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AUG/SEPT 2013 AT A GLANCE

Fri, Aug 9 9:00 am - 2:30 pm	ILO County League Day San Diego County Offices
Mon, Aug 19 1 - 3 pm	Book Group Home of Anne Patton
Thurs, Aug 22 10 am - 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
Fri, Sept 13 10 am - 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
Mon, Sept 16 1:00 - 3:00 pm	Book Group Home Location TBD
Wed, Sept 18 1:30 - 3:30 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg 3535 Manchester, Cardiff
Thurs, Sept 19 10 am - 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD Offices
Tues, Sept 24 10 am - 12 pm	Quad Cities Unit Mtg Vista Library 700 Eucalyptus, Vista
Sat, Sept 28 10 - 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Group San Marcos Library 2 Civic Center Dr, SM

Planning Ahead 2013-14

Your LWVNCSD Board is still finalizing the Master Calendar for the year as this issue goes to press. Be advised of the general master schedule for unit meetings:

Carlsbad Unit • 3rd Thursday of month
Quad Cities Unit • To Be Determined
San Dieguito Unit - 3rd Wednesday of month

Remember, Things Can Change:
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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From Left: Keynote Speaker, Col. Rocky Chavez, Assemblymember 76th District; Mary Crowley, LWVNCSD President; Amber Ter-Vrugt, LWVNCSD Board Member; Michael Hadland, District Director, Col. Chavez's Office.

Annual Meeting Report • June 8, 2013

Celebrating the Year's Accomplishments...

...Planning for the Year Ahead

North County League members and special guests gathered for breakfast and camaraderie on the morning of June 8th as LWVNCSD President Mary Crowley convened the Annual Meeting of members. Leaguers welcomed keynote speaker, **Col. Rocky Chavez, Assemblymember 76th District**, who was introduced by LWVNCSD Board Member and long-time family friend, Amber Starbuck Ter-Vrugt.

Col. Chavez reported on his current work in the assembly which members found very illuminating. Establishing himself early on as a strong, no-nonsense collaborator, he indicated that he has been assigned to more committees than any other current assemblymember. As a retired Marine officer, his focus is on veterans, education and the environment and he spoke passionately about each of these issues. For further information on his current legislation, click on:

<http://www.arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD76/>

Thank you to Col. Chavez and District Director, Michael Hadland, for your participation in our meeting.

There were other special guests in attendance at the

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LWVNCSD Officers/Directors 2012-13

Officers

Mary Crowley	President
Nancy Telford	1st Vice-President, Interim Membership Director
Barbara Lorenzen	2nd Vice-President, Event Coordinator
Margaret Liles	Secretary
Arlene Meadows	Treasurer

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Cathy Greene	Voter Services
Carol Grimes-Gartland	Education
Joann Johnson*	Membership
Claudine Jones*	At Large
Margie Monroy	Member Communications
Jackie Stone*	Observer Chair, Speakers' Bureau
Amber Ter-Vrugt	At Large

Unit Chairs

Carol Grimes-Gartland	Carlsbad Unit Chair
Rotating Chair	Quad Cities Unit
Anne Patton	San Dieguito Unit Chair

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Martha Cox	Interim VOTER Editor
Liz Kruidenier	Social Policy
Mary Thompson	Civil Discourse

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.



Thank You! **Contributors**

Many thanks to our "communications ambassadors" who wrote articles, provided photos, maintained our website and Facebook image, proofread the final product, and assisted with production/distribution this month.

Suzanne Carneiro • Mary Crowley
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Barbara Lorenzen • Gloria Marsh
Consuelo Martinez • Margie Monroy • Anne Omsted
Anne Patton • Becky Scigliampaglia • Jackie Stone
Nancy Telford • Mary Thompson

President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



I hope many of you were able to attend our Annual Meeting in June. We had a wonderful turnout and an enlightening discussion with Assemblyman Rocky Chavez.

One of the most important items of business we tackle at this meeting every year is the election of Officers and Directors. I know I've said this more than once but as you look over the list of our board it is very obvious that many of the same people step up to the plate over and over again. Sometimes I think people are reticent to take a term of office because they are simply unfamiliar with what our board does and how it works. A suggestion was made at our strategic planning meeting that we start our monthly board meetings a little earlier and invite members to drop by, chat with board members and get a firsthand look at what is going on. Stay for a few minutes of socializing or join us for the entire meeting. Our meetings are always open to our members. What do you think?

