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### JANUARY 2012 AT A GLANCE

Thurs., Jan. 5 10 am	Natural Resources Field Trip (see p. 7)
Mon., Jan. 9 11:30 am	Oceanside/Vista Unit Audubon Center
Thurs., Jan. 12 9:15 am	Board Meeting Leucadia WD Offices
Mon., Jan. 16 1:15-3:00 pm	Book Group Call for Mtg Location
Wed., Jan. 18 1:30-3:00 pm	San Dieguito Unit Belmont Village
Thurs., Jan. 19 10 am-12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Leucadia WD Offices
Fri., Jan. 20 10 am-12 pm	Women's Issues Leucadia WD Offices
Sat., Jan. 21 10 am-12 pm	Civil Discourse San Marcos Library
Sat., Jan. 21 10 am-12 pm	Escondido Unit Escondido Women's Cl.
Fri., Jan. 27 1:30-3:30 pm	Education Group Home of Carol Grimes-Gartland

**Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.**

#### Visit us on the web:

Every effort is made to provide you with accurate calendar information here, but emergencies sometimes occur which necessitate a change in meeting time or location. Please **check the website for the latest updates and maps to meetings at:**

[www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)

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### LWVUS Privatization Study

*by Peggy Dornish, Program Director*

By a floor vote of delegates to the 2010 LWVUS Convention in Atlanta, a second national study on privatization of public programs and services was mandated. It is highly unusual to undertake two studies in a single year, and local Leagues must work especially hard this year to meet the many requirements for such studies. Nevertheless, our League prides itself on participating in every League Study, whether LWVUS, LWVC, or ILO (Inter-League Organization).

The purpose of this Study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state, or local government services, assets, and functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and community impact of such transfers and identify strategies which ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good.

Our Study Committee has been formed and is meeting twice monthly to discuss the study materials and assign a variety of tasks. Consensus on this study falls due by May 1, 2012, and as I noted in the article about the Education Study, the Committee has determined that individual presentations to our Units prior to the meeting for consensus is the most productive and effective strategy to ensure that our members are informed and engaged.

Study Committee members are Anne Omsted, Gary Nessim, Dolores Welty, Katie Wheeler (and me). At present we are investigating local and regional instances of privatization. If you would like to join the study group, please contact Peggy Dornish at 760-931-1822 or [mhdornish@mac.com](mailto:mhdornish@mac.com)

## LWVNCSD Officers/Directors 2011-12

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### *Thank You!* VOTER Contributors

Many thanks to the following members who wrote the articles, took the photos, proofread the final product, and assisted with production and distribution this month.

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Roni Seay • Nancy Telford • Mary Thompson

## President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



### *Happy New Year!*

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I also hope everyone is well rested, because for League, the year 2012 is not only going to be exciting but also plenty of hard work. Why?? One word – ELECTIONS – and not just any election – a Presidential election! There's an old saying in League "If not the League, then whom?" and that's certainly never truer than during an election year. We've already begun planning, so stay tuned for upcoming training sessions this spring.

Because of the popularity of our civil discourse presentations throughout the community, we were asked by the Oceanside City Library to write a letter of support for their application for a grant entitled *Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion*. We wish the library great success and look forward to working with them in the future.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our "Intro to League Coffee" a huge success. Despite the cold and rain, we had a wonderful turnout. Between the kick-off and the coffee, we have added quite a few new members so don't forget when you see a new face, take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome that new member.

And, finally, congratulations to League Member, Diane Nygaard, recently named the North County Philanthropy Council Volunteer of the Year for the Oceanside Charitable Foundation.



**LWVUS Education Study  
Consensus Meeting  
Draws Many Members and  
Elicits Our Best Thinking**  
*by Peggy Dornish, Program Director*

We held the Education Study Consensus Meeting on Saturday, November 19, at Aegis at Shadowridge, a new venue in Oceanside which is conveniently located for each of our four Units. The conference room was full, and the discussion was lively. Study Committee members acted only as resources on specific issues since they had previously presented at length in individual Unit meetings. This format seems to elicit our members' best thinking, and we plan to duplicate it for the Privatization Study in the Spring.

Roni Seay, our most capable and experienced moderator, led the meeting, and at least a dozen members spoke at length about the issues addressed in the Consensus questions. It is League policy not to report out our own decisions before LWVUS collates each League's findings and determines the outcome nationally. We did, however, arrive fairly rapidly at consensus on the Equity & Funding issues. Common Core Standards elicited more diverse responses, although we did eventually arrive at agreement. A feature of this Study was the opportunity to add brief comments on each portion, and we had a great deal to say about what should have been in the Study but was not. Preparation for

teaching, virtually neglected in the Study, was one of our key points in this regard.

