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## OCT 2014 AT A GLANCE

<b>Fri, Oct 10</b> 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
<b>Fri, Oct 10</b> 5:30 – 7 pm	Pro/Con Discussion Fletcher Cove Park
<b>Thur, Oct 16</b> 10 am – 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD Offices
<b>Mon Oct 20</b> 1 – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Cathy Greene
<b>Wed Oct 22</b> 1 – 3 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village

## NOV 2014 AT A GLANCE

<b>Fri, Nov. 14</b> 10 am – 12 pm	LWVNCSD Bd Mtg LWD Offices
<b>Mon, Nov. 17</b> 1 – 3 pm	Book Group Mtg Home of Dvora Gittelson
<b>Thur, Nov 20</b> 10 am – 12 pm	Carlsbad Unit Mtg La Posada
<b>Wed Nov 26</b> 1 – 3 pm	San Dieguito Unit Mtg Belmont Village

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**Partisan? NO!**

**Political? Yes!**

By Mary Crowley, Past President

Partisan? NO! Political? Yes! "In the League of Women Voters we have an anomaly; we are going to be a semi-political body. We want political things; we want legislation; we are going to educate our citizenship. In that body we have got to be non-partisan and all-partisan. Democrats from Alabama and Republicans from New Hampshire must work for the same things." Carrie Chapman Catt- at the League's founding in Chicago 1920.

Being non-partisan means that the League of Women Voters will never support or oppose candidates or political parties rather the League will always work on issues of concern to members and the public. The League's work is based on the belief that citizens who have well researched and unbiased information will make wise decisions for their communities and their nation.

Back in 1920 League founders quickly realized that now that women could vote they had two major responsibilities. They had to be educated about what they were voting on and they had to study the issues of the day so they could influence public policy. And this is exactly what League still does today. This is accomplished by having two distinct arms of the League -Voter Service/Education and Advocacy/Action. When it comes to advocacy, the League takes action only on issues that have been extensively studied and on which members are agreed. Action usually includes providing information, building public opinion and supporting or opposing legislation. Voter Service, on the other hand, dispenses absolutely impartial information about issues. Activities include registering voters, urging citizens to vote, moderating candidate forums and providing speakers to groups interested in hearing unbiased information about ballot issues.

It is important that our members and the public to understand the difference especially during an election. Does this mean we can't moderate forums or provide impartial pros and cons of ballot measures? Certainly not. We are proud of our ability to carry out these two vital, but separate roles of the League, and we look forward to working with the community to: Get registered., Get Educated, Get Out the Vote . {First published Sept. 2012 Voter LWVNCSD}

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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

We had a very good turnout for our Kick Off at the Dove Library, September 7th. Beside our long standing members we enjoyed talking to potential new members and those who have joined the LWV recently. Signups for Voter Service activities and the possibility of new Observers were all well received. Mary Thompson and Martha Cox had an excellent hands on activity-- interpreting in art form what civil discourse means.



Our speaker, Tom Reeser, the Executive Director of KOCT, the public access T. V. station in Oceanside, spoke of the challenges facing networks which don't have a solid source of funding, but still want to serve the community with accurate information.



Thanks to all Leaguers who brought fantastic food and to Barb Lorenzen who planned and executed all the details.



## October Meetings

### Carlsbad Unit Meeting

All Members Welcome

Thursday • October 16



10:00 am – 12:00 pm

By Karen Pendergast

Carlsbad Unit

meets Oct 16th from

10 to 12 at the

Leucadia

Wastewater

District. Topic will be the Pros and

Cons for the California general

election propositions.

Save the date: Carlsbad/Quad-

Cities Observers' Potluck Lunch

will be on Dec 6th.

### Book Group Meeting

All Members Welcome

Monday • October 20

1:00 – 3:00 pm

The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 20, at 1 PM at the home of Cathy Greene to discuss *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis* by Timothy Egan. Call Margie Monroy, 729-7242 or email [monroymario@att.net](mailto:monroymario@att.net) for more information.

