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170 Calle Magdalena  
Encinitas

## APRIL 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Mon, Apr 10**      **Health Interest Group Mtg.**  
10 am – 12 pm      **Home of Jane Dunmeyer**
- Fri, Apr 14**      **LWVNCSD Bd Mtg**  
10 am – 12 pm      **LWD Offices**
- Mon, Apr 17**      **Book Group Mtg**  
1 – 3 pm      **Home of Kathy Christy**
- Tues, Apr 18**      **Restoring Respect**  
**& Wed, Apr 19**      **Conference**  
Joan Kroc Inst, USD
- Thur, Apr 20**      **Carlsbad Unit Mtg**  
10 am – 12 pm      **LWD**
- Thur, Apr 27**      **San Dieguito Unit Mtg**  
10 am – 12 pm      **United Methodist Church**  
170 Calle Magdalena  
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## CONTACTING YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

### A Citizen Participation Meeting

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**  
**Dove Library Meeting Rm.**  
**1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad**  
**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

By Roni Seay and Nancy Telford

What is the best way to reach out to your elected officials? Phone, letter, postcard, protest?

Do they listen, how do they respond?

You are invited to a non-partisan, interactive, “how to” meeting on March 9. At the meeting you will be given contact information for your elected officials. You will also get tips on how to be most effective when contacting them and then you’ll be given time to write your own messages.

League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. What you do or write as an individual is your own business and you are free to write what you wish. Elected officials in local, state or federal positions need to hear what you are thinking about their actions whether it is positive or negative.

We hope you will be encouraged to make contacting your elected officials a long-term habit. Currently, it seems like many groups are on the bandwagon to be active, but legislators need to hear from their constituents all year long.

Hope to see you on Thursday, March 9.

Please bring your own postcards, stamps and/or stationery.

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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.*

## **A Message from the Board**

To Members of the North County San Diego LWV:  
This is to inform you that on Feb. 15, 2017, I resigned as President of the North County San Diego LWV.

I maintain my strong belief in LWV's mission and the work in civil dialogue that our local League pioneered six years ago. I remain a League member and a state board member. Be assured that our bylaws outline a chain of command for instances such as this, so that there will be no lapse in organizational coverage. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President and I wish you well. Stay active and engaged. Our democracy depends on it.

In League,  
Martha Cox

I am writing on behalf of the LWVNCSD Board of Directors to inform our members that the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Martha Cox. She was one of the most hard working and creative presidents we've had in our Local League. She brought innovative ideas and a fresh approach to many of our traditional ways. As a League of Women Voters of California board member Martha shared with us important insights into the actions of the LWVC. We wish Martha all the best.

As First Vice President, I will be filling in for many of the duties of the President and because the Board has many wonderful, talented members it is a pleasure to work as a team together.

We are planning to have monthly general membership meetings either in the evening or on the weekend to make it possible for members who are employed to attend. The San Dieguito and Carlsbad Units will continue to meet in the morning. If anyone is interested in starting a Unit in their area, please let a board member know.

Save the date Saturday, June 10, 2017 for our Annual Meeting at which we elect a new Board, adopt a budget and "program" for 2017-18. It will be held in the Carlsbad Senior Center Auditorium from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Roni Seay, First Vice President  
& Membership Director

# March Meetings

## All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

**Contacting Your Elected Officials**  
**A Citizen Participation General Meeting**  
**Thursday March 9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**  
**Dove Library Meeting Room**  
**1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad**  
See article page 1.

**Health Interest Committee Meeting**  
**Monday • March 13 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Home of Jane Dunmeyer**

The North County LWV Health Interest Committee will continue to work on a presentation we will be giving to the Carlsbad Unit meeting on April 20, 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office. The topic is: "The Road Map to Nursing Home Care and Assisted Living and How to Avoid the Potholes." Get set for a presentation about what to consider when you or loved ones can no longer stay in your own home without rearranging living arrangements. The Health Interest Committee will discuss home care, assisted living, and skilled nursing facilities - the good, bad, and ugly. There will be handouts and a chance to find out the latest in the laws and resources.

