

## *President's Message*

Dear League Members,

What an election cycle this has been! I hope by the time you read this that things have calmed down a bit. The Board has been working hard to educate voters about the state and local ballot measures. Our Director of Community Education, **Nancy Kay**, arranged a number of opportunities for our local citizens to learn about the propositions and measures on our ballots. **Byrd Lochtie**, **Nancy Kay**, and I recorded some videos at Access Humboldt providing the pros and cons on Measure S, U, and V that are on our local ballot, as well as how to evaluate a ballot proposition. People could watch the videos by going to [http://www.lwvhc.org/voter\\_education.html](http://www.lwvhc.org/voter_education.html)

**Nancy Kay**, **Kay Escarda**, and **Deborah Downs** also worked with the HSU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to present pros and cons on all 17 statewide ballot measures on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Aquatic Center.

Our website above and the Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersHumboldtCounty/>) have been getting a lot of visits and "Likes" thanks to the efforts of **Kathy Johanson** and **Celeste Ruiz**. We also had a presentation at the Humboldt County Library on all five local measures that was also available online, thanks again to Access Humboldt.

At the October Board meeting, we had a presentation from **Sean McLaughlin**, Executive Director of Access Humboldt. As you can read on their web site (<http://accesshumboldt.net/site/>), Access Humboldt is a non-profit, community media organization serving the residents of Humboldt County. They provide airtime free of charge on the local cable TV channels and online, and offer media production training, facilities, and equipment. They promote free speech. Community programming is accepted on a fair and nondiscriminatory basis, and will be aired without editorial control. Half of their operating funds come from a franchise agreement with Suddenlink.

The Board also was pleased to have a visitor from Next Gen Eureka, Ms. Delo Freitas. She asked us to partner with them for an event that they are organizing at the Eureka Theatre on November 5<sup>th</sup> to show the Access Humboldt and the LWVHC videos about the ballot propositions, county measures, and candidate forums. This event will provide an opportunity for young people

who do not have access to a TV to see the videos and have some snacks. The Board has agreed to sponsor Next Gen Eureka by inviting five of their members to become members of the LWVHC. We hope this will result in stronger collaboration with these good young people.

I am pleased to report that the Board approved the appointment of **Elaine Weinreb** to replace me as the LWVHC representative on the Access Humboldt Board.

Lastly, my daughter is producing a granddaughter, and my wife and I will be spending time with her family for about six months. The Board has agreed that **Celeste Ruiz**, our Vice President, will serve as Acting President while I am away. Celeste has generously agreed to assume this responsibility.

Thanks to you all for your support of the League and for making democracy work.

Rollin Richmond  
President of the LWVHC

## *League Members Educating Voters*



September 24th - Membership Brunch - Public Higher Education

October 3 - Forum at Elks Club in Eureka

October 5 - KEET



October 6 - KEET

October 11 - Arcata High School Mock Election

October 12 - KEET



Oct. 17-HSU Osher Institute: Pros and Cons of all 17 propositions presented.

October 20 - Membership Meeting at Humboldt County Library in Eureka Pros and Cons of Measures Q, R, S, U, and V presented.

October 21 - Humboldt Council of the Blind - Pros and Cons of all measures presented.

## ***Voting: The Next Generation at Arcata High School*** by Lorraine Davis

**Becky Simpson** and I spent the morning of October 11 at Arcata High School. We participated in the school's **Mock Election** of the upcoming November 8, 2016 national, statewide, and local elections. A steady flow of students came into the library to vote. My job was to tally votes from the students ballots with two students in a private storage room where we were not disturbed or interrupted. Becky staffed one of the five voter registration tables that were constantly busy.

The official voting booths were provided by the Humboldt County Elections and Voter Registration office at no charge (the booths are the same used in our local, state, and national elections). It was heartening to see so many students taking their first steps toward the life-long privilege, right, and responsibility of exercising their right to vote.

