

President's Message

Hello, League Members!

Wow! Happy 104 years on ratification of the 19th Amendment! What a wonderful summer we've had with sunny days but moderate temperature dials...the rest of the state is jealous.

We had a fun and productive board retreat in the middle of July. While we assigned duties and set our calendar, we also discussed the upcoming election and how to be more of a presence/resource in our community. That quickly came to fruition with members taking action on the lack of transparency on Eureka City Schools near purchase of the Jacobs Ave property (read article by **Byrd Lochtie** on p. 2).

As National Voter Registration Day, September 17, approaches, **Anne Hartline** is not only busy working with the Humboldt County Elections office at the Humboldt County Fair on August 23, but also working on setting up booths at Home Away from Home on September 8, and North Country Fair on September 21 and 22 to get as many people as possible registered to vote. Finally, right around the corner in October will be our KEET candidate forums to help our voters make informed decisions. Therefore, I need you to be ready to volunteer working at these booths and managing the candidate forums.

Voting: it's what makes our democracy work, so keep talking about it!

Julie Kelly
LWVHC President

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.

LWVHC ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

**Date: Saturday,
September 28**

Time: 10–11:30 a.m.

**Place: Veterans Memorial
Building
1018 H Street
Room A
Eureka
In-person Only**

**Speakers: Kevin Collins
and Wes Rishel**

**Topic: The Transparency
Project**

**Catering by: McKinley-
ville Culinary Class**

**We hope to see you there!
Bring a Friend!**



LWVHC Takes Action on Local Issue

You may have heard much about the Eureka City Schools (ECS) Board of Trustees potential sale of the former Jacobs school site in Eureka. There have been various stories published in the *Times-Standard*, *The Lost Coast Outpost*, *The North Coast Journal*, other news outlets, and the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 Report. (You can access these articles online if you want more information about this issue.) Your League became involved when several League members expressed concern about the lack of transparency when ECS approved a deal with a group of investors called AMG Communities LLC-Jacobs. The group was formed just days before a contract was approved, with none of the investors identified. All discussions about the agreement were held in closed session.

Since the approval by the ECS board of this sale in December 2023, the escrow for the sale was extended several times, and when the Grand Jury Report appeared, your League Board voted to take action. The summary of the Grand Jury report states, “The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury concludes that the Eureka City Schools Trustees acted hastily and without sufficient due diligence. While apparently literally complying with the technical requirements of the California Government Code (Brown Act) with respect to a real estate transaction, the Trustees violated the law’s general intent for public participation and transparency in decision-making.” Your board strongly agreed with these comments from the Grand Jury.

In 2016 the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County (LWVHC) adopted a “Civic Engagement” position which addresses transparency in public meetings, opportunities for public input, and multiple chances for citizen participation. Your League board approved a letter written by **Anne Hartline**, using this position and the Grand Jury Report, and Anne presented the letter to the ECS Board at two meetings in June. The letter says that The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County feels very strongly about the need for full and open transparency, as well as opportunities for citizen involvement related to the actions of elected governmental boards and governmental decision-making. The letter requested that the ECS board provide the community with the identification of the investors in AMG and also requested an extension of the escrow to allow for more public input. (The letter is on pp. 2 and 3 of the July 2024 VOTER.)

Since those meetings when the ECS Board of Trustees received the letter from the League, the ECS Board extended the escrow until the day after their meeting in August, allowing for public input at the meeting before the escrow closed. Also, the Superintendent of ECS, Mr. Storts, asked for a meeting with our League. President **Julie Kelly** and board member **Byrd Lochtie** had a cordial and beneficial meeting with him, including making arrangements for our League to receive all communications that go out to the public about meetings and other information.

And at the ECS meeting on August 8, 2024, just before the close of escrow the next day, the ECS Board of Trustees refused AMG’s request to extend the escrow again until after the election in November. That caused AMG to pull out of the agreement, so the Jacobs property will not be sold to AMG. It is possible that negotiations with the California Highway Patrol may now reopen.

We thought you would like to know that your League has taken action on a local issue important to many members and that our action may have had some effect on the decision-making of ECS.

Byrd Lochtie
LWVHC Election Service Director

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County 2024/25 Board Members



Back Row L-R: Molly Cate, Michele Vassel, Leslie Leach, Byrd Lochtie, Peggy Syvertson, Cindi Humpury, Sylvia Shaw, Becky Simpson, Jessica Schlachter Front Row L-R: Julie Kelly, Bonnie Oliver, Anne Hartline, Karen Smith, Kathy Johanson

Welcome New and Returning Members

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Patricia Jordan French

Richard French

Randi Larkin

Elizaeth Anne Wasson

Jayla White

Sign up to Register Voters at the North Country Fair!

