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NOVEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

Please check the calendar at:

http://lwnvncsd.org/Master_Calendar.html

Sat, Nov 5 9:30 – 11 am	Coffee Chat with the President Old Calif. Coffee House & Eatery, 1080 W. San Marcos Blvd, #176, San Marcos
Wed, Nov 9 5 - 7:30 pm	Human Trafficking Awareness Training Fed. Courthouse Jury Lounge 333 Broadway, San Diego
Thur, Nov 10 10 am - 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD
Fri, Nov 11 10 am - 12 pm	LWVNCSD Board Mtg. Home of Liz Gabrych
Mon, Nov 14 10 am – 12 pm	Health Interest Mtg. Home of Jane Dunmeyer
Wed, Nov 16 1 – 3 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg San Diego County Credit Union, 501 N El Camino Real, Encinitas
Thur, Nov 17 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Lunch With League 2016 Election Aftermath Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Dr. San Diego
Thur, Nov 17 1:30–3:30 pm	ILO Transition Meeting Tom Ham's Lighthouse 2150 Harbor Dr. San Diego
Mon, Nov 21 1 – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Margie Monroy

DECEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

Wed, Dec 7 11 am – 2 pm	San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon Home of Barbara Mendel
Sat, Dec 10 10 am – 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Observer Luncheon Kelly Ranch House
Mon, Dec 19 12 pm	Book Group potluck and book swap Home of Anne Omsted

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By Cathy Greene, Director of Voter Service

League members, we have set records this year. I have never received so many requests for our services. Most of these activities were packed into a few short weeks of intense effort and back-to-back scheduling challenges. I certainly did not do this job alone. Voter Service committee chairs this year included Barbara Lorenzen, Roni Seay, and Anne Omsted. These ladies spent hours training volunteers, scheduling programs, and working events to ensure that North County could answer all the calls for voter service programs and assistance. They have my eternal thanks.

Barbara, Roni, Anne, and I were so gratified at the tremendous response of our League members to the call to volunteer. This fall we have had 60 League volunteers working to provide voter education opportunities and service to our North County communities. What was really fun this year was the number of first year members who joined our experienced members in volunteering to work the many voter service activities.

A brief rundown of what we have accomplished!

- Eleven forums were successfully moderated by our League. The total forum attendance this fall was close to 1,000. We are so proud of the teams that helped our fellow North County residents meet their candidates and discuss the issues of their communities.
- Even more astounding are the statistics for the Pro and Con presentations. Thirty-two programs were given by our intrepid volunteers over 6 ½ weeks. As I write this, our League volunteers are still out there giving pro and con programs.
- Voter registration requests started off strong this spring and continued through the year. Since March, we have sent volunteers to a total of 16 voter registration events. We have also given four training sessions to organizations planning their own registration drives.
- Volunteers are continuing voter service to our communities right up to Election Day by staffing the drop off ballot boxes at the local libraries.

Our heartfelt thank you to all who came out to help.

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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.



President's Message

Martha Cox

At the time of this writing, the election is two weeks away. There are many unanswered questions about the direction our country will take over the next four years. But, one element is without question: this has been one of the most caustic, divisive elections that voters can recall in their lifetimes, leaving many feeling frustrated, angry and unsettled about the outcome.

Many have expressed concern about the suggestion of a rigged election, fearing this goes beyond election rhetoric and undermines faith in one of our country's foundational cornerstones of open, free elections. In San Diego, Registrar of Voters Michael Vu, will conduct pre-Election Day testing to ensure equipment accuracy and polling site procedures this week with members of the League of Women Voters, the Grand Jury, political parties and various campaigns. The same group will participate as Election Day observers to ensure the validity of our county election. For more information on this topic, I invite you to view the following 8-minute segment from the [Oct. 17th PBS NewsHour](#).

Though it may feel that the country is coming apart at the seams, there is hope. Think about the last question posed to the presidential candidates at the second town hall forum – it wasn't about policy, it was about civility, "...regardless of the current rhetoric, would either of you name one positive thing that you respect in one another?" Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, stated in a recent article, [After the Presidential Debates, Where Do We Go From Here?](#), "We're going to have (to) pick up the pieces and rebuild our nation's commitment to civility. There's a lot of work ahead of us-and we are all going to have to do it together."

Working to inform voters has been our mission of the fall; working to empower, include and problem solve with members of our communities will be our mission going forward after this election. Our work is far from over.

