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DECEMBER 2016 AT A GLANCE

Wed, Dec 7 San Dieguito Unit
11 am – 2 pm Observer Luncheon
Home of Barbara Mendell

Sat, Dec 10 Carlsbad Unit
10 am – 12 pm Observer Luncheon
Kelly Ranch House

Mon, Dec 19 Book Group Potluck
12 pm and book swap
Home of Anne Omsted

JANUARY 2017 AT A GLANCE

Sat, Jan 7 Coffee Chat with the
9:30 – 11 am President
St. Tropez Bistro & Beyond
Lumberyard Shopping Ctr
Encinitas

Mon, Jan 9 Health Interest Group Mtg.
10 am – 12 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer

Fri, Jan 13 LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices

Mon, Jan 16 Book Group Mtg
1 – 3 pm Home of Norelyn Pion-Goureau

Wed, Jan 18 San Dieguito Unit Mtg
1 – 3 pm Encinitas Library
540 Cornish Dr.
Encinitas

Sat, Jan 21 Communications Team
10 am Home of Tina Schmidt

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By Anne Omsted, Pros and Cons Coordinator, MBDO Coordinator

MANY THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

During this past election season, our League was blessed with many opportunities to serve the voting public. I want to thank those who took the studious road and learned all about the Ballot Measures. Thank you Kathy Anderson, Elizabeth Brady, Pat Coony, Martha Cox, Susan D'Vincent, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Nancy Hand, Sara Hoff, Alec Jolly, Judith King, Margie Monroy, Anne Omsted, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Nita Rodriguez, Mary Thompson, Hank Williams and Voter Service Chair Cathy Greene. We provided accurate, unbiased information to over 1,000 people in thirty meetings. We helped the voters understand, and that is what an informed electorate is all about.

We also partnered with the Registrar of Voters and ran the Mail Ballot Drop-Off Program at both the Encinitas and Dove Libraries. We took in over 11,000 ballots during the eight days before Election Day, and were showered with compliments about how convenient this service was. My personal favorite quote was from the woman who said "You are like the Consumer Reports of voting!" Many of the League members who participated said this was one of the best and most rewarding things they had ever done for League.

So, thank you, Kathy Anderson, Teresa Barth, Heather Callaghan, Kathy Christy, Martha Cox, Dvora Gittelson, Sara Hoff, Cecilia Jolly, Joyce Joseph, Judith King, Mona Marra, Dorine Meade, Diane Mochizuki, Anne Omsted, Karen Pendergast, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Mary Lou Schultz, Roni Seay, Phee Sherline, Marlene Suliteanu, Nancy Telford. You were all always prompt for your shift, courteous to all, helpful, and a pleasure to work with.

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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.



President's Message

Martha Cox

The election has dominated the news and League's activity at every organizational level for many months. As of this writing, votes are still being tallied for various local elections, though we know who will lead our country for the next four years. Inherent in President Obama's message to the country at the beginning of the transition process is the sentiment that even after a hard fought election, it is our responsibility to ensure success for the incoming administration... which ultimately ensures stability for our country.

However, there is fallout from the election. In our communities. [In our schools.](#)

Because of the toxic, divisive campaign rhetoric that has dominated the airwaves for more than a year, many are finding it hard to turn the page on an election that has laid bare the deep divide that exists in our country.

Exacerbated by living in a post-fact world and "fake news," it is understandable that many feel the political landscape shifting. It is unsettling. As Leaguers, we should recognize this as an opportunity to strive for higher civil ground, to accurately inform, and to bring people together, for civility is part of League's DNA. We will focus our renewed energies on the mission ahead after the holidays, but for now, consider offering your positive talents in ways that will help our communities this holiday season (these are just a few):

- Volunteer/make a donation at your church/community food bank:
 - [Community Resource Center](#)
 - [Brother Benno](#)
 - [San Diego Food Bank](#)
- Volunteer to mentor/make a donation where it will make a difference in a child's future:
 - [Reality Changers](#)
- Resolve to make a difference in your relationships/within your communities:
 - [Reaching Across the Red/Blue Divide](#)
 - [The Reunited States of America – How We Can Bridge the Partisan Divide](#)

The North County San Diego League has served our communities well throughout this election season, so take a bow. But, we're not done. Bring your thoughts and suggestions to program planning early next year. Our work is only beginning.

