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| Sat, Sept 27 10 – 11:30 am | Civil Discourse Mtg San Marcos Library |

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Tom Reeser

**LWVNCSD
Kick-Off
Sept. 7, 2014
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Let's Get Together at League's Fall Kick-Off Event!

It's time to meet old friends, and make new friends too, at the League's September Kick-Off Event. Come celebrate the League with the year's first special event, Sunday, September 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dove Library in Carlsbad.

Enjoy refreshments in the courtyard while exploring the many opportunities to participate in our League activities this year. Tables will feature information about the Voter Service activities for September and October, the Book Club, the Civil Discourse study group, our Observer Corps, and the Speakers Bureau.

The highlight of the afternoon will be our featured speaker, Tom Reeser of KOCT, one of two non-profit television channels in San Diego County. Tom Reeser has been the Executive Director of KOCT for 24 years. He is also an independent filmmaker, and was recently inducted into the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle recognizing his over 25 years of contribution to the television industry. KOCT has received an award for its commitment to Human Rights and for the Best All-Around Public Educational and Community Media. Tom, an inspiring speaker, is looking forward to meeting all of you and answering your questions.

MEMBERS: Please bring a sweet or savory finger food for our potluck table. And remember to invite a friend or neighbor who would like to learn more about our League. For more information contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, clgspeced@sbcglobal.net.

See you there!

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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.

Co-Presidents' Message:



Carol Grimes-Gartland



Cathy Greene

Dear Members and Friends,

We hope that your summer, like ours, was filled with relaxation, fun, friends and family.

Join new and old League friends at the Kick Off on September 7th. At the September 18th, Lunch with League, great speakers will discuss climate change and its impact on San Diego County.

Our League is much in demand for the fall election season. Anne Omsted chairs the popular Pro/Con presentations. Roni Seay, our Candidates' Forums chair needs volunteers to help with timing, distributing question cards and information, sorting audience questions, and moderating. These election events are fun ways to get involved with League. Training and mentoring is provided. Let Anne and Roni know that you are ready to help.

For a different type of entertainment, join the Observer Corps. The Corps is composed of League members who quietly and neutrally monitor the meetings of local city councils, school boards, and regional agencies. You can learn what goes on in your community while being the "eyes and ears" of the League and your fellow citizens.

For interesting conversation and challenging ideas, join our Book Club or the Civil Discourse group.

Our League is a co-host for the **LWVC Convention, May 15 - 17, 2015, in San Diego**. You won't want to miss this opportunity to attend and volunteer.

None of this exciting year happens without you, our League members. Soon, you will receive a membership renewal letter. We need your support, your input, and your encouragement. Our communities need you too; they rely on us for unbiased, non-partisan help and information. When your membership renewal arrives, please renew promptly.

We welcome your comments and suggestions at any time; if you have ideas to make this League even better or programs you would like to see, please send them to Carol or Cathy or any board member. Let's make this a great year for all of our members.

Cathy Greene,
Carol Grimes-Gartland

September Meetings

LWVNCSO Kick-Off Event

Sunday • September 7

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Meet old and new members at this event held at the Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. See page one for more details.

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • September 15

1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, September 15 at 1 PM at the home of Ann Patton to discuss *The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer. The author has put together a compelling story of how wealth has concentrated itself in the United States in the second half of the twentieth century, and the first decade of the 21st. Call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net

Carlsbad Unit

No Meeting in September

All members are encouraged to attend the Kick-Off event. The Unit will meet on Thursday October 16, to discuss the Pros and Cons of November Ballot measures, and, time permitting, the Carlsbad General Plan.

LWVSD/LWVNCSO Lunch with League

Thursday • September 18 • 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Call your friends, get a carpool going, and head to San Diego on September 18 for a fascinating discussion and the latest information on climate change and its effects and challenges on San Diego County.

LWVNCSO is proud to be a co-sponsor of Lunch with LWVSD this September 18, 11:30 to 1:30 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego. There will be speakers from

Welcome new
members!

Margaret Engel
Elizabeth McNeill
Kimber Quinney

Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the San Diego Foundation.

Deadline for registering is September 15th so don't be late! Cost for League members is \$30. See the flyer for more information.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

Wednesday • Sept. 24

1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Anne Patton:

We have changed the dates and times of the Unit meetings to the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.



The September meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on the 24th at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester, Cardiff. We will have freshly baked cookies. Please bring your own drinks. We will discuss ballot pros and cons for the November election. Please bring note paper and your questions. You know how important this is, not only as League members, but as someone who can help others with their ballots.