In League for our Democracy,

Martha

November/December Meetings

Coffee Chat with the President Members and Guests Welcome Saturday • November 5

9:30 am – 11:00 am

**Old California Coffee House and Eatery
1080 W. San Marcos Blvd. #176
San Marcos**

Join LWVNCSD President Martha Cox for coffee and conversation about League. Bring your questions, bring your ideas and bring a friend. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Martha if you plan to attend.

marthacox@roadrunner.com

Carlsbad Unit Meeting Members and Guests Welcome Thursday • November 10

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leucadia Wastewater District Board Rm.

Bring your newspapers with election results and join us as we take a look together at:

- Local race results.
- Local measures results.
- Which propositions passed and which failed.
- How the League's recommended propositions fared.
- Changes in the makeup of the Senate and the House.

Voter Service Thank You Reception

Thursday • November 10

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Home of Cathy and Craig Greene

Health Interest Meeting Members and Guests Welcome Monday • November 14

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

The committee welcomes two new members, Amber Ter-Vrugt and Nancy Sublette, and especially welcomes their energy and background expertise. We are still working on our presentation about "Smoothing the Road to Assisted Care Living". Call Jane for address and directions to the meeting. Any LWV member is welcome to come and contribute.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting Members and Guests Welcome Wednesday • November 16

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**San Diego County Credit Union
501 N El Camino Real, Encinitas**

Lunch with League Thursday • November 17

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Tom Ham's Lighthouse
2150 Harbor Dr., San Diego**

See flyer page 6

Book Group Meeting Members and Guests Welcome Monday • November 21 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm Home of Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, November 21 at 1:00 pm at the home of Margie Monroy to discuss *Those Angry Days: Roosevelt, Lindbergh, and America's Fight over World War II, 1939-1941*, by Lynne Olsen. Please join us!

On December 19, the Book Group will be having its annual potluck and book swap at Anne Omsted's home at 12:00 pm. If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to Kathy Anderson.

San Dieguito Unit Observer Potluck Luncheon

Members and Guests Welcome

Wednesday • December 7

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Home of Barbara Mendell

Bring your favorite dish. Please don't forget to RSVP to Barbara so she can give the entrance gate your name for admittance. When you do RSVP, Barbara can give you directions to her home.

Carlsbad Unit Joint Observer Luncheon Members and Guests Welcome Saturday • December 10

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Kelly Ranch House
5200 Hemingway Dr. • Carlsbad**

Please join us for this potluck luncheon.

Members whose names begin with A – M please bring a dessert.

Members whose names begin with N – Z please bring a salad or a main dish.



By Connie Ulrich, Observer Chair

Since our founding in 1920 the League of Women Voters has been a champion of governmental transparency. It is one of our core principles. And the observer program is a unique and vital part of this mission.

The observers are League members who attend the public meetings of local or regional governmental agencies. The observer does not speak or take part in the proceedings. They sit quietly and take notes and report on whether the meetings are conducted in an open and transparent manner. An added benefit of the observer program is that by their presence, the observer reminds the agency that the League is interested in what they are doing.

Twice a year, at an Observers Luncheon, the League observers have an opportunity to share their reports with their fellow League members. These luncheons are among our most popular events. They're always informative, enjoyable and a wonderful opportunity to connect with other League members.

Mark your calendars and come and meet the observers and learn what's happening in your community.

All League members are cordially invited to attend either Observer Luncheon.

Thank You for Renewing Your Membership

By Roni Seay, Membership Director

It's been wonderful that so many of you have been renewing your memberships promptly. It shows that you believe in the LWV mission and want to promote it. We love the members who have volunteered their time to work on LWV efforts. We also love the members who have no time to work with us but support us financially. We really need both kinds of members! If you haven't remembered to renew yet, please do it today—the deadline's October 31 but we're happy for checks or PayPal as soon as you can get to it.



By Norelyn Pion-Goureau

As part of its Educational Outreach program, the League of Women Voters is helping two middle schools--San Elijo Hills in the San Marcos District and Earl Warren in the San Dieguito District--hold Mock Elections during the first weeks of November. Board member Norelynn Pion-Goureau responded to Diane Howe, a retired teacher from San Elijo Hills, who requested booths for their mock elections and anything else to make the experience "authentic". A similar request was received from Misty Thompson, PTSA board member from Earl Warren Middle School. Daniel Boyd of the Registrar of Voters was enthusiastic and helpful in procuring seven voting booths and enough "I've Voted" stickers in both English and Spanish to meet the needs of both schools. LWV President Martha Cox designed specially personalized ballots for both schools to use, and Educational Outreach board member Norelynn Pion-Goureau shared curriculum and online resources with teachers at both schools, with a promise to attend and help publicize the events. Our mission involves not only the voters of today, but the voters of tomorrow, also!

Do Countywide Issues Interest You?

