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NOVEMBER 2013 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, Nov 8** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am - 12 pm LWD Offices
- Sat, Nov 9** River Park Walk
1:00 pm Highland Valley Trail #2
- Thurs, Nov. 14** Quad Cities Unit Mtg
10 am - 12 pm Vista Library
- Mon, Nov 18** Book Group
1:00 - 3:00 pm Home of Kathy Anderson
- Wed, Nov 20** San Dieguito Unit Mtg
1:30 - 3:30 pm 3535 Manchester, Cardiff
- Thurs, Nov 21** Carlsbad Unit Mtg
10 am - 12 pm LWD Offices
- Sat, Nov 23** Civil Discourse Group
10 - 11:30 am San Marcos Library

DECEMBER 2013 AT A GLANCE

- TBD** Quad Cities Holiday Mtg
TBD at Nov Mtg
- Wed, Dec 4** San Dieguito Obs. Lunch
11:30 am - 2 pm Home of Barbara Mendell
- Sat, Dec 7** Carlsbad Observer Lunch
10:30 am Kelley Ranch House
5200 Hemingway, Carlsbad
- Mon, Dec 16** Book Group Holiday Party
1:00 - 3:00 pm Home of Jackie Stone

Planning Ahead

- Jan 11-12, 2014 LWVC Board Mtg, SD
- March 21, 2014 **3rd Annual Restoring
Respect Conference**
8 am - 12 pm
- May 3, 2014 ILO Convention
- May 17-18, 2014 LWVC Council, San Jose
- May 31, 2014 LWVNCSD Annual Mtg
- June 6-10, 2014 LWWUS Conv., Dallas

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LWV North County VOTER???

Martha Cox, Outgoing VOTER Editor

This is the last issue of the *VOTER* under my editorship. As no one else has surfaced who would like to serve as editor, this may be your last *VOTER* for a while.

As our newsletter indicates, **the *VOTER* is the “face” of League for our communities.....it demonstrates** that we are a vibrant, collaborative, engaged organization. It *confirms* that for our **collaborative partners**. For our **members**, it is the lifeline to League – at the local, county, state and national levels. Our members rely on the *VOTER* for information about meetings and events.

If you have recently retired with computer skills languishing by the day, or if you want to serve the League while working on a task at home, you are exactly who we are looking for! If you joined League and want to work with a friend, this is a task that can be done well with co-editors!

Working on the *VOTER* is a great way for newer members to become familiar with League activities, program and action. If you don't like the layout of the current *Voter*, feel free to make it your own. The content of the *Voter* is a collaborative effort, but the creativity of each issue is solely yours!

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December Unit Meetings: Fun, Food and Info!

Leaguers, its time for one of our favorite Unit Meetings! In December, we hear from our League Observers who will bring us up-to-date on what they've been seeing/hearing at the public meetings they've been attending on our behalf. It's a great time to wish each other Happy Holidays, share some wonderful foods from the pot luck dishes, and gather insight from the observers about what's been going on in our communities.

Check inside to learn the
What, When, and Where
of your Unit's Observer Luncheon, and

SAVE THE DATE!

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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.



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.

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President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



Last month I talked about Voter Service and Community Education. As promised, here is the other side of the equation – **A d v o c a c y a n d Lobbying.**

L e a g u e s are encouraged to use charitable contributions to support their non-lobbying advocacy activities, but charitable funds are not to be used for lobbying. So, how do you differentiate?

Advocacy is a broader concept than lobbying. It encompasses pleading for or against causes, as well as supporting or recommending positions. It is still considered advocacy even when only one side of an issue is presented as long as no call to action on a particular piece of legislation is issued. While lobbying can be a part of an advocacy strategy, advocacy does not necessarily include lobbying. Lobbying is defined as an attempt to influence specific legislation, including both legislation that has already been introduced and specific legislative proposals that the League may oppose or support. There are two types of lobbying: direct lobbying and grassroots lobbying. To constitute direct lobbying, a communication must be directed to a legislator or their staff and refer to and express a view on specific legislation. To constitute grassroots lobbying, a communication must be directed to the general public, express a view on specific legislation and include a statement that directs readers to contact their legislators.

Whether lobbying or advocacy there is always one important caveat – there must be clear lines between voter service activities and advocacy activities. There is, of course, much more information on both the LWVC and the LWVUS websites.

