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MAY/JUNE 2013 AT A GLANCE

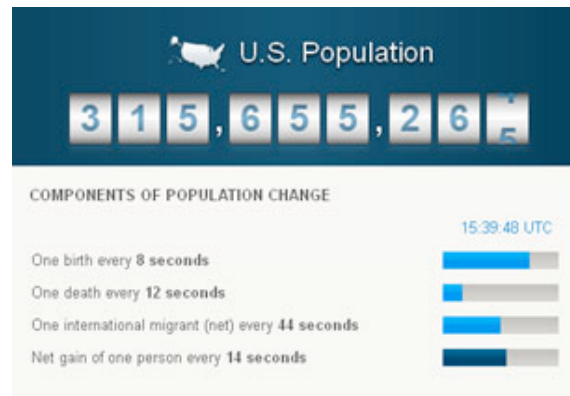
- Sat, May 4** *Immigration Cmte.*
10 - 11:30 am *Home of M. Monroy*
- Mon, May 6** *Comm Forum on Census*
6 - 8 pm *Encinitas Library*
540 Cornish Dr, Encinitas
- Tues, May 7** *Climate Change Cmte.*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices*
1960 La Costa, Carlsbad
- Fri, May 10** *LWVNCSD Bd Mtg*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices*
- Thur, May 16** *Carlsbad Unit Mtg*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices*
- May 17 - 19** ***LWVC Convention***
San Jose
- Mon, May 20** *Book Group*
1:15 - 3:00 pm *Home of J. Gonzales*
- Thurs, May 23** ***ILO Council***
9:30 am - 12:30 pm *Lomas Santa Fe CC*
1505 Lomas Santa Fe Dr
Solana Beach
- Sat, June 1** *Civil Discourse Mtg*
10 - 11:30 am *San Marcos Library*
- Tues, June 4** *Voter Service All Yr Long*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices*
- Sat, June 8** ***LWVNCSD Annual Mtg***
9:15 am - 12:15 pm *El Camino Country Club*
3202 Vista Wy, Oceanside
- Fri, June 14** *LWVNCSD Bd Mtg*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices*
(tentative)

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

Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.

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U.S. Census: Sorting out the Numbers...

by Anne Omsted, LWVNCSD Member

Please join us for a fact-filled evening on Monday, May 6th at 6:00 pm at the Encinitas Library Community Room, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas as the League of Women Voters and the Friends of the Encinitas Library welcome Jerry Wong from the US Census Bureau, the "fact finder of the Nation." Mr. Wong will enlighten us with a presentation on national and local demographic trends. The first two censuses in the new millenium have revealed dramatic changes for the Nation, California, and San Diego County. The presentation will also include a live demonstration on how to access data from the Census Bureau's American FactFinder. This will be informative and engaging...you won't want to miss it!

Jerry Wong currently serves as the Information Services Specialist for the Census Bureau's Los Angeles Region. Over the course of four decennial censuses in 34 years of service, Mr. Wong's experience has been extensive in both the Census Bureau's missions of collecting and disseminating information. He has worked in management positions during each of the last four censuses. Mr. Wong's data collection experience also includes supervising five of the Bureau's ongoing health surveys in the Los Angeles Region. For over 20 years of his career, Mr. Wong has served as an Information

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President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



As you have probably noticed this issue of the *Voter* is a two-month issue for May and June. It was originally designed that way because local leagues were "winding down" for a much-deserved summer break. Well, as you can see by the calendar of events, things are actually ramping up. The next two months are chock full of wonderful League events that I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Starting the month off on May 6th we will be partnering with the Encinitas Library to learn about the US Census. Be sure to read Anne Omsted's article for all the particulars. On May 23rd and June 8th are two meetings that are the lifeline for all Leagues – the annual business meeting that we are required to have at the end of every fiscal year. We try to make these meetings interesting and special, so there are always two required ingredients – good food and a dynamic speaker. On May 23rd you'll have a wonderful opportunity to hear and speak with County Supervisor Dave Roberts and on June 8th a chance to do it all over again with Assemblymember Rocky Chavez. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. And, to top things off – we will be having the observer luncheons. Luncheons will be scheduled by the units sometime in June. These are the most popular League events we do, so stay tuned for time and place.