### San Dieguito Unit Meeting



All Members Welcome

Wednesday • Oct. 22

1:00 – 3:00 pm

By Anne Patton

The San Dieguito Unit Meeting will be a Tour of the McClellan Palomar Airport. All units are invited.

The tour will be conducted in two parts. Airport Manager Olivier Brackett will give a short "Airport 101" class about the airport history, operations, growth, etc. Second, guided by Gilbert Matheson we will go behind the scenes to learn about the inner workings. All in all, this will be a great event

McClellan-Palomar Airport is located in Carlsbad, on Palomar Airport Road, between I-5 and El Camino Real. Parking is available in the Long Term parking lot. To access this parking

via the terminal area, take an immediate left as you enter the airport grounds. You'll pass the Administration Building, number 2192, on your left. Continue on and turn left into the third driveway. This leads to a ramp into the Long

Term parking lot. Handicap parking is available in the spaces closest to the administration building. We will meet downstairs in the Administration Building.

Please, it is important that you let me know if you are coming to this tour, as space is limited. Let me know if you will need help walking to the Administration Building, so

arrangements can be made. Don't hesitate to contact me, Anne Patton, if you have questions (858-759 -2715).

Welcome new members!

Nan Criqui

Nita Rodriguez

Katherine Weldon

Following is a letter sent by Polly Williams the daughter of Gerry Williams, long-time, very active member of our LWV, after a Celebration of Life at Carlsbad by the Sea:

To the Carlsbad League Members,

Thank you for arranging such a special gathering for my mom—G. G.- Gerry Williams on her 90th birthday ' What a wonderful way to remember an incredible woman.

Included is a check in honor of my mom and as my way of saying thank you.

Please use it in the area of greatest need and/or whatever you think my mom would most like.

With thanks, Polly Williams



## Smart Voter® NextGen Update



By Joyce Joseph

As many of you already know, [Smart Voter](#) and [MapLight](#) have teamed up to bring California a new comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections called [Voter's Edge](#). The Voter's Edge pilot, designed for California's June primary and November elections, is a partnership approach to accelerating Smart Voter's NextGen vision. It is intended to set Smart Voter on a course to modernize, leverage its unique value, increase its impact, and expand its mission to engage and educate voters with nonpartisan information.

The partnership marries Smart Voter's powerful coverage of election contests and candidates with MapLight's deep expertise in public data and technology. The site features the Smart Voter name and LWVC Education Fund color scheme along with MapLight's logo and will provide:

- An address lookup tool to build individualized ballots and provide the voter's polling place
- Candidate and ballot measure data down to the local level supplied by Smart Voter; and federal, state and campaign finance data supplied by MapLight.

**MAPLight.org**

Development delays, caused by technological complexities, made it unfeasible to redirect voters from Smart Voter to the new Voter's Edge in June. Progress has continued through July, and developers on the Smart Voter and Voter's Edge teams are working to resolve various issues. The current plan is to have a single, fully-integrated and co-branded site available to voters for the November election.

## LWVNCSD invited to CSUSM's Leadership North County



Jackie Stone and Mary Thompson have been invited to address the 2014-15 Leadership North County class about voter engagement on October 16th as part of *Government Day*. They will speak on the League's role in educating voters, [SmartVoter.org](#), insights from the League's observer corps, and how engaged voters contribute to a vibrant community.

Leadership North County is a comprehensive leadership program sponsored by California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) that fosters the growth of community leaders who will serve as catalysts in building a stronger region. The program aims to impact the region's development by preparing an active network of exceptional leaders with diverse backgrounds, with seminar topics including Government, Transportation and Land Use, Resources and Sustainability, Health Care and Human Services, Education, Business, and relationships with SD County military installations. Participants include current and emerging leaders who want to better understand our region's challenges and opportunities. Each Leadership North County class is carefully selected to create the dynamic of a strong learning group and an effective network of leaders.

There are over 400 alumni who have graduated from Leadership North County since its inception in 1986 as *Leadership 2000*. The graduates of Leadership North County include city council members, mayors, several company vice presidents, business owners, nonprofit directors, commissioners, and directors and superintendents from various city departments—and LWV North County members Liz Gabrych and Consuelo Martinez!