As Martha mentioned on page 1 this will be the last issue of our traditional *VOTER*; at least, for a while. I know you all join me in a giant thank you to Martha for doing such an outstanding job these past two years.

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Mary

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Please consider it. It's a two-year commitment and 6 months of that period has already been consumed. You joined to make a difference...this will help you make that difference!

To get information about what's involved, contact League President Mary Crowley at marycrowley@pacbell.net or Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com.

It has been a pleasure to serve as editor, and though the buck stops with the editor, producing this newsletter nine times a year is truly a collaborative effort. I am indebted to the members who wrote articles, took photos, proofread and distributed each issue. It couldn't have happened without YOU! Tremendous thanks to each of you.

Editor's Note: *Secretary Margaret Liles has agreed to produce an abbreviated January edition. Thank you, Margaret, for helping with a transitional edition.*

What Does It Mean to Be a Member?

Joann Johnson & Nancy Telford, Membership

Founded nearly a century ago, the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots organization open to both men and women of all political persuasions. We do not support candidates or parties, but we speak out on issues after we have obtained consensus of our membership. Our League makes a difference because of the energy and passion of its members, who are committed to making democracy work for all citizens.

Our League serves a constituent base of over 400,000 registered voters. As a member you stay informed about important topics and decisions that directly affect you and your community. You have the opportunity to come together with citizens from throughout the area to discuss current issues, shape



solutions and advocate for changes in the political process.

Additionally, our League not only attracts friends and neighbors who want to make a difference within their own cities, but also our newest “movers and shakers” – leaders from throughout our area who are helping shape communities for our children and grandchildren, the voters of the future.

Our continued success depends on people like you, people who want to educate citizens and seek out positive solutions to problems locally and nationally. ***If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership now.***

What is ILO?

Roni Seay, LWV ILO President

The ILO, pronounced (eye-el-oh) is the nickname for the League of Women Voters of San Diego County, an Inter-League Organization. You became a member when you joined LWV North County San Diego just like you became a member of the State and National League organizations.

The ILO coordinates League work on county and regional issues and it takes action on issues that concern unincorporated areas of the County.

The ILO also helps to promote awareness of the LWV throughout San Diego County by making grants to the two local Leagues (San Diego City and North County San Diego) for special projects that allow League to become more visible in the community.

Each board member of the ILO specializes in areas that interest them most, such as Natural Resources, the County Budget or Health Care. The ILO Board meets on the first Friday of the month and welcomes members to come and see it at work.



River Walk • Part 2

Liz Gabrych, Past Natural Resources Chair

Join us on Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 pm for our second trek walking various segments of San Dieguito River Park. For more information, go to: <http://www.sdrp.org/trails.htm>. Here are the particulars:

Trailmap: Highland Valley Trailmap

Trailhead location: South of Lake Hodges, East of I-15, in Rancho Bernardo, CA.

Directions to Trail: I-15 North towards Escondido, exit Pomerado Rd/West Rancho Bernardo Road. Take Pomerado Dr. East.

Use: Hiking and Horseback riding only.

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 4 miles round trip.

Vertical Climb: 341' low elevation to 429' high elevation

Features: Oak tree shade.

Dogs Allowed: Yes, on leash only.

Interpretive: Yes. The first mile of the trail is the [Ruth Merrill Children's Walk](#). Call the River Park office for free copies of the teacher's guide (English and Spanish versions are available.)

Trail Manager: San Dieguito River Park JPA 858-674-2270

LWVNCSD Board Briefs...

Margie Monroy, Member Communications

At its meeting of October 11, the Board:

- Set the Annual Meeting date for May 31, 2014.
- Agreed to use the remainder of the Minor Grant (administered by the ILO) to purchase a laptop computer that will be utilized for League presentations.

News from LWVUS...

Margie Monroy, Member Communications

A letter from LWVUS President Elizabeth McNamara to members:

The Federal government may be in partial shutdown, but the League of Women Voters is hard at work across the country. Twice a year, I have the

privilege of convening conference calls with our state presidents. This week, I heard from the vast majority of those presidents. As always, we are visible and active in our communities and as always, there are common threads to the work we are doing. Leagues are educating their communities about the Affordable Care Act – working either to convince state governments to accept an expansion of Medicaid or to assist their state governments in rolling out that expansion. We are standing up for voting rights – opposing bad legislation or making sure that state laws don't create any actual barriers for eligible voters. We are using every tool at our disposal, especially Vote411.org (Ed. Note: in California, SmartVoter.org) to get nonpartisan information to voters who will decide thousands of local races and ballot issues this fall. We are meeting the Power the Vote in 2013 challenge, holding candidate debates and registering voters. We continue to push for reform of our redistricting processes and for sensible limits on and disclosure of money in our elections. In fact, the League in Iowa participated in a demonstration on Monday as the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *McCutcheon v. FEC*.

