



The VOICE of League for Members; the FACE of League for our Communities.

FEBRUARY 2013 AT A GLANCE

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| Fri, Feb. 8
10 am - 12:00 pm | <i>Board Meeting</i>
LWD Offices |
| Sun, Feb. 10
1:15 pm | <i>LWVSD Play</i>
Moxie Theatre, SD |
| Fri, Feb. 15
10 am - 12 pm | Joint Unit Mtg of
Escondido/Oceanside/
Vista, Vista Library |
| Mon, Feb. 18
1:15 - 3:00 pm | <i>Book Group</i>
Home of <i>Mary Fanta</i> |
| Wed, Feb. 20
8 am - 12 pm | <i>2nd Annual Restoring</i>
<i>Respect Conference</i> |
| 1:30 - 3:00 pm | <i>San Dieguito Unit Mtg</i>
<i>Belmont Shores, Cardiff</i> |
| Thurs, Feb. 21
10 am - 12 pm | <i>Carlsbad Unit Mtg</i>
LWD Offices |
| Sat, Feb. 23
10 - 11:30 am | <i>Civil Discourse Mtg</i>
San Marcos Library |

~ Looking Ahead ~

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| Sat, Mar. 2
9:30 am - 12:30 pm | <i>General Meeting</i>
<i>Initiative & Referendum</i> |
| May 17 - 19 | <i>LWVC Convention</i>
San Jose |
| Sat, June 8 | <i>LWVNCSD Annual Mtg</i> |

Stay Informed; check the Master Calendar on the "member only" page often

Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.

Visit us on the web: www.lwvncsd.org

Or contact us by phone or mail:
760-736-1608
PO Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

Our Community is Watching – League's Initiative & Referendum Study

Perhaps you've seen Jared Whitlock's article in *The Coast News* and Lola Sherman's piece in the *UT/North County Times* about the League's current study of California's initiative process and the panel discussion at Dove Library in Carlsbad on January 25th. Our community is watching us!

As members, you've no doubt been reading your weekly e-blasts that commenced the first week in January about various facets of the study. At our Unit meetings in February, we will continue our education about the process so that we will be prepared to deliberate and (hopefully) reach consensus on possible updates to the League's position. Please bring the colored insert included in this *VOTER* with you to the general meeting on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Vista Library Community Room, 700 Eucalyptus, Vista. Don't miss this chance to have your voice heard in this important process.

League of Women Voters North County San Diego General Meeting

Initiative & Referendum Consensus

Saturday, March 2nd
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Vista Library, Community Room
700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista 92084

Directions: Hwy 78 to Civic Center Drive (Exit 7). Proceed north on Civic Center Drive to Eucalyptus Avenue (about 1 mile). Turn right onto Eucalyptus. The Library will be on the left, behind the Civic Center.

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President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



“Time heals all wounds” the saying goes, but I don’t know if there will ever be enough time to heal our collective wounds after Sandy Hook.

As many of you know the League of Women Voters has had a long-standing position in support of gun control. Since 1990, the League has lobbied in support of banning assault weapons, requiring all dealers to run criminal background checks at gun shows, and opposing laws that grant special protection for the gun industry.

Given the heartbreaking killing of young, innocent children in what should have been a safe learning environment, it is clearly time that our state and federal legislators prohibit the buying of guns with high-capacity magazines and close the loophole that allows people to buy guns at gun shows in most states without a criminal background check. Most Americans, and most gun owners, seem to indicate that they would support such sensible gun policies.

This is not about being “anti-gun” or “gun control”, this is about sensible gun policies for our health and safety. Now that there is a plan for tackling this critical national issue, it is up to our elected leaders to keep these reforms moving forward quickly and not get bogged down in the wrangling so familiar to Washington, DC. Gun control is a matter of public safety and public health. It is long past time for vital measures to stop the carnage. We need to take action and we need to do it now.

Logan Jenkins summed it up perfectly in his January 20th column in the U-T. “It’s an eternal stain on the memory of 20 dead babies if something – whatever is politically possible – isn’t done. We must demand nothing less.”

Mary



Restoring Respect Join the Dialogue!

Come join the San Diego community for:
**RESTORING RESPECT'S 2nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 ON RESTORING CIVILITY TO CIVIC DIALOGUE**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 University of San Diego's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

Admission is Free

Please RSVP at: www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/registration.php

**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER:**



Eugene Robinson
 Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist
 for the Washington Post

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**You Don't Want to Miss
This Event,
But You Must Register to Attend!**

**Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013
8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**LWVNCSD
is an endorser of this event.**

Lunch with League

Make Your Reservation Now!