**Carlsbad Unit Meeting**  
**Thursday • March 16 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Leucadia Wastewater District office**  
**1960 La Costa Ave. Carlsbad**

The Carlsbad Unit will hold its monthly meeting on March 16, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office boardroom, 1960 La Costa Ave. Carlsbad.

The speaker will be Lorraine Wood, former Carlsbad City Council member. The topic will be affordable housing in Carlsbad. Members and guests are welcome.

**Book Group Meeting**  
**Monday • March 20 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm**  
**Home of Norylynn Pion-Goureau**

The Book Group will meet on March 20, at the home of Norelynn Pion-Goureau to discuss *Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt. Anne Patton will be the discussion leader for that meeting. At the April 17 meeting, the discussion will be about *How I Killed*

*Pluto and Why It Had It Coming* by Mike Brown at Kathy Christy's home.

**San Dieguito Unit Meeting**  
**Thursday • March 23 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**United Methodist Church • 170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas (I-5 and Encinitas Blvd. SE quadrant.)**

Nineteen unit members gathered on February 23, 2017, to learn about social media and how to use it effectively from League Webmaster Suzanne Carneiro. We also had reports about getting information from the Registrar of Voters about who did not vote, new California laws related to voting laws, local news coverage during the past election related to encouraging voters to vote, and a discussion of what populations seem to not vote and why. At our March 23 meeting, we will brainstorm what we, as a unit, specifically want to do to encourage informed voters and voting.

Welcome New

Members

Iris Bentz-Horak

Sandra Evans

Nancy McMahon

Eleanor Schuster

Jane Lea Smith

Karen Sutton



## Our Civic Duty

### Our Civility Roots

By Mary Thompsom

At the League’s Program Planning meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, this League’s [Civil Discourse](#) work was recalled along with suggestions on how that work might now apply in community actions.

The roots of our League’s work in civil discourse began at another Program Planning meeting in 2011 following the shooting of U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords and eighteen others during a constituent meeting in Tucson. Our League proposed civil discourse/civics education as one of 3 topics to the state League’s 2011-12 program.

In League fashion, in March 2011 our League launched a study seeking a deeper understanding on the roots of incivility and defined civility in our community, which led to outreach with events such as *Democracy in the Balance* with Mira Costa College in 2012, *What Kind of Talk Does Democracy Need?* with the San Diego League in 2013, and a *Democracy in Dialogue* workshop at the state League’s 2015 convention in San Diego. In addition, our civility focus prompted our League’s endorsement of the annual [Restoring Respect Conference](#) at USD since it began in 2012.

Determined to put the results of our study and outreach into action, League civil discourse members have affiliated with groups throughout the San Diego region. We believe using [deliberative dialogue](#) to bring the community together in small groups of diverse individuals to exchange and weigh ideas and opinions will demonstrate that ideas can be exchanged with civility.

“**Civil Discourse:** *A dialogue in which all participants have a right to speak and to be heard. Such dialogue is characterized by: Respectful participation, equally sharing the time available, attentive listening, and balanced discussion.*”

-League of Women Voters North County San Diego  
Civil Discourse Group



By Margie Monroy

Held the week of James Madison’s birthday (March 16), Sunshine Week is a nationwide effort to open up dialogue on the

importance of transparency in government and freedom of information. During this week, the League of Women

Voters encourages citizens to play an active role in promoting open government at all levels. As in all communication activities, the intent of this outreach is to reach more members of our community and is a proven way to garner new membership for the League.

One way that our local Leagues promote open government is through the Observer Corps. Through semi-annual reports, our members are given the information needed to reach decisions to take action on issues that concern us. Our League has an active group which observes several city boards, commissions and regional groups such as the Tri-City Health Care District and the Mira Costa Community College District. Based on semi-annual reports to members, we can address the governing bodies and write letters to the editor of local papers. The League has been a champion of government transparency since our founding in 1920. Our efforts in this area reinforce our reputation of fairness, non-partisanship and trust, our greatest asset in the national arena.