Arcata High's Librarian, Jennifer Berube, was instrumental in the organization and coordination of this amazing project: the **Mock Election**. Also, she answered all of my many questions for this article. Thank you, Ms. Berube, all of the teachers who supported the project, and Mr. Navarre, Arcata High's principal, who stopped in to say hello and see how we were doing.

### **Can you believe it? 691 Ballots were cast!**

Below are questions posed by me and answered by Jennifer Berube.

LD: How many students voted in the mock election?

JB: 691 Ballots were cast.

LD: How many students ran the polls?

JB: Around 30 students volunteered throughout the day

LD: How many students ran the exit polls? How many students participated in the exit poll?

JB: Between 12 and 15 students ran the exit polls. Over 600 students participated.

LD: How many students tallied the votes?

JB: Twelve.

LD: How many class periods voted? Did the students use their lunch periods to participate?

JB: In six periods, 29 classes came in. Ten students came in at lunch to vote.

LD: Where did the five voting booths come from, who set

them up, and was there any cost for them?

JB: The Humboldt County Elections Office loaned them to us for free. We picked them up and set them up on our own.

LD: Did the Humboldt County Elections Office support the mock election?

JB: Yes, by donating the voting booths.

LD: Now for the big question: what were the results of the mock election? Who won and who lost?

JB: The Arcata High School election results compared to the student election results statewide may be seen by clicking on the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2erUa9r>

LD: Have you ever organized a mock election before? Are there other high schools in Humboldt County doing mock elections that you know of?

JB: No, I've never organized one before, but Jennifer Rosebrook the History Dept. Chair always offered drop in voting at lunch time during national elections. I think McKinleyville High School is doing a mock election in a few weeks.

LD: Did the AHS students prepare to vote in the mock election?

JB: Students prepared to vote in the mock election by working with history teachers for the last three weeks discussing candidates and propositions. They came in prepared with notes and their own voting guides to help them vote.



**Arcata High School's Mock Election**

## ***Election's Upon Us-Are You Ready?*** *by Carol Masterson*

At this writing we are preparing for one remaining candidate forum, for Blue Lake's City Council election, to be held after the deadline for write-ins to file because only one candidate had filed by the original deadline.

We had a good run on KEET-TV with our issue and candidate forums this fall. Audience participation was great, with more questions than we were able to use. In the good (?) old days, voters had one shot at seeing the candidates on a LWVHC-KEET forum, and about 50 minutes to phone in their questions during the broadcast. Our efforts no longer evaporate after a broadcast, with only a color shot on the front page of the Times-Standard as a memento. Step by technological step, we have arrived at accepting e-mail questions up until fifteen minutes before air time, when the phone-in period begins, and forums are broadcast live, streamed live, simulcast on public radio stations, recorded for later viewing on Access Humboldt local channels and archived for online viewing at [www.keet-tv.org](http://www.keet-tv.org).

**Sharolyn Hutton, Judy Geppert, Kathy Johanson, Becky Simpson, Peg Gardner, Nan Nieboer, Mary Lou Lowry, Alan Lowry, Nancy Kay, Elaine Weinreb, Kay Escarda, Bev Post, Audrey Miller, and Patricia-Anne WinterSun** made up the finely-tuned forum teams this season, with some of them working at two or three events. We thank them all for their time and dedication to the League's mission, as we also thank Sam Greene and all our other good friends at KEET for making everything happen at the right time.

**Nancy Kay** and her pros and cons operation have been everywhere and are also viewable on Access Humboldt. The new Voter's Edge Web site replacement for Smart Voter is more user-friendly than ever. There should be no low-information voters in this county this time.

Thanks to **George Ojala**, League member, Vietnam vet, and my dear husband, for staffing our table at the North Coast Stand Down.

