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FEBRUARY 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Sat, Feb 4** Leadership Training Wksp
9:30 am – 4 pm Linder Hall, 1st United
Meth. Church
2111 Camino del Rio S.
San Diego
- Fri, Feb 10** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Sat, Feb 11** Choices and Chocolate
1 – 4 pm Program Planning
Vista Library
700 Eucalyptus Ave.
- Mon, Feb 13** Health Interest Group Mtg.
10 am – 12 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Thur, Feb 16** Carlsbad Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD offices
- Mon, Feb 20** Book Group Mtg
1 – 3 pm Home of Naomi Marblestone
- Thur, Feb 23** San Dieguito Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas

MARCH 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Sat, Mar 4** Coffee Chat with the
9:30 – 11 am President
Cute Cakes
345 W. Grand, Escondido
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Choices and Chocolate Program Planning

The League is a grassroots organization that sets its agenda through the Program Planning process. As members, this is our opportunity to share what we think are the most pressing issues for California and for our local Leagues...and how we address them.

Join us at the [Vista Branch Library Community Room](#) on **February 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.** Use your voice to share your ideas about our focus and direction. The landscape is changing. *Where should the League focus its energy over the next two years? What are the issues of concern to us here in North County? Where is there a need for legislative activity and other advocacy, both in Sacramento, our cities or in our county?* Advocacy is a key League activity year-round. For example, we supported or opposed 11 of the 17 statewide ballot measures in November, but in addition, 19 bills we supported—from climate change to voting rights—were signed into law, this year alone. What will we do to participate in the LWVUS Campaign to *Make Democracy Work?* *Should we focus on community education?* Was there an issue on the ballot this year on which you wished the League had been able to take a stand—so that we should have a new or updated study? This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. *Come for the discussion, stay for the chocolate!* See you then.

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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

On January 10, 1917, women in favor of women's suffrage picketed the White House – the first time this protest strategy had ever been used. Given the name "[silent sentinels](#)" for their silent 6-days-a-week protest, they were harassed, arrested and sometimes brutalized. Some of these silent sentinels were among the women who founded the League of Women Voters in 1920. It was in this [spirit and legacy of marching for voting rights, for civil rights, for women's rights](#) and more that the LWV North County San Diego participated in the North County Women's March on January 21, 2017.

Some of our members marched in San Diego, but the decision was made that we, as LWVNCSO, should march in our own community. People were glad to see us. We made it clear that we marched in support of civil rights, voting rights, women's rights and inclusion. The march chant – *Fired Up ...and Ready to Go!* – was energizing and the walk was exhilarating, but we know from experience that the hard work comes when the last marcher heads home. Then what? This is where League's gold standard shines, for we've been fighting the good fight for 100 years!

In this new landscape of engagement, how do we support our communities and its residents in their efforts to convert the energy we saw on Saturday to productive, positive civil, civic engagement?

- For those of you who love studies, what do we need to research to move the needle forward?
- For those of you who want action, what do you want to achieve and how do we move the needle forward to accomplish it?

This leads me to extend my personal invitation to you to attend ***Choices and Chocolate!*** - League's program planning on ***Feb. 11th at 1pm*** at the [Vista Branch Library Community Room](#), 700 Eucalyptus, Vista. Bring your friends. This is our best opportunity to introduce League's grassroots organization to our friends and our communities. What is important to you? What can we do to best address our issues? To paraphrase a line, *come for the issues, stay for the chocolate!*

We know we have people wanting to engage with us. Please bring your ideas, please bring your suggestions, please bring your willingness to engage and make a difference! The time is now and our work couldn't be more crucial.

In League for our Democracy,

Martha

February Meetings

Choices and Chocolate

Program Planning

Saturday • February 11 • 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Vista Library Community Room

700 Eucalyptus Ave.

See article page 1.

Health Interest Committee Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • February 13 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

The North County LWV Health Interest Committee has been working for months on a presentation we will be giving to the Carlsbad unit meeting on April 20. The topic is: "The Road Map to Nursing Home Care and Assisted Living and How to Avoid the Potholes." We guarantee you will learn at least five new facts about nursing homes and assisted living, and how to anticipate issues before they become problems. This includes those who choose to age in their own homes. Information will be invaluable for those who are caretakers or who look after friends and relatives. Come one, come all. It is a fascinating topic and you will have a chance to ask questions. Put it on your calendar for an eye-opening information session.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

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

Leucadia Wastewater District office

1960 La Costa Ave. Carlsbad

The Carlsbad Unit will hold their annual Unit Program Planning meeting on February 16, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office board room, 1960 La Costa Ave. Carlsbad.

At an organization meeting in January, several members spoke of the importance of holding a unit meeting at the same time, date and location. After much discussion it was decided to continue meeting on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office. Some time was spent discussing future meeting activities such as tours of the desal plant or the remodeled Dove Library. Join us on the 16th and give us your input.

