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NOV 2014 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, Nov. 14** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Sat, Nov. 15** **New!** **Health Care Group Mtg.**
10 am – 12 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Mon, Nov. 17** Book Group Mtg
1 – 3pm Home of Dvora Gittelson
- Thur, Nov 20** Carlsbad Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm La Posada

DEC 2014 AT A GLANCE

- Wed, Dec 3** San Dieguito Unit
11:30 am – 2 pm Observer Luncheon
Home of Barbara Mendell
- Sat, Dec 6** Carlsbad Unit
10 am – 12:30 pm Observer Luncheon
Home of Cheryl Hjelt
- Fri, Dec 12** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Mon, Dec 15** Book Group Luncheon
12 – 2 pm Home of Mary Fanta

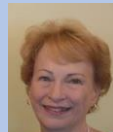
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Reasons to Celebrate!

By Cathy Greene, Co-President

Reason Number One to celebrate our League -- and our big news for the year: the League of Women Voters North County San Diego is now a nonprofit and tax-exempt organization as defined in Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code, effective as of September 11, 2014. **Donations and dues to our League are tax deductible to the extent allowable under the law.**

This has been a multiyear effort by the Board of Directors, initially spearheaded in 2012 by then State League Board member Tom Carson. Last year, our first application was denied, but the board decided to try again. Late this September we received word from the IRS that LWVNCSD was granted this status.

Our deep appreciation and thanks for all the hard work in finessing our approach, filling out the applications, and agonizing over the correct wording go to Barbara Lorenzen and Tom Carson, as well as to past Treasurer Martha Cox and current Treasurer Arlene Meadows.

The 501 (c) (3) status will aid our League in a number of ways, setting us on better financial footing and helping us carry out our mission of educating citizens and influencing public policy.

Reason Number Two to celebrate is that we have once again successfully completed the fall election season of moderating candidate forums, presenting the ballot measures, and registering voters (See the Voter Service story inside on page 4.) We receive so many comments of appreciation from those who attend these events. It is a humbling experience to hear how impressed and grateful our community neighbors are that we are there to help them learn about candidates, issues, and ballot measures. And our League volunteers always have a great time doing it too!

Reason Number Three to celebrate is you, our new and our renewing members, who continue to support our League with dues, volunteer efforts, attendance at meetings and League events, and commitment to our mission and goals. Hooray for us!

Continue the League celebration into the holiday season by attending one of the Observer Luncheons scheduled for early December (see page 3 for dates, times, and locations). Call today to let your hostess know you will attend.

Our celebration will continue into the New Year with more League programs, meetings, events and volunteer opportunities! Stay tuned!

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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-President's Message: Kick Off a Success!



By Carol Grimes-Gartland

Our League is embarking on a very exciting, activity filled year. A Health Care Interest Group is being formed and will be chaired by Jane Dunmeyer. The Carlsbad Unit members will be visiting the newly rebuilt La Posada, a facility for homeless men in the North County. Our Speakers Bureau members are researching the topic, Dark Money which will be shared with the members in the next few months. We are scheduling a social and fund raising Theater Party at one of our local venues in the spring.

I was very privileged to represent our League at a presentation by the Carlsbad School District reporting on the progress and achievements of the district these last several years. Carlsbad High Schools received from the *USA News and World Report* the designation of being part of the 5% of outstanding high schools in the U. S.

Every member of our League is welcome to attend any meeting that is scheduled, and to bring a friend who might be interested in joining. The highlight of our year will be the State Convention here in San Diego--a great opportunity to see the League in action in May.

LEADERSHIP NORTH COUNTY

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Government Day: Leadership North County

By Mary Thompson

The class roster read like North County's A-team: chiefs of police, school district officials, and business and good-governance executives. On October 16th League members, Jackie Stone and Mary Thompson, addressed twenty-two participants of CSUSM's *Leadership North County's* 2015 class on their first full day of class. "Government Day" is dedicated to understanding all aspects of government in North County. Fittingly, the class was held in the Council Chambers at the San Marcos City Hall.

