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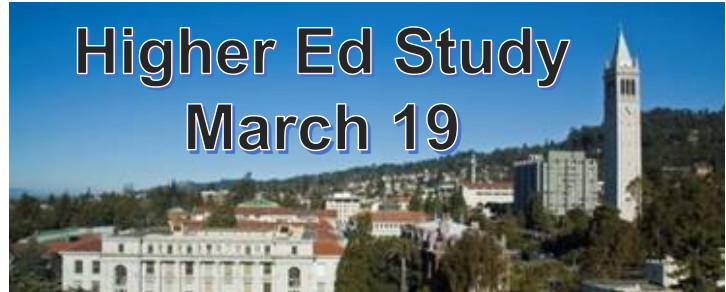
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By Claudine Jones

This winter North County League members, Norelynn Pion-Goureau and Claudine Jones have been hard at work with the LWVSD study team on the LWVCEF Study of Public Higher Education in California. **Study results will be presented at the General Meeting being held on March 19th, 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Pkwy., San Diego. (See page 3)**

This is the first LWVC study inclusive of California's three public higher education systems: the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California. The consensus study focuses on two main areas – affirming the purpose of higher education in California and access to higher education, with access being the overarching theme of the remaining topics being studied: equity, funding and affordability, preparedness, and opportunities/barriers to success.

At the consensus meeting, League members will be asked to discuss the purpose of higher education. Is it to supply an educated, competitive workforce? Is it to offer benefits to all capable of learning? Is it to increase opportunities for economic mobility? Or, is it to ensure the state will have a sufficiently large segment of well-educated citizens?

The study seeks to indicate some of the barriers that undermine equitable academic attainment, and to suggest opportunities that could open “clogged” pathways in California's system of public higher education. Here is more information to help you prepare for consensus. Thank you in advance for participating in this meeting.

(See Higher Ed Study, page 5.)

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Thoughts from the Steering Committee

Spring is here and with it comes new life--- and new ideas for our League

The "Future of the ILO" meeting on Tuesday March 8 at 10 am (see page 3 and 4) is important. We hope every member of the North County League will attend.

A little background—ILO stands for Inter-League Organization. ILO's are formed when Leagues join together to address regional issues or to communicate and cooperate with each other in areas of common concerns, events, and regional League action. ILO's are formally recognized by LWVUS and must conform to specific guidelines. Our League has been a member of the San Diego County ILO since the 1970's when there were four Leagues in the County. Many of our members have been leaders in the ILO. Our ILO has done a fine job of addressing regional issues and facilitating communication, cooperation, programs, and action with the other Leagues in the County.

Recent history—Last May, at the ILO Council, our North County League proposed that the San Diego County ILO be disbanded, since there are now only two member Leagues in the ILO, a formal structure that requires by-laws, election of officers, Council and Convention meetings, a budget, fundraising, etc. Many of our members feel that communication, cooperation and action between the two Leagues in the County can be well maintained with a more informal organization.

At that ILO Council meeting, a number of ILO members objected to disbandment, so a committee was formed to study the issue of the future of the ILO. Their findings will be presented at the March 8th meeting, and should help clarify the issue and present viable options to the two local Leagues that make up the ILO. **We need your thoughtful consideration of this matter and your opinions as to the right direction for North County League to take. We hope to see you there! (See article, page 4.)**

Another new happening for our League was the workshop that the San Diego Deliberation Network conducted at the Oceanside Public Library on Feb 17th on controlling Healthcare costs. (See article on page 4.) A number of League members attended and we all had a great time! The event was well organized by League members Martha Cox and Mary Thompson, making it easy and fun for us to participate.

Look for more opportunities to participate in these SDDN workshops promoting a civil way to discuss issues of the day. You will be glad you did.

*Arlene, Barbara, Cathy,
Connie*

March Meetings

Future of the ILO Meeting

All Members Welcome

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leucadia Wastewater District Office Board Room

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting about the future of our Inter-League Organization (ILO).

The study committee has been hard at work all year looking into the function of the San Diego ILO and other ILO's around the country. They have explored alternative ways for regional Leagues to cooperate and address issues of common concern.

Please plan to attend and join the discussion. We need your thoughtful opinions

Health Interest Committee Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • March 14

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Jane Dunmeyer

At their February 8th meeting, the Health Interest Committee discussed what topics should be included in a presentation and accompanying brochure they wish to develop to help people make decisions about assisted-living or skilled-nursing care. The committee has done, and continues to do in-depth research into such care. The committee welcomes your thoughts and suggestions. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the home of Jane Dunmeyer. Call Jane Dunmeyer for more information, or to share your thoughts or experiences.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

LWD Office • 1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad

Thursday • March 17 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Karen Pendergast

Margie Monroy will lead the Carlsbad Unit program planning review and discussion to set our Unit's goals for the coming year. Your participation and ideas are welcome as we plan our education and action programs!

