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MAY 2015 AT A GLANCE

Fri, May 8 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
May 15-17	LWVC Convention San Diego
Mon, May 18	Book Group Mtg 1 - 3 pm Home of Nancy Telford
Sat May 30 11 am – 2 pm	LWVNCSD Annual Mtg Green Dragon Tavern 6115 Paseo Del Norte Carlsbad

JUNE 2015 AT A GLANCE

Sat June 3 11:30 am – 2 pm	San Dieguito Observers Potluck Luncheon Home of Nancy Hand
Sat June 6 11:30 am – 2 pm	Carlsbad Observers Potluck Luncheon Home of Cheryl Hjelt
Mon June 15 1 - 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Anne Patton
Fri June 12 9:30 am – 1:30 pm	ILO Council S.D. Co. Oper. Ctr. 5510 Overland San Diego

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2015 Call to Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters North County San Diego



Mark Weston

Join us!

By Suzanne Carneiro

We are gathering at the Green Dragon Tavern soon for a delicious luncheon, an informative speaker and an important business meeting.

Arrive at 11am to register and socialize with old and new friends. Lunch is served at 11:15, and includes three selection. Get a detailed

description on our website www.lwvncsd.org.

(see flyer page 5)

Our speaker will be Mark Weston, Chair, Board of Directors, San Diego Water Authority. Get the Water Authority's perspective on the current drought issues in our county. Of course there will be time for questions after the presentation.

Our business meeting will cover all our work this past year, approving the budget, plans for the future and welcoming our new board for 2015-16.

► Register today by mail or on our website:

lwvncsd.org

► Invite and bring members or friends

► Watch for the packet in your email

► Download it and bring it with you

When: May 30, 2015

Where: Green Dragon Tavern
6115 Paseo Del Norte
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Time: 11am – 2pm

Price: \$27.00 per person

Reservations required by May 25th

See You There!



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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

Hats off to our League as we celebrate many events and honors this spring. Two of our members are nominated to serve on the LWV California Board of Directors: Martha Cox for the office of First Vice-President and Trish Halsey-Munroe for a Director. Congratulations!

Webmaster Suzanne Carneiro received a wonderful honor in being asked to serve on the 2015 Web Site Awards Committee by the LWVC. Her hard work and talent earned our League the 2013 LWVC Web Site Award.

May brings two celebrations. As I'm sure you know by now, the LWV California State Convention is being held in San Diego May 15 to 17th. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our League in Action. Plan to come to convention one, two, or all three days. Watch a plenary session, attend a workshop, and volunteer to help out! It's all fun. We hope to see you there.

Our own North County Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday May 30. It will be at a new venue this year, The Green Dragon Tavern, a unique restaurant and banquet facility with its own museum filled with documents of the American Colonial and Revolutionary times. Come early to stroll through the museum, enjoy a lunch with league friends, and hear our speaker, the Chairman of the Board of the County Water Authority, Mr. Mark Weston. He will be talking about Prop 1, the California water bond passed last fall and our current water crisis. Bring your questions!

June continues our celebrations with the observer luncheons, always a favorite event, and the ILO Council meeting on the 12th.

Information and registration instructions for these happenings are found in this VOTER. Please save it because this is a combined May and June VOTER—there will not be a separate June VOTER.

The last celebration I want to mention is a special one for Carol and me. We are celebrating one year as your co-presidents. It has been an exciting active year for us—time has just flown by. Thank you for the privilege of leading this amazing organization. We have had the support of a terrific board of directors, help and direction from numerous past presidents and longtime members, and inspiration and encouragement from all of you. Thank you for a wonderful time!

Cathy and Carol

May/June Meetings

**LWVC
Convention
May 15 - May 17**



**Book Group Meeting
All Members Welcome
Monday • May 18 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

By Margie Monroy

The League Book Group will meet on Monday, May 18, at 1 pm at the home of Nancy Telford to discuss *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt.

Contact Margie Monroy at: monroymario@att.net for more information

LWVNCSD ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday • May 30 • 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Green Dragon Restaurant
6115 Paseo Del Norte
Carlsbad**

See flyer Page 5

**San Dieguito Unit
Observer Luncheon
Wednesday • June 3 •
11:30 am– 2:00 pm**

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit will not have a regular meeting until September. However, our Observers Luncheon has been set for Wednesday, June 3rd, at the home of Nancy Hand. We start at 11:30 and conclude at 2 pm. As usual, this is a potluck, please contact Nancy about what to bring.