We owe much to the Study Committee of Carol Grimes-Gartland, Phyllis Rosenbaum, Roni Seay, Jackie Stone (and me). Their sustained efforts over many months enabled our members to address complicated issues knowledgeably and purposefully, and we had a good time doing just that.

**Spotlight on ...**

**Book Group**

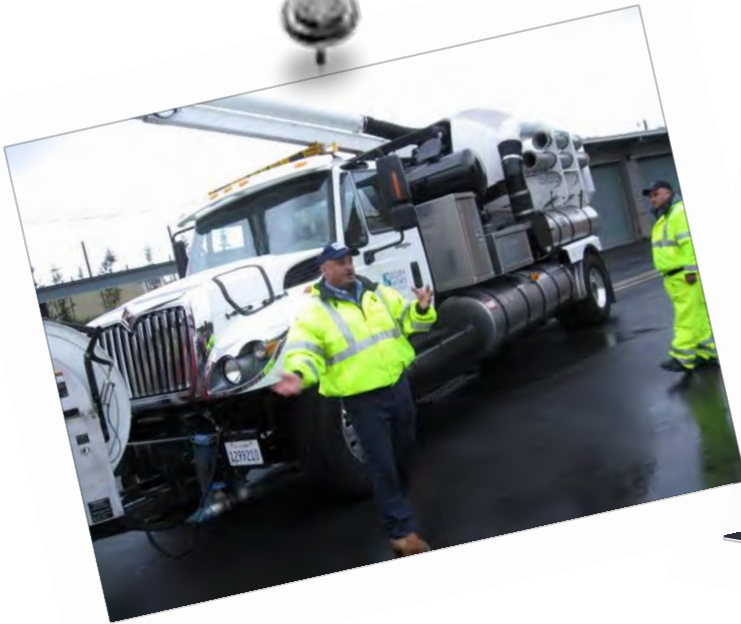
*by Anne Omsted, Book Group Chair*



This interest group reads a non-fiction book every month. In 2012, we will be reading books about American history, juvenile justice, several biographies, a book about North Korea and a new, much acclaimed book about Siberia. That only covers the first six months of the year! We meet on the third Monday of each month at 1:15 at the home of one of our members and take turns leading the discussion about the book for that month. *New members and new ideas are always welcome.* **Call Anne Omsted,** the group co-ordinator, if you have any questions.

Book suggestions for next six months:

- ♦ January • **10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America** – Steven Gillon
- ♦ February • **True Notebooks** – Mark Salzman
- ♦ March • **Cleopatra** – Stacy Schiff
- ♦ April • **Nothing to Envy** – Barbara Demick
- ♦ May • **To End All Wars** – Adam Hochschild
- ♦ June • **The Grace of Silence** – Michele Norris



## **Natural Resources Group Tours the Leucadia Wastewater District Facility** *by Diane Mochizuki, Natural Resources Director*

In November the Natural Resources group participated in a tour of the Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) facilities during their open house. The eight league members who braved the cold and rainy weather to attend the event were treated to an informative tour. Robin Morishita, LWD Project Manager, gave us a special, in-depth tour of the building that was opened in 2009. It is a spectacular, environmentally sound, well-planned building that was designed to serve the district well into the future. Some of the features are:

- Terrazo flooring that utilizes recycled glass and should last 50 years
- Channel glass and a large skylight which lights the entry, making the use of electrical lighting unnecessary most days
- Higher-grade communication cables to avoid “tear-out” later on when faster and higher capacity lines are necessary
- The support structure of the building on the outside walls of the building will allow for greater flexibility for future use
- State of the art presentation systems that cost the same amount as traditional projectors and screens that allow for notes written on the board to be captured in a photo and saved onto computers.

We learned that, over its history, the LWD governing boards have been proactive and forward thinking, which has enabled them to have

robust infrastructure and redundant capability. LWD is an independent district and charges close to the lowest rates in the state. There are seven pumping stations and flow is primarily by gravity, thus reducing energy usage. The district office location was selected in part because it is a low spot that can be used, if necessary to drain 80% of the 16 square mile district area.

The way the district currently works is that all district sewage is sent via a series of pipes and pumping stations to the Encina Wastewater treatment plant in Carlsbad. The plant is jointly owned by six districts with LWD’s share being 20%. At the treatment plant the sewage undergoes a primary and secondary treatment. From there, the water is either discharged into the ocean or a predetermined amount is returned to LWD. At LWD, the returned, treated water undergoes a tertiary treatment and is then delivered to a small pond at the La Costa Resort. The water is used to irrigate the entire south course. LWD has supplied irrigation water to La Costa Resort since the ‘60s. In the future, LWD hopes to develop more users for their recycled water.