Do you like reaching out to people and talking about the importance of registering to vote, as well as the importance of actually voting? Are you enthusiastic about welcoming college students to our community and getting them set up to effectively cast their votes during the upcoming November Presidential Election? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Please sign up to work at the LWVHC booth at the North Country Fair on September 21 and 22 on the Arcata Plaza. Here are the shifts we need to fill:

Saturday, 9/21

8:30 Set up the booth (we need 3 or 4 people)

We'll need two people for each shift below:

9:30-12

12-2

2-4

4-6 people

Sunday, 9/22

We'll need two people for each shift below

9:30-12

12-2

2-4

4-6

6-? Take down the booth (we need 3 or 4 people)

If you are interested, please contact Anne Hartline at annehartline10@gmail.com by September 13 at the very latest. Be sure to indicate which days and times are options for you. The more options you enter, the easier our scheduling job will be. I'll let you know your day/shift by Wednesday, September 18 at the very latest.

Just FYI: It's REALLY fun! Thanks!

And/Or Sign Up for Other Exciting Upcoming Voter Service

We'll be registering voters and distributing voter information at the Home Away From Home college student/community potluck at the Arcata Neighborhood Center on Sunday, September 8 (thank you in advance **Sylvia Shaw** and **Cindy Humphy!**)

We will be collaborating with Cal Poly Humboldt's Office of Student Life and Associated Students and Humboldt County Elections Office for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, 9/17, and possibly at their Election-Themed Trivia Night on Thursday, 10/3/24 (**I DEFINITELY need help with ALL of these events!**)

I'm hoping LWVHC can collaborate with Food for People (the Humboldt County Food Bank) to register voters and distribute voter information at various mobile food distribution sites around the county, as well as at their beautiful facility on 14th Street in Eureka.

Randi Larkin and I are gearing up for the various tasks associated with populating the Humboldt County section of the VOTE411 website. More about this later!

Finally, I'm hoping to set up a meeting with KEET-TV soon to start talking about and scheduling candidate forums on KEET-TV in October. Be watching in The VOTER and on your email for opportunities to volunteer at these really fun live televised forums!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF ANY OF THESE VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT annehartline10@gmail.com

Anne Hartline
LWVHC Voter Service Director

4th of July Festivals Voter Registration

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came out to set up or register voters at the LWVHC booths at the 4th of July Festivals in both Arcata and Eureka this year! While we didn't get a lot of completed registration, we did have ample opportunities to talk with people from all over the state about the importance of registering to vote, as well as give out information about LWVHC and what we do. AND it gave us lots of opportunities to show off how pleasant and friendly we are!

Special thanks to these wonderful volunteers (please forgive me if I leave anyone out!): **Patricia-Anne and George Wintersun, Peggy Syvertson, Sylvia Shaw, Becky Simpson, Randi Larkin, Wendy Harden, Kay Escarda, Cindy Humphry, Valerie Simons, Julie Kelly, Janet Foos, Sharolyn Hutton, Michelle Fell-Casale, Donna and Jim Clark, and Connie Smith**

Thank you one and all! I appreciate you!

Anne Hartline
LWVHC Voter Service Director

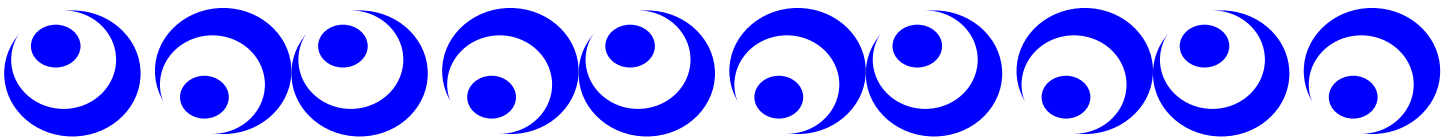
In Other Voter Service News...

In addition to staffing voter registration and information booths on Thursday July 4th and the upcoming North Country Fair, LWVHC has also:

Registered voters and distributed voter information at the Hawc Walk and Run on Saturday, August 10 at Potawot Health Village in Arcata (thank you **Randi Larkin, Jayla White, and Peggy Syvertson!**)

Registered voters and distributed voter information at the Elections Office booth at the Humboldt County Fair on Friday, August 23 (thank you **Peggy Syvertson and Julie Kelly!**)

Anne Hartline
LWVHC Voter Service Director



Upcoming Pros and Cons OLLI Presentation

Mark your calendars! On October 14 at noon, members of our Board will present the PROS and CONS for the November 5 ballot measures. This OLLI Brown Bag talk is on ZOOM, and can be accessed by going to: humboldt.edu/olli. Go to "Events" and then to "Brown Bag Talks," where you can select the link for the October 14 presentation.

Hope you can join us!

Karen Price
LWVHC Community Education Director

Meeting about the Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal

Leslie Leach, Elaine Weinreb, and I attended the public meeting on July 23rd for the presentation on the Harbor District's involvement with the Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal. Harbor District Development Director Rob Holmlund gave a comprehensive, informative overview of the implementation phase of the project harborside, which will handle the manufacturing and shipping of the assembled wind turbines. The staging and integration facility will be located on Samoa and in Humboldt Bay. He shared pictures from different vantage points in active stages, such as Table Bluff and the Arcata Marsh. Samoa and Eureka would see the greatest visual impact of these huge turbines being assembled and towed out to sea. The district estimates that two turbines will be assembled weekly, with components being stored in different stages.