## ***Welcome New Board Member: Elaine Weinreb***

Hello, my name is Elaine Weinreb. I was born and raised on the East Coast, I moved to the California Bay Area in my 20's, and like many of my peers became active in the peace movement, the women's movement, and the environmental movement. I helped organize and run a small educational media company. Eventually I got a degree in Environmental Studies and Planning from Sonoma State.

I worked for Caltrans as an environmental planner and a transportation planner, gaining expertise in the California Environmental Quality Act, and also learning about the many problems that afflict mass transportation. This was great experience, because I learned how state agencies operate, and also about the importance of state and local planning law in shaping our communities.

I took advantage of an opportunity to move to Humboldt County in the '80's. I became active in the AIDS prevention and education movement. Eventually I left Caltrans and took a job as a health educator for a social services agency in Del Norte County.

When that grant ran out, I became a free-lance journalist, writing for several small papers and magazines, most of which no longer exist. Eventually I ended up working for the McKinleyville Press, where I had the political beat. Once again, this was great experience because I got to see how our small towns and districts operate and the many problems that they face.

After retiring from journalism, I spent two years on the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury. When that was done, and I once again had some free time, I joined the League of Women Voters. I have participated in many of the League's activities, including candidate forums, voter registration drives, and the temporarily inactive Observer's Corps. I attended board meetings long before I became a board member, because I wanted to better understand how the League worked.

I recently accepted the liaison position between the League and Access Humboldt, another organization whose work is very significant in our community. I look forward to serving both organizations.

## ***Welcome New LWVHC Members:***

**Tiffany Bullman**  
**Kevin Collins**  
**Andrea Enyedi**  
**Joyce and Tom Lopes**  
**Marcia Marling**  
**Brittany Martin**  
**Keith Snow-Flamer**  
**Darlene Spoor**  
**Claudine Springman**  
**Constance Stewart**  
**Margaret Stofsky**  
**Margaret Wallace**  
**Linda Wise**

## ***Help the LWVC and Gain Leadership Experience Online***

Helen Hutchison, *President*

### **LWVC Bylaws Committee Role**

Want a fun and educational experience doing good work, all remotely? Apply to serve on the LWVC Bylaws Committee: <https://lwvc.org/about/job-opportunities>

Being part of the League is something people admire and respect. Imagine featuring League work on your resume and on LinkedIn! Apply for a spot on the LWVC Bylaws Committee: <https://lwvc.org/about/job-opportunities>

Do you picture yourself as a California or US League leader? The LWVC Bylaws Committee is a stepping stone! Apply now: <https://lwvc.org/about/job-opportunities>

Are you a League member who wants to build your skills, experiences, and relationships in California? Apply for the LWVC Bylaws Committee: <https://lwvc.org/about/job-opportunities>

## ***Board Briefs by Patricia-Anne WinterSun***

In October your board:

Accepted **Anne Hartline's** temporary leave of absence from the board;

appointed **Elaine Weinreb** to the board; she'll be the new Access Humboldt-LWVHC liaison;

decided to collaborate with NextGenEureka;

moved to continue to pursue a MOU with Table Bluff Wiyot Tribe; and

decided to apply for the Community Engagement Champion Award of The California Association of Nonprofits.

## ***It's Not Too Early to Save the Date!***

### **Community Participation Fair**

**March 16, 2017**  
**Arcata Community Center**  
**321 Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.**  
**Arcata, CA**

## ***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!**

**League of Women Voters of Humboldt County**

**2017 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 by December 1, 2016 to: **State of Community Luncheon**

P.O. Box 3219,

Eureka, CA 95502

Fax: 443-7873 or E-mail: [vote@lwvhc.org](mailto:vote@lwvhc.org)

**In what way has this person/group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?**

Name of Group/Individual to be Nominated \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX YOUR CHOICE FOR THIS YEAR'S STATE OF THE COMMUNITY  
LUNCHEON AWARDEE!**

**League of Women Voters of Humboldt County**

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## 2017 CIVIC CONTRIBUTION NOMINATION

