



League of Women Voters

North County San Diego

VOTER

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.

Calendar

Friday, Sept. 8 10 am

Board Meeting at LWD, C'bad

Monday, Sept. 11 10 am

Health Interest Group
at the home of Jane Dunmeyer

Tuesday, Sept. 12 1:30 pm

Women's Interest Group
at the home of Jackie Stone

Saturday, Sept. 16

Voter Registration Training
time and place to be determined

Sunday, Sept. 17 2:00 pm

Turquoise Party at an exquisite
home in Oceanside

Monday, Sept. 18 1:00 pm

Book Group
at the home of Anne Omsted

Thursday, Sept. 21 10:00 am

Carlsbad Unit Meeting at LWD

Saturday, Sept 23 10:00 am -1 pm

LWD Open House

Saturday, Sept. 23 1:30 - 4:00 pm

LWV Fall Kickoff

Tuesday, Sept. 26

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, Sept. 26 12 Noon

Oceanside Unit Meeting
at the Buena Vista Nature Center

Wednesday, Sept. 27 11:30 AM

Lunch with League
at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, San Diego

Thursday, Sept 28 10:00 am

San Dieguito Unit
United Methodist Church, Encinitas



LWV Fall Kickoff Is All About Voting

LWVNCSD Fall Kickoff

Saturday, September 23 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Carlsbad Woman's Club

320 Monroe Street, Carlsbad CA

Members and guests are enthusiastically invited to attend the League Fall Kick-off Event on Saturday, September 23rd at 1:30 pm at the lovely Carlsbad Woman's Club at 3320 Monroe Street.

LWV is very pleased to have **San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu** come to talk about important new California state laws that will dramatically change our voting process and observations on how voting went in 2016. Mr. Vu will also share his thoughts on voter suppression and alleged voter fraud in the United States.

It promises to be a fascinating afternoon with plenty of time for questions for Mr. Vu.

Refreshments will be served.



**Message
From
President
Anne
Omsted**

September is the month when the League of Women Voters really begins to gear up. We are having a training session on how to register people to vote on September 16, a *Turquoise Party* at a lovely oceanfront home on September 17, an official kickoff meeting on September 23, where we will hear San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu. We are participating in the national Voter Registration Day project, joining hundreds of other Leagues and other groups who are planning to register people to vote throughout the U.S. There will be unit meetings and special interest group meetings plus our book group meeting in September. Read the details in this Voter.

We have not been asleep all summer. In July, I read a prepared statement to the NCTD Board of Directors encouraging them to not decrease any routes or increase fares, but continue to serve the large group of residents who rely on public transportation to get through their daily tasks. In August, we sent a letter to the Escondido City Council urging them to carefully examine all the implications before outsourcing Escondido Library services. We conducted a very well attended Candidates Forum for the three candidates running for Representative Darrell Issa's 47th District seat. Your Board met in August to plan the coming year. We listened to Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Management and Training Advisor, discuss areas of interest, and became better acquainted.

Please keep an eye out for every *VOTER*. It comes around the first of each month and is vital to keeping you informed about what is going on with League during the coming month. You will also be updated on actions

taken by the Board, future items of interest, and information about important issues that take some thinking about before we ask you to join in for future planning. Check out our website, www.lwvncsd.org. Our wonderful webmaster, Suzanne Carneiro, works hard to make sure that local and national news of special interest to League members is posted. She also maintains our Facebook and Twitter feeds.

So, I urge you to join us in this new year of working for transparency in government, educating yourself and your family and friends about important issues, learning how government issues are viewed by the League of Women Voters, and making new friends. I welcome any suggestions or thoughts you might want to share to make our League function better. Please feel free to call or email me.

Anne

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2017-2018**

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Sex Trafficking

One of the Crimes of Human Trafficking

by Pat Yeakley

How much do you know about San Diego’s problem of sex trafficking? Take the test below and see how close you are to the correct answers.

In San Diego County, there are an estimated 8,000 – 12,000 sex traffic victims being exploited.

- a. What percentage are young girls? _____
- b. What percentage are local residents (not from other countries)? _____

Oceanside, Vista and San Marcos host a number of gangs that find and recruit many of these victims.

- c. What is the average recruitment age for girls? _____
- d. What is the average recruitment age for boys? _____
- e. 1 out of 5 homeless youth will be approached in the street within how many hours of their appearance? _____
- f. What is the average gross income of a facilitator involved in sex trafficking? _____

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Sex trafficking is San Diego County’s second largest underground economy. (Number 1 is drug trafficking).

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SAVE THE DATE and join the conversation on **October 21 at 9:15 am** when our League is holding a forum on sex trafficking at the Schulman auditorium at the Dove Library in Carlsbad. There will be the video, “Chosen” The speakers are San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan, Jaimee Johnson, a survivor, and Kaye Van Nevel of Soroptimist International of Vista.