In closing I would like to give a big thank you to Martha Cox, Liz Gabrych, Tina Schmidt, Nancy Telford and the myriad of League members who planted over 500 seedlings in pots to give away at the Earth Day Celebration at Balboa Park on April 21st. Tina's article about how wonderful the event was doesn't even touch on all the hard work it took to make it happen. So, congrats to you all and our sister league, LWV San Diego, we really appreciate the time and effort you all put forth to make "our" booth such a success.

Mary

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Services Specialist where he works with community groups, businesses, elected officials, planners, other organizations and the media, and trained thousands of individuals on the use of demographic and economic census data for market research, community analysis and planning, grant proposals, and general decision-making which involves the use of statistical information. He is a frequent speaker on cultural diversity and demographic trends. Mr. Wong holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from UCLA and a Masters Degree in Social Welfare also from UCLA.

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Summer Reading that Engages...

...*Civically Speaking*

by Mary Thompson & Martha Cox
Co-Chairs, Civil Discourse Group

As Leaguers prepare for balmy summer days, reaching for the latest best-selling novel sounds relaxing and therapeutic. Along with the brain candy, you might consider one or more of the offerings listed below in preparation for the upcoming year ahead when your North County San Diego League will once again sponsor community conversations that enlighten and engage our citizens.

The Civil Discourse group of your North County League has been “laser focused” on the topic of civil dialogue for the past two years, holding its first meeting in March 2011. As Leaguers, our first steps were to “define” the meaning and characteristics of civil discourse. From there we began the studious process of researching civility, incivility, political polarization and the resulting governmental dysfunction caused by stalemate when no common ground on an issue is even attempted in order to solve crucial issues facing our nation, even in incremental steps.

While the study of the past two years has provided members with a better understanding of the challenge of problem-solving when various sides don't want to bend, members recognize that as Leaguers we must put this study into action through community conversations using the “deliberative dialogue process”. **What is dialogue?** From the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, “*Dialogue is not about winning an argument or coming to an agreement, but about understanding and learning. Dialogue dispels stereotypes, builds trust and enables people to be open to perspectives that are very different from their own. Dialogue can, and often does, lead to both personal and collaborative action.*” **What is deliberation?** Again, from the NCDD website, “*Deliberation emphasizes the importance of examining options and trade-offs to make better decisions. Dialogue and deliberation processes tend to use skilled facilitators and carefully constructed ground rules or agreements to ensure that all participants are heard and are treated as equals. Inclusion is a critical element of both dialogue and deliberation, as a variety of perspectives, backgrounds, and levels of influence enrich the discussion and validate the outcomes.*”

North County League's Civil Discourse group is currently seeking training opportunities to become deliberative dialogue facilitators. If this is something that interests you, you are invited to join us. The schedule for training is pending - at press time for this issue, we anticipate that training will occur on July 9th, but this has not been confirmed. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please e-mail Martha Cox at: marthacox@roadrunner.com

Selections That Civically Engage:

Facilitators' Guide to Participatory Decision-Making - Sam Kaner

The Big Sort - Bill Bishop

The Next Form of Democracy: How Expert Rule is Giving Way to Shared Governance - Matt Leighninger

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion - Jonathan Haidt

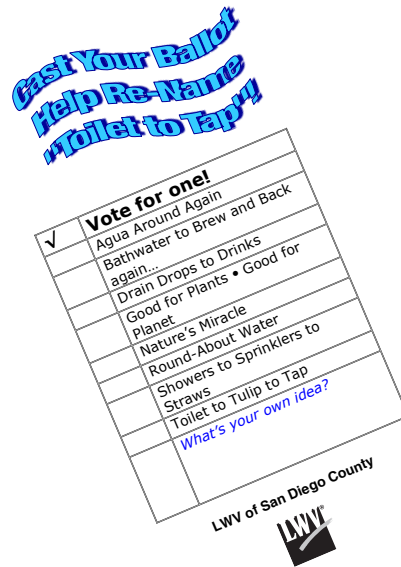
EarthFair 2013 Reflections

*Tina Schmidt, LWV North County SD member
and Earth Fair participant*

What a maze of diverse people at the Earth Fair Celebration in Balboa Park on Sunday, April 21, 2013!! It was huge! I had no idea so many entrepreneurs, groups and individuals were this passionate about the earth's products and protection that they would come to this event, set up a booth, and hand out free 'stuff' to the public. And, of course, our League of Women Voters also fits into this category of motivated folks, as we also have a vested interest in the solutions for earth preservation and its products.

