



# VOTER

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### MARCH 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Sun, Mar 8**      LWVNCSD Theater Party  
2 pm              North Coast Rep
- Fri, Mar 13**    LWVNCSD Bd Mtg  
10 am – 12 pm    LWD Offices
- Mon, Mar 16**    Book Group Mtg  
1 - 3 pm            Home of N. Marblestone
- Thurs, Mar 19**   Carlsbad Unit Mtg  
10 am – 12 pm    LWD Offices
- Fri, Mar 20**     Restoring Respect Conf  
8 am – 12 pm     USD
- Sat, Mar 21**     Health Interest Group  
10 am – 12 pm    4382 Stanford St.  
Carlsbad
- Wed, Mar 25**    San Dieguito Unit Mtg  
1 – 3 pm            3535 Manchester, Cardiff

### APRIL 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, Apr 10**      LWVNCSD Bd Mtg  
10 am – 12 pm    LWD Offices
- Thurs, Apr 16**   Carlsbad Unit Mtg  
10 am – 12 pm    LWD Offices
- Mon, Apr 20**    Book Group Mtg  
1 - 3 pm            Home of Margie Monroy
- Wed, Apr 22**    San Dieguito Unit Mtg  
1 – 3 pm            3535 Manchester, Cardiff

### PLANNING AHEAD

- May 15-17      LWVC Convention  
San Diego
- May 30          LWVNCSD Annual Mtg

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**Come join the San Diego community for:  
RESTORING RESPECT'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
ON RESTORING CIVILITY TO CIVIC DIALOGUE  
"Celebrating Civility"**

With the announcement of the winners of the San Diego Unified School District Awards – Celebrating Civility Awards: Creating Civility On Our Campuses and In Our Community

**Friday, March 20, 2015, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.  
University of San Diego's Joan Kroc Institute  
for Peace and Justice**

**Admission is Free**

**Keynote Speaker: Steve P. Dinkin  
President, National Conflict Resolution Center**

To register, please visit  
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and click Register online today.



**March 15 – 21, 2015  
Is Sunshine Week!**

By Margie Monroy

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation at all levels of government. Governmental bodies must protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible. Finding information about how the government is serving the public has always been somewhat difficult. But in the post-9/11 age, these challenges are even greater. In the name of homeland security, "sunshine" laws and the opportunities for citizens to gain access to information have been constricted. The national League Of Women Voters site: <http://lwv.org/our-work/improving-government/open-government> provides links to articles, press releases, resources, and links to promote openness in government, such as <http://lwv.org/content/looking-sunshine-protecting-your-right-know> (Continued page 4)



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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.*



### Co-Presidents' Message

Thank you to all who attended February's unit meetings and participated in unit program planning. Through these meetings, our members shape our focus, time, and energies for the coming year. At these meetings, we also came to consensus on the County League's Behavioral Health Position Update after a fascinating and fact filled presentation by County League committee members.

On to our spring events—a busy and fun time for our League! It's also a perfect time to learn more about our website, and how to use it to sign up for these events. Our easy-to-use website [www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org) is designed and maintained by Suzanne Carneiro, our Webmaster. (We also have a members only website).

You will find information on our home page about:

- **The Restoring Respect Conference on March 20.** LWVNCSD joins a number of local organizations and institutions in sponsoring this conference. The event is free and you can register by clicking the link on our homepage.
- **The March 8th Theater Party fundraiser is featured with all the information you need.** Click on the "buy your tickets here" red link or send a check to the League address at the bottom of the web page to join the fun!
- **The LWV California State Convention to be held in San Diego May 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.** Get involved by becoming a delegate (contact Cathy Greene) or a volunteer (contact Martha Cox). **Clicking on the link makes it easy to register—come for the entire 3-day event or just for 1 day.**

After you register for these events, take time to explore our website. The list of links on the left side of the home page will lead to much more information about our League, including our calendar, newsletters, voter information, and league positions. Visit our website often to get updated information about coming events!

If you would like to work with Suzanne on our website, our Facebook account or other social media projects, please contact her at [webmaster@lwvncsd.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvncsd.org). If this article has motivated you to get on your computer to explore our LWVNCSD website, you might want to check out a couple of sites in honor of National Women's History month:

- [www.womenshistorymonth.gov](http://www.womenshistorymonth.gov)
- [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) National Women's History Project. This year's theme is Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives.