Answers:

- a. 98% b. 80% c. 12-16 d. 11-13
- e. 48 hours f. \$670,625

Turquoise Party

Sunday, September 17, 2 - 5 pm

Do you love the stone or color turquoise? Our League is hosting a Turquoise Party on Sunday, September 17 as a fundraiser. The idea is that you come wearing either turquoise jewelry of some sort or some visible article of turquoise colored clothing, or both!

Wines, cheeses, chocolates and punch will be served. Four private turquoise jewelry collections will be on display.

The location is in a lovely private home on the beach in Oceanside. This is intended to be an entertaining and restful gathering of League members and their friends which will also raise a little money to pay our bills during the coming year.

The cost will be \$35.00 per person. Reserve your place and send a check to LWVNCSD, PO Box 131232, Carlsbad CA 92013-1272. You will be given the party address after your check is received.

Please call Anne Omsted if you have any questions.



Meetings and News - All Members and Guests are Welcome

LWVNCSD Board Meeting on Friday, September 8 at 10 am

The LWVNCSD board generally meets on the second Friday of the Month at the Leucadia Wastewater District offices, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad CA 92009. Members are very welcome—please notify Anne Omsted if you

Health Interest Group Meeting on Monday, September 11, at 10 am

Health Interest Group members and others who are interested in the subject will meet at the home of Jane Dunmeyer. *Contact Jane Dunmeyer for more information.*

Women's Interest Group (WIG) Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 pm

The Women's Interest Group will meet at the home of Jackie Stone. Much of the work will center around plans for the Forum on Sex-Trafficking scheduled for October 21. *Contact Nancy Hand for more information.*

LWVNCSD Book Group Meeting on Monday, September 18, at 1:00 pm

The meeting will be held at the home of Anne Omsted. Karen Vanderwerken will lead the discussion of *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem. *Contact Kathy Anderson for more information.*

Carlsbad Unit Meeting on Thursday, September 21 at 10 am

The Carlsbad Unit will meet Thursday, September 21 at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office to kick off a new year of projects and activism. Members will decide on issues they wish to pursue and topics for open meetings with the public. New participants are welcome. *Contact Norelynn Pion-Goureau.*

Oceanside Unit Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, at 12 noon

The Oceanside Unit will meet at the Buena Vista Nature Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054. We will continue to explore the Oceanside issues that interest us most. *Contact Nancy Sublette for more information.*

Lunch With League on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:30 am - 2 pm

Lunch with the League at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, in San Diego \$35.00/person. **"Could A Charlottesville Happen Here? What Can We Do To Embrace Our Diversity?"** Panelists include representatives from the ACLU, LGBTQ, CAIR (council on Islamic Relations) and others.

Please go to the LWV San Diego's website www.lwvsd.org for more details and to find out where to send your reservation check.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting on Thursday, September 28, 10 am - Noon

The San Dieguito Unit will meet at the United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024

Calle Magdalena is just east of the I-5 and south of Encinitas Blvd. After a two month summer break, we will get an update from Elizabeth Brady and Katie Wheeler on the status of our Voter Registration planning, availability of Voter Registration forms at public places, digital and media outreach, and a re-cap of how our first League Voter Registration project went on 9/26 during National Voter Registration Day. I hope you were able to get to the training on 9/16 to be trained on how to register people to vote by paper or online, That knowledge will be invaluable as we carry out our project goals during the next year. Please plan to come, participate, and let's get to work! *Call Anne Omsted if you have any questions.*

Voter Service

Training for Voter Registration Saturday, September 16

This will be the best opportunity for members to learn how to register voters. It is not very difficult but you do need to be thorough and know how to do it correctly and how to answer frequently asked questions.

We will send out an e-blast as soon as the time and place for training have been determined.

National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, September 26

What's special about the fourth Tuesday in September? It's **National Voter Registration Day**. This celebration of democracy falls on Sept 26 this year.

The League is an official partner in the effort to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. Although only 5 years old, Voter Registration Day is making an impact. Last year the national "hit the streets" campaign reached over 750,000 voters. But it's not just about registering to vote. During this day of civic unity, citizens can learn about how to get election reminders, information on voting by mail, and other vital information. As we go to press, plans are being made for how our local League will participate this year. Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of it.

We just got word we will be supporting Voter Registration Day with an event at CSUSM. We will be looking for volunteers to register students that day. Members can contact Elizabeth Brady at e.b.brady@gmail.com or 630-346-0045 to volunteer.

Candidates Forum August 12 LWV Success!

Our League moderated a candidate's forum for the Democratic Club of Vista on August 12 for an audience of more than 400 people who wanted to learn about the three candidates who have announced they are running against Representative Darrell Issa in the 49th district.

After the forum Elizabeth Brady wrote: "What an incredible inaugural event for the 2018 campaign cycle yesterday was. Everyone executed their jobs perfectly and I don't think it could have gone much better from a volunteer standpoint. We really brought the A team and the audience knew it. I have never heard so many compliments from the audience about our team, particularly Anne."

Anne Omsted moderated, Kathy Christy was the timer and Cathy Greene, Roni Seay and Connie Ulrich sorted questions. Judith King, Nancy Reed, Martha Cox and Suzanne Carneiro assisted at the forum as well.