As you know, our Observers Luncheon is one of the favorites for the entire year. At this gathering we get all the “Juice.” Time for socializing and catching up; with our friends.

Contact Anne Patton if you have questions (858-759-2715). When you contact Nancy tell her who your guests are so she’ll have a complete list.

**Carlsbad Observer Luncheon
All Members Welcome
Saturday • June 6 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**
By Karen Pendergast

Carlsbad and Quad-Cities members will gather for our semi-annual potluck luncheon to hear reports of our Observer Corps. Observer Corps members will bring us up-to-date on what they’ve been seeing and hearing at the meetings of boards, councils and other groups they’ve been observing during these last 6 months. Bring your favorite dish to share. Don’t miss this enjoyable and informative meeting. We’ll be looking for you! We will meet at the lovely home of

Cheryl Hjelt 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Saturday, June 6, 2014. Please RSVP and get directions and additional information by Thursday, June 4 by calling either Karen Pendergast, 760-729-4534 or Dorine Meade, 760-434-3950.

**ILO Council
Friday • June 12 • 9:30 am–
1:30 pm
5510 Overland Ave
San Diego County
Operations Center**

The Featured speaker will be Dr. Piedad Garcia, Asst. Deputy Director, County Health and Human Services (HASA). Dr. Garcia has worked in mental health for 32 years, 28 with HHSA. She will give an update report on County Health services. Register now by sending your check for \$15 (rolls & coffee and box lunch included) to Barbara Lorenzen, 1192 Tres Ninos Corte, Vista, 92084. Watch for more info in the next ILO Voter.

Bill Boyce, Escondido League member and husband of member Lorraine Boyce, has passed away. Lorraine is a 50 year life member (and was the first woman mayor of Escondido).

Dr. William D. Boyce, 96, died March 30, 2015. A pillar of society in Escondido for 61 years, he had a surgical practice for 35 years at Palomar Hospital, a Rotarian for 55 years, and served on the Palomar College Board of Trustees for six years. After retirement, he and his wife Lorraine spent two years in surgical services at the LBJ Medical Center in American Samoa. Returning to Escondido, he became Medical Director of Elizabeth Hospice serving 12 years. Continuing to give, he has donated his body to the UCSD School of Medicine Body Donation Program. His legacy is service to family, community, and the world. A private family celebration of his life is planned. Please donate to Elizabeth Hospice or the UCSD Body Donation Program.

From Civil Discourse to Deliberation

By Martha Cox and Mary Thompson

Highlights and Lowlights – This cautionary tale from [Public Works](#) comes via our State League President, Helen Hutchison:

How (Not) to Talk About Politicians

Most Americans think about politics and politicians when they think about government and fall into politician bashing. In the end, that only further erodes faith in government, and ignores the good work of all the upstanding electeds. Here are some rules for us: **Positive job descriptions:** Calling electeds *stewards, managers, planners, problem-solvers, consensus-builders* or *our voice* in the capitol, sets higher expectations, gives us real yardsticks for performance, and reinforces what our government is for.

Give frustration a positive direction: Ward off apathy by steering frustration toward *participation*. Rather than “throw them all out,” emphasize that “voting is our chance to say if our representatives are doing the job we gave them.”

Remember powerful little “reframes”: Avoid: *Us* and *Them* language; lumping all politicians together (even the “other side”); stereotypes; and petty squabbles. Instead of *politicians*, say *our representatives*. Focus on shared values and real people with a job to do. Talk about government as *our tool* for getting things done together.

What’s New? - In July the Civil Discourse group will join with the Book Group in reading and discussing, [Freedom for the Thought That We Hate: Tales of the First Amendment](#) by Pulitzer Prize winner Anthony Lewis (available through the Carlsbad city and SD County libraries and in Kindle and audio versions through Amazon). Watch for the Book Group’s announcement for the meeting details.

Civility Matters

Every two years the American politics industry fills the airwaves with the most virulent, scurrilous, wall-to-wall character assassination of nearly every political practitioner in the country — and then declares itself puzzled that America has lost trust in its politicians.

~Charles Krauthammer



By Martha Cox

When San Diegans annually convene in Balboa Park to celebrate the earth, it becomes a “happening.” EarthFair 2015, held on Sunday, April 19th, was no exception to that rule. Into the mix of sun, fun, music, and people-watching, members of the League of Women Voters of San Diego County joined forces in side-by-side booths with StayCool: Protect Our Grandkids from Global Warming (staycool4grandkids.org) to provide a combined 16’ of information and fun for kids, parents, grandparents—and every other passerby as well. In its usual location across from the Botanical Garden, the League booth is situated in a prime location to capture the pulse of the event. County Supervisor Dave Roberts stopped by on his way to serve as grand marshal of the EarthFair Parade.

