

President's Message

Hello League Members!

On March 17, **Molly Cate** led a membership meeting to update attendees on the behavioral health study. As always, it was quite informative! The committee is collecting a wealth of information, and personally, I'm looking forward to seeing how it translates into an updated position. Thank you, Molly!

The State of the Community Luncheon committee is gearing up for the return of the event next month, on April 22. Having been canceled the past two years due to the pandemic, it will be nice to ease back into the annual fundraiser with the semi-virtual one that the committee is planning.

Byrd Lochtie has been busy with the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria elections this month. Even with the tribe preparing to handle the majority of the work themselves in future elections, a significant amount of work goes into it. Thank you for your dedication, Byrd!

In local election news, the filing deadline for the June 7 election closed this past week, meaning we're gearing up to see plenty of campaigning by candidates. In addition, we'll be preparing for candidate forums. As a reminder, the League is a non-partisan organization that focuses on voter education and does not endorse candidates.

I hope that everyone is continuing to stay healthy and enjoying the arrival of spring. I'm quite enjoying the later sunlight that the time change brought!

Jessica Schlachter
LWVHC Co-President



Help Wanted For Avenue of the Giants Marathon

The date for the 50th running of the Avenue of the Giants Marathon is May 1, 2022. They expect a big crowd and have been sold out since early January! Our League has staffed an aid station near Meyers Flat for over 20 years.

Each year brings in between \$300 and \$500 to our treasury. Over the years we have added between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to our treasury and had a good time doing it. It has also raised awareness and good will for the League and has helped the runners as well.

I have committed the League to do it again, so I'll need about ten of us to handle it. I'm not as fast as I used to be, so I can't do it all by myself. We all miss our beloved **Carol Masterson** and I especially. She was my mainstay as she always brought her Carlotta Crew of volunteers to work the Avenue with the banner flying to announce our station.

If you are willing to help staff the aid station, let me know NOW, and I will contact you with the details. HELP!

Kay Escarda 442-7495 kay.escarda@gmail.com

Kay Escarda
LWVHC Member

Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Civic Contribution Awards to Be Presented on April 22, 2022!

Remember the plan to present awards to Eric and Viviana Hollenbeck and Wanda Wahlund at the 2020 State of the Community luncheon? Covid 19 came along and disrupted that well laid plan (along with many others!) In the meantime, **Judy Bennett** and her SOCL committee members have considered alternative ways to honor these worthy individuals and have come up with a creative solution. **On April 22 from 12:00 to 1:00** the League will host an awards ceremony and an abbreviated State of the Community address by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Virginia Bass, at the Morris Graves Museum in Eureka. [League members and others may view the ceremony live on Zoom \(see invitation in this Voter\) or later on Humboldt Access TV and our You-Tube station. Only those with specific tasks will be present at the Morris Graves.](#)

A few words about the awardees, whom you may remember reading about two years ago: The Hollenbecks founded the Blue Ox Historic Village and School, which combines education, historic preservation, and old-time artisanship, including woodwork, lapidary, printing, and more. One of their projects involved enlisting veterans to work on the construction of the Lincoln Hearse, a replica that was featured in a reenactment of the procession carrying President Lincoln's body from Washington D.C. to Illinois. Eric and Viviana are a team with tremendous enthusiasm and vision for projects that will benefit the youth and veterans that they hold dear. The campus of the Blue Ox sees hundreds of visitors from all over the country and was recently featured in a program called "Our California," well worth taking a look at on YouTube.

Wanda Wahlund, community volunteer, is a woman who gets things done, often behind the scenes. She is a longtime member of the Freshwater Community League, which raises funds to keep the Grange open for activities including a senior exercise program. She has been an officer in Quota Club, which helps support a program in Blue Lake that aids women who are recovering from substance abuse issues. She is also instrumental in the local sales of See's Candy, based at the Discovery Shop in Eureka, raising funds for cancer patients to help with expenses including travel to treatment. Her energy and diligence have benefited other organizations as well, including the Cattlewomen's Association, which offers scholarships for high schoolers.

Please see the next page for the invitation to this long awaited event.

Debbe Hartridge
LWVHC SOCL Committee Member



Viviana and Eric Hollenbeck



Wanda Wahlund



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY

LWVHC cordially invites you to the 29th Annual State of the Community Event

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County will host its annual State of the Community Awards Ceremony this year as a virtual event. This will enable the League to continue honoring outstanding members of the community and informing viewers about the current state of the county.