*Cathy and Carol*

# March Meetings

## SAVE the DATE!

### LWVNCS D Annual Meeting

Luncheon at the Green Dragon Tavern, Carlsbad

**Saturday, May 30th**

**11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.**

### Theater Party/Fundraiser

#### **Chapter Two by Neil Simon**

**Sunday • March 8 • 2:00 pm**

#### **North Coast Repertory Theatre**

By Carol Grimes Gartland

You will not want to miss the highlight of the LWVNCS D year, our theater party on March 8, 2015, 2:00 pm, at the North Coast Repertory Theatre. This year we will be seeing Neil Simon's *Chapter Two*. This is a semi-autobiographical, well received comedy about a widower, a divorcee and dating.

Our League theater party is a combination of fundraiser and social event. The tickets are available for \$50 each. Refreshments will be served before the show, so come early. Bring your family and/or friends. This is a great way to introduce a potential League member to the League in a relaxed atmosphere.

You can send your payment checks to: LWVNCS D, P.O. Box 131272, Carlsbad, 92013-1272, or pay online using PayPal at [www.lwvnscsd.org](http://www.lwvnscsd.org).

### Book Group Meeting

#### **All Members Welcome**

**Monday • March 16 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

By Margie Monroy

The book Group will meet on Monday, March 16, 1:00 pm at the home of Naomi Marblestone to discuss *Five Chiefs: A Supreme Court Memoir* by John Paul Stevens. Call 760-729-7242 or email [monroymario@att.net](mailto:monroymario@att.net) for more information.

### Carlsbad Unit Meeting

#### **All Members Welcome**

**Thursday • March 19 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

By Karen Pendergast

The Carlsbad Unit will meet Thursday March 19 at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad 92009

Our guest speaker will be Carlsbad's City Manager, Steve Sarkozy. He will be discussing Carlsbad's General Plan. Questions from the audience are welcomed. Next Meeting April 16.

### Health Interest Group Meeting

#### **All Members Welcome**

**Saturday • March 21 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Group of LWVNC is studying matters that affect seniors in relation to skilled nursing facilities, residential facilities, memory care facilities and resources for elder care with the ultimate goal of being able to give a presentation to our League, and perhaps interest groups in the community. We have investigated rights of skilled nursing residents, memory care abuses, had a road trip to a five-star rated skilled nursing facility (SNF), memory care unit, and assisted living facility, sampled food at a facility, had guest speakers, exchanged many stories and concerns, and conducted some research.

All this involves laws, regulations, governmental and non-regulated agencies, stories of abuse and incredible kindness and devotion, and a realization that there is so much we don't know and would like to explore. If you have interest in exploring with us, we meet the third Saturday of the month, 10:00 am -12:00 pm, at 4382 Stanford St, Carlsbad, CA 92010. Call 760-434-1977 if you need directions, encouragement, or information.

Our March meeting agenda items will be a contrast and comparison of Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions vs POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), and sharing of print or media articles members have seen or heard. We will also discuss either a field trip we will take to a two-star rated facility, or have already taken by the meeting.

### San Dieguito Unit Meeting

#### **All Members Welcome**

**Wednesday • March 25 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on March 25th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm., at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester, Cardiff

Our guest speaker will be Jeff Murphy, Planning and Building Director, City of Encinitas. Murphy will discuss California law on low-income housing, density bonuses, and more.

Please call Anne Patton if you have any questions at 858-759-2715.

**Parking instructions: Park in the lower end of Temple Soliel which is just north of Belmont. Walk to Manchester, turn right. Walk to 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.**



### (Sunshine Week continued from page 1)

One way that Leagues promote open government is through the Observer Corps. Read *Observing Your Government in Action Guide: Protecting Your Right to Know* at <http://lwv.org/content/looking-sunshine-protecting-your-right-know> for more information about how an Observer Corps works. The League has been a champion of government transparency since our founding in 1920, and it is one of our core principles and a vital part of our mission. The efforts in this area reinforce our reputation of fairness, nonpartisanship and trust. League members attend governmental meetings to learn what their government is doing and to monitor whether those meetings are conducted in an open and transparent way. Experience has shown the importance of the League being present to watch--and to take action when necessary.