While our Congressional leaders remain at an impasse, hurling heated rhetoric at one another, League members continue moving forward making democracy work from community to community and from state to state. My hat is off to all our volunteers for their tireless dedication to what is really important to America and Americans.

Ed. Note: This letter was written while the federal government was still in shutdown.

It's Official! 2015 LWVC Convention Coming Your Way!...

Martha Cox, 2015 LWVC Convention Comm.

San Diego will be the site of the 2015 LWVC Convention. The convention venue will be the Westin Gaslamp (next to Horton Plaza) and the dates will be May 15-17, 2015, with pre-convention events to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

If you have never attended convention, this is your chance! It is an event every Leaguer should experience - you'll understand why you joined League and you'll meet engaged Leaguers from across the state. Stay tuned.

Meet One of Our New Members...

Cheryl Broom

Amber Ter-Vrugt, LWVNCSD Board Member

Cheryl Broom is the director of public and governmental relations, communications and marketing and an associate faculty member at MiraCosta College, a two-year college that serves more than 18,000 students. She has 14 years of



professional experience in engaging audiences—through marketing, public relations, government relations, news reporting and college-level teaching.

Her career in communications began at KRCR in Redding, California, where she worked as a producer, reporter, anchor and ultimately a bureau chief. From there, she became the Public Information Officer for the Butte County Sheriff's Office, where her efforts assisted in securing funding for the department and forming programs that assisted in the apprehension of criminals.

At MiraCosta College, she has implemented a variety of programs that have helped to increase student enrollment by 40%, resulted in a quantified greater public awareness of the institution, enhanced employee engagement, and created a stronger brand strategy and awareness. She holds a master's degree in communication with distinction from Cal State Chico and bachelor's degrees in communication studies and political science with honors from the University of California Santa Barbara.

Cheryl was named the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations' 2012 Communicator of the Year for the Western United States. She serves on the board of directors for the Mottino YMCA and volunteers as a Puente mentor and with Junior

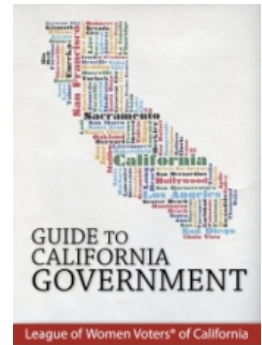
Achievement. She has a five-year-old son, Dylan, who attends Ocean Knoll Elementary in Encinitas. When she's not training for a triathlon, she is at the beach surfing with her son.

LWVC News Update

The Guide to California Government (G2CG) is now available.

The G2CG is a nonpartisan, easy-to-read book for navigating the complicated process for voting and engaging with our state government. This 15th edition of the guide provides essential information for every citizen or future citizen of California.

To order, go to: <http://archive.lwvc.org/lwvonly/>



Book Group

Monday, Nov. 18 • 1 - 3 pm

The group will meet at the home of Kathy Anderson to discuss ***American Nations: A History of the Eleven Regional Cultures of North America*** by Colin Woodward. Please RSVP at monroymario@att.net.

Book Group Holiday Party

Monday, Dec. 16 • 12:00 pm

On December 16 at noon, we will have our annual Holiday Party and Book Exchange at the home of Jackie Stone. It will be a pot luck. Those with names ending in A to M, please bring a main dish or salad, names ending in N to Z, please bring dessert. For information or to RSVP, call 760-736-1608 or go to monroymario@att.net.

Civil Discourse Group

Saturday, Nov. 23 • 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 updates on the group's various projects. Please contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com for more information.



November/December Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups info on page 5

Carlsbad Unit • All Members Welcome Thursday, Nov. 21 • 10 am - 12 pm

The Carlsbad Unit will meet on Thursday, November 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Leucadia Wastewater District Offices at 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad. Our featured speaker will be Celia Brewer, the Carlsbad City Attorney. She will give an overview of her duties and answer questions from our members. She is the chief legal officer of our city, and we look forward to hearing about all the ordinances and litigation issues our city has faced.