By Jeanne Brown, Martha Cox

As the election season draws to a close, members of the ILO transition team representing both Leagues in San Diego County will turn their attention to the work at hand: constructing a format for both Leagues to communicate, to collaborate and to consider issues of regional importance.

Whether your interest is land use, natural resources, education, health and safety or regional governance, your League participation on a regional committee, comprised of members of both Leagues, will assist both Leagues in covering regional issues previously addressed by the Inter-League Organization (ILO.)

We will share more information with you as the work of the ILO transition team moves forward, but it will help us in our organizational discussions if we have a sense of your support. Please respond directly to us ([Jeanne](#) or [Martha](#)) to indicate your interest in participating in the regional committees. Thank you.



The Day After

By Mary Thompson

As we ricochet toward November 8th, no matter the outcome, we are exhausted and apprehensive. We don't really need to wait for the final count, we KNOW we're divided and that causes serious thinkers to worry about how we will find our path forward.

In his 2016 book about the profound and beautiful paradox that is America, [*The Reunited States of America: How We Can Bridge the Partisan Divide*](#), author Mark Gerzon offers this: Relationships matter. By taking the time to learn how others different from you think, feel, and how to reach them, you will be more effective . . . and so will our community and our country.

Coming off this highly partisan election, Gerzon argues that the freedom to BE partisan is healthy when it is grounded in oneness. The balance aspired to by our Founders, *E Pluribus Unum*: Out of Many, One, is an achievable goal. It's about being many states, but one nation. Political scientists call this *pluralism*, being different AND connected. So pluralism is an achievement.

Getting there means remembering what joins us together—the values that we share in common. If we take the time to listen, seek understanding, and build relationships, we may find new solutions or at least new attitudes.

All of this means action, the kind of action for which this League is well suited.

- Energetic engagement with diversity.
- Seeking understanding across lines of difference.
- Holding our deepest differences, not in isolation, but in relationship to one another.
- Being at the table — with one's commitments.
- Committed to dialogue.

“Action is the bridge between thought and reality.”
— Richie Norton

Annual Fiscal Report 2015-2016

By Arlene Meadows, Treasurer

As required by the LWVNCSD By-laws, here is the Fiscal Report for our last Financial Year.

Beginning Balance 7/1/2015 .	
Checking	13,374.41
Savings	27,711.95
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	560.13
Total Assets	41,655.98
Ending Balance 6/30/2016	
Checking	13,834.64
Savings	27,725.87
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	550.53
CA Guides Inventory	251.75
Total Assets	42,372.28

LPF and CA Guides Inventory listings are the value of the license plate frames purchased for our fundraiser and the California Guides to Government books for sale and gifts, but not sold to date.

Total Income	19,322.43
Total Expenses	18,229.03
Net Income/(Loss)	1,093.40

The annual filings with the IRS, CA FTB and California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts have been filed for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

Please contact Treasurer, Arlene Meadows, 760-751-2049, lwvncsd@gmail.com for additional information.

The logo for the League of Women Voters (LWV) features the letters 'LWV' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. A red brushstroke underline is positioned beneath the letters.

LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

THE AFTERMATH:

A Unique Opportunity to Get the Experts' Opinions on the Elections!!!!

Thursday, November 17

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

2150 Harbor Drive, San Diego

\$35 by Monday, November 14, 2016 or \$40 at the door

Speakers



Carl Luna, Professor of Political Science, San Diego Mesa College and Visiting Professor at the University of San Diego.



Michael Vu, Registrar of Voters, San Diego County, the eighth largest election jurisdiction in the country.

Come hear Vu and Luna share their insights and unique perspectives on one of the most important elections of our lifetime. These speakers will address such questions as -

- ◆ How do the number and demographics of registered voters in 2016 differ from the 2012 election?
- ◆ How many registered voters actually voted by demographics?
- ◆ Has the Initiative Process gone off the rails?
- ◆ What changes should be made for future elections?
- ◆ How can the League be most effective in educating voters?

Questions that you will bring to the discussion...

Lunch with the League: Election Recap, November 17, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____ by Nov 13. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with PayPal www.lwvsandiego.org Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$35, 'purpose' November Luncheon.



Voter Service Volunteers (left to right): Jackie Stone, Pat Coony, Joanne Fink, Judith King, Cathy Greene at the Forum on Measure R in Del Mar.

**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**
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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of 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
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272
or join online at:

http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

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Dues:

- \$30 **FIRST** year
- \$60/year
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle

I am interested in the following:

- Voter Service
- Public Policy and Action
- Natural Resources and Land Use
- Organizational Support
- Community Outreach
- Health
- Book Group
- Other _____



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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.

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

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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