*Sponsored by
LWV San Diego*

Deadline is March 15th

11:30 am-1:30 pm
 The San Diego Foundation
 Liberty Station
 2508 Historic Decatur Rd.
 Ste. 200
 San Diego, CA 92106
 Cost: \$18
 Lunch catered by
 Souplantation.

Heading Southbound on I-5:
 Take the I-8 East exit to El Centro/
 Rosecrans St. (stay in right lane)
 Bear **RIGHT** onto the CA-209 ramp
 to Rosecrans St.
 Continue straight on Rosecrans St.
 (for about 1.5 miles)
 Turn **LEFT** on Roosevelt Rd
 Turn **RIGHT** on Historic Decatur Rd
 The San Diego Foundation is located
 on the corner of Roosevelt Rd and
 Historic Decatur Rd

Tuesday, March 19, 2013
**"Keeping our Cities on a
Strong Financial Course"**



Eduardo Luna
 San Diego City
 Auditor



Ernie Ewin
 La Mesa City
 Councilman

Parking: Street parking located on Historic Decatur Road.
 ANY available "VISITOR" parking space across the street from
 The Foundation located on Historic Decatur Road or in ANY of the
 lots across from Solare Restaurant.
 Vons parking lot is "transient" (3 hour) parking.

League of Women Voters San Diego — Luncheon — March 19, 2013

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$18 per person) _____ by **March 15**. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to
 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92111, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal
www.lwvsandiego.org Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$18, 'purpose' March Luncheon.



February Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups

Carlsbad Unit Mtg.

Thursday, Feb. 21 • 10 am - 12 pm

The Carlsbad unit will meet on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Leucadia Wastewater District offices, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad from 10:00 to noon.

The topics will be unit program planning and a presentation by the Initiative and Referendum Study Committee.

Please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland at 760-729-0278 for information.

Escondido Unit Mtg. (held jointly with Oceanside/Vista Unit)

Friday, Feb. 15 • 10 am - 12 pm*

The Escondido unit meeting will be held jointly this month with the Oceanside/Vista unit. The joint meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 15 at the Vista Library Community Room, 700 Eucalyptus, Vista from 10 am to 12 pm.

Following the presentation by the Initiative and Referendum Study Committee, each unit will separately hold their individual unit program planning meetings.

For more information, please call Yvon Dacayana at 760-749-7647.

Oceanside/Vista Unit Mtg. (held jointly with Escondido Unit)

Friday, Feb. 15 • 10 am - 12 pm*

The Oceanside/Vista unit meeting will be held jointly this month with the Escondido unit. The joint meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 15 at the Vista Library Community Room, 700 Eucalyptus, Vista from 10 am to 12 pm.

Following the presentation by the Initiative and Referendum Study Committee, each unit will separately hold their individual unit program planning meetings. Feel free to bring finger food to share.

For more information, please call Kathie Rosvall at 760-598-5685.

*** Please Note Time and Location Change**

San Dieguito Unit Mtg.

Wednesday, Feb. 20 • 1:30 - 3 pm

The San Dieguito unit will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 1:30 - 3 pm at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester Ave., Cardiff (please visit the League website for parking information).

The topics will be unit program planning and a presentation by the Initiative and Referendum Study Committee.

For more information, please call Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

Book Group

Monday, Feb. 18 • 1:15 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Mary Fanta to discuss several books that address the topic of homosexual marriage. D'vora Gittelson will lead the discussion. Please call 760-433-9036 to RSVP.



Civil Discourse Group

Saturday, Feb. 23 • 10 am - 11:30 am

The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. We will continue work on our 2013 roadmap. Please call Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 for more information.



DISCUSSION GROUPS

Do you have an idea, curiosity, or concern about a League-appropriate issue? Consider meeting with others who share your passion for this topic. This would be a discussion group that may or may not evolve into taking action.

Think of the group as issue-based, not one to continue forever. Your participation would last as long as your interest does.

If this sparks an interest, please contact Barbara Lorenzen, who will compile a list of names and interests and coordinate getting people together. barblorenzenlwv@gmail.com or 760-305-7842.

Life Moves Fast...Things Can Change!

Check the Master Calendar on the "Members' Only" Website To Stay Up To Date!

LWV North County Expands the Power of **One** Through **Collaboration!**



Welcome New Members
 Don Johnson
 Roy Martins
 Jim Rosvall
 John Schuster
 Hannah & Jocelyn Wolfe
Welcome US Member
 Sybil Krausz

Program Planning • January 12, 2013
 Moderator Jackie Stone (above left) guides Leaguers through the process of "Dot" Democracy.



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.

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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**Bring this with you to Feb/Mar mtgs*

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

“This is how humans are: we question all our beliefs, except for the ones we *really* believe, and those we never think to question.”

~ Orson Scott Card

Have you checked North County League’s website this week?

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!



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LWV United States
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