The web site [www.sunshineweek.org](http://www.sunshineweek.org) provides resources on Sunshine Week, the national coalition of campaign events, and other information.

## From Civil Discourse to Deliberation

**Highlights and Lowlights** –In a man-bites-dog twist, the Huffington Post’s new focus on “[Good News](#)” is dedicated to encouraging our better angels. Researchers studying the most emailed stories from The New York Times in a six month period found that negative stories don’t always prove viral—because what we share influences how people see us. Study by our Civil Discourse group has long looked at how the media influences our perceptions of civility. This is a highlight worth watching!

**What’s New?** - Our Civil Discourse group will be sponsoring a 2-hour workshop at the LWVC Convention in San Diego: Democracy in Dialogue: Leading our Communities Through Civil Civic Engagement. The focus will be on how other Leagues are moving beyond the podium to engage their communities in democracy’s dialogues. The fast-paced session will include presentations from four different Leagues, with an in-depth, hands-on exercise presented by Ann Murphy, WA LWV Board Member and Mary Dumas of Dumas & Associates, an educational consultant working with the League of Women Voters

of Washington State in their program, “Training Washington State Communities for Civility.”

Speaking of sensational success stories, the LWV of San Luis Obispo County will also be featured in our workshop. In just two years of operation, that League’s Civility Committee named their county supervisor as an honorary chair, received a county grant to fund their efforts and are now on track to engage local political science professors and students.

### Civility Matters

*We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle-field, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearth-stone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.*

Abraham Lincoln

First Inaugural Address

March 4, 1861 - Washington, D.C.



By Peggy Dornish

It would seem that there exists misinformation (and even disinformation) about the agricultural use of pesticides and herbicides in county agriculture and hence also an ignorance of the extensive scientific research and management programs offered through the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) San Diego County Cooperative Extension.

The UC flagship program, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a systems approach to pest management. Because of the diverse situations in which pests occur, what constitute best practices vary with time and location. Accordingly, IPM considers each available control tactic--for example, biological, chemical, or cultural--and applies a combination of tactics to enhance effectiveness and reduce reliance on any single “shot-gun” approach. IPM relies on extensive scientific knowledge of a specific pest, a specific crop, and a specific environment in which a pest exists. Consequently, regularly and frequently monitoring the status of a pest, its natural enemies and its actual site is fundamental to decision making about what to do. One size never fits all. Absolutistic or unequivocal pronouncements necessarily give way to actual, ongoing applied science. (See **Pesticide page 5**)

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The broad goals of this program are: 1) increase use of ecologically based integrated pest management programs; 2) provide leadership, including building coalitions and partnerships that link with communities and public agencies; 3) increase predictability and effectiveness of pest management techniques; 4) develop science-based programs that are economically and environmentally sustainable and socially appropriate; 5) protect human health and the environment by reducing risks caused by pests and pest management practices.

Unfortunately, funding for these vital activities no longer matches need, although web designers have created platforms for delivering IPM information electronically. Nevertheless, the methods of applied science ideally mandate hands-on cooperation between field scientist and farmer.

## New LWVC Study Coming This Fall

By Carol Grimes Gartland

We have an exciting opportunity in the fall of 2015 as we embark on a new state study. We will be focusing our attention on how California universities are funded, the increase in tuition fees, and the state's budget increases or decreases in support of these institutions. If you are interested in this very timely topic please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland at [clgspeced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clgspeced@sbcglobal.net). The LWVC will send out a packet of information in the next few months to help get us started. Our citizens have a great stake in our schools of higher learning.

Thank you for your support.