After the building tour, our group took part in presentations and demonstrations of the treatment facilities. The tour was enlightening and the LWD staff very knowledgeable and gracious.

# Thank You, Members, You Continue to Make a Difference!

*by Martha Cox, Treasurer*

In any organization, members define it, give it relevance, and make a difference in ensuring its success. LWV North County San Diego is no exception. With a newly-merged League and hundreds of thousands of constituents to serve, our energized, combined membership has stepped up to support League's mission by also sending in a donation when they renewed their membership. As our renewal period draws to a close, the Board of the North County San Diego League says ***thanks for your support!*** We couldn't do it without you, and we gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our members listed here. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the communities of North County San Diego.

Donald Adrian	Nancy Hoffman	Diane Nygaard
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Charlotte Gumbrell	Ruth Moskowitz	Katie Wheeler
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## Opportunities to Participate

*by Jackie Stone, Nominating Committee Chair*

**Now Is the Time...**What 'learning curve?' One of the strengths of our League is that our leaders can be confident of the support of both former leaders and our general membership. If you are new to League, you can take a leadership role without feeling that it is necessary to know all about the League before stepping up. Also, veteran members, if you have not previously taken a leadership role but now have more time or want to find out about contributing more effort to League activities, please let the nominating committee know. Discuss with them your areas of interest and abilities, and they can answer any questions you have about what would be involved in various positions. The nominating committee is about to begin its work and they need every member's help in calling attention to anyone who might be interested. Among the positions to be filled by the committee are: first vice president, treasurer, secretary and three board directors.

The nominating committee members are Heather Callaghan ([kiwikwilta@coc.net](mailto:kiwikwilta@coc.net)), Kathy Christy ([beachcomber13@cox.net](mailto:beachcomber13@cox.net)), Carol Grimes-Gartland ([CLGspeced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CLGspeced@sbcglobal.net)), Jackie Stone ([jlscarlbad@gmail.com](mailto:jlscarlbad@gmail.com)), and Nancy Telford ([nancy.telford@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.telford@gmail.com)). Leave a message for them today at our League line: (760) 736-1608.

**We invite you to make a difference, not only in your community, but in all of North County! You know you want to: that's why you joined !**

## More League News...

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### LWV San Diego County (ILO) News

by Roni Seay, President  
LWV San Diego County

*All League members in San Diego County are members of the LWV of San Diego County, an InterLeague Organization (ILO). The ILO board focuses on County and regional governments and issues.*

#### BE PART OF SHAPING SAN DIEGO'S FUTURE

League members may already be aware of the Greater San Diego Vision project undertaken by the San Diego Foundation. Topics include jobs, growth, education and the environment, among others. To participate, go to:

[www.ourgreatersandiegovision.org/vision](http://www.ourgreatersandiegovision.org/vision)

The survey is rather fun to take and makes you imagine different future scenarios. It will take less than 30 minutes if you don't get caught up watching all the videos. This is your chance to participate in an important survey which will be widely cited by planners for years to come.

Please watch for the County League Newsletter insert in your February VOTER. It will contain articles about the ILO's makeover, regional issues and ILO program planning.

In February the County League is also creating an "Opportunity Drawing" fundraiser with gift certificates worth \$50 and more. Watch for your letter in the mail.

If you have any question or are interested in pursuing regional issues either as an observer or board member, contact me at: [RoSeay@aol.com](mailto:RoSeay@aol.com)

## And, League in the News...

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### LWVUS News

by Margie Monroy, Carlsbad Unit Chair

On November 14, 2011, Elisabeth MacNamara, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States, testified before the House Judiciary Committee on the rising tide of voter suppression in the United States and League efforts to combat this alarming trend.

According to MacNamara,

"This year the League actively opposed voter suppression in 21 states and were successful in protecting the vote in 13 of those, but the remaining states did create new and in some cases insurmountable barriers to the polls... These new laws threaten to silence the voices of those least heard and rarely listened to in this country - the poor, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and differently abled. These new laws require photo ID and/or proof of citizenship to vote, they restrict third party registration drives, decrease early voting and eliminate Election Day Registration."

To read more on this topic, go to the updated League of Women Voters US website at:

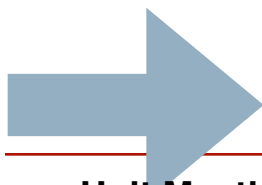
<http://www.lwv.org/blog/war-voting...>

#### Mark Your Calendars...

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LWV and Friends of the Encinitas Library will host Dr. Nigella Hillgarth, Executive Director of Birch Aquarium. Dr. Hillgarth will discuss recent Scripps Institution of Oceanography research on climate change, ocean pollution, and other current and important ocean-related work now being carried out at SIO.