Chair
Judy Bennett

Ann Diehl

Kay Escarda

Nancy Froot

Debbie Hartman

Debbe Hartridge

Nancy Kay

Lorey Keele

Byrd Lochrie

Carolyn Prescott

Judith Stoffer

The League will be honoring:

Viviana and Eric Hollenbeck
Blue Ox Historic Village and School

and

Wanda Wahlund
Community Volunteer

Masters of Ceremonies – Sharolyn Hutton and Jessica Schlachter, Co-Presidents
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

State of the County Remarks – Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Join the event via Zoom from 12:00PM to 1:00PM on April 22, 2022
Zoom broadcast link is 790 591 1201

View the video presentation at LWVHC.org or YouTube

Contributions to LWVHC are always appreciated to help the League continue voter education and community involvement. Please consider sending a donation to the following:

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County
PO Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502
or use PayPal at LWVHC.org

Judy Bennett, Chair

Nancy Kay and Judith Stoffer
Co-Chairs Steering Committee

Behavioral Health Study Update

Some exciting developments have occurred recently in the realm of behavioral health services that will impact the work of our League study. At the state level is the recently announced expansion of funding to improve access to mental health crisis services for children and youth, focused on expansion of mobile crisis support teams (MCSTs), crisis stabilization and Children's Crisis Residential Program beds, plus family respite care. And, state Senator Mike McGuire announced he's introducing Senate Bill 1229, which would provide \$25,000 grants to aspiring mental health clinicians willing to work in high-need communities for two years. These programs speak directly to some of the issues our study is zeroing in on for potential inclusion in our position.

A new book was announced last week, *Healing: Our Path from Mental Illness to Mental Health*, that may be a game-changer in the world of behavioral health services and provides us with both excellent data and a wide range of best practices to consider including in our position. The author, Dr. Tom Insel, psychiatrist and neuroscientist, is a national leader in behavioral health research, policy, and technology and a former director of the National Institute of Mental Health. Our study committee members will be watching a one-hour video presentation he gave about his book last month at the University of California San Francisco; some of us will read and summarize the book as well.

Within our study committee itself, the exciting news is that we have moved into a period of hosting guest presenters at our monthly meetings. At our March 16 meeting, our first guest was local psychiatrist and passionate patient advocate, Dr. Katy Wilson. She provided a strong assessment of best practices and needed improvements in our local care system. Our guest presenter in April will be Dr. Ruby Bayan of Waterfront Recovery.

Finally, on March 17 LWVHC held a Zoom membership meeting to bring members up-to-date on our behavioral health services study (as these updates in *The VOTER* do) and to elicit suggestions, questions, and resources for the study. Many thanks to those who participated and shared their wisdom.

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director



Welcome New and Returning Members

Laura Montagna
Karla Ramirez



Contributions to the LWVHC In Honor of Carol Masterson

Carol Masterson's passion for the League has been remembered by her fellow League members. **Byrd Lochtie, Dottie Riffenburg, Sharolyn Hutton, and Judy Bennett** have made contributions to the League in Carol's honor.

Carol touched so many lives and often impressed others with the importance of the League of Woman Voters. The League also received a contribution in Carol's memory from Tarrah Forbes Karol, who lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. Carol must have truly impressed Tarrah with her love for the League here in Humboldt County!

Thank you, Bryd, Dottie, Judy, and Tarrah, for your tributes to our dear Carol Masterson.

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Treasurer

Contributions to the LWVHC In Honor of Bev Post

Bev Post has been remembered by her fellow League members. **Larry Womack and Connie Wolfson** made contributions to the League in Bev's honor. A League member for several years here in Humboldt, Bev had a long history with local Leagues where she lived in other areas of the nation.

Her history with the League and her friendships with League members will be remembered by many.

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Treasurer



On Friday, March 4, Leaguers, **Leslie Leach, Sharolyn Hutton, Jessica Schlachter, Judith Stoffer, and Kay Escarda** met for a photo op at the Redwood Art Association Gallery during Arts Alive. The Redwood Quilters display celebrated the passage of the 19th Amendment. The quilt between Sharolyn and Jessica was made by **Nancy Frost**, a LWVHC member.

Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$115 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____



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Who's Who in Your 2021-2022 League Board

- Co-Presidents.....Sharolyn Hutton/
Jessica Schlachter
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Anne Hartline
- Treasurer.....Nancy Kay
- Program Director.....Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Directors.....Molly Cate/
Amy Moffat/Sylvia Shaw
- Government Directors.....Sharrone Blanck/
Karen Price
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Interim Forum Director.....Ann Diehl
- Voter Service Director.....Maggie Augustine
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
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- VOTER Co-Editors....Dave Rosso/Leslie Leach
- Community Education Directors.....Nancy Kay/
Amy Moffat
- Communications Director.....Deborah Downs
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Director.....Eddie Morgan





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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, April 5
6 p.m.

Board Meeting

Friday, April 22
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

State of the Community
Awards Ceremony
On Zoom

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Any Time!

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