By Jackie Stone

Winston Churchill famously quipped, “History will be kind to me for I intend to write it!” As women, we all know that, historically, the contributions, accomplishments, and struggles of women were largely downplayed or missing entirely from the history of virtually every civilization. Much of it has doubtless been erased irretrievably. Myra Pollack Sadker, who pioneered much of the research documenting gender bias in America’s schools, said, “Each time a girl opens a book and reads a womanless history she learns she is worth less.”

Women’s History Month is one of many efforts being made to address this inequity and to write women back into history. One notable effort is the National Women’s History Project (NWHF). Founded in 1980 in Santa Rosa, California, the NWHF led a coalition that successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women’s History Month, which we now celebrate throughout the nation. In addition to learning about the many notable women who are role models historically, this is an excellent time to reflect upon and honor the contributions of the women in our own families...the strong and supportive mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who have been and are a part of our personal history. Let’s give a full-throated cheer to them all during this Women’s History Month.



## FIRST CALL TO CONVENTION

**What:** The 66th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of California

**When:** 10 am, Friday, June 2, 3 pm, through Sunday, June 4, 2017, with a special pre-Convention event on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

**Where:** [The Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel](#) J Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: 916-447-1700

**Who:** Attendance at Convention is open to everyone; we encourage all members to attend and are eager for the public to come learn about the League. We ask that you extend invitations to your friends and contacts



### A Capitol Connection

The purpose of Convention is to inspire and empower Californians to increase their active and informed participation in civic life. Come meet passionate people from across the state who are making democracy work!

Our theme is A Capitol Connection. Read more about speakers, workshops, special activities, and more on our blog: <http://lwvc.wordpress.com>

A range of activities is available to suit any schedule or budget, from investing in a full three-day registration to treating yourself to a special pre-Convention event. Check out your options now, because early bird registration opened on February 1.

The Sheraton Grand Sacramento is offering a special room rate of \$169 per night—but you must book by May 8 to secure this rate. [Visit the Convention blog to book online](#), or you can call the hotel and mention the LWVC Convention. Don't get caught without a room by waiting until the last minute; rooms may sell out before that date!

All League members may attend the LWVC Convention but **only delegates are entitled to vote**. Our League is authorized to send five voting delegates. If you wish to be a delegate, or a visitor, please contact Roni Seay.



# Lunch with the League

The Future of San Diego  
Beaches: Planning for Sea-  
Level Rise and Coastal Erosion



Thursday, March 23, 2017

11:30-1:30

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant  
2150 Harbor Island Drive

## Speakers



**Gabe Buhr**

*Coastal Program Manager,  
California Coastal Commission  
San Diego Coast District*

**Serge Dedina**

*Mayor, Imperial Beach; and  
Chair, SANDAG Shoreline  
Preservation Working Group*



**Moderator: David Engel, Founder, Stay Cool for Grandkids**



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Lunch with the League: Beach Erosion, March 23, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ by Mon, Mar 20. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to  
7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92111, 858-483-8898, or register on our website with PayPal  
[www.lwvandsd.org](http://www.lwvandsd.org). Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$35, 'purpose' March Luncheon.



**LWV North County San Diego  
Membership Application**  
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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of 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](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html)

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**Dues:**

- \$30 **FIRST** year
- \$60/year
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$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:**

- Voter Service
- Public Policy and Action
- Natural Resources and Land Use
- Organizational Support
- Community Outreach
- Health
- Book Group
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



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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.

**Stay Connected and Share**

**Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info**

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Please let me know if you are on Facebook. I want to be able to invite you to League events and meetings from our Facebook page. Then, if you share it with your friends, we can get the word out to even more community members and recruit from a new and expanded demographic. Send a message to [webmaster@lwvncsd.org](mailto:webmaster@lwvncsd.org).

Thanks

*Suzanne*