The meeting will be at the Encinitas Public Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, in the Community Room (turn right when you enter the library). Light refreshments will be served, and there will be ample time for questions. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012, from 6 - 8 pm**. For more information, call Anne Omsted at 760-753-6970.



# January Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups

## Carlsbad Unit Mtg.

**Thursday, January 19 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The Carlsbad Unit will meet at the Premiere Jet Bldg. at Palomar Airport (2192 Palomar Airport Rd.) for an update on North County aviation. Parking is available in the lot directly in front of the building. The program will be held in their second floor conference room. Chuck Collins, Chairman of the Palomar Airport Advisory Comm., and Jim Swain, Airport Environmental Sound Management, will make a presentation followed by time for Q&A. After the one-hour presentation, John Otto, Airport Operations and Terminal Manager, will conduct an escorted "Behind the Scenes" tour of the airport and new terminal facility. Completing the airport visit, those guests wishing to eat lunch at the terminal's restaurant, "The Landings," will be offered a visitor discount. Call Margie Monroy at 760-729-7242 for further information.

## Escondido Unit Mtg.

**Saturday, January 21 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The meeting will be held at the Escondido Women's Club. Plans are being finalized at this time. Please call Arlene Meadows for information.

## Oceanside/Vista Unit Mtg.

**Monday, January 9 • 11:30 am**

The meeting will be held at the Audubon Center, 2202 Pacific Coast Hwy. (south of West Vista Way and north side of Buena Vista Lagoon). Bring finger food to share. This will be a brainstorming session for 2012.

## San Dieguito Unit Mtg.

**Wednesday, January 18 • 1:30 pm**

The meeting will be held at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester Dr., Cardiff. The San Dieguito Unit will have a very special and interesting meeting featuring a program by the San Pasqual Academy, known far and wide for its success in educating children who are in the San Diego County Foster Care program. Invited San Pasqual students will relate their Academy experiences to us. Administrators will discuss the program itself and answer our questions. You won't want to miss this. *Please note the special parking instructions for this venue on the website at:* <http://www.lwvncsd.org/Calendar.html>

## Book Group

**Monday, January 16 • 1:15 - 3 pm**

We will discuss "*10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America*" by Steven M. Gillon. Please call Anne Omsted (760-753-6970) for meeting location.

## Civil Discourse Group

**Saturday, January 21 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. We will discuss the objective and scope of a survey on civil discourse within our communities. Call Mary Thompson (760-942-2458) for more information.

## Education Group

**Friday, January 27 • 1:30-3:30 pm**

The Education Group will meet at the home of Carol Grimes-Gartland. We will focus on: preschool education; its curriculum; funding sources; and major goals. For meeting address or information, contact Carol at (760-729-0278) or via email: [clgspecced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clgspecced@sbcglobal.net). We invite you to join us.

## Health Care

If you are interested in this group, please contact Barbara Lorenzen (760-305-7842) for further information.

## Media Monitors

If you are interested in this group, please contact Jackie Stone (760-434-9350) for information.

## Natural Resources Special Tour

**Thursday, Jan. 5 • 10 am**

The Natural Resources Group has arranged a tour of the Cuyamaca Water Conservation Garden at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon. Cost is \$5, payable at the garden. Call Diane Mochizuki (858-259-5639) if you are planning to attend and/or if you wish to carpool.

## Women's Issues Group

**Friday, January 20 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The meeting will be held at the Leucadia WD Offices, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad. Call Evelina Hamilton (760-940-8253) for information.



**Above: Consuelo Martinez, chats with Observer Chair, Connie Ulrich**



**Above: Veteran Leaguer Margie Monroy (center) welcomes new members, Julie Ajdour and Debbie Hanna.**

**Welcome New Members**  
 Julie Ajdour  
 Fani Bouchard  
 Laura Colban  
 Yvon Dacayana  
 Jon Lea Fimbres  
 Ruth Gregory



**Left: Hostess Edie Appel welcomes Loralee McGill-Ardolino**

**LWV North County San Diego  
 Membership Application**

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

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 PO Box 131272  
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*or join online at:*

[http://www.lwvncsd.org/join\\_form.html](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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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

I joined League *“to learn how to be a more effective citizen instead of just complaining about things.”*

*- from a new League member who joined this fall*

**Editor's Note: We're glad you're here!**

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

**Stay current, stay active, stay informed!**

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