In League for our Democracy,

Martha

December/January Meetings

San Dieguito Unit Observer Potluck Luncheon Members and Guests Welcome

Wednesday • December 7

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Home of Barbara Mendell

Bring your favorite dish. Please *RSVP* to Barbara to get directions; she will leave your name at the entrance gate for admittance. You won't be able to get in otherwise.

Carlsbad Unit Joint Observer Luncheon Members and Guests Welcome

Saturday • December 10

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Kelly Ranch House

5200 Hemingway Dr. • Carlsbad

Please join us for this potluck luncheon. Members whose names begin with A – M please bring a dessert.

Members whose names begin with N – Z please bring a salad or a main dish.

Book Group Potluck and Book Swap

Monday • December 19 • 12:00 pm

Home of Anne Omsted

On December 19, the Book Group will be having its annual potluck and book swap at Anne Omsted's home at 12:00 pm. If you are interested in coming, please *RSVP* to Kathy Anderson.

Coffee Chat with the President Members and Guests Welcome

Saturday • January 7

9:30 am – 11:00 am

St. Tropez Bistro

Lumberyard Shopping Ctr., 947 S. Coast Hwy
Encinitas

Join LWVNCSD President Martha Cox for coffee and conversation about League. Bring your questions, bring your ideas and bring a friend. Guests are welcome. Please *RSVP* to Martha if you plan to attend.

marthacox@roadrunner.com

Health Interest Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • January 9

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

The committee will be solidifying and practicing the presentation our committee will be making at the April LWVNCSD meeting, called "Road Map to Assisted Living and How to Avoid the Potholes." Call Jane for address and directions to the meeting. Any LWV member is welcome to come and contribute.

Book Group Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • January 16 • 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Home of Norelynn Pion-Goureau

The Book Group will meet to discuss the book *Quiet* by Susan Cain on Monday, January 16th at the home of Norelynn Pion-Goureau in Carlsbad.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Wednesday, January 18

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Encinitas Library

540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas

Are you still happy and energized by your service to the voting public during the past few months? The San Dieguito Unit will be meeting from 1 – 3 at the Encinitas Library, Study Room A,

on Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 to discuss how we can channel that energy into activities that are useful to our community, fulfill the goals of the League, and keep us motivated to work! We could be doing so many things but we need to focus on what is possible and effective. Please come prepared to discuss your ideas, listen to other's ideas, and help us fashion a plan for unit action during 2017. Any questions? Call Anne Omsted at [760-753-6970](tel:760-753-6970).

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

The Carlsbad Unit will discuss the possibility of a January meeting at its Observer Luncheon on December 10.

We Warmly
Welcome
Our New Members

Wendy Robinson
San Marcos

Donna Schweitzer
Escondido



Disagree... With Civility

By Mary Thompson

In messages after the election, League president, Martha Cox, reminded us of this League's early and long-standing work to promote civil discourse. She rightly said our study of civility showed that it has little to do with being polite.

Added to that is this notion: Civility doesn't require consensus or the suspension of criticism. It is simply the ability to disagree productively with others while respecting their sincerity and decency. From Carrie Chapman Catt, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., to Pope Francis, leaders have 'walked the talk' in demonstrating how the process of disagreement can move nations.

We are blessed in the United States with a great tradition – a peaceful transfer of power after national elections: to 'shake hands' and move on, continuing to work at listening, talking, and searching for common ground to benefit all people.