The LWV North County San Diego joined forces with LWV San Diego City to set up a highly-attended booth designed to entice both young and older participants to take part in two activities related to water. One side of the table asked people to vote for an alternate name for the 'toilet-to-tap' project, a popular discussion item especially among young adults and SD Mayor Bob Filner when he stopped by. He cast his vote for 'Showers to Flowers' – his personal write-in choice. The other side of the table appealed to families who would spin a wheel that landed on a question about water. Though the questions were challenging, the smiles and laughter were apparent when each child or adult was awarded with a potted home-grown succulent plant. The plants were a huge draw to the table, so when the young people and families stopped to look and spin the wheel, it kept them engaged enough to pick up some information about the League.

We Leaguers had a blast – not only in growing our succulent cuttings for the last two months, but handing out plants to happy people and answering questions! I expect we also got the message out that the League cares about environmental issues. If you missed out on this event, keep it in mind for EarthFair 2014. It's an event you won't want to miss.



To continue the EarthFair fun, in case you missed visiting the LWV booth, we invite you to our websites to cast your ballot for our "re-name our water" election. Directions for submitting your selection will be on the website. The top three selections will be announced at each annual meeting: June 1 for San Diego City and June 8 for North County San Diego.

Visit North County's website at:

www.lwvncsd.org

Visit San Diego City's website at:

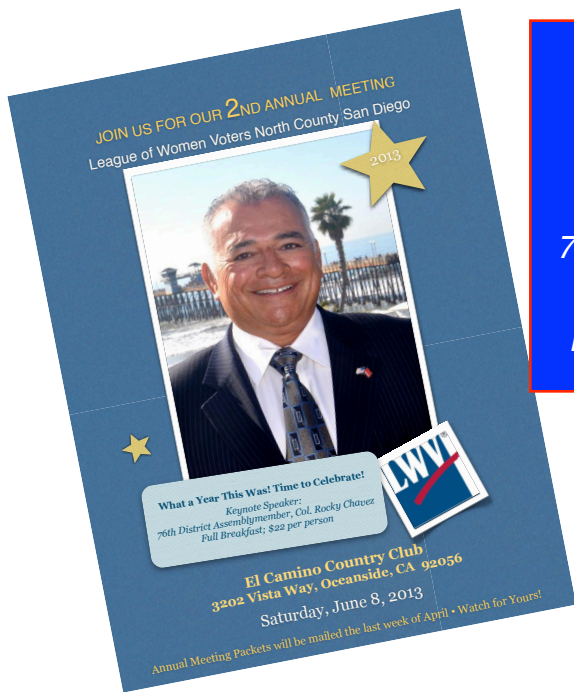
www.lwvsandiego.org

**Thanks to everyone who participated in
EarthFair 2013!**



Upcoming Events

Don't be left out...register now for these important upcoming events!



LWVNCSD Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 8th
El Camino Country Club
9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Keynote Speaker:
76th District Assemblymember
Col. Rocky Chavez

Meeting packet coming soon

ILO Council
Thursday, May 23rd
9:30 am

Lomas Santa Fe Country Club
Keynote Speaker:
County Supervisor Dave Roberts
(see insert for registration)

League Sends Letter to U.S. House in Favor of Common Sense Gun Legislation

LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara sent the following letter dated March 21, 2013 to members of the U.S. House urging them to pass common sense solutions to the gun violence plaguing our nation. Members of the grassroots Lobby Corps also delivered this message in meetings with House members. LWVUS will continue to press Congress on this crucial issue.

“On behalf of our 140,000 members and supporters, as well as the millions of Americans at risk every day, the League of Women Voters strongly urges you to pass common sense solutions to the gun violence that is plaguing our nation.

It is time for Congress to adopt legislation that will close the gun show loophole, increase penalties for straw purchases of guns, ban assault weapons, place limits on high capacity ammunition magazine size, and fund research and reporting on gun violence in America. Curbing gun violence is a critical matter of public safety, public health, and public confidence.

