

President's Message

Hello Leaguers!

Sharolyn and I are gearing up to join the Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin County Leagues for the Jim Wood and Mike McGuire legislative interviews in a few weeks. I enjoyed teaming up with them last year and this year is no different! The legislative interviews are a fantastic chance to directly ask our representatives about their priorities and issues that are important to the League, and being able to work together with nearby Leagues really reinforces the idea of community participation being vital to democracy.

Thank you to Molly Cate and Sylvia Shaw for hosting an initial brainstorming session for program planning for the upcoming position reviews. I'm looking forward to hearing from local experts as we review the LWVHC's positions on child care and funding for victims of domestic abuse, and learning more about the topics and how we can best advocate for them.

I hope to get together a team again this year to participate in the Discovery Museum's Perilous Plunge fundraiser in April! Board member Karen Price and I jumped in Humboldt Bay last year and had a blast doing so. Send me an email if you'd like to join, or come watch if you'd like to see our leap!

I hope you are all staying warm and dry after the series of storms that Humboldt has been hit with! I'm happy for the rain, as California sorely needs it, but I'm anxiously awaiting blue skies and some sun.

Jessica Schlachter
LWVHC Co-President

Membership Meetings in Feb.

Like all living things, League positions grow older with time. They need to be reviewed and refreshed as the topics they address change in the community. In order for LWVHC to advocate for healthy local growth, we need to have up-to-date position statements.

In February, we will review our domestic/elder abuse and child care positions at membership meetings held via Zoom. Please save these position review dates and plan to join us:

February 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m. -- Funding for Victims of Domestic and Elder Abuse, last reviewed in 2014. See our current position here: <https://my.lwv.org/California/humboldt-county/position/social-policy-funding-services-victims-domestic-violence-2003>

February 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m. -- Child Care, also last reviewed in 2014. See our current position here: <https://my.lwv.org/California/humboldt-county/position/social-policy-child-care-1990-2014>

Both meetings will use the same Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82814790295?pwd=bW5uN2h2N3dLVW12OXZd0svRDNqdz09>

Such important topics deserve your input. Allow your voice to be heard!

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director

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.

Behavioral Health Services Study Update

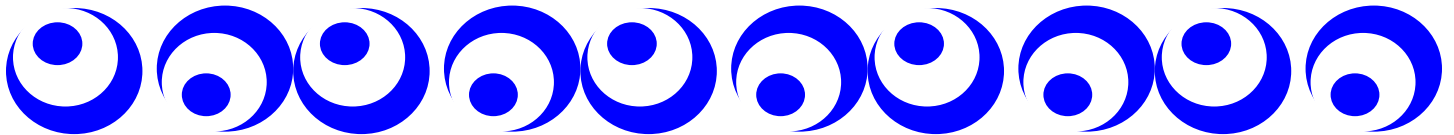
The behavioral health services study committee met throughout the holiday period and twice in early January to prepare for our third membership meeting on January 12. On that date we had a heartfelt discussion of all aspects of prevention. We took a broad view of the topic and included: prevention of illness or of worsening illness, prevention of stigma and discrimination, prevention of suicide, and the prevention of causing greater harm.

Now the work of the behavioral health services study committee is done. We held a wrap-up session on Wednesday, January 18, where the committee members got the first look at a draft of the new LWVHC Behavioral Health Services position and made recommendations for actions our League might take.

Next steps for the study are the presentation of the draft position at the next LWVHC board of directors meeting, creation of a study kit with information on the history of the study and lots of resources for people interested in learning more about the topic, and presentation of the new position at our annual membership meeting in May, when we will seek members' approval by consensus. Assuming it passes, we will let the world know about this new position and can begin new advocacy strategies based upon it.

My deepest thanks to the big-hearted and dedicated committee members who have met since October 2021 to create this new and very important position.

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director



History Day !

There's still time to be part of Humboldt County History Day 2023!

As I wrote in the January VOTER, an in-person Humboldt County History Day is scheduled at Cal Poly Humboldt on February 11, 2023. This year's theme is "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas."

In the past, LWVHC has given out eight \$25 awards (for a total of \$200) to students whose projects address voting rights in the U.S. or around the world. This is not something that is in the LWVHC budget for 2023, so donated funds are needed this year. If you are interested in donating to LWVHC specifically to help fund History Day awards, please mail a check made out to LWVHC (subject line "History Day") and mail it to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502-3219 ASAP.

Also, if you are interested in being a judge at History Day (it's lots of fun!), email Tiffany Bullman, Humboldt County History Day Coordinator, at tbullman@nohum.k12.ca.us for more information and to sign up.

Anne Hartline
LWVHC Board Member

Civic Contribution Awards at the State of the Community Luncheon Friday, April 21

Our community is full of hard working, behind-the-scenes people who quietly contribute their efforts to the functioning of organizations with similar missions to that of the LWV, i.e. making democracy work. One of these individuals is community volunteer James (Jim) Glover, who will be honored with a Civic Contribution Award at our State of the Community Luncheon, on Friday April 21.

Since he retired from a long career in the grocery business, Jim has held leadership roles in local organizations that support good government and fair treatment for all, including the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury (for which he recently served three terms as foreperson), and the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission. He was also treasurer of the NAACP, whose slogan is: Leading the Fight to End Racial Inequality.

The Civil Grand Jury investigates the operations of officers, departments and agencies of local government and receives and follows up on confidential communications from concerned individuals. Note that the Humboldt County LWV developed a series of policy statements affirming the work of the Grand Jury in recent years which may be found on our website and includes support for the publication of the Grand Jury's report in a community-wide newspaper.

The Human Rights Commission, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, works to educate the community about underrepresented groups. Recently, they have spoken out against the random acts of antisemitism that have occurred here and in other places.

Jim continues his Grand Jury work by being a current member of the board of the California Grand Juror's association. He feels strongly that small efforts on the part of individuals make a difference to society, and he encourages people to get involved.

The League will also honor an organization, the Humboldt County Children's Author Festival, which brings authors here from all over the country every two years. We'll tell you more about the festival and the folks who organize it in the next VOTER.

Note that this year's luncheon will feature James Joseph, Yurok Tribal Chairman, as our keynote speaker. Humboldt County Supervisor Steve Madrone, will update us on the State of the Community. Watch your VOTER and check our website for information about ticket purchase and details. See you at the SOCL on Friday, April 21!

***Debbe Hartridge
LWVHC SOCL Committee***



Jim Glover and Charlie

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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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

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| Tuesday, February 7 6:30 p.m. | LWVHC Board Meeting Zoom |
| Thursday, February 9 6:30 p.m. | Membership Meeting Funding for Victims of Domestic and Elder Abuse |
| Thursday, February 23 6:30 p.m. | Membership Meeting Child Care |
| LWVHC Webpage | Any Time! |
| LWCHC Twitter | Any Time! |
| LWCHC Instagram | Any Time! |