## Student Member of the Observer Corps



By Jackie Stone

Meet our very first student intern member of our Observer Corps! **Garrett Nyrkkanen**, a history student at CSUSM will begin serving in March as our LWV Observer to the Escondido City Council. The two League members responsible for making this happen are Hank Williams and Kimber

Quinney. Hank will actively mentor Garrett as he launches this long-talked-about and FINALLY happening pilot program. Kimber is Garrett's CSUSM faculty advisor. Our thanks to them both for taking the lead in this exciting pilot program. **Welcome Garrett!**

## Member Spotlight Merileen Johnson



By Kathy Anderson

Merileen Johnson has been in League for over 50 years. She quotes Walt Whitman: "There are places in the heart and persons in our lives who capture our strongest emotion and remain with us forever." She credits the League with "remaining with her forever." She believes the League's process of researching a problem thoroughly, developing a sound position, and then, most importantly, developing a corresponding action plan to promote change, gives people tools to change **themselves** into advocates and leaders. She joined League in the 1950s while teaching in Wellesley, MA. One of her first League activities was participating in the Boston Civil Rights March with Martin Luther King, Jr. She was in the Connecticut River Valley League when Betty Friedan came to raise awareness of the need for women's liberation. Later, she worked with the Omaha, Nebraska League to create the first Mock United Nations curriculum integrated into high school studies. She fondly remembers marching with the League in Omaha parades, in suffragist costumes, and sitting on the curb registering voters on the way.

Merileen's family are staunch believers in education. Her grandfather immigrated to the U.S. from Leipzig, Germany, and claimed land in the Cherokee Strip Land Run in 1893. Her grandfather and neighbors traveled to Pennsylvania to find a teacher willing to run a school for their children. Merileen graduated from college in the 1940's, and taught for many years in elementary and junior high schools. Her proudest moment was when her school received one of 12 available Federal Grants to establish an early childhood education program for less-privileged children. They set up an educational toy lending program which included instruction manuals for the parents, showing the parents how to play with their children. Working with school teachers and the court system, Merileen traveled throughout her district bringing specialists to help teachers and parents learn how to reach these children.

Merileen has been married to Donald for 64 years. He is a retired United Methodist clergyman. Parents to two girls, they also have two grandchildren. Merileen has been an active lifelong member of Planned Parenthood and has served as a Buena Creek Lagoon Docent. Merileen and Donald recently moved from Ocean Hills to Carlsbad-by-the-Sea.



## **League of Women Voters of California Convention 2015**

San Diego Westin Gaslamp Hotel  
Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17, 2015  
Special pre-Convention events on Thursday, May 14, 2015

Registration is now open: <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2015-registration/>

The information you need is available on the 2015 Convention Blog: <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/>

The blog offers detailed information about:

Agenda  
Special Events  
Workshops  
Speakers  
Lodging  
Registration...and more

North County Leaguers are invited to volunteer, serving as hospitality hosts, registration desk helpers, marketplace volunteers, computer/projector operators, doorkeepers or timekeepers. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Please contact Cris Hagaman at [cristin.hagaman@gmail.com](mailto:cristin.hagaman@gmail.com) If you are interested in more information, have a suggestion for a convention sponsor or silent auction item – we welcome you. Please contact Martha Cox at [marthacox@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthacox@roadrunner.com) or (760) 436-4962.

## Stay Connected and Share

Help us get the word out about League by signing up for Facebook and sharing our posts with your friends and family. You might be surprised about what you will learn. Also, if you find anything on the internet on the topic of non-partisan politics that you think would interest your fellow Leaguers, send me the link and I will share it on our Facebook page. It's today's method to connect to our future members. Thanks for your help in this important task. Our Facebook page:

<http://facebook.com/leagueofwomenvotersnorthcountysandiego>

Suzanne Carneiro  
*Webmaster and Social Media Guru*

### **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.*

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### **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.*

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\$200/year • Activist

\$300/year • Advocate

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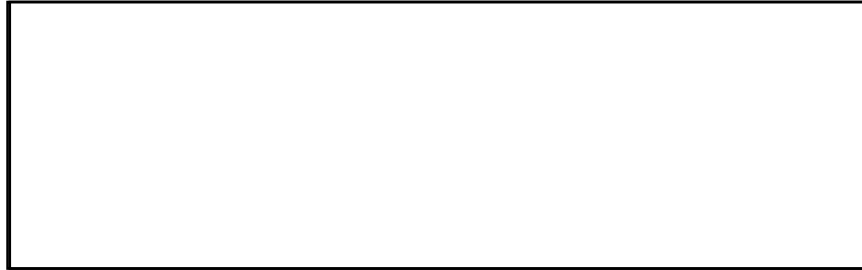
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Have you checked North County League's website this week?

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