Along with the majority of American citizens, the League supports closing the gun show loophole and providing for universal background checks. Currently, background checks are not required for the 40 percent of gun sales that take place at gun shows, person-to-person sales or other private transactions. A recent Quinnipiac poll found that 92 percent of voters, including 91 percent of gun owners, support background checks on all gun purchasers. In addition, Congress should pass legislation to increase the penalties for straw purchases in which

individuals who do not have criminal records buy guns and pass them on to individuals who are not eligible to purchase a firearm, including felons and domestic abusers.

The League also believes that the 113th Congress should pass legislation to ban all military-style semi-automatic assault weapons along with high capacity ammunition magazines. The Quinnipiac poll found that 56 percent of registered voters nationwide support a ban on the sale of assault weapons. Placing limits on magazine size is a common sense solution to shootings that kill many people at once. This limit should include magazines and other ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition. These devices allow shooters to fire numerous rounds in rapid succession without having to stop and reload, and they have been a central part in the mass killings of recent years.

Throughout the country, local and state Leagues have been holding meetings with their fellow citizens to discuss the crisis of gun violence. They have testified before state legislatures and met with their neighbors in community meetings to come together, air their differences and work to find common ground and solve some of the difficult problems presented in the gun debate, including mental health issues and the problem of domestic violence. Congress should follow suit and start to act on common sense solutions to curb gun violence.”

~Thanks to Margie Monroy, Director of Communications, for bringing this to our attention



May/June/July Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups

Carlsbad Unit Mtg.

Thursday, May 16 • 10 am - 12 pm

The Carlsbad Unit will meet on Thursday, May 16th from 10 am until noon in the LWD Board Room, 1960 La Costa Blvd., Carlsbad. The focus of our meeting will be a presentation by Jodee Sasway, the Public Information Officer of the Carlsbad Police Department. She will address the current issues of keeping our community safe and secure. Jody will discuss crime prevention methods and how they have changed in the last twenty-five years. Keeping Carlsbad safe for our children and neighborhoods is certainly utmost in our minds as we have learned about the tragedies in other cities in the U. S. in the past few months. You are invited to bring your neighbors and friends as it is an excellent opportunity to introduce others to the League. For further information, contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit Chair at clgspecced@sbcglobal.net

Quad Cities and San Dieguito Units Happy Summer!

The Quad Cities and San Dieguito units have held their last regularly scheduled meetings of the year due to the busy month of ILO Council, LWVC Convention and LWVNCSD Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Observer Luncheons

As this issue goes to press, the dates, times and venues for the Observer Luncheons are still pending. Our Communications Director, Margie Monroy, will keep you posted on upcoming dates for Observer Luncheons.



Don't forget to check our Facebook page. There are lots of good posts from all over. Thanks to League member, **Consuelo Martinez**, for putting League's "face" out there. You don't have to be a member to see it, but if you comment remember it will be seen by the public. Just use this url:
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersNorthCountySanDiego>

Book Group

Monday, May 20 • 1:15 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Jan Gonzales, who will lead the discussion of *The Hemingses of Monticello* by Annette Gordon-Reed. Please call 760-931-9366 to RSVP.

Book Group

Monday, June 17 • 1:15 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Heather Callaghan. Margie Monroy will lead the discussion of *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard. Please call 760-479-2466 to RSVP.

Book Group

Monday, July 15 • 1:15 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Nancy Telford. Anne Patton will lead the discussion of the book of the month. Please call 760-753-3487 to RSVP.

Happy Summer Reading!

Civil Discourse Group

Saturday, June 1 • 10 am - 11:30 am

The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. The group will discuss the upcoming deliberative dialogue training and results of applications submitted earlier. Please call Martha Cox at 760-436-4962 for more information.

This will be our final scheduled meeting of 2012-13 before we take a summer hiatus. Regular meetings will resume in September.

Have a relaxed, civil summer!

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!



Celebrating the Earth!
 At Dust Devil Nature Trail on April 6th (three left images);
 EarthFair 2013 in Balboa Park on April 21st with SD City Leaguers (images above, below and right)

Welcome
 New Member
Paula Yokoyama

**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 _____

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Please make check payable to LWVNCSD and mail to:
LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
PO Box 131272
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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.
- Student Memberships available

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
 - \$200/year • Activist
 - \$300/year • Advocate
 - \$500/year • Founders Circle
- New Member Renewal
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 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...Pass It On!

“Why are we as societies creating a world that we as individuals abhor?”

~Frances Moore Lappe, in her book “Getting a Grip”

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

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!



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