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### APRIL 2013 AT A GLANCE

<b>Tues, Apr. 2</b> 10 am - 12 pm	Climate Change Comm. LWD Offices, Cld Bd Rm
<b>Sat, Apr. 6</b> 2 - 4 pm	River Park Walk see article inside
<b>Mon, Apr. 8</b> 1 - 3 pm	Quad Cities Unit Mtg Vista Library Comm Rm
<b>Fri, Apr. 12</b> 10 am - 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices, Training Rm
<b>Mon, Apr. 15</b> 1:15 - 3:00 pm	Book Group Home of N. Marblestone
<b>Apr. 17 - 18</b> various	Monitor Student Elections <b>MiraCosta College</b>
<b>Wed, Apr. 17</b> 1:30 - 3:00 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village, Cardiff
<b>Thur, Apr. 18</b> 10 am - 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD Offices Board Rm
<b>Sun, Apr. 21</b> 10 am - 5 pm	Earth Day in Balboa Park Visit LWV's booth
<b>Thur, Apr. 25</b> 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	LWVSD Luncheon 94th Aero Squadron, SD
<b>Sat, Apr. 27</b> 10 - 11:30 am	Civil Discourse Mtg San Marcos Library

### ~ Looking Ahead ~

<b>May 6</b>	Forum on US Census
<b>May 23</b>	<b>SD ILO Council</b>
<b>May 17 - 19</b>	LWVC Convention San Jose
<b>June 8</b>	LWVNCSD Annual Mtg

**Stay Informed; check the Master Calendar on the "member only" page often**

**Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome.**

**Visit us on the web:** [www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)

**Or contact us by phone or mail:**  
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### ✓ vote for the Environment!

Celebrate **Earth Day 2013** All Month Long  
by Liz Gabrych, Director, Natural Resources

Some simple things you can do to celebrate Earth Day on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- Spend time in nature (or just sit in the sun).
- Start a new "green" habit (or just swap out a light bulb).
- Read up on the issues (or just watch a video).
- Take a hike! Join the North County San Diego League as we walk the Dirt Devil Nature Trail on Sunday, April 6th from 2 - 4 pm (details on p. 3).
- Visit the League of Women Voters booth at the Earth Day Celebration Balboa Park from 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday, April 21st. Cast your ballot to name your water (details on p. 3)!

### Videos:

"Earth the Operators' Manual – Part I" on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RyvpsIx47E>

*The excellent "user friendly" and definitive scientific explanation of global climate change by award winning geoscientist Richard Alley.*

"Earth the Operators' Manual – Parts II & III" on PBS Earth Day Sunday 4/21/13 at 7pm

### Websites:

50 Ways to Help the Planet:

<http://www.50waystohelp.com/>

Surfrider Foundation: <http://www.surfrider.org/>

San Diego Botanic Garden: <http://www.sdbgarden.org/>

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy:

<http://www.sanelijo.org/welcome-san-elijo-lagoon-conservancy>

San Dieguito River Park: <http://www.sdrp.org/>

Earth Day: <http://www.earthday.org>

*Earth Day Event details on page 3...*

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*Thank You!* **Contributors**

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## President's Message

*by Mary Crowley, President*



Tax Day – April 15. Instead of the usual images associated with this day, let's think about what our tax dollars do. We – as

a country, state, local community – decide what our priorities are. We decide every time we vote, every time we write a letter to our elected officials, every time we attend a community forum.

Taxes matter. Our past decisions – and tax dollars – created the productive society that we live in. These past decisions built the interstate highway system, libraries, schools, and the court system that we use today. Clean air and safe water are only possible because we have chosen to create the regulatory systems that protect us. Our tax dollars today will help maintain these systems and pay the salaries of the men and women who fight our fires and the teachers in our schools who are training the workers of the future. The dollars we pay today build the communities we want to live in tomorrow.

Currently many businesses in California pay lower taxes because they benefit from tax breaks. These businesses benefit from the things that taxes pay for: our roads, our police and fire protection, the workforce trained in our California schools and colleges. While we hear that these tax breaks help provide new jobs, there are no procedures in place to require these businesses to keep track of just how many jobs they create with the extra money. Accountability requirements tied to tax breaks would allow the public to see how the companies spend the money that would otherwise go to pay for public programs.

We all benefit from the things our taxes buy. We may not need to be happy about paying our taxes, but we can acknowledge the good things that these taxes do.

*Mary*

*Reprinted from LWVC "Letter from the League" March, 2013*



## Earth Day Events con't...

It's being called "North County's Natural Treasure, a Vision of Success", and it is right in our backyard.