An added bonus to the meeting will be Webmaster and Social Media Guru Suzanne Carneiro's tutorial on LWV websites, Face book, Twitter, and Voter Edge.

Looking ahead to April--Save the date, April 21, for a fascinating talk about all that is new with the Tri-City Health Care District.

Higher Education Consensus Meeting

Saturday March 19

1:30 p m – 5:00 pm

Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego

Who doesn't think they have all the answers about higher education? After all, didn't we attend or have children attend one or more institutions and haven't we helped fund these institutions with our tax dollars?

The Higher Education Consensus meeting promises a lively discussion!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Consensus meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 1:30 - 5:00 pm at the Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We expect to keep the discussion moving and finish early.

Committee members have done a major amount of reading provided by the statewide committee along with local interviews and individual research.

You may access all the documents for the study at the lwvc.org website.

Click on the link HIGHER ED at the top of the home page (on the right) and scroll down to study materials.

Please print your copy of the consensus questions, which are included with the documents at this site, and bring them with you to the meeting.

We encourage you to choose one or two of the articles to read in preparation for the consensus discussion.

Contact Cathy Greene if you want to car pool to the meeting. csgreene49@aol.com

Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • March 21

Home of Jackie Stone

1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The LWV Book Club will meet on on March 21 at 1 PM to discuss *The Accidental Superpower* by Peter Zeihan at the home of Jackie Stone. Contact Margie Monroy at monroymario@att.net for further information..

San Dieguito Unit

There will be no March meeting of the San Dieguito Unit. Members are encouraged to attend the ILO meeting on March 8, and the Higher Education Consensus Meeting on March 19.



By Mary Thompson and Martha Cox Co-Chairs, Civil Engagement

We usually end our monthly article with a pithy quote keeping with our theme of civility and civil engagement. This month's quote comes at the beginning:

“When leaders in various fields ask me for advice, my response is always the same: dialogue, dialogue, dialogue. It is the only way for individuals, families and societies to grow, the only way for the life of peoples to progress.”

—Pope Francis

Last month was filled with dialogue at our favorite venues—libraries. The topic was health care costs. Community members engaged in talking AND listening with the results being forwarded to the Kettering Foundation and National Issues Forum for presentation at a Public Voice session with policymakers in Washington DC on May 5th.

Thirteen League members participated in the dialogue at the Oceanside Library. Special thanks go to Suzanne Carneiro, Cathy Greene, and Barb Lorenzen as note takers using colored Sharpies on giant 24x36 grids at three of the five discussion tables.

To read a synopsis of the discussion results, visit the San Diego Deliberation Network's website Events page at <http://www.sddn.org/events.html>



League members and others at the health care forum at the Oceanside Public Library Feb. 17th.

The Inter-League Organization (ILO) – Is it the best way to cover regional issues?

By Anne Omsted

Now is the time for every League member to discuss the issue of League monitoring and response to regional government. For 40 years the League of Women Voters of San Diego County, the ILO, has served to address regional issues. It has a Board of Directors that meets regularly and which conducts alternating yearly County Convention and County Council meetings. The ILO has bylaws and a budget supported by Per Member Payments from our two local Leagues and is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit educational organization. ILO Board members have carried portfolios for specific areas of interest, written letters commenting on proposed governmental actions, and attended meetings to testify in support or opposition to government proposals or decisions. At County Council last year, the North County League called for the dissolution of the ILO to make way for a more informal structure to cover such regional issues as health care, transportation, land use, social policy, water and environmental issues.

A committee composed of Jeanne Brown, Sylvia Hampton, and Mary Hanson from the San Diego League, and Roni Seay, Barbara Lorenzen and Anne Omsted from the North County League has studied how regional government monitoring is done by other Leagues in other urban California counties. The committee has prepared a report outlining the various structures that these other Leagues are using and has also reviewed what the current ILO is doing. The report will be presented to the ILO Board for acceptance at the 5/21/16 County Convention.

The committee would like to hear from members to make sure that all concerns about the ILO have been addressed and to learn what ideas the members have about tracking regional government issues.