In remarks on "Voter Engagement," Mary and Jackie provided a glimpse of the League's history, a snapshot of voter registration and participation statistics from June 2014 and November 2012, and asked the group to imagine the North County without the League's voter service and advocacy efforts, with particular focus on the LWV Observer Corps. A copy of the presentation is available on our League website: www.lwvnscsd.org.

November/ December Meetings



New! Health Care Interest Group
All Members Welcome
Saturday • November 15
10:00 am -12:00 pm

By Jane Dunmeyer

All of us will grow old, if we are lucky, and two out of five of us will have the experience of living either a short or long time in a skilled nursing facility (SNF). If we personally don't use a SNF for rehab or respite, we will surely know friends or relatives who will need those services.

A health care interest group has recently been organized by Jane Dunmeyer. This group, open to all interested League members, will have an initial focus on SNFs (aka: nursing homes) and patient rights. Studies will take members through the fields of skilled nursing and assisted living, senior abuse, mandatory reporting, qualifications of health care workers, and laws regarding the care and maintenance of not only the facilities but also of the residents. Other areas of importance to this topic include the ratings of facilities by governmental agencies, decision making and conservatorship vs durable power of attorney, statistics of ownership and finance. And, last but not least, the frustrations of families, staff and residents.

If you would like to join this group for fellowship and to learn and share information, **Join us at our meeting Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm** at the home of Jane Dunmeyer. For more information give Jane Dunmeyer a call at 760-434-1977.



Book Group Meeting
All Members Welcome
Monday • November 17
1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 20, at 1 PM at the home of Dvora Gittelsohn to discuss *Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future*, by Robert B. Reich. Call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net for more information.



Carlsbad Unit Meeting
All Members Welcome
Thursday • November 20
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Karen Pendergast

The Carlsbad Unit meeting on Nov 20th will be a tour of La Posada de Guadalupe emergency shelter. The shelter is located at 2476 Impala Drive, Carlsbad, Ca 92010. Meet at 10 a.m. After the tour we will meet in

the dining area for a question and answer period. Contact Karen Pendergast (760 729 4534) if you need directions.



San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon
All Members Welcome
Wednesday • December 3
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

By Anne Patton

One of our unit's favorite meetings is coming up! Observer Corps members will bring us up-to-date on what they've been seeing and hearing these last six months as they have attended meetings of our local governmental groups. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us on Wednesday, December 3, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. at the home of Barbara Mendell. RSVP to Barbara at 858-759-1687. For more information call Ann Patton 858-759-2715.

Carlsbad Unit Observer Potluck Luncheon
All Members Welcome
Saturday, December 6
10:00 am – 12:30 pm

By Karen Pendergast

Carlsbad and Quad-Cities members will gather for our semi-annual potluck luncheon to hear reports of our Observer Corps. Observer Corps members will bring us up-to-date on what they've been seeing and hearing at the meetings of boards, councils and other groups they've been observing during these last 6 months. Bring your favorite dish to share. Don't miss this enjoyable and informative meeting. We'll be looking for you!

We will meet at the lovely home of Cheryl Hjelt 10:00 am to 12:30 pm Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Please RSVP and get directions and additional information by Thursday, December 4 by calling either Karen Pendergast, 760-729-4534 or Dorine Meade, 760-434-3950.

Book Group Holiday Luncheon
All Members Welcome
Monday • December 15
12:00 – 2:00 pm

By Margie Monroy

The Book group will hold its annual holiday luncheon at the home of Maryrae Fanta on Monday, December 15, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or email monroymario@att.net for more information.

From Civil Discourse to Deliberation



By Martha Cox and Mary Thompson.

The Civil Discourse group has elected to meet twice a year (January and July) but to keep all LWV members engaged in the ongoing work of the group through a monthly column in the VOTER. We hope to use this space as a sort of “virtual meeting” for the latest from our civil discourse efforts.

Highlights and Lowlights - Our hope is that some of the flavor of our ‘round the table discussions on civility in our public life could continue through this medium. If something in the media or public meeting struck you as particularly civil (or not!) we’d love to hear from you.

What’s New? The latest developments from the Civil Discourse group and affiliated work with the San Diego Deliberation Network (our Kettering Foundation work!) will be posted, so all members are informed of upcoming events and engagement opportunities.

