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MAY 2016 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, May 13** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Mon, May 16** Book Group Mtg
1 - 3 pm Home of
Dvora Gittelson
- Thur, May 19** Least Tern Outing
9 am – 12 pm meet at La Costa Park
& Ride, 701 La Costa
Ave, for carpool to the
nesting site
- Sat, May 21** County Convention
10 am – 12 pm Scripps Ranch Library
10301 Scripps Lake
Dr.
- Tue, May 24** Carlsbad Unit
10 am – 12:30 pm Observer Luncheon
Clubhouse at
7386 Altiva Place,
Carlsbad

JUNE 2016 AT A GLANCE

- Sat, June 4** LWVNCSD
1 - 4 pm Annual Mtg
Vista Library
- Wed, June 8** San Dieguito Unit
11:30 am – 2 pm Observer Luncheon
Home of Nancy Hand
- Fri, June 10** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Mon, June 20** Book Group Mtg
1 - 3 pm Home of Kathy
Anderson

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Time for our LWVNCSD Annual Meeting



Tom Shepard

By Cathy Greene

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Meeting, which will take place on **Saturday, June 4, 2016, 1:30 to 4:00 pm with registration at 1:00 pm at the Vista Library Community Room.** We hope you will all be there.

We are trying something different this year and we hope you will like it. Instead of a breakfast or luncheon as we have done in the past, we are planning a more relaxed meeting but, of course, with delicious refreshments and time to socialize with our League friends. There will be no charge, but we will accept any donations to defray the cost.

The Annual Meeting celebrates both the end of our 2015-2016 year and the beginning of the next great year for our League. It is a time to meet old and new friends and also to do the business of the League.

We will start our meeting with a terrific speaker, Mr. Tom Shepard, President of Tom Shepard & Associates, a political consulting firm in San Diego. Mr. Shepard is a well-known and much honored consultant who will speak to the topic of Political Campaigns and Money. What could be better in this election year!

TS&A's local campaign clients have included four of the last six mayors of San Diego, four of the five members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the last two County Sheriffs, and ballot measure campaigns that approved the San Diego Convention Center and its subsequent expansion, downtown's Petco Park, Carlsbad's Legoland amusement park, and others.

After Mr. Shepard's talk, the business meeting will proceed with adoption of local and unit program, adoption of the budget for 2016-2017, election of new officers, voting by members on the future of the ILO, and directions to the board. We will cap the day off with the raffle drawing for the fabulous gift cards.

We urge all members to attend this meeting and help us celebrate our many years as the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego.

Please call or email your reservation by June 1st to Barbara Lorenzen at 760-305-7842 or barblorenzenlwv@gmail.com.

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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.

Ready, Set, GO! for Voter Service

Voter Service projects and programs during election season are the heart of the League. This is what we do! And we can't do it without you!

This spring has been an exciting time with non-stop requests for voter services. We have been busy registering student voters at community colleges and high schools. In April, we moderated a forum for candidates for the County Board of Supervisors, Third District. We extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped with all of these springtime projects!

As we approach the fall election season, we look to welcome back all of you who have helped with these election programs and events in the past. I know you are looking forward to helping the League again. We also want to welcome those of you who have never had the chance to volunteer in this way. You will find it fun and rewarding.

So please pencil us in for fall activities. We will be training volunteers for moderating forums, presenting pro and con discussions of the ballot measures, and for registering voters.

These training meetings will take place sometime in late August or early September. Notice will be sent out this summer when we have specific dates for you. You will be trained and mentored by knowledgeable and experienced League members.

All of these activities are fun events to enjoy with your League friends. Some are easier than others, but all offer very rewarding experiences of service to your communities. We hope you will join us!

Cathy Greene
Barbara Lorenzen
Voter Service

May/June Meetings

Book Group Meetings

Monday • May 16 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Monday • June 20 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, May 16 at 1 PM at the home of Dvora Gittelson to discuss *Nomad* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali.

Contact monroymario@att.net for information. They will meet on Monday, June 20 at 1PM at the home of Kathy Anderson to discuss *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters at the End* by Atul Gawande.

