbara’s memory, reflecting on her many contributions to her community.

By Margie Monroy

Fall Kickoff

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Dozens of names, addresses and emails were collected on sign-up sheets by all the groups to use for follow-up.

As usual, our members came through with a delicious assortment of finger foods and sweets for the kickoff attendees, and the volunteer bartenders were kept quite busy pouring wine and other beverages of choice. At the close of the reception, everyone filed into the Schulman Auditorium to hear Mr. Kaye's much anticipated remarks about the *"Three Legged Stool: the relationship that exists among political candidates, voters and the media."* As people entered the auditorium, they were treated to a video of one of Mr. Kaye's KPBS interviews which he wrote, narrated, and produced.

The program opened with a cordial welcome from Nancy Telford who spoke briefly about the League and received a round of applause when she mentioned that the North Coast League had merged with the Escondido League to form the newly expanded League of Women Voters North County San Diego. Nancy then introduced the award-winning speaker, who regaled us with insightful snippets covering his years of experience as a newspaper editor, TV reporter/producer and political campaign staffer. After Mr. Kaye's presentation, Martha Cox presented him with several gifts and expressed our deep appreciation for his willingness to share his most memorable moments with us.

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Observers Tell All

By Connie Ulrich

Attention new members: mark your calendars for a League tradition—the Observer Reports Luncheons.

Protecting our right to know is integral to the health of our democracy. Government decisions need to be made with public participation and oversight. One important way to insure that is to observe government meetings.

The League has been a champion of government transparency, or "Sunshine," since our founding in 1920. It is one of our core principles and a vital part of our mission. Acting as the League's "eyes and ears," League members attend civic meetings to learn what their government is doing and to monitor whether those meetings are held in an open and transparent way.

The League's Observer Program reminds elected and appointed officials that the League is observing both their decisions and their decision-making process. Experience has shown the importance of the League's presence to observe and take subsequent action as needed.

Twice a year, in June and December, the Carlsbad, Oceanside/Vista and San Dieguito units hold their potluck Observer Reports Luncheons. Please join us. This is an opportunity to meet other League members and learn what's happening in your community.

If you'd like more information about the Observer Corps or the December luncheons, contact Connie Ulrich, Chair, at cku2527@gmail.com.



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Observer Reports Luncheons

The Oceanside/Vista Unit luncheon will be held on Monday, December 12 at 11 am at the home of Kathie Rosvall. Please bring a dish for potluck. Call Kathie for directions and to let her know if you are planning to attend.

San Dieguito Unit luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:30 am at the home of Barbara Mendell.

You're asked to bring a salad or a light main dish. Barbara will provide beverages and dessert. Call Barbara for directions. Please let Barbara know by Monday, December 5, if you will be attending so she can give your name to the person at the gate.

The Carlsbad Unit Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 10 am at the Kelly Ranch. Call Margie Monroy for directions. Those unit members whose last names begin with A-H please bring a main dish or casserole; I-Q dessert; and R-Z salad.

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Advocate for Early Childhood Education

As members learned at the Escondido Unit meeting on October 14, the current LWVUS study on the role of federal government in education is focused on K-12 education. One of Escondido's members, Lorraine Boyce, has long been a supporter of early childhood education, and considers the first five years of a child's life critical to the future success of every child.

Lorraine has been a League member for over fifty years. In 1970 she successfully ran for a seat on the Escondido City Council. In 1975 the City Council appointed her as the first woman Mayor in Escondido. In 1974, Lorraine became frustrated by the lack of subsidized child care services for

single moms who wanted to get a job, an education, or both. Lorraine had been appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to his Committee for Early Child Development Programs. While commiserating on a plane trip to Sacramento, Lorraine and Ruth Clothier, head of the Palomar College Department of Early Childhood Education, decided to apply for a grant to begin a subsidized early childhood education program in Escondido. They won a \$78,000 Department of Education grant, and opened the Escondido Community Child Development Center (ECCDC), in the basement of the First Congregational Church.

The ECCDC has grown

By Margaret Liles

and expanded over the years. In November, 2010, they opened their third facility, the Betsy Jones Child Development Center that can serve 140 children. The ECCDC now serves some 400 children, aged four months to five years, of low-income working families. In their 36 years of operation, the ECCDC has always had a waiting list. Unfortunately, the ECCDC's state funding has been cut by a half-million dollars. Currently they are in a matching fund campaign to continue to serve as many children and parents as possible. For more information go to www.eccdc.com.

You can hear and see Lorraine describe one of her experiences as Mayor at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gffnics12oU>

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Lorraine Boyce at Escondido's Betsy Jones Child Development Center

League Units talk about civility



By Mary Thompson

Civil Discourse co-chairs, Mary Thompson (left) and Martha Cox (right).

Presentation to League Units

The four Units of the North County San Diego League of Women voters met in individual meetings in September to discuss the question of "Can we have civil discourse?" At sessions in Escondido, Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Cardiff, members Martha Cox and Mary Thompson presented the work of the recently-formed Civil Discourse interest group and explained elements of the group's study.