Speaking of what’s new, in October Mary Thompson and Martha Cox traveled to Dayton, OH for the third of four workshops at Kettering focused on our substance abuse discussion guide.

Civility Matters: It is the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) that those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed. —Charles Darwin

Voter Service Fall 2014 Wrap Up

By Cathy Greene

As I write this, the fall election season is all over but the voting! Our League volunteers have concluded another successful fall election season, having conducted six candidate forums and given 15 presentations on the ballot measures. Congratulations to all the wonderful League members who made this happen!

I am especially grateful to Anne Omsted and Roni Seay who cheerfully said yes when I asked them to take command of the pro/con presentations

(Anne) and the candidate forums (Roni). I was worried about approaching the election season without a Voter Service Chair this year, but Anne and Roni were more than equal to the task. Special thanks also to Barbara Lorenzen and Nancy Telford who assisted Roni with several of the forums.

Barbara also conducted voter registration events for our League at two senior living communities. The residents are always so appreciative of our help in changing their address on voter registration forms so they can continue their life long practice of voting.

Candidate forums for City Council and Mayoral positions were conducted in Oceanside, Escondido and Encinitas. A forum for candidates for Carlsbad Unified School District Board of Trustees and one for MiraCosta Community College Board of Trustees candidates rounded out these events. Over 300 community members attended the forums to hear and weigh each candidate’s responses to questions from the audience.

Pro and Con discussions of the ballot measures were given in communities around the North County from Fallbrook to Escondido and San Marcos and all down the coast from Oceanside to Solana Beach and Del Mar, enlightening approximately 520 citizens on the specifics of the choices to be made on the propositions on this fall’s ballot.

Here, in alphabetical order, are the League members who helped with Voter Service this year. Volunteers ranged from a brand new member to a fifty-year member! A number of these volunteers did double duty, working multiple events. Anne, Roni, and Barbara are so thankful for your help!

Kathy Anderson, Heather Callaghan, Suzanne Carneiro, Patrick Coony, Nan Criqui, Nancy Dietrich, Susan D’Vincent, Cathy Greene, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Nancy Hand, Barbara Lorenzen, Lois Martyns, Dorine Meade, Diane Mochizuki, Margie Monroy, Karen Pendergast, Jackie Stone, Nancy Telford, Mary Thompson, Connie Ulrich.

Expanding Membership with Student Engagement



By Joann Johnson

Thanks to one of our newer League members, Dr. Kimber Quinney, the League of Women Voters North County San Diego has a unique opportunity to explore partnership and collaborative opportunities with Cal State San Marcos students and student organizations seeking to expand their experience in civil discourse and civic engagement.

A committee of Kimber Quinney, Mary Thompson, Martha Cox, Suzanne Carneiro, and Joann Johnson is working to attract students to the League both as members and as interns supporting our various areas of focus. Using student interns to help with Smart Voter this election season made the most sense to pursue as an initial outreach project. Student interns helped contact candidates for inclusion on Smart Voter and published approved updates to our website and social media.

Thanks to our connections with local universities through the San Diego Deliberation Network (our Kettering colleagues), interns from SDSU, Point Loma Nazarene University, USD, and CSUSM worked on Smart Voter under the mentorship of Suzanne Carneiro and Joyce Joseph.

Based on the success of this initial internship, our League could continue to build intern programs to augment other areas of interest. This first experience will allow us to track what worked, what didn't, and how we can best create a structure that is beneficial to both students and our League. Once we have this experience vetted, we can consider other areas where interns could provide support, such as general website maintenance, observers for education, healthcare, outreach, membership, etc. There are many possibilities for students to learn from the League and help support our efforts!

This will not happen all at once. The most important part of building this program will require an initial investment of *mentorship* time to ensure consistency and accuracy with our message and vision. As we slowly engage student interest in areas that resonate for them, we will be looking for League members who have an interest in helping guide these students and preparing them to be successful as representatives of the League.

If you would like more information or are interested in potentially becoming an intern mentor, please feel free to reach out to a committee member or contact Joann Johnson at johnnyj@earthlink.net.

