

President's Message

Dear Members:

Over my more than 70 years, I have seen some social changes that have improved the condition of our species. Education is clearly an important criterion for a successful career. Women's college enrollments are now anywhere between 3 and 13% higher than men in our country. Humboldt State now enrolls nearly 57% women. The percentage of women in the workforce almost doubled in the second half of last century, from 32% to 62%. - Women's median income has increased over 60% over the past 30 years, while men's median income has hardly increased at all. However, men still control most countries in the world including ours, and most women clearly do not have the same civil rights as men. As I complained last month, I used to be an ardent reader of national newspapers so that I would understand what was happening and what effect it might have on my family and me. The news stories about what men are doing to the Rohingya women in Myanmar and to actresses in Hollywood are despicable and discouraging. We need more men to learn about appropriate interactions with women especially in our country. The League of Women Voters provides that opportunity. Encourage the men you know to join the League and learn about women and how they all can improve the state of our democracy. The League has been admitting men since 1973 and even has an occasional male President.

My colleagues have been busy as usual. At the end of October, **Elaine Weinreb** and **Leslie Leach** organized a talk about sea level rise by Dr. Linda Swift who is the Climate Change Director for the League of Women Voters of California. Appropriately the talk was held at the Aquatic Center. **Becky Simpson** and **Anne Hartline** were responsible for the excellent publicity for the event.

Elaine Weinreb, who is the local League's representative on the Access Humboldt Board, has also been busy helping to educate us about the effects of a monopoly on the availability and accuracy of local and national news. She drafted a letter that was published in the Times-Standard. If you have not already read it, please go to this link: <http://eurekatimesstandard.ca.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=0097201e1> for a copy. Sean McLaughlin, Executive Director of Access Humboldt, is working with us to develop an article for publication in a local paper.

Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

Michele Fell-Casale, who is the League's Vice President, is organizing an event scheduled for Thursday, November 16 at the Congregational Christian Church on Hodgson and J Streets in Eureka. The event will include subject matter experts in the area of local finance, including Eureka City Manager Greg Sparks. This topic was identified as an area of emphasis at our 2017 Annual Meeting.

Carol Masterson is helping voters to make decisions about whom to select for the two trustee positions on the College of the Redwoods Board. Her efforts resulted in a publication in a local paper in October in advance of the November 7th election day. Go to this link to see a copy of the article: <http://www.times-standard.com/government-and-politics/20171021/league-questions-local-school-candidates>. You can view the candidates responses in full on the League's website (<http://lwvhc.org/forums.html>).

Kelly Sanders, the Humboldt County Clerk-Recorder and a League member, will be at our Board meeting on November 7th to speak with us about same day voter registration. She will be part of a presentation by Board member, **Anne Hartline**, about how to improve opportunities for people to vote in our region. League members are welcome to attend even if they are not members of the local Board.

Thanks for your interest in the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and for all you do for our community.

Rollin C. Richmond
President

2017 Membership Brunch Launches the League Year!
By **Becky Simpson and Anne Hartline**

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the Annual Membership Brunch took place at Humboldt State University in the Kate Buchanan Room. Our theme for the event was "Economics of K-12 Education and the Economic Future of Humboldt County." Approximately 50 LWVHC members and guests were present to enjoy a delicious meal catered by Humboldt State Dining Services, and listen to lively presentations from Dr. Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Humboldt County Office of Education and Dr. Erick Escher, Professor of Economics at Humboldt State University. Dr. Hartley explained to the group the many factors which influence public education financing in Humboldt County. Dr. Escher discussed his HSU project which monitors economic indicators across multiple sectors of the community over time. The two presentations combined to give Leaguers a much clearer view of the financial needs and impacts in Humboldt County for the future. We learned a lot and it was a great kick-off for our upcoming year's events.

Included in the audience were five student leaders from Arcata High, Eureka High, and College of the Redwoods. Afterwards, the students commented on how much they enjoyed both the lunch and the program.

Special thanks go out to Jeanette Hurst and her crew at 2-1-1, including Alex Tooker and Juan Daza, for contacting all members to remind them of the event. Thanks also go to Rollin Richmond for arranging the excellent venue and catering.

Voter Service Activities
By **Carol Masterson**

Members of our faithful booth-construction and takedown crew deserve a great thank-you for their efforts at the North Country Fair: **Becky Simpson, George WinterSun, and Patricia-Anne WinterSun** have been the mainstays for a few go-arounds now, and were joined this time by **Holly Couling** (not her first rodeo, either), her visiting father **Jim Couling**, and **Julie Kelly**. People who registered voters were **Meg Stofsky, Mary Lou Lowry and Rollin Richmond**. Fair-goers are always happy to see our booth, eager to share their politics with us and grateful for a reminder to keep their registration current.

We also had a table at the North Coast Stand Down in Ferndale and thanks to **Shinazy** for staffing it. Again, what a great way to get an earful of voters' concerns!

Due to an inability to coordinate schedules to broadcast a candidate forum on KEET for the College of the Redwoods Board of Trustees Areas 1 & 2 Election, our Board of Directors formulated a questionnaire for these candidates, responses to which appear on our Web site. I personally want to thank the Board for contending with my flurry of e-mails in order to keep trying to make democracy work.