With a theme of Climate Action Plans, the informational poster boards engaged booth visitors. And, the popular spinning wheel was the hit of the booth with kids and adults alike as they attempted to answer the appropriate question matching the number of their spin. Questions for adults, such as “How many tons of trash does San Diego produce each year?” (Answer: 910,000 tons) and for the kids, “What kinds of plants give us shade?” or “How can we save water at home?” earned spinners the opportunity to select a succulent seedling grown by League members from both San Diego and North County San Diego. Though EarthFair is designed as a family-friendly event (and it is), it carries a serious theme.

If you missed EarthFair 2015, watch for it next year. You won’t be disappointed!





League of Women Voters
North County San Diego

2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Check-in at 11 AM

Green Dragon Tavern

6115 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad

- **Luncheon Selections**
- **Guest Speaker**
Mark Weston, Chair, Board of Directors
San Diego County Water Authority
- **Business Meeting**

As a League member, you are a VOTING DELEGATE at this important meeting.

Reservations & payment must be in before the Sunday, May 25th deadline

Questions? Contact Barbara Lorenzen at barblorenzenlwv@gmail.com or 760-305-7842.

Two ways to reserve:

Online at the LWVNCSD.org website (Click on the link or go to lwvncsd.org)

By check mailed to:

LWV North County San Diego

Attn: Annual Meeting

P.O. Box 131272

Carlsbad, CA 92013

Detach and mail the form below and keep the top for your records

Please reserve: ____ place(s) for the 2015 LWVNCSD Annual Meeting @ \$27.00 per person

Choose an entrée or entrées if more than one attendee:

- Grilled Chicken Sandwich with avocado, caramelized onion, lettuce, tarragon aioli, pepper jack cheese, & small salad.**
- New England Chicken Salad made with romaine, kale, dried cranberry, red onion, crispy farro, goat cheese, candied pecans, champagne vinaigrette with a roll and butter.**
- Vegetarian Pasta, red peppers, artichoke hearts, capers, and mushrooms in a cream sauce topped with crostini and balsamic vinaigrette and garnished with micro-basil.**

Enclosed is my check made out to LWVNCSD for \$ _____

Attendees Name(s) _____

HEALTH INTEREST COMMITTEE

By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee has been focusing on the services and care that seniors receive in SNFs (skilled nursing facilities) and RCFEs (residential care facilities for the elderly). This involves laws governing those facilities and their enforcement, legislation, lobbyists, politics and power, money—always money, elder abuse, community support, evaluation of the facilities by governmental agencies and the value of that evaluation. We have learned a lot from San Diego County ombudsmen who visit facilities and troubleshoot problems and the practicality of the regulations and laws. We have visited two locked dementia units, several SNFs and RCFEs so that we could learn the difference between a two star rating and a five star rating in what services were offered and the style in which they were offered. All facilities were for profit except one. The one not-for-profit facility is run by a dedicated board and staff that devote their lives to the operation of the RCFE.

Two of our members went to downtown San Diego to visit one of the four UCSD Student-Run Free Clinics. They were amazed. It is housed, one night a week, in a church, serving only those people who are unable to pay for medical care. It offers one-stop shopping for those patients - with general medicine, medical specialties, dentistry, pharmacy, social work, legal advice, acupuncture, and referrals to other resources in the community. If hospital services such as x-rays or surgery are needed, arrangements are made for that care. The clinic is supported by private donations and the work of volunteers, students and faculty.

The Health Interest Committee has discussed Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care vs POLST (Physician order for life-sustaining treatment). We had Trish Halsey-Munroe lead a discussion at our last meeting about SB 128, the Death with Dignity legislation. Although no consensus was expected or sought, the discussion was lively and encouraged some of us to take up this discussion with our own families.

Since the Committee normally meets on the third Saturday of each month and this May the LWV 's convention will pre-empt that Saturday we will have no meeting in May. June starts vacations so we will not be meeting until September 19, 10 - 12 at Jane Dunmeyer's house. You are invited to join us and learn along with us

WHAT WE LEARNED -- LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS OF 2015

By Kathy Anderson

The meetings with our local legislators were an interesting education for me and for our team of League Interviewers. We met with the following State Senator Patricia Bates (District 36), Assembly Member Rocky Chavez (District 76), and the staff from Assembly Member Marie Waldron's office (District 75). My committee was composed of Carol Grimes-Gartland, Patricia Halsey-Munroe, Arlene Meadows, Connie Ulrich; our expert advisors were Martha Cox, Amber Ter-Vrugt, and Cathy Greene. My thanks to all the team for a fine job!