Carlsbad Unit & San Dieguito Unit

All Members Welcome

Outing to Observe Least Terns

Thursday • May 19 • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meet at La Costa Park and Ride, 701 La Costa Ave., to carpool to the Nesting Site.

By Don Omsted

May is a great time to see breeding tern pairs and to observe courting behavior. We can also count on observing other birds.

We will meet at the La Costa Park and Ride at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 19th. We will carpool to the best nesting site as parking is very limited there. Please bring binoculars, sun block, hat, and shoes suitable for sand. If you need to sit down, please bring a small folding stool or chair, but we will be carpooling, so space for extra items will be limited. We will spend about an hour and a half to two hours at this site. There won't be a lot of walking.

See page 6 for overview of the California Least Terns that we will see in May. Hope to see you on Thursday, May 19th at the La Costa Park and Ride, and be careful about stepping on ant lions!

County League Convention

Saturday • May 21 • 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Scripps Ranch Library

10301 Scripps Lake Dr., San Diego

The Biennial Convention business Includes: Approval of County League Program, Budget, Election of Officers/Directors for 2016-2018 and **Future of the ILO** (see page 5). Bring your own lunch and beverage. Water will be provided as well as morning treats.

Carlsbad Observer Luncheon

All Members Welcome

Clubhouse at 7386 Altiva Place, Carlsbad

Tuesday • May 24 • 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

By Karen Pendergast

Join us for one of the most informative, interesting and fun social activities of the year. Since our founding in 1920, the League has been a champion of government transparency. It is one of our core principles and a very important and vital part of our mission. At this meeting, League observers of local governmental bodies report their impressions and observations of the public meetings they have attended. Unit members can decide, after hearing the reports, if action needs to be taken on any issues.

Members, whose last names begin with A thru M, please bring a salad.

Those with last names from N thru Z, please bring a dessert.

Sandwiches will be provided by the unit. Bring your own beverage.

Please RSVP to Karen Pendergast at 760-729-4534 or Kapapen@aol.com.

Unit members ----**Save the date, June 4, for the LWVNCSD Annual Meeting.** It will be held at the Vista Library featuring Tom Shepard, nationally recognized political consultant as our guest speaker.

LWVNCSD Annual Meeting

Saturday • June 4

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Vista Library Community Room

700 Eucalyptus Ave.

See page 1.

San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon

All Members Welcome

Wednesday • June 8 • 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

By Connie Ulrich

The San Dieguito Unit Observers Luncheon has been set for Wednesday, June 8, at the home of Nancy Hand.

The luncheon will start at 11:30 and conclude at 2pm. Please rsvp to Nancy at which time she will give you the gate code. As usual it's potluck so when you contact Nancy you may want to ask her what you should bring.

As you know, the Observers Luncheon is one of our favorite events. It's a time to learn what's happening in our community, socialize and catch up with old friends. Please join us.

Welcome New Members
- Shirley Anderson
- Karen Vanderwerken
- Jennifer White



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

Keep an Open Mind . . . and Grow

Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world.

What were the chances that there are only two degrees of separation between our League and the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Restoring Respect Conference on April 18th? Even before Alexander Heffner, host of [PBS' Open Mind](#) program arrived in San Diego, LWV member Suzanne Carneiro made the connection: Alexander Heffner is the nephew of long-time LWV North County members, Howard and Rosella Heffner.

This bond was a great ice-breaker at a pre-conference dinner with Alexander, and provided a warm backdrop for sharing of ideas about the League's role in today's political climate before his keynote address on Monday.

In his keynote remarks, Alexander talked about three main contributors to incivility: bigotry, obstructionism, and political correctness. He sees people as feeling fearful of speaking their minds, which enables the bigotry, hate mongering, xenophobia, and profiteering of the media, leading to obstruction.

Alexander's remarks were followed by a stunning discussion by a panel consisting of Mesa College President Pam Luster, political reporter Gene Cubbison, USD Present James Harris, Miramar College Associated Student Government President Olivia Light, and UCLA professor of education Tyrone Howard, moderated by Mesa College Political Science Professor Carl Luna.

As our League's civil engagement network continues to grow larger and span greater distances, we're convinced that this connectedness can bridge differences and make our social distances far smaller.