The **San Dieguito River Park** is a natural open space park that runs from the coast at Del Mar, to Volcan Mountain near Julian, with entry points to trails, historical points of interest, and interpretive centers all along the way.

The seed of the idea for the River Park began in 1986 when a group of active citizens gathered with the intention of protecting the San Dieguito Lagoon from development (the lagoon to the east of the Del Mar Fair grounds). That idea grew into the concept of a continuous trail system that would run the entire 55-mile length of the San Dieguito river with a "Coast to Crest" trail.

Today, 37 miles of the trails have been built and the planning area for the park extends to the "viewshed of the San Dieguito River Valley and its tributary streams – that is, what you could see if you were standing on the valley floor".

That initial meeting of community activists turned in to a great model for community-government-volunteer collaboration. A Joint Powers Authority (JPA) was formed, representing the cities with jurisdictions bordering the river (Del Mar, Solana Beach, Escondido, Poway, San Diego City and County), along with community group representation via the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). (*The League currently has representation on the CAC by San Diego LWVNCSD member and ILO board appointee, **Margaret Schlesinger***). Two supporting organizations for fundraising, land acquisition and volunteer support also formed: the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley.

The successes of this collaborative vision over the past years include lagoon preservation, hiking, biking and equestrian trail construction and maintenance, habitat restoration, invasive species control (plants and animals), plans for three visitor interpretive centers, and restoration of historic sites such as the 1880 Sikes Adobe homestead. In 1992, a project with SDG&E began to restore lagoon wetlands as a mitigation for negative fish impacts from the San Onofre nuclear power plant. A recent partnership with the Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO),

resulted in the creation of the Santa Isabel Store and the Backcountry Interpretive Center.

Find out more about the River Park and "share in the vision" by joining the League for an easy, hour-long introductory walk with SDRP Interpretive Ranger, Leana Bulay. We'll meet on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Trail Location #14 – Dust Devil Nature Trail. Hope to see you there. For trail details, go to:

<http://www.sdrp.org/trails.htm> (scroll down to 14)

Leaguers and friends are invited to stop by the League of Women Voters booth at the **Earth Day Celebration at Balboa Park on Sunday, April 21 from 10 am to 5 pm**. The League's booth is traditionally across from the reflecting pool. *As we go to press, we have not received our booth placement confirmation.*

This year's focus is water. We'll have a spinning wheel for the kids, where we ask water-related questions, and with a correct answer, they take home a succulent seedling (hint: *they usually get the right answer!*). Several San Diego City Leaguers and several North County Leaguers are busy growing seedlings right now, with a big thanks to Barrels and Branches in Encinitas for their terrific support for the project.

In addition, we are sponsoring ballots and a ballot box so that participants can "Name their water!". Usually known as "toilet to tap" or "reclaimed water", Earth Day participants can choose a different name



by casting their ballot at our booth. When you vote, you receive an "I Voted" sticker just like this. So, come out and join the fun...

The League of Women Voters booth is a collaborative effort between the San Diego City League and the North County San Diego League, with sponsorship by the San Diego County Inter League Organization.

## Voter Service All Year Long!

by Cathy Greene, Director, Voter Service

Sixteen wonderfully enthusiastic and talented League members met on Tuesday, March 5th to form the new Voter Service committee, **Voter Service All Year Long**. This new committee was inspired by the many requests for interesting and well-informed discussions that our League receives “all year long” from area organizations and groups, *such as the one from the Vista Chamber of Commerce (top of next column).*

To meet this need, committee members will select relevant and current topics of interest to our communities and develop informative talks and presentations on these subjects. Then we will put the word out to the public about what we have to offer for programs and discussions.

The topics chosen for this year derive, of course, from our LWV mission and also from our recently chosen areas for emphasis and advocacy at program planning. The topics are *Climate Change and Water Use*, *Immigration Concerns and Solutions*, and *Voting* (including importance of voting, how to be an informed voter, history of voting, voter suppression, process of voting, etc.) To reach an even broader audience, several of our members will develop online presentations for our website on the subjects of *Gun Issues* and the *Initiative and Referendum Process in California*.

Groups are forming now to work on developing these presentations, so if one or more topics appeal to you, you are invited to join these groups and add your talents. The first meeting of the **Climate Change group will be held on April 2nd from 10 am to 12 pm** at the LWD Offices, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad. Please call (760-730-9136) or email me [csgreene49@aol.com](mailto:csgreene49@aol.com) with any questions or to become a researcher or presenter.