After the presentation, the floor was open for Q&A, followed by public comment. Several questions were asked about the wind turbine installations, which were deferred since they are not under the purview of the harbor. Rob answered questions about the specifics of the manufacturing project to the best of his ability, citing others' expertise. A future meeting providing more information will be announced as the project continues.

Lost Coast Outpost has a great in-depth article linking to the full presentation (which I urge you to review) at : [\(VIDEO\) See What Wind Turbine Assembly Would Look Like on Humboldt Bay, Courtesy of This Presentation From the Harbor District](#)

Kathy Johanson
LWVHC Director



“Democracy is the only system that persists in asking powers to justify themselves.” – John Kenneth Galbraith

“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

“Democracy is the art of thinking independently together.” – Alexander Meiklejohn

“Democracy is not just a political concept, but a culture that empowers individuals and communities.” – Unknown

“Democracy is a journey of continuous improvement, always striving for a more inclusive and just society.” – Aung San Suu Kyi

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking - Umpqua Bank	25,235.83
HAF - Restricted Education Fund	62,125.75
PayPal	0.00
Savings - Umpqua Bank	16,961.53
Total Bank Accounts	\$104,323.11
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$104,323.11
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Pre-paid Dues	0.00
2022-2023	0.00
2023-2024	0.00
Total Pre-paid Dues	0.00
Prepaid SOCL tickets	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
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Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	84,495.26
Retained Earnings	5,079.17
Net Income	14,748.68
Total Equity	\$104,323.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$104,323.11

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

Profit and Loss

July 2023 - June 2024

Income	
Community Elections Service Inc Contributions	3,960.00
Member Contributions	0.48
Non Member Contributions	1,134.14
Poll Workers Contributions	308.26
	2,538.65
Total Contributions	3,981.53
Event Revenues - Membership Annual Meeting Revenues	1,415.00
Total Event Revenues - Membership	1,415.00
HAF Monies for Education	800.00
Interest/Dividends - General	1.98
Marathon	500.00
Member Dues	9,471.74
Special Project Income	350.00
State of the Community Revenue	27,678.08
SOCL Contributions	175.00
Total State of the Community Revenue	27,853.08
GROSS PROFIT	\$48,333.33
Expenses	
Administrative Postage/PO Box	176.00
Annual Meeting Kits and Postage	141.26
Community Education	
Citizen's Guide/Facts for Voter	1,669.38
Easy Voter Guide	700.00
Events/Meetings	149.90
Total Community Education	2,519.28
Community Election Service Exp	265.02
Contribution to HAF	-2,943.00
Dues for Local Associations	300.00
Event Expenses - Membership	
Annual Meeting Expenses	1,621.30
Membership Brunch Expenses	264.00
Total Event Expenses - Membership	1,885.30
Fees PayPal and Other	7.00
General Membership Meeting Cost	125.00
Insurance	1,097.41
Membership Development	434.49
Office Supplies/Name Badges	366.17

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Profit and Loss
July 2023 - June 2024

TOTAL

PMP	
National	9,168.00
State	7,266.00
Total PMP	16,434.00
Rent	2,868.00
Special Projects Expense	200.00
Holiday Tween Gifts	350.00
Total Special Projects Expense	550.00
State of the Community Expenses	15,543.59
VOTER expenses	69.36
Voter Service	76.40
Webmaster	660.00
Total Expenses	\$40,575.28
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$7,758.05
Other Income	
HAF Gains/Losses	9,129.89
Total Other Income	\$9,129.89
Other Expenses	
HAF Fees	2,139.46
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-0.20
Total Other Expenses	\$2,139.26
NET OTHER INCOME	\$6,990.63
NET INCOME	\$14,748.68

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 2024-2025 League Board

- President.....Julie Kelly
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Bonnie Oliver
- Treasurer.....Michelle Vassel
- Program Director.....Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Cindy Humphry
- Social Policy Director.....Sylvia Shaw
- Government Director.....Peggy Syvertson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Director.....Anne Hartline
- Voter Service Director.....Anne Hartline
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Editor.....Leslie Leach
- Community Education Director.....Karen Price
- Communications Director.....Jessica Schlachter
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Website Director.....Leslie Leach
- Director.....Kathy Johanson





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To:

Get Involved!

We all have unique skills to contribute and limited time. 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, September 3 5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting Zoom Link
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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88910627631pwd=86i5L042DOBrImhiaA9mMj3oBQiHil.1>

Meeting ID: 889 1062 7631 Passcode: 872197

or in person at Babe's,
Pizza and Pasta
4015 Walnut Drive
Eureka, CA

September 28 10-11:30 a.m.	Annual Fall Membership Brunch Veterans Memorial Building 1018 H Street Room A Eureka In-person Only
Anytime	LWVHC Webpage LWVHC Instagram LWVHC X