*"If you are good at building bridges,
you will never fall into the abyss!"*

— Mehmet Murat ildan



Martha Cox
and Alexander
Heffner at
dinner in San
Diego

HELP THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS THIS PRIMARY ELECTION

By Anne Omsted

The San Diego County Registrar of Voters (ROV) is asking community groups to help with an experimental program just before the June 7th Primary. Those who vote by mail will be allowed to drop off their sealed ballots into sealed ballot boxes at 22 selected libraries and community centers around the county. LWVNCSD has taken on the responsibility for manning the return spot at the Encinitas and Vista Libraries. This, you will agree, is a perfect opportunity for the LWV to team with the Registrar on a voter-related service. And, an unusual turn for volunteers these days, those who work on this project must become temporary county employees and will be paid \$10.62 per hour. Each worker can keep the money earned or donate it to the LWVNCSD.

Here are the details.

1. Each worker needs to fill out an application form so that a background check can be run by the county. Anne Omsted will have these forms beginning 4/25/16. Carpools and fingerprinting appointments will be organized by Anne Omsted and Barbara Lorenzen.
2. Short training sessions at either the Encinitas or Vista libraries which will be run by the ROV's staff towards the end of May.
3. Please call or email Anne Omsted if you would like to participate. Let Anne know which library is your chosen work site, and which days and hours you could work (3 ½ hour shifts). No one will be allowed to work 40 hours during this period (County rule for temporary workers).

Special thanks go to Barbara Lorenzen, who has volunteered to co-ordinate the Vista Library workers. Anne will co-ordinate the Encinitas Library workers. If you think you might like to organize and co-ordinate volunteers at your own library for this service, please give Anne a call.

Special note – LWVNCSD has its annual meeting on Saturday 6/4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Vista Library. The ROV staff is aware of this little bump in the road and will have non-LWV workers cover both libraries during that time frame.

Into the Future with League

By your Steering Committee

A year ago this June, our board made the decision to propose that the San Diego County Inter-League Organization (ILO) dissolve. This decision was the result of many conversations among leaders of our League. The decision was not made by one person but by the entire board of directors of our League.

Since that time, a study committee was formed to explore various aspects of the San Diego ILO, other ILO's in California, and also other ways local Leagues manage regional issues. Results of this study appeared in our *VOTER* and were the topic of a general meeting presented by the study committee to our League members on March 8, 2016.

At that meeting, four options were presented by the study committee for our consideration. Option One was change nothing and continue with the status quo, with an alternative of continuing with the status quo but suspending or reducing the Per Member Payment that each League pays to the ILO (\$2.50 per member). Option Two was to merge both local Leagues into one League for the entire County. Option Three was disband the ILO, retain the two local leagues and establish a County Council. Option Four was to disband the ILO, but retain the two local leagues to work cooperatively on regional issues on an informal basis.

After the study committee presented their findings, the North County members discussed the options presented. **Our members overwhelmingly supported Option Four, that is, to “Disband the ILO, but retain the two local leagues to work cooperatively on regional issues on an informal basis.”**

Our next step was for our board to meet with the San Diego League board of directors. The San Diego League had similarly hosted the study committee to discuss the options with their members in early March. At the joint board meeting with the San Diego League, which took place on March 14th, the combined boards agreed that Option Four as mentioned above was the recommended course of action.

This month, on Saturday, May 21st, the San Diego County Inter-League Organization will meet for its convention. Both North County League and San Diego League will send delegates to the convention. All League members are welcome to attend. Our delegates will vote, in a non-binding vote, on one of

the four options presented by the study committee. Both local League boards recommend Option Four.

Then, on Saturday, June 4th, the North County League will meet for our own annual meeting. At this meeting, in addition to conducting the usual annual meeting business, we will ask for a members vote on the options. Again, our board recommends Option Four.

We urge all members to consider this issue and to attend the annual meeting in June to vote. You can read all the study materials including the options on our website, lwnvncsd.org. Click on the link on the home page.

*Arlene, Barbara, Connie,
and Cathy*

Looking to win?

Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets and donation!

All North County League members should have received raffle tickets in the mail for our League's major fundraiser of the year. This is an opportunity to win fabulous gift cards for items such as dinner at a Cohn restaurant, shopping sprees at Macy's, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Sur la Table, or Starbucks. Almost \$800 worth of donated gift cards are waiting for lucky winners!