LWVNCSD League Member **Morry Shechet** passed away August 30. Morry strongly believed in the good work of League. Morry was a combat veteran of World War II in Europe. Upon returning from the war, he completed his college education and pursued his career as an engineer. Morry was a very talented photographer and past officer of two photo clubs.

## LWVC Ballot Positions



By Anne Omsted

The League of Women Voters of California Board has voted to take the following positions on the six Ballot propositions on the 11/4/2014 ballot.

**Prop 1 – Water Bond** – Despite supporting many of the projects which would be funded by this bond, the LWVC Board decided to have **No Recommendation** because it is concerned that the measure favors large surface water storage projects and also gives spending control to a commission of political appointees with no oversight by the legislature.

**Prop 2 – State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account** – LWVC recommends a **Yes** vote because the measure will impose some fiscal discipline on the California government.

**Prop 45, 46, and 48** – The LWVC makes **No Recommendation** related to these three ballot measures because the LWVC positions do not cover the issues in these propositions.

**45** – Some Health Care Plan Fee rates must receive review by the Insurance Commissioner

**46** – Random Testing of Hospital Doctors, new cap on Malpractice Pain and Suffering Amount

**48** – Referendum on a Compact between State of California and Northern California Indian Band regarding building a Casino off Indian lands.

**Prop 47** – Criminal Sentences, Misdemeanor Penalties – The LWVC recommends a **Yes** vote on this measure because it “...will ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses and will maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crimes”. And further, “...savings generated will be invested in prevention and support programs in K-12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment”. (Quotes are from the LWVC Recommendations for the 11/2014 election.)

## Election Year Offers Many Opportunities for League Members



By Martha Cox

Your upcoming League year will offer many opportunities for engagement, as election years in League always do. We invite your participation in the many voter service events of the fall – for many of us, it’s the reason we joined League!

In addition to these events, please put the 2015 LWVC Convention to be held May 15-17, 2015 on your calendar as well. Leaguers from all over the state will descend on the Westin Hotel in San Diego for this biennial convening. If you have never attended a League convention, this is a great opportunity to do so while it’s in your own backyard! Plenary sessions are enlightening and workshops and caucuses provide opportunity for deeper understanding of League issues and focus. The opportunity to chat, engage and collaborate with other League members is energizing and helpful. Plan to be a part of it.

While the San Diego League is the official host of the event, the convention steering committee is comprised of representatives from many other Southern California Leagues: Orange County Leagues, Riverside and San Bernardino Leagues, and the North County San Diego League. If getting in on the ground floor of planning this event sounds like something you would like to do, we welcome and encourage your involvement. The steering committee is already hard at work planning a great convention. During the convention, there will be many opportunities to volunteer, serving as hospitality hosts, registration desk helpers, marketplace volunteers, computer/projector operators, doorkeepers or timekeepers.

If you are interested in more information, have a suggestion for a convention sponsor or wish to volunteer – welcome aboard! We’re looking for you. Please contact Martha Cox at [marthacox@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthacox@roadrunner.com) or (760) 436-4962.

Long time Quad-Cities Unit member **Marian Smith** passed away on September 8, 2014. Marian attended League meetings faithfully and had a strong commitment to social justice which she carried over into her enthusiastic participation in local politics.

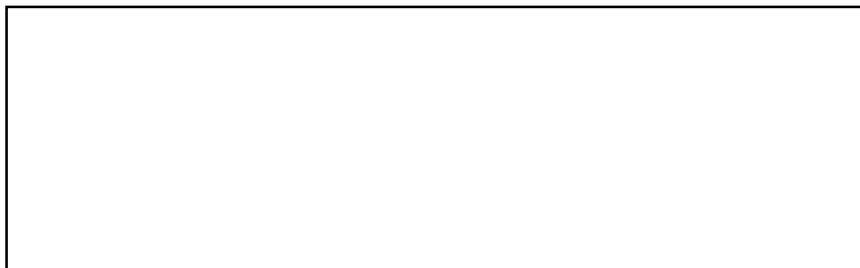


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Have you checked North County League's website this week?

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