Like all organizations we are delighted when newer members are willing to get involved but saddened when some of our most dedicated members need to take a break. Martha Cox, our wonderful past Treasurer and current *Voter* Editor, has decided not to take a second term as *Voter* Editor so she can devote more of her time to the exciting things the civil discourse group is doing (stay tuned). As you all know our newsletter is the lifeline of the League. It not only is how we communicate with members but we also have a very large distribution network both online and in the libraries. As is so typical of Martha's generosity, she has offered to work with a new editor(s) in the coming months. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping us with this very important outreach.

Mary

Getting into Glass

Suzanne Carneiro, Webmaster



I'm a big fan of Google. I joined Google+ two years ago when it was first introduced. Some people call it Facebook for grownups. In February, they announced an opportunity for regular

people (non-developers) to get Google Glass, their latest project. On a whim, I entered telling them in 25 words or less what I would do if I had Glass.

#ifihadglass I would represent my demographic (women over 60) and chronicle an active and joyful journey into old age. (I hope.) This might share a perspective that life and worthiness and excitement about technology isn't over when you turn 65. Let's put a window on my world.

Surprise, surprise, I was one of 8,000 "regular" people chosen out of thousands of entries to get Glass. After waiting several months, I picked up Google Glass at their office in Venice, CA. After an hour tutorial from Jennifer, my guide, I was on my way home with the first step in wearable computing. With Google Glass, you can call and receive phone calls, check the weather, browse the web, read your email and more, now and in the future.

I have learned so much in the past three weeks. I know I do have the ability to learn something new, that people don't expect women my age to have groundbreaking technology and the people I have met in the industry (all younger) are mostly age-blind with others who share their passion for technology. I located a mentor for myself when I found out I was chosen. She's a young app developer who works in San Diego and has been a known source I can call on with questions I don't feel like posting publicly. She even asked me to test her new app over many others who replied to her invitation. My favorite thing among the several available on her app is the one that helps you find your car in a parking lot.

I've worn Glass to a couple of League meetings

and the response was mixed. Some people think I am video taping or taking pictures of them all the time, which I'm not and don't really want to. The battery would drain pretty quickly in that case. I have worn them to the San Diego Botanic Garden where I volunteer and I love it because I can get my hands dirty gardening and take pictures of plants without taking out my phone, putting on my glasses and setting up a shot. All I do is say, "OK, glass, take a picture". The shot is automatically downloaded to my Google+ account and shows up on my computer where I can edit, enhance or crop it as I want. I wear them to Costco and Trader Joe's and no one seems to notice that I have this bump on the right side of my head with a prism attached. Since the color I chose is called "shale" I think that might have something to do with it. If I had picked "tangerine" I'm sure I would have stood out more.

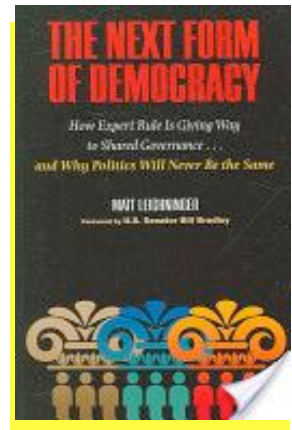
I don't wear them every day. I am a tester so I report problems I experience to the team at Google. The primary glitch is the low volume on phone calls. Over all, I'm having fun and look forward to the new opportunities opening up to me. As we all know at this age, life is short. I'm trying to pack as much into mine as possible.

A Summer Read...

Looking for something to add to your summer reading list? The Civil Discourse group is reading Matt Leighninger's *The Next Form of Democracy* and conducting a book discussion through e-mail. The book was selected because the stories of civic experiments in this book can show us the realpolitik of deliberative democracy, and illustrate how the evolution of democracy is already reshaping politics.

The Civil Discourse group has targeted deliberative dialogue as its initiative for the coming year.

To join in our e-mail "discussion," contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or 760-942-2458.