Book Group Meeting

All Members and Guests Welcome

Monday • February 20 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Home of Naomi Marblestone

The Book Group will meet on February 20, at the home of Naomi Marblestone to discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Kathy Anderson will lead the discussion. The Book Group will meet again on March 20th at the home of Norelynn Pion-Goureau to discuss *The Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt. Anne Patton will be the discussion leader for that meeting.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome

Thursday • February 23 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

United Methodist Church • 170 Calle Magdalena Encinitas (I-5 and Encinitas Blvd. SE quadrant.)

The San Dieguito unit will meet on February 23. We have decided to investigate voter apathy in the San Dieguito service area. Suzanne Carneiro, LWVNCSD webmistress, will present the basics of social media and how to use it effectively. Other unit members will be reporting on voter turnout in our area, demographics of the area, past newspaper articles on voter apathy in our area, diversity amongst local governing boards and councils and recent laws that will make voting easier for many people. If you have any questions, please call unit chair Anne Omsted before February 7. After that date, please call Nancy Telford.



Thanks to all the members who have made donations to the League "above and beyond" their dues renewal!

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Our Civic Duty

By Mary Thompsom

In his [Farewell Address](#), President Obama challenged us to be the anxious guardians of our democracy, to step out of our bubbles and not shrink from the ‘battle of ideas,’ (politics), beginning with a baseline of facts.

Improving our democracy can start right here in North County, beginning with League President Cox’s emerging initiative in partnership with the Community Engagement Office at CSUSM. The idea is to improve the effectiveness of representative democracy in North County. Here are three important elements:

1. Know more about each of North County’s communities: the demographics, the election turn-out, residents’ problems and issues.
2. Know more about all the people we’ve elected to represent us: their views, their actions.
3. Know what points of view aren’t being represented.

What are our threats in North County? Certainly, this last election identified several: limited room for growth and affordable housing, homelessness, managing sustainable change in our transportation, water, energy, . . . These are big issues, but an even larger threat is complacency and an aversion to “politics.”

By informing ourselves and sharing what we learn about our communities through forums, postings and commentary, the League can help shine a light on under-represented voices and issues and bring facts to the battle of ideas.

The League’s first step in this civic engagement work is our Program Planning event (see Page 1) Let’s take this step together.

“Change happens when ordinary people get involved, get engaged, come together and demand it.” -Barack Obama

Batiquitos Lagoon Resiliency Plan (BLRP)

By Don Omsted, Director, Natural Resources

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is preparing to update the long term management and monitoring plan for the Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological preserve. This plan will consider the potential effects of

climate change on the physical and natural environment of the Lagoon and adjacent beaches.

The Climate Science Alliance-South Coast (<http://www.climatesciencealliance.org/>), California Fish and Wildlife, Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, and the City of Carlsbad will be leading this effort.

The Scope of Work will be done in four phases beginning in the winter/spring of 2017 and ending in the summer of 2019. Phase I will begin with a stakeholders kick-off workshop to establish an ideal state and scenario framework. After that there will be a physical workshop and a habitat workshop, followed by a stakeholder update meeting and a Phase I report.

I will be involved in this study along with anyone wishing to represent the League. There are no meeting dates at this time.

Serve the League and Make Friends

The Nominating Committee (Anne Omsted, Nancy Dietrich, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Jackie Stone and Nancy Telford) are beginning the annual round of seeking people to serve on the LWVNCS Board. We are searching for people who will work, participate in Board decisions, and help keep the League strong and active. If you are interested in any of the open posts (Natural Resources, Secretary, Meeting Arrangements/Set-up, Unit Assistance, and more) please call or email Anne Omsted and let her know. An organization only thrives when people support it with their time, abilities, and money. The dues take care of the money part, but we need you to help us function. Please call Committee Chair Anne Omsted and let’s chat about what you want to do, and what is needed!

San Dieguito River Park and our League

By Liz Gabrych, LWV CAC Rep.

An important role of the League in San Diego County has been to “speak out on issues of regional importance” as they relate to our positions on land use and regional planning. Our representation on the CAC (Citizen’s Advisory Committee) of the San Dieguito River Park JPA is one activity that allows us to do just that.

Background: The San Dieguito River Park agency had the goal of creating a natural open space park in the San Dieguito River Valley. The original vision in 1989 was to create a

connected system of riding, biking and hiking trails that would run 70 miles from the lagoon near the fairgrounds in Del Mar to Volcan Mountain north of Julian, a “Coast To Crest” trail.

Today: More than 60% of the planned connected trail is complete, but challenges remain. The “recreation & education” mission of the park has flourished and can be considered a great success story for our entire region.