Focus for the New Year:

- Find a new lens that allows seeing each other as complex identities, rather than a label.
- Get to know your next door neighbors, the ones across the street, in the next town, in the county.
- Support vetted journalism; reject fake news.
- Attend a council, school board, or hospital board meeting.
- Run for local office.
- Grow our civil engagement muscle and build a "bench" of new voices to do the peoples' business.

The League of Women Voters Needs You!

By Roni Seay, Membership Director

You know that the League is important to you because it champions causes that are essential to you.

You need the League of Women Voters to represent you locally and in Sacramento and Washington. Your voice is stronger in concert with others. You benefit by getting involved and being a positive force in your community. You gain interesting friends, intellectual stimulation, and the satisfaction of working for better governments in your region.

We need you in order to have strength in numbers when we lobby. We need workers for projects. We need your financial support to fulfill our mission.

If you misplaced your membership renewal letter, just renew online or use the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it. Please Renew Your Membership Today!

Creating a Regional Framework for Collaboration and Decision-Making

By Jeanne Brown and Martha Cox

Members of the ILO transition team representing both Leagues in San Diego County met on Thursday, November 17 to begin formulating a plan to work together on regional issues. As you are aware, a vote to disband the ILO was approved in May, and a transition team was formed to create an operating framework under which both Leagues can cooperate, collaborate and make decisions on issues of regional importance.

Two subcommittees were formed: one to address organizational/logistical tasks and one to address regional government committee work. There will be opportunities for everyone to participate, so as we move forward, if you are interested in tasks such as helping with a newsletter or other communication (social media) or observing a regional government agency, monitoring regional land use planning, transportation or social issues, such as education or health care, let us know. We're looking for you.

Please respond directly to us ([Jeanne](#) or [Martha](#)) to indicate your interest in participating in the regional committees. Thank you.

December News from the Lawyers Club Human Trafficking Collaborative (HTC)— Clothing/Make-up Supply Donations Needed

By Trish Halsey-Munroe

"Lawyers Club HTC will be holding a Holiday event celebrating survivors and is seeking beauty supplies and toiletries such as nail polish, make-up, and gift cards which can be packaged! We are also seeking professional clothing in all sizes, as well as lightly used shoes of all sizes. Please email Renee (Renee@GalenteLaw.com) to set up a time to drop off these items at her downtown office or to arrange for a pick-up.

We (LC HTC) also appreciate any donations of hangers (especially pant/skirt hangers) and the ability to BORROW clothes racks on which to hang the donated clothes!!

Elections are over and now - It's Time for Program Planning

As our state league begins preparations for the LWVC Convention June 2 - 4, 2017 in Sacramento (a great time, think about going) one crucial outcome of the convention starts now in local Leagues – to make our voices heard during Program Planning.

What do you want to see on the agenda for LWVC for the next two years? Do you have an idea that you think calls for a new study? Do we need to update any of our existing positions? What should our advocacy and education priorities be? Was there an issue on the ballot this year on which you wished the League had been able to take a stand? In a nutshell, what do you want to see on the agenda at LWVC for the upcoming biennium?

Not only do we make these important decisions for LWVC at this meeting but we will also consider the goals and priorities for our local league. We will be presenting these ideas and suggestions at our Annual Meeting – date and venue still to be determined.

Our **Program Planning General Meeting** will be held on *Saturday, February 11, 2017*. In the meantime one of the best ways to get up to speed is by reviewing state and local positions. Here are some useful links:

<http://www.lwvncsd.org/LocalPositions.html> - a summary of our local league positions

http://lwvea.org/files/2015-17-LWVC_Positions.pdf - a summary of LWVC positions

http://archive.lwvc.org/lwvonly/docs/lwvc_positions.pdf - a detailed booklet of LWVC positions

We will be sending out more details after the holidays. Stay tuned.

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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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
- Natural Resources and Land Use
- Organizational Support
- Community Outreach
- Health
- Book Group
- Other _____



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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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