The State LWV supplied local leagues with the four questions. Here are the highlights:

1. Money in Politics (focusing on the Cal-Access campaign finance database).

All three believed that having a website for on-line disclosures was important. Chavez and Bates favored including local races in the database.

- ASM (Assembly Member) Chavez--believes that the Secretary of State, for health reasons, did not make progress in the revamping of Cal-Access. He felt that someone in the Administration should have been monitoring progress/lack of progress.
- Neither Marie Waldron's staff nor Senator Bates seemed fully familiar with Cal-Access, although they followed the reporting mandates for campaign finance. ASM Waldron's staff had used the database to answer constituents' questions on campaign financing.

2(a) Early Childhood Education-Who should receive it?

- ASM Chavez sees himself as a leader in promoting and ensuring cognitive education in pre-school settings for children 0-5. He notes that too many children are being "warehoused" in childcare programs and then unable to compete in school with kids from more enriched environments.
- ASM Waldron home-schooled her son and favors parent choice in education.
- Sen. Bates believes exposure to a structured environment with organized play at an early age help children develop self-discipline. She would review any legislation and funding proposals before giving support.

2(b) Cap on Education Reserves--Should the cap-related language be repealed?

All three legislators favored repeal of the cap-related language and giving control on reserve amounts to local school boards.

3. Water--did Prop 1 address the important issues in our district? If not, what else is needed?

All the legislators believe that water is a critical issue for our district.

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Legislative Interviews continued:

- ASM Chavez worked on the negotiations for the percentage of Prop 1 funding that would go for groundwater retention improvement in San Diego. Northern counties had wanted this funding eliminated, but 6.5% was restored.
- ASM Waldron sees a need to develop methods to reuse water. She has attempted to pass legislation to fund development of a pumping system to provide area farmlands with Escondido's treated wastewater. She favors local solutions to water storage that would not require an Environmental Impact Report, which can take up to 5 years to complete. She supported the Governor's revised Water Bond because of the local \$750 million provided.
- Sen. Bates is a strong proponent of desalination plants. She supports the Governor's plan for water storage expansion and favored the emergency allocation of bond money to help communities that are running out of water. She supports CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) but feels that the process needs to be modernized.

4. What other major issues must the Legislature deal with in 2015 and what are your personal priorities?

- ASM Chavez feels the ramifications of the Affordable Care Act will be a major issue in 2015. Problems he sees include taxpayers not receiving anticipated tax refunds because of incorrectly estimated incomes, and competition within the system for funding. He fears that pharmaceutical companies may be discouraged from new drug development because of reduced federal funding.
- ASM Waldron feels the Legislature should restore the cuts in the Medicaid rate paid to doctors. She is also concerned

about privacy issues regarding the use of drones. She supports requiring businesses that have customer Social Security numbers in their records to encrypt this data.

- Sen. Bates plans to introduce a bill to ensure that home care workers and consultants for elderly or dependent adults have not committed any type of abuse, including financial. She favors a database of those found guilty of crimes. She sees a need for Brown Act modification to limit the use of special meetings with public disclosure of why a special meeting was called to replace a regular meeting.

Additional Comments and Observations

- Both ASM Chavez and Sen. Bates are relocating their Carlsbad offices--ASM Chavez to Oceanside and Sen. Bates to a more accessible location in Carlsbad.
- ASM Chavez is running for U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's seat. He notes that the new "top two" election rules for primary elections has changed the makeup of the Assembly, creating a more cooperative atmosphere and more productive committee work. He noted that about 70 legislators out of 120 were freshmen this year.
- ASM Waldron has been a staunch supporter of legislation to provide protections for persons in Community Care facilities. She calls for the implementation of Laura's Law in San Diego with an extension of assisted outpatient services for involuntary clients from 6 months to 1 year.
- Sen. Bates would like to team with the LWV and other organizations to increase voter turnout. She sees as a real problem the possibility of low turnouts giving a dominant voice to a minority of voters whose interests do not reflect the interests of the general public. She reports that the Senate Republicans and Democrats are working cooperatively in committees toward shared goals; she has worked on several occasions with Democratic Senators to craft legislation.

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- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$30/year, new members joining after Feb. 1st
- \$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:

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest groups:
- Book Group
- Civil Discourse
- Health



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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.

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

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