Annual Meeting Report

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Annual Meeting as the North County League honored members of the steering committee at MiraCosta College who played an instrumental role in the success of North County's Award-winning event: ***Democracy in the Balance? Getting Beyond the Shouting*** last fall. Invited guests, who were presented with recognition from North County League for "*Making a Difference in Our Community*" included:

Dr. Francisco Rodriquez, MCC President
Prof. Rob Archer, Event Co-Chair
Dr. Herschel Stern, MCC Professor
Cheryl Broom, Dir. of Public Affairs
Jim Gonzales, Dir. of Student Affairs
Patrick Pardo, Dir. of ASB
Lola Sherman, Journalist

*Steering Comm. members in attendance (from left):
Barbara Lorenzen, Martha Cox, Camille Stern, Dr.
Herschel Stern, Cheryl Broom, Mary Thompson (absent
from photo but in attendance, Lola Sherman)*



***Thank you to all of our
MiraCosta Colleagues!***

It was during this segment that President Mary Crowley announced that the North County League had won a ***“Triple Crown”*** - three out of four awards given ***at LWVC State Convention*** (first time that anyone remembers) out of 64 Leagues in California:

- 🏆 Yellow Rose Award for community service
- 🏆 Best Website
- 🏆 Best Voter

A short break was taken and then the business meeting convened with member adoption of program for 2013-14, election of officers (please note new officers [asterisk] on page 2) and provisional approval of our organization's conversion from a non-profit 501(c)(4) to a non-profit 501(c)(3).

LWVC Convention Report

San Jose • May 16-19, 2013

Leaguers from all over the state convened in San Jose for three days (many arrived early for a fourth day of pre-convention workshops) in May.

President Jennifer A. Waggoner welcomed delegates and guests with her words, “We are all here to be inspired and empowered to increase active and informed participation in civic life. Here, you will meet, teach, and learn from passionate men and women from across the state who are making democracy work! We all will leave with a renewed sense of why we joined the League.”

Guest speakers, from Ann Ravel, Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, to Chris Hoene, Exec. Dir. of the California Budget Project, and many others, enlightened and engaged the audience.

Awards were presented (see Annual Meeting report).

LWVC Director Susan Stassevitch previewed the draft of the all new *Guide to California Government*.

Members approved board-recommendations to the Initiative & Referendum position based on the study of the previous two years. Go to: <http://archive.lwvc.org/lwvonly/upd2013/june/legadv.html>

Delegates adopted the following recommended Issues for Education and Advocacy for 2013 – 2015:

- ◆ Money in Politics
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Water

And, in a fascinating and riveting example of participatory democracy, in which Convention Parliamentarian Jackie Jacobberger earned an MVP award for a rollercoaster ride of deliberation, delegates adopted the following not-recommended program item by the required three-fifths vote:

- ◆ A study of public higher education in California, which includes the Community College system, California State University system, and the University of California system.

Next year, the LWVUS convention will occur in Texas in June! And, in 2015, LWVC will hold its next convention.....it might even be close to home. Stay tuned!

LWVC Council is currently scheduled for May 17-18, 2014, most likely in Sacramento.

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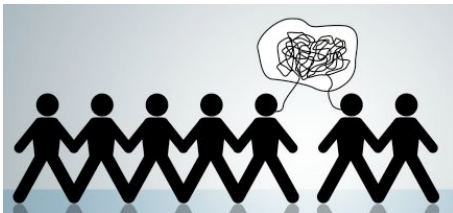
Good to Know

Margie Monroy, Member Communications

There was big news from LWVUS with this year's membership count: the **League of Women Voters bucked the trend** of so many community organizations **and experienced membership growth!** This growth was thanks to our powerful and visible work at the community level registering new voters and pushing back against attacks on our voting rights, as well as our intentional focus to ask people to become members. In the subsequent months, we've continued to add new members and increase our size.

Cheers to all of us!

What Kind of Talk Does Democracy Need?



For those of you who attended the talk with **Dr. Martin Carcasson** on a hot July

8th at the Scripps Ranch Library, thanks for being there. His presentation was illuminating and energizing for the assemblage of academics from local colleges and Leaguers from as far away as Orange County. A huge "shout out" and thanks to Dr. Carcasson who waived his usual fee to be with us. Another "shout out" to our fantastic collaborative partner, **Dr. Carl Luna**, Political Science Professor at Mesa College and co-founder of **Restoring Respect**. This is just the beginning of a continuing conversation. You will want to stay tuned.