Parking instructions: Park at the South end of the Temple Soliel lot, walk to Manchester, turn right at the first driveway, walk to nearly the end turn left. You will see the Dining Room. Enter and ask for the Town Hall Room. Tell staff that you are with League. For more information call Anne Findlay Patton 858-759-2715, cell: 858-227-4905

Civil Discourse Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Saturday • Sept. 27 • 10:00 – 11:30 am

Join us at our next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marco

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that need resistance
To the right
that needs assistance
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Give yourselves
Carrie Chapman Catt



LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

Climate Change and Its Challenges

Thursday, September 18, 2014

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

\$30 by
September 15
for
members

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant
2150 Harbor Island Drive SD 92101

\$35 for
non-members
or late
signups

Moderator: Cary D. Lowe, Land Use Attorney and Mediator,
National Conflict Resolution Center

Timu Gallien, UCSD Chancellor's Fellow and Postdoctoral Scholar,
Scripps Institution of Oceanography, *"Researching Coastal Flood Risk
from Sea Level Rise, Storm Events, and Urbanization"*

Nicola Hedge, Director, Climate Initiative, The San Diego Foundation,
"Deepening Community Preparedness for Impacts of Climate Change"

Kayla Race, Policy Advocate, Environmental Health Coalition,
"The Politics of Passing Climate Action Plans"



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LWVSD Luncheon — Climate Change — Thursday, September 18

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Deadline September 15

Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$30, 'purpose' September Luncheon

LWVUS 2014 CONVENTION



By Jackie Stone

It was my great pleasure and privilege to be the LWVNCSD local league delegate to the national League's 51st biennial convention in Dallas, Texas from June 7 through June 10.

Thank you! What an experience it was! The excitement was palpable from the beginning to end and I found myself wishing that each of you could have been there to share it! Each day of the lively four day gathering began in the early hours and kept a blistering pace until late evening.

A somewhat unusual highlight was the floor nomination of Florida's League president, Deidre Macnab, challenging the re-election of national League president, Elisabeth MacNamara, who was on the nominating committee's slate. After both candidates led their supporters in robust campaigning which could teach our politicians a thing or two about civility and graciousness, Elisabeth MacNamara was re-elected for her third term.

Throughout the gathering, delegates rallied around the League's Power the Vote Initiative for their elections work this year, and set the LWVUS program agenda for the next two years, vowing to continue our fight for voting rights and campaign finance reform. In addition, delegates reinforced the League's efforts to combat climate change and adopted a three-part program focusing on key structures of American democracy, including campaign finance reform, the constitutional amendment process, and redistricting reform for the U.S. Congress. "League delegates are deeply concerned about the big money that is polluting our elections," said President MacNamara. The League also adopted a position on human trafficking enabling state and local Leagues across the country to take

action protecting victims of such crimes. In other action, a resolution was passed to restore voting rights in federal elections to citizens with felony convictions who have been released from prison or who have been paroled or placed on probation.

The yearly amount that local leagues will pay to the national League for each member beginning in 2014-2015 was raised to \$31 in 2012, but the motion to raise that rate to \$32 beginning in 2015-2016 was defeated.

Elsewhere in our *VOTER* you will read about our LWVC state convention in San Diego, which promises us an opportunity for a close-to-home experience with League Conventions. Be there and be active! You'll love it!

The League lost two long-time Carlsbad Unit members this summer, **Gerry Williams** and **Dolores Kronenberg**.

Gerry was active in the unit, serving at its chair for two years and as Observer Chair. Dolores belonged to the book group and was invaluable in Voter Service activities that required a Spanish speaker.

Action Report



By Margie Monroy

At the suggestion of League member, Diane Nygaard, and with the approval of the board and the Carlsbad Unit, Co-President Cathy Greene addressed the Carlsbad City Council in June regarding park issues in that city. We commented on the proposed sale for development of the city-owned Buena Vista Reservoir site. This property is in a section of the city, which counts school grounds to meet the park requirements of its Growth Management Plan. As a consequence, the only park for this neighborhood is a school ground which can only be used during school hours and is locked at all other times except for organized sports events.

League requested that the City Council review all excess city-owned properties to determine their potential for use as city parks and specifically delay the sale of Buena Vista Reservoir until the adoption of the new General Plan. The council agreed to do so.

County League Day

By Cathy Greene

This annual event was held Friday August 22nd at the New County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. County League Day celebrates our San Diego County League (our Inter-League Organization) and brings together our North County League and the San Diego League for a half day of meeting old and new League friends, hearing the President of the LWV California, Helen Hutchison, speak on Advocacy: the League Way, and included lunch and a tour of the new building housing the County Registrar of Voters.

We hope you did not miss the fun!

