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APRIL 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, Apr 10** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Thurs, Apr 16** Carlsbad Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Sun, Apr 19** EarthFair 2015
10 am – 5 pm Balboa Park
- Mon, Apr 20** Book Group Mtg
1 - 3 pm Home of Margie Monroy
- Sat, Apr 25** Hydroponic Farm Tour
10 or 11 am 2075 N. Twin Oaks
or 12 pm Valley Rd., San Marcos

MAY 2015 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, May 8** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- May 15-17** LWVC Convention
San Diego
- Mon, May 18** Book Group Mtg
1 - 3 pm Home of Nancy Telford
- Sat May 30** LWVNCSD Annual Mtg
11 am – 2 pm Green Dragon Tavern
6115 Paseo Del Norte
Carlsbad

PLANNING AHEAD

- Fri June 12** ILO Council

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Come Join Us On A Hydroponic Farm Tour!

By Nancy Telford

Everyone knows California’s drought situation has become critical; water restrictions are happening throughout the state. The County Ag Study has been researching one of the most encouraging new developments—Hydroponic Farming. Hydroponic farming is defined as “growing plants in a water and nutrient solution, without soil”. We are extremely fortunate to have a hydroponic farm right in our own backyard and North County League members are invited to a private tour of this facility at **2075 N. Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos.**

Home Town Farms has greenhouses covering 165,000 sq. ft. The farm harvests 300,000 – 400,000 pounds of produce per acre whereas traditional farms harvest 20,000 – 40,000 pounds of produce per acre. Home Town Farms is USDA certified which means no insecticides are used; they use natural methods to control pests. Plants are grown vertically; they use 80% less water than conventional farms. Their organic produce includes strawberries; beef steak, regular and baby heirloom tomatoes; cucumbers; squash and zucchini. We will be able to purchase fresh produce after the tour.

The tours are scheduled for:
Saturday, April 25, 2015

Register for your spot on one of three tours:

- Tour A at 10:00am**
- Tour B at 11:00am**
- Tour C at 12:00pm**

The tours have a limited capacity so register early to secure a spot.

The tour will be approximately 45 minutes of walking through 3 separate greenhouses so wear flat, comfortable shoes. The owners of the Farm have asked that participants sign a waiver for insurance purposes.

Please email or call Nancy Telford to secure your spot. (lwvnancyt@gmail.com) or (760) 753-3487



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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

I would like to share with you some of the thoughts expressed at the 4th Annual Community Conference on Restoring Civility to Civic Dialogue, held on March 20th at the University of San Diego. Carol and I, along with several other League members, drove down to USD early that morning to attend this conference.

The President of USD, Mary Lyons, opened by emphasizing that education is the path to empathy. She was followed by Cindy Marten, Superintendent of SDUSD, who stressed that Common Core Standards are designed to help students think critically and reason rationally; skills that will lead to civility. Steve Dinkin, president of the National Conflict Resolution Center (headquartered right here in San Diego), was the keynote speaker. He emphasized four important points necessary for creating civil dialogue-- humility, empathy, open mindedness, and the ability to find common ground. It was encouraging to hear so many community leaders expressing the desire to create and foster civil public dialogue.

The highlight of the morning was the 13 high school students who were honored for their entries on what civility meant to them and how to cultivate civility in their communities. The students wrote essays of course, but they also composed music and created art to express their ideas and feelings on the subject.

Go to www.utsandiego.com/restoringrespect/ to see and hear their very original work. We hope next year that North County students can be participants. Thank you to our own Martha Cox and Mary Thompson for being an integral part of planning this event.

The next few months hold many opportunities for you to meet with League friends and enjoy League activities---Carlsbad Unit meeting on April 16, Earth Day in Balboa Park on April 19, a tour of a hydroponic farm on April 25, the State League Convention in San Diego (May 14-17), and our North County League Annual Meeting on May 30th. Read all about these events inside this issue and plan on joining in these activities. We would love to see you!

Cathy and Carol

April Meetings

Carlsbad Unit Meeting All Members Welcome

Thursday • April 16 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Karen Pendergast

The Carlsbad Unit will meet Thursday April 16 at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office 1960 La Costa Avenue Carlsbad 92009.

Our guest speaker will be Chief Mike Davis of the Carlsbad Fire Department. He will be discussing how Carlsbad's May 2014 fire was managed. Additionally, he will discuss Paramedic services, and the latest innovations in firefighting equipment and services.

There will not be a Unit meeting in May.

Save this date: June 6, 2015, Observers Luncheon.

Book Group Meeting All Members Welcome

Monday • April 20 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday April 20 at the home of Margie Monroy to discuss *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren, in which an unlikely political star tells the inspiring story of the two-decade journey that taught her how Washington really works--and really doesn't--contact Margie at monroymario@att.net for information.