### PAST CIVIC CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992 – Sally Upatiringa  
1993 – Leon & Jean Wagner  
1994 – David T. Davis  
John Gierek, Sr.  
The Humboldt Open Door Clinic  
1995 – Dr. Doris K. Niles  
Humboldt Literacy Project  
1996 – Dale Neiman  
The Foodworks Culinary Center  
1997 – David Lehman  
Eureka Elks Lodge #652  
1998 – The North Coast Journal  
Carol Masterson  
Sandra Warshaw  
1999 – Sally Arnot  
Ken Collins  
2000 – Ina Harris  
Simona Keat  
Alexandra Stillman  
2001 – KEET-TV  
Ron Perry  
2002 – Humboldt Area Foundation  
Muriel Dinsmore

2003 – Santiago Cruz  
2004 – Kathryn Corbett  
Friends of the Redwood Libraries  
2005 – Evergreen Lodge (American  
Cancer Society, College of the  
Redwoods, Rotary Club of South-  
west Eureka & St. Joseph Health  
System)  
2006 – Kay Escarda  
KINS - For Talk Shop  
2007 – Marge Custis  
Jan Kraepelien  
2008 – Dr. Douglas Jager  
Gwynna Morris  
2009 - Arcata Community Recycling Ctr.  
Carol Jacobson & the Eureka  
Symphony  
2010 - Rose Baker  
Humboldt Community Breast  
Health Project  
2011 - Byrd Lochtie  
Humboldt Sponsors

2013 - Sylvia Noel Douglas &  
Dave Douglas  
Food for People  
2014 - Jimmy Smith  
CASA of Humboldt County  
2015 - Ruth Mountaingrove  
Helen Person  
Boys & Girls Club of the  
Redwoods  
2016 – Hospice of Humboldt  
Redwood Empire Quilters Guild  
Judith Stoffer



## Become a Member!



Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women aged 16 and up.

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](http://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:

- ☐ \$60 Individual membership
- ☐ \$90 Household membership
- ☐ \$60 Associate membership
- ☐ please accept my donation of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Please send me more information
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a board member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

## The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

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### Who's Who in Your League Board 2016-2017

#### ADMINISTRATION

President ..... Rollin Richmond  
Vice President..... Celeste Ruiz  
Past President..... Kathy Johanson  
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Director..... Byrd Lochtie  
Director..... Mary Lou Lowry  
Director..... Carol Masterson  
Director..... Becky Simpson  
Director..... Liz Smith  
Director..... Elaine Weinreb

#### PORTFOLIO DIRECTORS

Program ..... Judy Bennett and Anne Hartline  
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Social Policy ..... Mary Lou Lowry

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Historian ..... Carole Ziskin  
Membership ..... Becky Simpson  
Nominating Committee Chair ..... Alex Stillman  
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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Access Humboldt Rep..... Rollin Richmond  
Publicity ..... Open  
Social Media ... Kathy Johanson and Celeste Ruiz

Website ..... Kathy Johanson  
VOTER Publication ..... Leslie Leach  
VOTER Circulation ..... Carolyn Otis

#### VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service Director ..... Becky Simpson  
Candidate Forums ..... Carol Masterson  
Community Education ..... Nancy Kay

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## ***Get Involved!***

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

Visit [www.lwvhc.org](http://www.lwvhc.org) or call (707) 444-9252.

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## ***Our Diversity Policy***

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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!***

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## ***LWVHC Calendar***

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Tue., Nov. 1 5:30 PM	Board Meeting League Office
Wed., Nov. 2 5-7 PM	NAMI and LWVHC The Intersection of Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System UCC Church, 900 Hodgson St., Eureka
Tues. Nov. 8, 7 AM-8 PM	National, State, and Local Elections - VOTE!
Tue., Dec 6 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Board Meeting Christmas Party 2932 K St. Eureka

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