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Time for our LWVNCSD Annual Meeting Saturday, June 10 1 - 3 pm Carlsbad Senior Center Auditorium 799 Pine Street, Carlsbad

JUNE 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Thur, June 1** LWVC Convention
- Sun, June 4** Sacramento

- Mon, June 5** Health Interest Group Mtg
- 10 am - 12 pm **Note change of date**
- Home of Jane Dunmeyer

- Sat, June 10** LWVNCSD Annual Mtg
- 1 – 4 pm Carlsbad Senior Center
- 799 Pine Ave. Carlsbad

- Thur, June 15** Carlsbad Unit Mtg.
- 10 – 11:30 am LWD

- Fri, June 16** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
- 10 am – 12 pm **Note change of date**
- LWD Offices

- Mon, June 19** Book Group Mtg
- 1 – 3 pm Home of Nancy Telford

- Thur, June 22** San Dieguito Unit Mtg
- 10 am – 12 pm United Methodist Church
- 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas

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Speaker: Brooke Binkowski
Award- Winning Journalist

If you had to choose only one League of Women Voters North County San Diego event a year to attend, the one to choose would be our Annual Meeting. Yes, there are always great speakers at Annual Meetings, but this is the meeting where the business of our League must be done. You will determine the focus of the 2017-2018 League year. In this grassroots organization all members have a voice:

- You **vote** on a **budget**.
- You **vote** on our **program**.
- You **elect officers and directors**.
- You **give instructions** to the board.
- You **enjoy** refreshments and friendship.

Before our business meeting, we will have a great speaker, award-winning professional journalist Brooke Binkowski. She is the managing editor of Snopes.com, and has written and produced for CNN, CBS, NPR, *the Globe and Mail*, *AJ+*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and other media sources. She is a UCSD graduate with a Masters in Latin American Studies. She has been a journalist for nearly twenty years. She enjoys running and fencing, playing accordion, photography, reading, and “nearly everything else” according to KPBS.

There will be lovely light refreshments.

Hope to 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.

Thoughts about our League

Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

John Milton 1644

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Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.

Daniel Patrick Moynihan (1927-2003) Four term U.S. Senator.

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So let us begin anew--remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof.

John F. Kennedy 1961

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We are fortunate to have Brooke Binkowski, an outstanding journalist, speaking at our Annual Meeting about truth in the media and in the public arena. After her talk we'll have time to ask her further questions.

The expression "Fake News" has been on everyone's lips these days but people have argued about freedom of speech, civility and the difference between fact and opinion for centuries. The League has always been intensely interested finding the truth and helping voters determine for themselves what is true and what is false. At the LWVUS Convention in 2012 Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Professor of Communication at the Annenberg School and Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania addressed the question of judging truth in the media. League members Jackie Stone and Nancy Telford produced a talk for our Speakers Bureau on determining truth in the media.

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The nominees for the coming year are a good mix of both very experienced and new members. Anne Omsted will be a dynamic and creative President who will lead us in new directions. I am happy to continue serving on the board and working with people whom I like and truly respect.

Please come to Annual Meeting on June 10 and please remember to bring the Annual Meeting packet that was sent to you. You can also find it on our website: www.lwvnscd.org.

Hoping to see you on June 10,

Roni Seay

First Vice President & Membership Director

June Meetings

All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

Health Interest Group Meeting

Monday • June 5 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Home of Jane Dunmeyer

Please note that the meeting date has changed from the second Monday to the first Monday for our June meeting. We will be reviewing and sharpening up our presentation of our “Roadmap to Assisted Living”, because we will be presenting our talk to a Pfizer group on July 6. If you are interested in joining the group or just sitting-in on our meeting to see what we do, please call Jane at 760-473-7931 for the address and directions to the meeting. We welcome your interest.

Annual Meeting

Saturday • June 10 • 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Carlsbad Senior Center Auditorium
799 Pine Street • Carlsbad.