LWV members are always encouraged to bring a friend to our meetings. For more information, please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland at clgspecced@sbcglobal.net or 760-729-0278.

Carlsbad Unit Observer Luncheon Saturday, Dec. 7 • 10:30 am

On Saturday, December 7th, the Carlsbad Unit will meet at the Kelley Ranch House, 5200 Hemingway Drive in Carlsbad to participate in our annual Observers' Luncheon. We will focus our attention on regional and local observers' reports. Our theme is "All About Carlsbad" and will begin at 10:30 a.m., concluding with a Pot Luck luncheon. Members whose last names begin with A thru M, please bring a salad or a main dish. Last names from N thru Z, please bring a dessert or bread. All LWV members and their guests are invited to attend. For further information please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit Chair.

Quad Cities Unit • All Members Welcome Thursday, Nov. 14 • 10 am - 12 pm

The Quad Cities Unit will present a fascinating new program from our Speakers Bureau on Immigration Reform. Carol Grimes-Gartland and Margie Monroy will discuss the history of immigration in this country and explain the current status of laws, proposed laws, and governmental actions aimed at dealing with the issues of immigrants to our country. There will be time for questions and comments after the program, so come prepared for a lively discussion.

All League members are encouraged to attend this program. The meeting will be held at the Vista

Branch Library, 700 Eucalyptus Ave, Vista. Please bring your own drinks if you like.

Quad Cities Members – We will be discussing a possible December and/or January meeting at our November meeting so please join us. We will be looking forward to your input.

For more information, please contact Barbara Lorenzen at 760-305-7842.

Quad Cities Unit Holiday Gathering TBD - Please refer to Nov. mtg. above

San Dieguito Unit • All Members Welcome Wednesday, Nov. 20 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm

The San Dieguito Unit will meet at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester, Cardiff (please visit the League website for parking information) at 1:30 pm. We have another program that is both timely and critical lined up for you. Presenters from our Speakers Bureau will focus on the topic of Immigration Reform, including the history of immigration in this country, the current status of laws, proposed laws, and governmental actions aimed at dealing with the issues of immigrants. Please bring your questions and prepare for an informative discussion. We will have freshly baked cookies and coffee.

For more information, please contact Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 4 • 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

It is time for our semi-annual Observers' Luncheon. It will be held on Wednesday, December 4th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the home of Barbara Mendell.

This is a very special meeting. At this gathering we will honor our hard-working Observers. They work tirelessly to bring us up-to-date information about what goes on around us. We will have fun at the luncheon, just as we always do. So bring a favorite dish, yourself and a friend or newcomer. All are welcome.

A few days before the event, Anne will send reminders, with instructions for access to Barbara's home. For more information, please contact Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

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

The League of Women Voters of San Diego

Luncheon Program to "Kick Off" the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

Thursday November 21, 2013
11:30 to 1:30
Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant
Harbor Island Drive

Moderator: Anne Holberg, Chair, LWVSD International Relations Committee

Panelists:
Alexandra Seidin, Senior Staff Counsel, Department of Fair Employment and Housing (sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace)
Gretchen Means, Prosecution Consultant for the Marine Corps, West Coast Region (sex crimes in the military)
Tyler Osterhaus, San Diego Domestic Violence Council's Men's Leadership Forum (engaging men in solutions to intimate partner violence)
Lee Mintz, Director of SDSU's Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (sexual harassment and sexual assault on university campuses)

\$25
\$30 after Nov. 18

Lunch with League: Activism against Gender Violence, November 21, 2013

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ E-Mail _____
Guest(s) _____
Amount enclosed (\$25 per person) _____ by November 18. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 658-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal www.lwvsandiego.org

**Restoring Respect
3rd Annual Conference Restoring Civility to
Public Dialogue**

Where:
Joan Kroc Institute For Peace and Justice
Garden of the Sky Plaza
The University of San Diego
5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA

When:
Friday, March 21, 2014
Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Conference: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free admission

Register after March 1st at: <http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/>

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 _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD and mail to:

LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
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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
- 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!

“Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening, when you’d have preferred to talk.”

~ Doug Larson, Cartoonist

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

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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