Speaking of expanding membership....hopefully you have all received your renewal information in the mail! Don't forget to send those in when you get

a moment, as we have some very exciting programming planned for this upcoming year! Thank you for being a part of the League of Women Voters North County San Diego.



Smart Voter workers: Above left to right: Suzanne Carneiro, Yesenia Gamez Valdez (USD), Denise Rodriguez (Point Loma Nazarene University), Maggie Farrar (SDSU). Left, Adam Purvis (CSUSM).



Member Spotlight Marilyn Voorhies

By Kathy Anderson

Marilyn Voorhies, originally from Massachusetts, is a graduate of Wellesley College with a degree in Economics. She and her husband and young family moved west in 1950 and came to reside in Solana Beach in 1958. Marilyn originally wanted to become a lawyer but decided to become a teacher while her three children were young. After getting an MA in Education from USIU, she joined the Solana Beach school system, teaching reading and English. Marilyn discovered a great love of teaching that changed her aspirations and led to a twenty-two year career. She retired from teaching in 1981.

Marilyn joined the LWV after retirement because she believes the organization does important work informing voters. She is particularly appreciative of the work of the Observer Corps which often brings an insight into the operation of some local governmental agencies and committees.

In her spare time, Marilyn works to support the importance of education as a member of the Board of the Mexican American Education Guidance Association (MAEGA), a group promoting education beyond high school for Latino students in the San Dieguito Union High School District through scholarship assistance for college or technical schools. Over the years, she also has been a volunteer tutor for Spanish speaking adults learning English. Marilyn is an avid reader and an ardent horsewoman.

Annual Fiscal Report, 2013-2014

By Arlene Meadows, Treasurer

In compliance with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the LWVNCSD, the following information is a high-level overview of fiscal activity for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

Beginning Balance 7/1/2013

Checking	14,826.79
Savings	27,684.19
Education	
Fund	1,122.52

Total	
Assets	43,633.50

Ending Balance 6/30/2014

Checking	13,685.67
Savings	27,698.07
Education	
Fund	97.52

Total	
Assets	41,481.26

The LWVNCSD is compliant with all mandated reporting as a non-profit organization with the California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts, the California Secretary of State, and the IRS and FTB tax filings for the FY 2013-2014. A fiscal review will be conducted prior to the end of 2014.

The combined application for an IRS non-profit status change from 501(c)(4) to 501(c)(3) that was filed with a number of other California Leagues in April of 2012 was denied in April, 2014 due to procedural issues. It has been re-filed and approved as of September 11, 2014.

We purchased a few more audio-visual items as well as a laptop to be used for presentations and the Treasurer, and there remains \$313.95 left for this purpose.

Please contact Treasurer, Arlene Meadows, 760-751-2049, lwvncsd@gmail.com for additional information.



Twitter

By Suzanne Carneiro

Last month I set up a Twitter account for LWV San Diego County for our student intern project involving Smart Voter. In case you didn't know, many of our Leagues across the country are on Twitter and send out messages about their advocacy, meetings and events every day. I think for now it's one of the best ways to get our message out. **If any member is interested in managing a Twitter account (and learning how if needed) for LWFNCSD, please let me know. We need your help.**

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

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- Why I'm joining

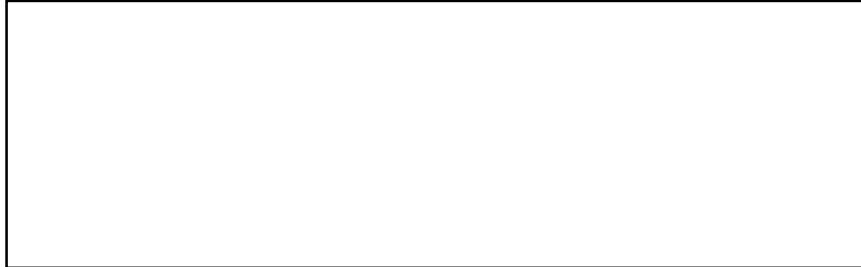
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- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
 - ◆ Book Group
 - ◆ Civil Discourse
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Natural Resources
 - ◆ Women's Issues



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