Local Finance
By **Michele Fell**

Did you ever wonder what our position on Local Finance means in the real world? Where does the money come from that funds our local infrastructure and services? Who decides how it is spent, and where? Join your fellow members for an informative presentation from local experts, including Eureka City Manager Greg Sparks and Assistant County Administrative Officer Chris Shaver on Thursday, November 16th from 6:30-8:30 at the United Congregational Christian Church on 900 Hodgson (Hodgson and J Streets) in Eureka. Light refreshments will be available.

Become a Member!



Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year By Deborah Downs

The financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 showed an overall loss of \$5,526 but the committee budgeted a possible loss of \$28,740. Members have encouraged the Board and Committee to support programs and education in the community rather than building a large cash reserve. Much of the revenue came from the State of the Community Luncheon of \$27,568.

Revenue: \$42,166

Expenses: \$47,692

Net Loss: (\$5,526)

The balances left at June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Cash at Umpqua Bank: \$35,526

Donor Advised Fund at the Humboldt Area Foundation : \$48,561

The League can suggest to the Humboldt Area Foundation to use the funds for Education purposes, but not for operation expenses of the League. Questions on the statements can be directed to the Treasurer, **Deborah Downs**.

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages.

Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible. Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax-deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1.

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- \$75 Individual membership
- \$105 Household membership
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- please accept my donation of _____
- Please send me more information
-

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

The Language of the League
By Leslie Leach

The League of Women Voters is an entity large enough and important enough to have acquired its own vocabulary as well as incorporating some well-known terms and acronyms.

Following are the words and definitions continued from the “P” section of the Glossary of Terms used by the League of Women Voters from the booklet *Writing for League* by the LWVC:

PMP-PER MEMBER PAYMENT: An annual assessment for each local League member that is paid by the local League to the WLWVC, the LWVUS, and, in some areas, an inter-League organization. The PMP is determined by a vote of the delegates at convention.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Along with the bylaws, “Policies and Procedures” is the primary guide for the board of directors. It contains the nonpartisan and co-sponsorship policies, fiscal responsibilities, along with other pertinent information. In the yearly review of these policies, many Leagues add the substantive motions passed during the immediate past year.

PORTFOLIO: Main areas of program and action activities such as membership, program, voters service, etc.

POSITION: The stand of the League on a public policy issue and the basis for action. A League position is reached as the result of a study and member consensus and must be approved by the membership. A position may also be reached by concurrence. A new position may be used as a basis for action, pending approval by the membership at an annual meeting or convention, if the appropriate board approves. The annual program planning process gives the membership the opportunity to review the positions.

PRINCIPLES: The League’s basic philosophy of government as adopted by the national convention that provides authorization for the adoption of League program. Because the principles are broad in scope, they are not usually used as the sole basis for action, but can be used in conjunction with applicable League positions.

PROGRAM: Those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action at each level of government. Issues are chosen by delegates at conventions or by members at annual meetings.

PROGRAM PLANNING PROCESS: Position review combined with consideration of a new study. Positions are evaluated, and new studies may be proposed. Proposals made by the planning meeting are considered by the board and then submitted to convention or annual meeting as either recommended or not recommended. Existing League positions at each level are reviewed for clarity, relevance, and effectiveness.

PURPOSE: The League, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages active and informed participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through action and advocacy. (*See Mission Statement.*)

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County
2018 State of the Community Luncheon
Civic
Contribution Award Nomination

Each year, at the State of the Community Luncheon, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County honors individuals and/or groups for contributing to our community. We are now accepting nominations for those you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Please nominate a person or organization you feel should be considered for this honor and why.

Your Name _____
Address _____

Best way to contact you (phone, email, etc.) _____

Please submit nomination form (see the insert) by December 1, 2017 to:

State of Community Luncheon
P.O. Box 3219,
Eureka, CA 95502
Fax: 443-7873 or
E-mail: vote@lwvhc.org

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**Who's Who on Your League Board
2017-18**

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Director Becky Simpson
Director Kathy Johanson
Director Celeste Ruiz
Director Julie Kelly
Director Mary Lou Lowry
Director Keith Snow-Flamer
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..... & Elaine Weinreb
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Publications Lorey Keele
Communications Support Kathy Johanson

FUNDRAISING

Marathon Fundraiser Kay Escarda
Poll Workers Fundraiser Carolyn Otis
State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee Chair Judy Bennett

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Access Humboldt Rep. Elaine Weinreb
Social Media Kathy Johanson
Website Kathy Johanson
VOTER Publication Keith Snow-Flamer
VOTER Circulation Carolyn Otis

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Voter Service Director Becky Simpson
Candidate Forums Carol Masterson
Citizen Education Judy Bennett
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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to give. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

Making Democracy Work!

LWVHC Calendar

Thursday, November 16 Membership Meeting
Time :6:30-8:30 pm
Location: United Congregational Christian Church

Tuesday, December 5 Holiday Party
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Sunday, January 21 National Program Planning
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Thursday, February 15 Membership Meeting
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Friday, April 20 State of the Community
Time: Noon
Location: Luncheon at the Adorni Center

Thursday, May 24 Annual Meeting
Time: TBD
Location: TBD