Tomorrow: There is possibility of the original vision expanding up over the Volcan Mountain summit to the desert. To find out more take a look at the Riverpark’s website: sdrp.org and view the Event Calendar. See how you can experience, participate, volunteer and enjoy some of the many Riverpark activities and events planned for our community in the upcoming months....Bird watching, Astronomy, Native plant walks, Bike rides, 5K runs, History talks, or a Valentine’s Day Tea at the Sikes adobe.



Observer Reports

By Connie Ulrich

Thank you to all who attended the December Observers' Reports luncheons. Those able to attend the luncheons had an opportunity to hear reports on the issues facing the Carlsbad City Council; Carlsbad Library Board of Trustees; 22nd Agricultural District (Del Mar Fairgrounds); Mira Costa College Board of Trustees; McClellan-Palomar Airport Advisory Committee; Oceanside Library Board of Trustees; Polo Grounds; San Dieguito River Park and Tri-City Hospital District Board.

A special thank you to Barbara Mendell for hosting the San Dieguito luncheon, and to Susan Kelly for opening the Kelly Ranch house to the Carlsbad Unit. Both Barbara and Susan provided a warm and inviting environment in which to reconnect with old friends and meet new members.

We are delighted to have two new observers! Lois Martyns will be observing the Planning Commission for the City of Carlsbad, and Shirley Anderson will be observing the Carlsbad City Council. Lois and Shirley will be joining our Corps of dedicated observers: Kathy Christy, Nancy Dietrich, Jane Dunmeyer, Nancy Hand, Barbara Mendell, Jackie Stone and Connie Ulrich.

Regrettably, both Alec Jolly, Observer for the North County Transit District Board, and Nita Rodriguez, Observer for the Carlsbad City Council, have new commitments and stepped down from their positions. The LWV North County San Diego thanks them for the excellent job they did as our observers and wishes them good luck in their new endeavors.

Legislative Interviews

By Kathy Anderson

In February or March we will be conducting interviews with our state legislators. The State League provides us with the set questions which will be used statewide. Unfortunately, our legislator interview availability is influenced by the State budget process, and we are only able to get last minute appointments, so we need to be flexible. In past years we have interviewed Rocky Chavez and Marie Waldron's staff. This is a good way to get to know your local representatives in a different way. If you are interested in joining the interview team, please contact Kathy Anderson (kathsand@sbcglobal.net).

LWVNCSD Participates in the Womens March, San Marcos

By Norelynn Pion-Goureau

There was a cold hard rain that morning, but the Palomar College parking lots kept filling up. The Sprinter trains were filled with marchers. No one cared about the rain. Participants represented a broad segment of Californian and American society—grandparents, mothers and fathers, small children, students, teachers and more. There were brothers who came for their sisters, fathers for their daughters, husbands for their wives. Grandmothers and grandfathers marched with their daughters and sons, granddaughters and

grandsons. They all felt they had to come. Some held signs and placards, some banners. Many brought only their voices and convictions. All were moved by the large numbers who came. All felt the solidarity of their shared feelings, feelings validated by seeing so many others with similar views.

They walked side by side—strangers at the beginning, friends at the end. I marched with my LWVNCSD colleagues Kathy and Charles Anderson, Anne and Don Omsted, and Anne and Don's

granddaughter and her boyfriend. Shirley Anderson. Martha Cox and Dee Forsberg carried our LWVNCSD banner.

The march began at the San Marcos City Hall complex, and ended at Palomar College. Marchers were welcomed at Palomar with bands and speaker. Other North County Leaguers circulating in the crowd were Suzanne Carneiro, Liz Gabrych, Cathy Greene, Margaret Liles, Barbara Lorenzen, Jackie Stone and Nancy Telford.

Welcome New Members:

Kevin and Kathryn Bollinger

Donna Buck

Dee Forsberg

Olga Gonzalez-Silen

Jenn Johnson

Ann & Michael King

Judy Laurielo

Deborah Loftus

Lisa Shaffer

Joshua Stebbing



Dee Forsberg, Shirley Anderson & Martha Cox

The mood was buoyant. But, as the speakers and organizer reminded us, this exuberance needs to translate into hard work and action in order to ensure that our momentous action at the Women's March will not be dissipated.



Lunch with the League

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 11:30 - 1:30

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive

Interrupting the Cradle to Prison Pipeline



- Impact of School Suspensions and Expulsions
- Social and Emotional Behavioral Intervention
- Restorative Justice Program

Moderator: Penny Adler, *Director of Education, LWVSD*

Speakers

- **Julia Childs Andrews**, *President, SDAEYC, Senior Education Coordinator, Neighborhood House Association*
- **Linda Trousdale**, *Executive Director of Student Services, SDUSD*
- **Priscilla Villafana**, *Behavioral Support Specialist, Resource & Referral Department, YMCA Childcare Resource Service*



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Lunch with the League: Cradle to Prison Pipeline, February 23, 2017

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Thanks

Suzanne

LWV North County San Diego

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- ☐ Organizational Support
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- ☐ Book Group
- ☐ Other _____



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