Please plan to attend the meeting on March 8 from 10-12 at the Leucadia Wastewater Board Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue (north east corner of El Camino Real and La Costa Avenue, on the far east side of the shopping center). You can read the report that has been prepared by the committee at <http://lwvncsd.org/ILOStudy.html>

The committee members look forward to your active participation in arriving at a good decision for our Leagues. Come and comment!

Higher Ed Study (continued from page 1)

Why the focus on equitable access?

According to USC professor of higher education and co-director of the Center for Urban Education (CUE), Dr. Estela Mara Bensimon, “The persistence of inequity in higher education and attainment will reduce the proportion of college-educated adults, which in turn, will have detrimental effects on the state’s economy, workforce preparation, the quality of life of aging baby boomers, and most importantly, its impact on our aspirations to be a society that provides equal opportunities regardless of race, religion, gender or socio-economic status.”

The LWVSD study team found changes in demographics and college participation patterns in California significantly impacted key public higher education systems. Student ethnicity has changed dramatically. California leads the nation in this demographic change. Also, the majority of people over 65 in CA are white while the majority of young children are people of color.

There has been an enormous change in demand. Today, students must pursue at least some post-secondary education to earn a family-sustaining wage. By 2025, California is projected to have a deficit of 2.5 million college-educated workers. A much larger percentage of high school graduates will attend college. There will be more women, more part-time and older students. All these students will represent more racial, ethnic and economic diversity than ever before.

Why the focus on funding and accessibility?

As the need for education has risen, financial support from the state has fallen. In the 1970’s, financial support for education represented nearly 20% of the budget, in 2011, this figure was 12%. State support for CSU and UC is at the lowest point in more than 30 years, adjusted for inflation.

“Perhaps the greatest challenge is to ensure that higher education serves as a ladder for economic and social mobility rather than simply reinforcing economic and class divides,” said Hans Johnson, PPIC Senior Fellow. Today’s students have become saddled with college debt. According to *Money* magazine, 2012 was the first year total federal and private student debt surpassed \$1 trillion dollars. The U.S. Department of Education states that student debt is growing at an annual rate of 17%, seven times the rate of inflation. The typical borrower now owes between \$10,000 and \$50,000 in college debt. However, data from the US Dept. of Education, shows that current California college students have less debt than the national average. Increases in the “total cost of

attendance” include increases in tuition, fees, housing, textbooks, and transportation.

Why the focus on Preparedness?

The definition of college readiness is the level of preparation a student needs in order to enroll and succeed – without remediation. There is a big difference between being admitted to college and being admitted into college-level coursework. There is wide gap in completion rates for academically prepared vs. unprepared students for all demographic and ethnic groups. Should California provide a robust system of postsecondary education that serves as a pathway to better jobs and/or postsecondary education for adults with the following needs?

- Elementary and secondary basic skills, including high school equivalency certificates
- Classes for immigrants in citizenship
- Programs for adults with disabilities
- Short-term career technical education programs with high employment potential
- Apprenticeships

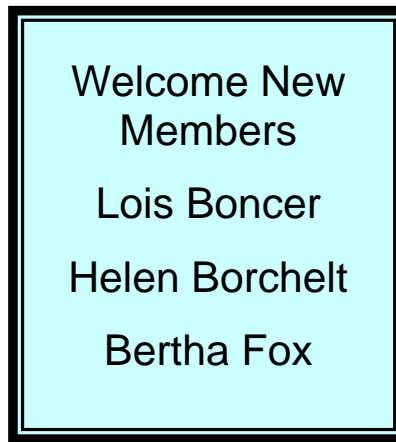
Why the focus on barriers and opportunities?

Many students experience barriers to enrollment and successful completion of their degrees, while others lack opportunities for lifelong learning as well as training or retraining. Lack of planning and coordination between the three segments of California’s public higher education system contribute to these barriers and lack of opportunities. Increased coordination between segments could improve mobility, portability, and smooth transition for students between the systems. Should the three segments create a longitudinal data system that would provide the capacity to analyze student data and possibly improve effectiveness?

There is good work beginning to be done to increase baccalaureate degree attainment rates, supporting career technical education (CTE), and addressing other factors, such as:

- At-risk student populations
- Students with disabilities
- Students lacking non-cognitive skills
- Innovative curriculum and instruction
- Student under-placement
- Questionable curriculum requirements
- Online education.

Are these enough? And, are the efforts effective?





**In Honor of
Women's History
Month, a Tribute to
Eliza Lucas
Pinckney**

In 1740, at the age of 17, Eliza Lucas began managing her father's plantation in the Carolinas. Her widowed father, the lieutenant governor of Antigua, was called back to his post there and left the responsibility for the 5,000 acre plantation –and care of three siblings --to his daughter Eliza.