Hydroponic Farm Tour All Members Welcome

Saturday • April 25 • 10:00 or 11:00 am or 12:00 pm

By Nancy Telford

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San Dieguito Unit No Meeting in April

**SAVE the DATE!
LWVNCSD Annual Meeting
Luncheon at the Green Dragon Tavern,
Carlsbad
Saturday, May 30th
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.**

Keep an eye out for a letter from the LWV San Diego County Inter League Organization announcing the 2015 annual opportunity drawing. Prizes include \$100 gift certificates to Trader Joe's, Macy's, and Nordstroms and a \$150 gift certificate to a Cohn Restaurant.

From Civil Discourse to Deliberation

By Martha Cox and Mary Thompson

Highlights and Lowlights –Definitely a highlight: On March 20th the SD County Board of Supervisors declared it “Civility Day,” in a lovefest that recognized 13 high school seniors for their essays, artwork and even a song about what civility means to them. The 4th Annual Restoring Respect Conference at USD packed the auditorium for remarks by SD Unified Superintendent Cindy Marten, who left not a dry eye in the house, and keynote address by National Conflict Resolution Center’s president, Steve Dinkin. Throughout the morning, giant video screens introduced the 2015 Civility Award semi-finalists who were competing for scholarship awards in the contest sponsored by the SDG&E, SD Unified School District, U-T San Diego, United Way of San Diego County and a long list of endorsers including the League. Click [here](#) to read about the students and their entries or you may have seen the coverage in the March 22nd edition of the U-T.



Eleven of thirteen 2015 Civility Awards semi-finalists with Dr. Moises Aguirre, San Diego Unified School District.

What’s New? - Our workshop at the LWVC Convention in San Diego: Democracy in Dialogue will spotlight a twist on an LWV tradition. The SD League has joined forces with the Independent Voter Network (IVN) to host Sips + Civility at a local restaurant for conversations about ballot measures, leading to a broad program: MIA’s (Millennials In Action) to foster growth as informed voters and civic watchdogs. SD League member Jeanne Brown and IVN program director, Nancy Phung, will share their story.

Civility Matters

I advance civility by encouraging myself and the people around me to stay informed and open-minded. Ignorance and misinformation are the mothers of hate and mistrust . . . the people that are most enriching to each other are the people that are most dissimilar.

Payton Hovey, Senior, Point Loma
High school, San Diego 2015
Civility Awards 1st Place Winner

Are You Registered for the 2015 LWVC Convention? Don’t Delay!

By Martha Cox

Registration for the 2015 LWVC Convention, to be held at the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza, is moving along briskly. As a co-hosting League, North County SD members have been actively engaged in the collaborative planning process from the beginning. Whether you register for the entire convention or for one day, this is *your* Convention, too. League conventions bring League leaders together from all over the state – leaders who learn together, leaders who share a sense of purpose, and leaders who engage with others to serve their communities. It is an empowering event that will be held May 15th - 17th. Don’t miss it!

Registration

Convention information is available at this link: <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2015-registration/> You may access registration information, register for add-on events, reserve lodging, peruse the convention schedule and so much more. **Early bird pricing for registration closes April 15th**, so don’t delay.

Volunteering

As a co-hosting League member, if you wish to volunteer, we encourage you to do so. Volunteers serve as hospitality hosts, registration desk helpers, marketplace volunteers, computer/projector operators, doorkeepers or timekeepers. Our League will have a table in the Marketplace with wares to sell. Volunteers will be needed to staff the hours it is to be open. Contact Suzanne Carneiro for questions at suzanneclwv@gmail.com. Volunteers who work for

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a minimum of two hours may attend one workshop and plenary sessions for that day as long as they do not conflict with their volunteer assignment. For more information about volunteering and to complete the volunteer sign-up form, go to: http://www.lwvsandiego.org/2015_convention_info.html.

Contact Cris Hagaman, Volunteer Coordinator, regarding volunteer questions at cristinhagaman@gmail.com. Contact Martha Cox, LWNCS D's convention representative, for general questions at marthacox@roadrunner.com or (760) 436-4962.

I don't want to drive. How do I get downtown?

If you don't want to drive to convention, take the Coaster downtown to the Santa Fe Depot (round trip cost: \$5.50 for seniors for 3 zones). You can walk to the Westin from here (about 5 blocks). If you wish to take the trolley instead, your best bet is to get a Day Pass, which costs \$12 and provides combined coverage for the Coaster and Trolley. Take the "Orange line" and get off at the Civic Center stop.