A reporter from the Independent Voters Network, Jane Susskind, was in the audience and posted this article about the event:

<http://ivn.us/san-diego/2013/07/10/improving-the-democratic-process-begins-at-the-local-level/>

In addition, we were invited to write an Op-Ed piece for the Voice of San Diego:

<http://voiceofsandiego.org/2013/07/17/politics-as->

[usual-new-kind-of-talk-needed/](#)

Many of you asked for copies of Dr. Carcasson's slides. Go to:

www.cpd.colostate.edu/carcasson-sandiegotalk.pdf

Also, a video of a previous talk by Dr. Carcasson can be found at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kMLpL7yA84>

Our conversation is far from over. We hope you will be part of it by sharing your thoughts and ideas. In the meantime, visit our websites, stay tuned, and join us in future events.

Restoring Respect San Diego

<http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/>

Burnham San Diego Center for Civic Engagement

<http://www.sdfoundation.org/SanDiegoCenterforCivicEngagement.aspx>



Above: Dr. Carcasson (center) converses with Dr. Petti VanRekom (right), President, LWV Capistrano Bay, who traveled from Orange County to attend.

Left: Dr. Carcasson outlines the process for deliberative dialogue.



Above: Dr. Carl Luna discusses next steps with LWV San Diego member, Jeanne Brown.

Left: LWVNCSD Members Nancy Telford and Hank Williams.





August/September Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups

Unit Meetings will resume in September. However, as you plan your calendar, below is the general schedule of unit meetings:

*Carlsbad Unit meets on the
3rd Thursday of month • 10 am - 12 pm*

*Quad Cities Unit
includes cities from Oceanside to Escondido
schedule to be determined*

*San Dieguito Unit meets on the
3rd Wednesday of month • 1:30 - 3:30 pm*

Quad Cities Unit • Plan Ahead! Tuesday, Sept. 24 • 10 am - 12 pm

Save the date for this informative presentation by Board Member Jackie Stone – you won't want to miss it:

Vote Suppression: How To Do It/How to Stop It

Imagine for a moment that you have been charged with the task of preventing some Americans who have the right to vote from doing so. Be creative! Be bold! Be sneaky! Sorry, you're too late. It's already been thought of and done. Want more ideas? Join us at the September 24th meeting of our Quad Cities Unit. We are going to have a presentation and a lively discussion of the methods of vote suppression being used around the country. Save the Date...and help save the vote! Please join us at the Vista Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave., Vista. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group Monday, Aug. 19 • 1 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Anne Patton. Cathy Greene and Margie Monroy will lead the discussion of *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Please call 858-759-2715 to RSVP.

Civil Discourse Group Saturday, Sept. 28 • 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 deliberative dialogue training and collaboration updates. Please contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or 760-942-2458 for more information.

SANDAG is offering another opportunity to participate in two workshops on the use of data collected by the Census Bureau:

*Making Sense of the Census & the American
Community Survey (ACS) • 9 am - 12 pm*

Accessing Online Census & ACS Data • 1 - 4 pm

When: **Tuesday, August 13**

Where: **San Marcos Civic Center
Questhaven Room
1 Civic Center Drive
San Marcos**

Free unlimited parking is available on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th levels of the parking structure. Please Note: Time limit parking spaces on the first level and parking lot are "aggressively" monitored by the County Volunteer Sheriff Patrol.

Space is limited, so register early. To register, go to:

sandag.org/workshopform/index.asp?pid=12

Don't Miss **County League Day**

**Friday, August 9th
9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Sign up today! (see insert)
Deadline: August 6th**



Don't forget to check our Facebook page. 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>

LWV North County Expands the Power of **One** Through **Collaboration!**

Smiling Faces Marked the Annual Meeting on June 8, 2013!



Left: Members Mike Woods and Mario Monroy.
Above: LWVC MTA Sylvia Hampton, ILO President Roni Seay and Joyce Joseph, SmartVoter County Coordinator. Right: Member Pat Coony.

Welcome
New Members

Cheryl Broom
Tiffany Fox
Judy Hanson
Connie Horst
Iris & Ben Platnik



Left: Long-time Leaguers Gary Nessim and Kathy Kinane.

Right: Long-time League Board Member Margie Monroy welcomes new Board Member Jane Dunmeyer.



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
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

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
- 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...Pass It On!

“Democracy requires high quality communication to function well, and such communication requires significant effort to develop and sustain.”

~Dr. Martin Carcasson, Developing Democracy Hubs

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

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

 www.lwvncsd.org

LWV California
www.lwvc.org

LWV United States
www.lwv.org