Anne Omsted said that Elizabeth Brady did a stellar job of organizing our forum team!

Leucadia Wastewater District Open House

The Board agreed that we would have a table at the LWD event on Saturday, September 23, at LWD, Leucadia Wastewater District offices, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad from 10 am - 1 pm. We will need volunteers to work at an LWV information and voter registration table. Contact Elizabeth Brady if you wish to volunteer.

Welcome New Members!

Audrey Albert
Oceanside

Karen Miller
San Diego

Annette Winter
Carlsbad

Membership Renewals

Watch your postal service mail in early September for your letter asking you to renew your membership. Dues will be due on October 1 and a timely payment is greatly appreciated. You may pay by check using the enclosed return-address envelope or you may conveniently pay online at our website, www.lwvncsd.org using PayPal.

If by chance you have misplaced your League Membership Roster, contact Roni Seay at RoSeay@aol.com to ask for another one.

LWV Diversity Policy

The LWV, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWVUS/LWVEF on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

The LWV recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. The LWVUS/LWVEF subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

Issues Concerning Homelessness

by Bill Loftus

What can we do about the homeless people we see on the streets? It seems like the numbers are overwhelming in San Diego City and some North County cities. Does the League have a Position on this issue?

In the face of these questions the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego (LWVNCSD) along with the League of Women Voters of San Diego (LWVSD) have formed a **Regional Committee on Homelessness** under the LWVSD's Public Policy Committee to investigate the issue on behalf of both Leagues. The Committee has met monthly since May 2017 with expert witnesses on the subject as well as with elected officials from the San Diego Region. Over the next several months the Committee will use this newsletter and other League resources to provide members accurate and current information on the state of homelessness in San Diego County and the efforts by service providers and government entities to reduce/eliminate homelessness.

Critical Questions addressed in this forum will include:

WHO are the "homeless?"

WHY do people become homeless?

WHAT can be done to end homelessness?

Should the League take a POSITION on this issue?

To begin the conversation this month we will begin by highlighting the **2017 Point-In-Time Count (PITC)** conducted by the **San Diego County Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH)**. This "count" is conducted nation-wide and is directed by HUD at the federal level, on a single night in January during the hours between 4 am and 7 am by volunteers who canvas every neighborhood in every county throughout the United States.

The number of unsheltered homeless people in the City of San Diego increased 18% from the prior January according to the PITC. The PITC numbers provide an important snapshot of the region and confirm the crisis that many of us have seen in our communities over the past year. **CAUTION:** For a number of reasons, PITC most likely understates the number of homeless, particularly where families are concerned.

Some of us in LWVNCSD might be surprised to learn that the PITC total homeless for **North County Coastal** (Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach and Del Mar) jumped 38% from January 2016 to an estimated 876 people. At the same time, **North County Inland** registered 1,159 total homeless persons. These numbers suggest that people living on the streets and in shelters are not limited to the East Village in San Diego. The City of Oceanside, for example, has the second largest growth in homeless individuals among the County's municipalities.

The "face" of homelessness has become more obvious to residents and tourists visiting San Diego when one compares that 18% increase in unsheltered homeless in San Diego with a 64% increase in the number of tents and makeshift structures blocking the sidewalks in the City. Increasingly, police departments are being tasked with ticketing homeless veterans, families and individuals who are trying to find a place to temporarily stay while seeking permanent shelter.

The homeless in our County are composed of a number of different populations. These include families and women with children who have recently lost their homes, veteran and single men and women who cannot find work. Additionally, substance abuse and mental illness are contributing problems.

Many cities ask whether or not people became homeless while living in the city (or the county) in which the survey is conducted. The survey asked unsheltered homeless individuals if they became homeless in San Diego. The majority

(77 percent) of the respondents said they became homeless in San Diego. **They didn't immigrate here because of the weather or for other reasons!**

There are **over 900 service providers** throughout San Diego County that provide food, shelter, clothing and services to the disabled and alcohol or drug addicted individuals. However, the number of people living on the streets grows each year! **Despite the good intentions and efforts of so many—those solutions are not working!**

Homelessness is a significant issue crying out for an answer in our neighborhoods and communities and the suggested strategies to address this need are many and oftentimes expensive.

Check the Calendar on the website
www.lwvncsd.org

A Little Tech:

You will soon be seeing a new look on our website. I will be moving our content over to My League Online (MyLO) soon. It's fresh and hopefully easier to navigate and find News You Can Use from all over the League universe. Info for members only will be accessible through the site. No more remembering another website address.

I'm also looking for someone who would be an additional administrator for the site. It may be something new to learn, but it's a task you can do at home and your Board and fellow members will be grateful for your involvement.

Thanks,

Suzanne Carneiro
LWVNCSD Webmaster

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National Voter Registration Day

September 26, 2017

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 _____

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Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: www.lwvncsd.org/

Dues:

____ \$30 First Year member

____ \$60/year renewal

____ \$30/year 2nd member at the 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:

____ Voter Service

____ Action and Advocacy