Eliza became the first important agriculturalist of the United States. Born in Antigua, she had attended a finishing school in England where French, music and other traditionally feminine subjects were stressed, but Eliza's favorite subject was botany. When she was still quite young, her family moved to a farming area near Charleston, South Carolina, where her mother died soon after.

She realized that the growing textile industry was creating world markets for new dyes, so starting in 1739, she began cultivating and creating improved strains of the indigo plant from which a blue dye can be obtained. Due to Eliza's successes, the volume of indigo exported from the Charleston area grew from about 5,000 pounds to 130,000 pounds within two years. Indigo became second only to rice as cash crop (cotton did not gain importance until later).

At age twenty-two she married Charles Pinckney, a politician who was supportive of her efforts but traveled frequently, so she continued to be in charge of the household and the plantations. Within five years she gave birth to four children. Continuing her scientific bent, she experimented with progressive early childhood education, subscribing to the "tabula rasa" theories of John Locke, where a person's mind at birth is thought to be like a blank slate upon which personal experiences create an impression. Her sons grew up to play major roles in the American Revolution and in the government of the newly formed United States of America.

Eliza Pinckney died in 1793. She was so well regarded by her contemporaries, that President George Washington served as one of the pallbearers at her funeral. *The Journal and Letters of Eliza Lucas* was published in 1850.



**In Memoriam Margaret
Schlesinger 1935-2016**

By Roni Seay

The League of Women Voters lost a good friend when Margaret Schlesinger died early in February. Margaret majored in political science at George Washington University as a young woman, and worked on "the Hill". Later she joined the LWV in Oakland and became

immersed in "war on poverty" programs. She joined the San Diego East County League in 1972 and her political activities led to her appointment to the San Diego County Planning Commission. Margaret served on the County League (ILO) board and was first Vice president of the North Coast League.

In the early eighties she became active with the successful effort to establish the incorporation of Solana Beach in 1986. Her efforts made her the top vote-getter when she ran for city council and thus she became the first mayor of Solana Beach. She served on that council for eight years, but remained a force for good government practices for the rest of her life.

She helped to form the San Dieguito River Valley JPA, an agency to purchase, protect and enhance a park along the river from the mouth in Del Mar to the mountains near Julian — a visionary project indeed since little of the land was in public ownership and pressures for development were intense. When she retired from office, she was appointed by the ILO Board to represent the League of Women Voters on the Citizens Advisory

Committee of the JPA.

Margaret was a mentor to women and men seeking public office. Margaret had a great sense of humor and was an inspiration to League members because she led by example and none of us wanted to do less than she expected.

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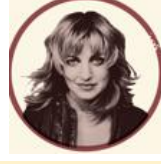
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By Martha Cox

The League of Women Voters of San Diego and North County San Diego invite you to a fun-filled, musical evening with a purpose. On April 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., the 2016 "Use Your Voice" tour is coming to the California Center for the Arts in Escondido and you don't want to miss it!

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, in partnership with Grammy award-winning recording artist Patty Griffin and two touring mates, Sara Watkins and Anais Mitchell, the April 1st event promotes the importance of voter participation in 2016 and encourages younger voters to register, to engage and to vote. The Escondido concert is one of two southern California stops on a 38-city tour. For more information about this collaborative project, click [here](#).

You may get tickets for this event two ways:

- Go to <http://artcenter.org/event/patty-griffin/> indicate that you are with the League of Women Voters, and you will receive a 15% discount.
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If you are a member of the North County San Diego League, and have more questions, please contact Martha Cox at mcox@lwvc.org

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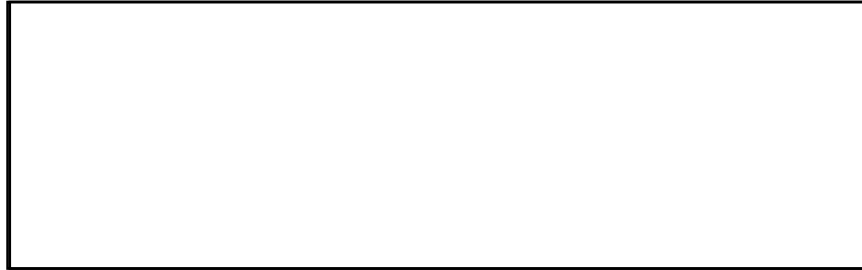
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