Following a slide presentation which included a video from the Illinois Humanities Council with painful examples of uncivil discourse, each Unit participated in brainstorming questions ranging from how to measure civility to what is the League's role. The ideas of 56 members were captured (color-coded by Unit name) and can be seen on our League website.

To see the results of the Units' brainstorming, go to <http://twvncsd.org/CivilDiscourse.html>

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Presentation to Mira Costa's LIFE Group

The Civil Discourse interest group spoke on *Civil Discourse: Essential to Democracy* to the Learning is For Everyone (LIFE) group at the main campus of Mira Costa College on October 14. A second presentation is scheduled for Mira Costa's San Elijo campus on Friday, November 18 at one o'clock in Room 201.

Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events

Escondido, Oceanside/Vista, and San Dieguito Units will not meet in November due to the League General Meeting.

In lieu of December Unit meetings, Oceanside/Vista, Carlsbad, and San Dieguito Units will hold Observer Luncheons. Escondido Unit members are welcome! See Page 4 for details. The Escondido Unit will meet on December 9.

Friday, November 4
3:30 pm, Leucadia Wastewater Facility
Open House & Tour

Tour the administrative building and the adjacent pumping and wastewater treatment facilities. Anne Omsted has arranged a separate tour for LWV members. Please let Anne know if you wish to attend the tour.

Thursday, November 17
10 am, Leucadia Wastewater Facility
Carlsbad Unit Meeting

“Meet the Mayor.” Mayor Hall will update us on city affairs and take questions.

Saturday, November 19
9:30 am, Aegis at Shadowridge
General Meeting for Consensus

The North County San Diego League will hold a Consensus Meeting on the LWVUS Education Study. Aegis at Shadowridge is located at 1440 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside.

December 9
10 am, East Valley Community Center
Escondido Unit Meeting

The topic will be a report by the LWVNCSD Natural Resource Interest Group on current issues and projects. The Center is located at 2245 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. For more information contact Arlene Meadows.

Confused about which meeting to attend?

All League members are invited to attend any Unit, League, or interest group meeting, regardless of geographic location. If you live in Escondido and it's convenient to attend a meeting in Carlsbad, you're welcome!

Interest Groups

Book Group

Monday, November 21
1:15 – 3 pm, Home of Heather Callaghan
 Heather Callaghan will lead the discussion. Call Heather to confirm if you are coming.

Monday, December 19

Noon, Home of Anne Omsted
 Naomi Marblestone will lead the discussion. Bring your own book choice to share as well as those you enjoyed and are willing to give away. This is a potluck, so bring a main dish or salad. Call or e-mail Anne to confirm and with any questions.

Civil Discourse Group

Wednesday, November 30
10 am - Noon, San Marcos County Library
 Join us in taking the next steps to promote civility. The library is located at 2 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos. We will meet in the conference room. There will be no meeting in December. Contact Mary Thompson for more information 760-942-2458

Education Group

The Group will meet in January after completion of the LWVUS Education Study. Contact Carol Grimes-Gartland for information 760-729-0278 or cgspeced@sbcglobal.net.

Health Care Group

If you are interested in participating in this group, contact Barbara Lorenzen for further information.

Media Monitors Group

Contact Roger Fox at 760-720-3793 for meeting information.

Natural Resources Group

(In lieu of the November meeting, the Group will participate in a facility tour. See details under Events).

Thursday, December 1

Noon – 2 pm, Leucadia Wastewater Offices

Join us for a brown bag lunch meeting. Bring your ideas, news, and reports.

Women's Issues Group

Friday, November 18

10 am

For information, contact Evelina at evelinahamilton@gmail.com. There will be no meeting in December.

Members – The Power of One

Welcome New Members:

- Agnes Herman
- Bea Kalaminsky
- Gloria Katz
- Consuelo Martinez
- Dorine Meade
- Carol Sharpe
- Diane Yerkes

Want more from your membership?

Attend a members' coffee to learn more about the League and the many facets of its work in North County San Diego, including presentations from its five interest groups.

Saturday, November 12
 10 am to Noon
 At the home of Edie Appel
 Contact Peggy Crane for details.



LWV Member and Former Mayor Quoted

Former Encinitas Mayor, Anne Omsted, was quoted at the city's 25th Anniversary celebration on October 1 as predicting Encinitas would become a "good little city" back in 1986, when she served as the city's third mayor. In an October 4 North County Times article, Anne said Encinitas had surpassed even her high expectations and has become "an excellent little city."

Red dot on your mailing label?

If the mailing label on this VOTER issue contains a red dot, your membership has lapsed. To maintain your membership and continue to receive the VOTER and other information from the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego, please send your renewal today.

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application

Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name _____
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 City _____ State ____ Zip ____ - ____
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Dues:

- \$60/year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- New members joining after Feb. 1 will pay ½ the annual dues.

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 areas:

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
 - Book Group
 - Civil Discourse
 - Education
 - Media Monitors
 - 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.

Civility Matters



Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Jill Jackson/Mark Miller circa 1955

Have you checked LWV North County San Diego's website this week?

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