All proceeds will benefit our North County League of Women Voters to help us continue our programs and services in 2016-2017. Our events and action plans for the coming year need your member support and participation!

The prize drawing will be held at our Annual Meeting on June 4th at the Vista Library.

Join in the fun of this raffle. Right now, please send in your tickets and donations for your chance to win!

Mail to Barbara Lorenzen, 1192 Tres Ninos Corte, Vista, CA 92084-7260

For more tickets or other questions contact Barbara Lorenzen at:

barblorenzenlwv@gmail.com or at 760-305-7842



The League Launches New Online Voter Guide, Voter's Edge California

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before Election Day:

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- Keep track of your choices and use them to vote.
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Find out more about Voter's Edge California. Like the [LWVCEF on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).



Least Tern Species Overview

By Don Omsted

California Least Terns are in the gull family and are the smallest of the terns. They are migratory and nest primarily along the California coast and the extreme northern Pacific coast of Mexico. Their swallow-like flight is very light and graceful and noted for a much more rapid wing beat compared to the other terns and gulls. All terns have forked tails, which distinguish them from the gulls, and have the same grey tops and white underbellies that you see in the gulls. Least terns have a distinctive black cap and a white V across the eyes and above the golden yellow beak. The fledglings are sand colored top and bottom.

Terns feed on anchovies, smelt, silversides, and small crustaceans. Be sure to look for birds returning from the ocean with fish in their beaks. Males will be using their fish to impress potential mates or to feed their young. When fishing they will hover like helicopters and then plunge into the water without submerging, only scooping up fish near the surface.

Terns begin breeding when about three years old. Courtship is an elaborate rite that takes place on the breeding sites in a ritual called fish-flight display. A male flies in with a fish in his beak, and is often chased by a female looking for a mate. The flights are spirited and vocal as the pair weave high in the sky and then

descend quickly towards the sand. Courtship can also take place on the ground as the male struts and dances around a female, holding a fish in his beak. If she accepts him, she joins the dance. Pairs are seasonally monogamous.

Nests are simple scrapes in the sand on barren or sparsely vegetated places. Usually two eggs are laid and are incubated for about three weeks by both male and female. They both feed their young. The chicks hatch with their eyes open, down covered, and capable of walking soon after hatching. They can fledge (fly) in about 4 weeks.

By mid-June the raucous parents in the colony have left for the Pacific coast of Mexico and maybe to the Pacific Coast of South America. The fledglings are left behind but have been taught to find fish, and they too soon depart. (This way these parents don't need to kick the young ones out of the nest.)

Least Terns have been protected since 1971 under the Endangered Species act. Since then, California's protected breeding pairs have increased from 600 to about 7,100 now. This is the result of creating protected fenced sites, along with regular predator removal, rigorous monitoring, and significant research. In San Diego County, Camp Pendleton has 1,355 breeding pairs, Batiquitos Lagoon 431, Mission Bay 305, and the Navy (San Diego Bay) has 1,041 pairs.



Remembering Gail London

Long-time League member Gail London, passed away peacefully at her home on April 16, surrounded by her

children.

She was a faithful League member, participating in many activities. She served on the North Coast Board in the late 90's as Observer Chair, recruiting and filling all the posts. She was Director of Voter Registration from 2008-2010. Gail performed a variety of other Voter Service jobs.

Gail took charge of many small League tasks too, volunteering with a smile and a positive attitude. She retrieved The *VOTER* from the printer, prepared it for mailing, and left extra copies in the libraries. She was in charge of the Carlsbad Unit coffee pot to make coffee every month for the members and guests.

A Memorial service will be held at the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 2020 Chestnut Ave, Carlsbad, on May 21 at 3:00 PM. Cards may be sent to her residence, 2695 Medford Ct., Carlsbad CA 92010-2178

Stay Connected and Share

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Suzanne Carneiro

Webmaster and social media guru

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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- \$30/year, new members joining after Feb. 1st
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution.

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

I am interested in the following:

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest groups:
- Book Group
- Civil Discourse
- Health

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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?

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www.lwv.org