Election Year Activities and Events

By Cathy Greene

Being elected Co-President of our League did not let me off the hook as far as Voter Service goes! Since I have no replacement as Voter Service Chair (so far), I am doing double duty. However, two talented and experienced League members have jumped in to save the day. Anne Omsted and Roni Seay will oversee the requests that we anticipate this election season for Pro/Con presentations (Anne) and Candidate Forums (Roni).

In fact, Anne and Roni are already working hard on these events. At this time, we have five Pro/Con presentations and four Candidate Forums scheduled with many more requests to come. It will be a busy two months this fall.

The success of these events depends, not just on the chairperson, but on all of us. And what great opportunities there are for you to help offer non-partisan, unbiased, accurate information about the ballot measures and the candidates to our communities.

A bonus is that it is great fun to help with Voter Service events. There are small jobs and big jobs—something for everyone. And while you are helping, you are learning about the issues and candidates that we must make decisions about this election season.

There has been one training session for Pro/Con presenters but Anne is willing to have another training session for those who might be interested. Roni will soon be recruiting helpers for the candidate forums—she will need timers, questions sorters, runners, and moderators. Don't know what these jobs are? Don't worry—they are easy to learn and you will get training and mentoring. When Roni or Anne ask for help—please say yes! Voter Service is the heart of the League and our programs make a difference!

Contact Roni Seay, Anne Omsted, or Cathy Greene with questions or to volunteer.

Ready for a New Challenge? LWVC is looking for new Board Members!

If you, or someone you know, is ready to expand League participation beyond our local level, the League of Women Voters California is looking for a few good women (and men)! Nominations are being taken for the LWVC Board of Directors and for the LWVC Nominating Committee for the 2015-2017 Slate.

To read a FAQ's sheet and to see the nominating form, contact Cathy Greene. You may contact the Nominating Committee Chair directly; she is Caroline de Llamas at nominating@lwvc.org.

DEADLINE : September 1st.

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Please don't hesitate to check out our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersNorthCountySanDiego>.

This is a great marketing tool for LWVNCSD. Sharing with your friends, will help us reach out to prospective members. Our page has 135 "likes" from community leaders, league leaders and members from all over the county and beyond.

Our events are posted in the Events section. If you are "on" Facebook please go to our Kick-Off Event and invite your friends. **Thanks from your Webmaster and Social Media Maven - Suzanne Carneiro.**



Civil Discourse Work Expands with the Creation of the *San Diego Deliberation Network*

By Martha Cox and Mary Thompson



Now that summer is coming to a close, with the fall Kick-Off right around the corner, your thoughts are possibly turning to ways in which you might engage with your family of Leaguers and serve our communities in the process. Volunteering for voter service activities is at the top of the list for many, after all that's the reason most of us joined League.

Civic engagement takes many forms, however, and in March, we shared the ways in which civil discourse members are engaged year-round. Please visit our table at the fall Kick-Off to learn more about our League's participation in the San Diego Deliberation Network - a regional collaborative including the Institute of Civil Civic Engagement, the San Diego Foundation's Burnham Center for Civic Engagement, and every major academic institution in San Diego: CSUSM, SDSU, UCSD, USD, Point Loma Nazarene and San Diego City College. In addition, within League, we are engaging with

Leagues from San Diego, Capistrano Bay, Santa Monica and San Luis Obispo – each has expressed interest in learning about our work.

While the toxic talk of campaigns may be with us for a while, collectively, our goal is to impact the tone of the public discourse in the San Diego region by bringing members of the community together to gather understanding about an issue, to talk and to listen to each other in shared, respectful conversation. You are invited to join us at our next meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos.

Save the Date:
“Let The Sunshine In”
May 15-17, 2015 in San Diego
Be sure to [mark your calendar!](#)
This opportunity only comes around once every two years.

Held in May in odd-numbered years, our Convention is the chance for all League members in our state to network, share their skills, and make a difference. Non-members are also warmly invited to attend top-notch workshops, experience fascinating guest speakers, and to observe how such a legendary grassroots organization sets priorities and discusses vital issues.



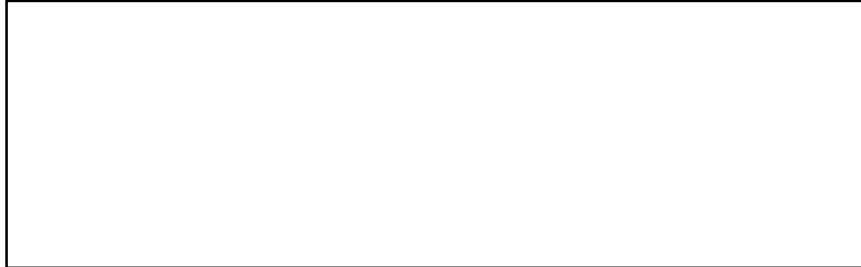


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