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Book Group Meeting

Monday • June 19
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Home of Nancy Telford

The LWVNCSD Book Group will be discussing *The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon* by Brad Stone. Nancy Telford will host the June meeting and Anne Omsted will lead the discussion.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Thursday • June 15 • 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Leucadia Wastewater District Office
1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad

Members of the Carlsbad Unit are invited to a meeting on Thursday June 15 at Wastewater Management to plan and discuss what we want to be focusing on for next year. We will be looking at areas of study and lining up speakers for our meetings. This is your chance to shape our unit to represent your interests. See you at 10:00 a.m. For information, contact Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Unit Chair, at norelynnp@gmail.com.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Thursday • June 22 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas

We are working out the details of how to register people to vote in our service area, when and where we will go to do the registering, identifying the digital networks we want to join, plan a series of articles for local media about why voting is important, examples of how one vote made a difference, the importance of local elections, etc. It will be an exciting meeting as we see our calendar for 2017-2018 laid out and begin signing up people to go and do something positive!! Any questions? Call Anne Omsted at [760-753-6970](tel:760-753-6970).

New Oceanside Unit Meeting

In response to requests, all members living in Oceanside will get an email with the details of a meeting in June. Oceanside members will work on the creation of a dynamic Unit that will focus on Oceanside issues.

At the initial Oceanside Unit Meeting Local League leaders will have suggestions but it will be up to the Unit members to decide on the direction that most interests them.

Watch for an email coming soon!

**Welcome New
Member:
Maggie Thompson**

Our LWV North County San Diego Community Service Stars:
 ★ **Jane Dunmeyer,** ★ **Martha Cox and Mary Thompson** ★
 ★ **Mario and Margie Monroy.** ★



**Jane Dunmeyer
 named
 Volunteer of the
 Year
 by
 San Diego County
 Board of
 Supervisors**

Jane Dunmeyer was named Volunteer of the Year 2017 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego for outstanding service to the Health and Human Services Agency, Aging and Independence Services, Office of the Ombudsman. She has been an ombudsman for 11 years, visiting residential care facilities for the elderly, skilled nursing facilities, and homes and training schools for developmentally disabled adults to investigate complaints, help residents know and assert their rights, and solve problems. She and a team of RNs have organized a nurse resource phone line for ombudsmen who have medical questions about resident care.



**Civility Champions:
 Martha Cox
 And Mary Thompson**

LWVNCSD members Martha Cox (second row far left) and Mary Thompson (first row 4th from left) were recognized as Civility Champions by Cal State San Marcos at the 2017 Civility Campaign celebration dinner on April 26th. The event recognized student and faculty-nominated individuals from the campus and surrounding community who displayed Civility by conducting themselves with self-reflection, care, respect, and

empathy while acknowledging the culture and humanity of others.

During the 2016-17 academic year, the Civility Campaign presented a series of civility events:

- The Civility Café Series provided opportunities to learn skills needed to engage in civil discourse.
- The Civility Dialogue Series offered opportunities for the CSUSM community to practice civil discourse with members of the community-at-large, including the League of Women Voters before the November 2016 election.

CSUSM's Civility Campaign is a campus-wide initiative with a mission to engage CSUSM students, faculty, and staff in learning opportunities to create a community that navigates social justice issues and multiple perspectives through self-reflection, care, respect, and empathy while acknowledging the culture and humanity of others. The Civility Campaign operates as a committee made up of representatives from several divisions, including those from Student Life & Leadership, the University Student Union, Community Engagement and the Office of Diversity and Educational Equity & Inclusion.



**Mario &
 Margie
 Monroy
 Honored by
 State
 Legislature**

Carlsbad Unit members Mario and Margie Monroy were honored with a Certificate of Recognition from the State Legislature for their years of dedication to the mission of La Posada de Guadalupe de Carlsbad, a shelter for homeless men.

Observer Luncheon Reports

Connie Ulrich, Observer Chair

Our thanks and appreciation to the hostesses of the two unit Observer Reports Luncheons: Suzanne Carneiro made the Spyglass Point Clubhouse available for the Carlsbad unit luncheon on Saturday, May 13 and Nancy Hand hosted the San Dieguito unit in her home on Wednesday, May 17. Hats off to Nancy for both hosting the luncheon and providing a report on the status of the Polo Grounds.