This is not all that voter service is doing this spring; we are once again assisting Mira Costa Community College with their student government elections. The elections will take place on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18 at all three campus locations. I have been busy contacting League volunteers this month. I usually need 32 volunteers to work the polls and I am so thankful when League members enthusiastically come forth to sign up. It is an easy job and it is fun to be on campus and meet the students. Mira Costa is very appreciative of our assistance. Thank you to all Voter Service volunteers!

## Talking about our Democracy



The League was invited to speak at the monthly meeting of the Government Affairs Committee of the Vista Chamber of Commerce on March 7, thanks to the committee's chair and LWVNCSD member, **Amber Starbuck**. LWVNCSD member and Civil Discourse co-chair, **Mary Thompson**, spoke on the subject of “*Participatory Democracy: We’re in this Together*”, to the lunchtime crowd of about 25 people at the Chamber’s new office in the revitalized section of old town Vista.

Besides citing the things both organizations share in common (our beautiful home in North San Diego County and positions on issues such as education, the environment, health care and immigration, to name a few), Mary talked about the recent work on California’s Initiative & Referendum process as an example of how the League’s grassroots method of study and consensus leads to positions for advocacy. She concluded with an invitation for both groups to seek topics in common for community conversations in the coming year.

## Assault on Voting Rights Continues as State Legislatures Kick into High Gear

compiled by Margie Monroy, Dir., Communications

So far this year 1,896 election related bills have been introduced in state legislatures across the country. Not all of the bills are harmful to voters but the continuing trend of voter suppression legislation is clearly evident as legislators push new and/or resurrected bills that create new barriers to voting:

<<http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&amp;c=d6L7rZqg1UsjEA7lNRvRYUJGhGeFOkd>>

Among this legislation are photo ID bills in Missouri, Alaska, North Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia, all of which could pass this year. The struggle to protect Election Day registration in Wisconsin continues and Florida is attempting to “fix” the problems that were created by bad election laws passed in 2011.

Check out election-related bills across the country at:

<<http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&amp;c=TXBifCG%2Fr8mDeZlAL7V%2F0wpOH8UfTtv>>.



## Upcoming Events

Don't be left out...register now for these important upcoming events!

**Lunch with League**

**April 25, 2013**  
11:30 am-1:30 pm  
"What Does 'Obamacare' Mean for San Diego?"

**Jan C. Spencley**  
Jan Spencley is the executive director of San Diegans for Healthcare Coverage (SDHCC), a local, not for profit coalition representing business, consumers, labor, health care providers (physician, community clinic, hospital, and other providers), health plans, community and other organizations, academia, and local government with a mission of achieving meaningful coverage and care for all San Diegans. LWV/ILO is a member of SDHCC.

94th Aero Squadron  
8885 Balboa Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123  
Between Hwy 15 and 163

\$25  
\$30 after April 21

**LWV**

League of Women Voters San Diego — Luncheon — April 25, 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ by April 21. Make checks payable to LWVSD and r  
Amount enclosed (\$25 per person) \_\_\_\_\_  
7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92111, 858-483-8696, or register on our website w  
www.lwvsandiego.org. Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$25, 'purpose' April Luncheon.

Check out the website of our sister and brother Leaguers in San Diego City; there are great events you don't want to miss. Click on: [lwvsandiego.org](http://lwvsandiego.org)

Send a check or register online.  
Deadline: April 21, 2013

Your Annual Meeting Packet will be mailed to you the last week of April - watch for it!  
But, **mark your calendars now!**  
You don't want to miss this event!

**But, Wait There's More!**

**May 6th • 6 - 8 pm**  
**Encinitas Library**  
**540 Cornish Dr., Encinitas**

Don't Miss the  
**Community Forum**  
**on the US Census**  
co-sponsored with Encinitas  
Friends of the Library

Details in the May/June VOTER

**JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL MEETING**  
League of Women Voters North County San Diego

**2013**

**What a Year This Was! Time to Celebrate!**  
Keynote Speaker:  
76th District Assemblymember, Col. Rocky Chavez  
Full Breakfast; \$22 per person

**LWV**

**El Camino Country Club**  
3202 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA 92056  
Saturday, June 8, 2013

Annual Meeting Packets will be mailed the last week of April • Watch for Yours!