To check the Coaster schedule:

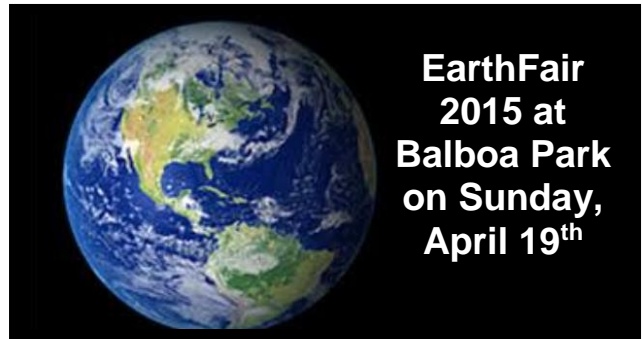
<http://www.gonctd.com/wp-content/uploads/Schedules/Coaster-Schedule.pdf>

To check Trolley information:

<http://www.sdmts.com/Trolley/Trolley.asp>

I do want to drive. Where do I park?

Parking at the hotel or in Horton Plaza will be expensive (\$30 per day). Cheaper parking is available at the corner of *1st and G Streets* (go up the elevator at Nordstrom's and walk to the end of the mall) and at *2nd and J Streets*. The walk is 4 blocks.



By Martha Cox

Celebrate Planet Earth on Sunday, April 19th with approximately 60,000 others at Balboa Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. North County Leaguers and friends are invited to stop by the League of Women Voters booth across from the reflecting pool. This year's Earth Day focus is "Climate Change." If you wish to volunteer to work at the League booth, please contact Martha Cox at marthacox@roadrunner.com.

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.

For more information on EarthFair, go to: <http://www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.html>



By Carol Grimes-Gartland

We had a very successful theater party at the North Coast Repertory Theater on March 8th. The food, catered by Jane Dunmeyer's husband Bill, was so delicious we had a very hard time keeping those who were attending the play but not LWV members from helping themselves to our many selections. **Our net profit from ticket sales and donations was over eight hundred dollars!** Thank you all so much for supporting this event.



MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

The month of March is widely recognized as Women’s History Month. From International Women’s Day to the anniversary of the deaths of Susan B. Anthony and League founder, Carrie Chapman Catt to the anniversary of the first female member of Congress, Jeannette Rankin, being sworn into office in 1917, there are many important dates to mark this month – and year-round.

The League is proud to celebrate Women’s History Month and to celebrate a little of our own history, 95 years after our founding. **How well do you know the League’s impact on Americans’ lives?**http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/salsa/web/questionnaire/public/?questionnaire_KEY=796&key=572531 The League was founded by suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 - just six months prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment, which secured women the right to vote. League history is women’s history. Since then, the League has been critical in Making Democracy Work® across a range of issues not just for women, but for all Americans.

Today, the League empowers people every day to tackle the most important issues facing our communities and country to improve government at every level. From registering thousands of new voters each and every year to providing voters with the elections information they need through our online elections resource, to advocating for needed reforms to make our elections fair, free and accessible to all eligible citizens, the League will help keep the power of our democracy in the hands of the people for the next 95 years and beyond.

From the League’s founder, suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt, former member Eleanor Roosevelt and the thousands of dedicated League supporters working across the country today, we’re proud of the powerful role that both women – and men (since 1974) – play in Making Democracy Work®.

Welcome New Members:
Laura Cline
Bonnie Hill-Dowdy
Frank Gould
Sara & Anna Hoff
Garrett Nyrkkanen
Nanci Oechsle
Norelynn Pion- Goureau
Linda Weems
Judy Wiley

**Thank you
Legislative Interview Committee**

By Kathy Anderson

The Legislative Interview Committee has completed its interviews for 2015. Senator Patricia Bates, Assembly Member Rocky Chavez and the staff from Marie Waldron's office were interviewed. Many thanks to the Interview Committee members who helped with this project, especially Connie Ulrich, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Arlene Meadows, Martha Cox and Amber Ter-Vrugt. A report on the interviews will be in an upcoming *Voter*.

"The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. The vote is the most powerful non-violent tool that you have in a democratic society."

Congressman John Lewis upon the anniversary of the Selma march.

Stay Connected and Share

Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info

www.lwvncsd.org

Did you know there's a link on the calendar that gives you a map to the location of our meetings and events? Make it easy on yourself to find locations and topics of all our meetings and events and make plans to attend.

Take care,

Suzanne

**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**
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Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

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LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
PO Box 131272
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or join online at:
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).

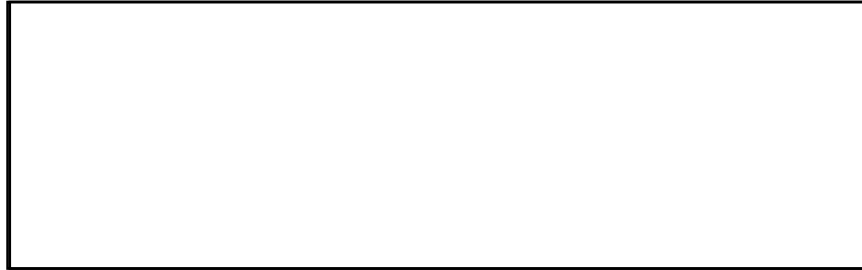
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The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

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