And thank you to our dedicated observers: Shirley Anderson, Carlsbad City Council; Kathy Christy, Oceanside Library Board of Trustees; Nancy Dietrich, 22nd Ag. Assoc. (Del Mar Fairgrounds); Jane Dunmeyer, Tri-City Hospital District Board; Joyce Joseph, San Dieguito Union High School District Board; Lois Martyns, Carlsbad Planning Commission; Barbara Mendell & Nancy Hand, Mira Costa College Board of Trustees; Jackie Stone, Carlsbad Library Board of Trustees; Connie Ulrich, Palomar Airport Advisory Board.

The luncheons are held twice a year. If you were unable to join us this time, we hope to see you at the next Observer Corps Luncheons in December. The potluck will be delicious and you'll find the reports interesting and informative.

In the meantime, Suzanne Carneiro is compiling the observer reports and will make them available on our members' only website:

www.members.lwvncsd.org

Flickr *What's that?*

By Suzanne Carneiro, Webmaster

Until a few years ago our longtime member, Naomi Marblestone, took photos and made scrapbooks of our events. For the last few years, photos have been taken by me and others who have stepped in to document our activities

So instead of scrapbooks we now have **Flickr**. Much can be done with **Flickr** but right now I just upload photos and put them in an album identifying the event. **Flickr** is easily accessible from our website. Just click on the icon on the sidebar of the website and it will take you right to it. You can even download any photo you like. New members may

want to see some of our past events We've been busy.

These days it's not necessary to carry a camera with you. I use a smartphone and have no plans to replace my old camera. If you are at an event and want to take a shot of a group of people attending or anything that reflects the event I would appreciate it. I would be glad to show you an easy way to send those photos to me and you may see them on our website as well as on **Flickr**.

Feedback is always appreciated so I would be glad to hear from you.

Be sure and keep an eye out for information about our September Kickoff meeting. We will have all the details for you in the September Voter. We are planning a talk by an expert on a topic which is near and dear to the heart of every League member.



League Celebrates Supreme Court Ruling in North Carolina Redistricting

By Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC – The United States Supreme Court ruled Monday that North Carolina lawmakers used racial considerations to draw congressional districts following the 2010 Census. This unconstitutional racial gerrymandering benefited one political party's power in the state.

"This is a major win in the battle for fair election districts," said League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson**. "The Court rejected North Carolina's claim that a racial gerrymander can be justified by arguing that it is a political gerrymander, which is allowed by law."

The League of Women Voters filed an [amicus brief](#) with the Campaign Legal Center in this case, arguing that "post hoc explanations by the legislature that the lines it drew were based on partisan concerns cannot override evidence that race, not politics, was the primary motivation in drawing district lines."

"This is a critical win where racial and political gerrymanders intersect," continued Carson. "The claim by the North Carolina legislature that the lines drawn were based on partisan concerns cannot override evidence that race, not politics, was the primary motivation in drawing district lines."

The Court rejected this argument twice.

First, it held that the actual evidence in the case showed that this was a racial gerrymander. Second, it rejected the state's argument that a unique type of evidence, which was not present, is required to overcome the state's claim that a political rather than a racial gerrymander took place.

Help Wanted!

Do you follow county government closely? Or are you really interested in a single issue, such as climate change, the environment, water, land use, health, social policies, education, or transportation? Do you belong to other organizations that focus on one or more of these issues?

Then we need you to be our eyes, ears, and brains on regional issues in North County. Our League is recruiting a team of League members who will watch for and report on important regional issues.

This is a great opportunity to participate in League work on many levels of involvement. You get to choose! You might be just the person to alert us to a potential regional problem, to let us know what other groups are doing on an issue, to conduct research or to share your expertise, to follow board meetings of a county agency, or to serve on a League committee to address an urgent countywide concern.

To apply to serve on the regional issues team or to ask questions about this exciting opportunity, please contact Cathy Greene at csgreene49@aol.com

Stay Connected and Share

Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info
www.lwvncsd.org

Check out our Twitter feed on the website. It's on the left sidebar under "Tweets by @LWVNCSD". You don't even have to have a Twitter account. You can see retweets from other Leagues, non-profits and news organizations. Maybe it will inspire you to get on board.

Thanks

Suzanne

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

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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and mail to:

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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



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We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.