# April Bulletin Board

## Unit Meetings & Events



## Interest Groups

### Carlsbad Unit Mtg.

**Thursday, Apr. 18 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The Carlsbad Unit will meet on Thursday, April 18th from 10 am until noon in the LWD Board Room, 1960 La Costa Blvd., Carlsbad. We are very pleased to have Ann Kulchin, recently retired Carlsbad City Council member and continuing LWVNCSD member, as our featured speaker. Ann will focus on her many years in politics on the Carlsbad City Council and provide her reflections on various governmental boards and committees throughout San Diego County. Please bring your neighbors and friends as it is an excellent opportunity to introduce others to the League. For further information, contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit Chair at [clgspecced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clgspecced@sbcglobal.net)

### Quad Cities Unit Mtg.

**Monday, Apr. 8 • 1 - 3 pm**

Please join us for the inaugural meeting of the **Quad Cities** Unit. This new unit will **serve our members in Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos and Vista**. Get in on the ground floor and help us brainstorm the name (Quad Cities is a temporary title while we are exploring), the format, the when and the where.

This first meeting will take place at the Vista Library Community Room, 700 Eucalyptus Avenue, Vista. We're delighted that Dr. Emily Young, San Diego Foundation's Senior Director, Environment Analysis and Strategy will be our guest speaker.

Dr. Young's work at the Foundation is focused in three areas: conservation of globally significant, biodiversity hotspots in Southern California, community-based efforts to eliminate toxic substances which revitalize green spaces, and regional efforts to address climate change through mitigation and adaptation. She is well known for her work on the Regional Focus 2050 Study and will be able to update us on this important work.



Please check out our new Facebook page. There are lots of good posts from all over. Thanks to League member, **Consuelo Martinez**, for putting League's "face" out there. You don't have to be a member to see it, but if you comment remember it will be seen by the public. Just use this url:  
<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersNorthCountySanDiego>

### San Dieguito Unit Mtg.

**Wednesday, Apr. 17 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at the Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester, Cardiff (please visit the League website for parking information).

And, do we have a great program planned for you! Our guest will be Dr. Randolph E. Ward, San Diego County Superintendent of Schools. Sue Hartley, County Board of Education Member 5th District, will be there as well. Together, they will provide us with a comprehensive overview of education county-wide and how all the pieces fit together.

You will be impressed with the significant role of the County in education. We are very pleased to present this program and ***we invite members of all units to attend***. We will have freshly baked cookies and coffee. If you wish other drinks, please bring your own.

For more information, please call Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

### Book Group

**Monday, Apr. 15 • 1:15 - 3 pm**

The group will meet at the home of Naomi Marblestone, who will lead the discussion of *The President's Club* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. Please call 760-720-9187 to RSVP.

### Civil Discourse Group

**Saturday, Apr. 27 • 10 am - 11:30 am**

The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. The group will discuss possible outcomes for deliberative dialogue training, applications under consideration and upcoming events. Please call Martha Cox at 760-436-4962 for more information.

**Life Moves Fast...Things Can Change!**

*Check the Master Calendar on the "Members' Only" Website To Stay Up To Date!*

## LWV North County Expands the Power of **One** Through **Collaboration!**

**Restoring Respect** is community initiative promoting greater civility in San Diego civic dialogue. The initiative is supported by a consortium of San Diego area academic institutions and community groups including the Catfish Club of San Diego, the San Diego Community College District and the University of San Diego. See what's happening at : <http://www.sandiego.edu/>

**Have you signed the Civility Pact?**  
[http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/forms/civility\\_pact.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/forms/civility_pact.php)  
LWV North County San Diego is a partner and endorser of this project; we encourage your participation and commitment to a more civil dialogue.



Carlsbad Unit Leaguers prepare for their I & R presentation and program planning meeting.

*Welcome  
New Members*

**Trish Halsey-Munroe  
Karen Stephen  
Mike Woods**



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

Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to LWVNCSD  
and mail to:

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or join online at:

[http://www.lwvncsd.org/join\\_form.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html)

### **Dues:**

- \$60/year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- New members joining after Feb. 1st will pay 1/2 annual dues.
- Student Memberships available

### **Additional levels of giving (thank you!):**

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

- ☐ New Member    ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).
- ☐ Why I'm joining \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following  
(please ✓ interests):

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
  - ♦ Book Group
  - ♦ Civil Discourse
  - ♦ Education
  - ♦ Natural Resources
  - ♦ Women's Issues

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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.

**Civility Matters...Pass It On!*****"Treating Each Other Right is Doing What's Right."***

*~Rev. George Walker Smith, San Diego icon,  
Founder of the Catfish Club and  
the Restoring Respect Conferences,  
San Diego, CA*

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

**Stay current, stay active, stay informed!**[www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)

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