

President's Message

Dear LWVHC Members:

Thank you again for supporting this excellent organization especially during these troubling political times. I hope that you remembered to vote in the recent primary, and a warm thank you to those of you who helped others to get their ballots counted. I was educated for the first time in my life about polling places by serving at a voting precinct with Mary Gearheart and Ann Richmond. This event has convinced me that the League should develop a position on having all voters vote by mail. Several California counties (Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo) have adopted this approach that has had some success. I will ask our Board to consider this idea.

I owe you all an apology for missing the Annual meeting last month. However, we should all thank **Michele Fell-Casale**, our Vice President, for standing in for me. The meeting went well and several new Board members were elected.

Our student member, **Raphael Kasobel**, has graduated from Humboldt State and has started working in Boston. Before he left, Raphael recruited another HSU student, Nicole Womack, to work with us to register students. Nicole and I are meeting with the leaders of the California State Student Association in Sacramento this month. Our goal is to see if we can encourage students throughout the California State University to register to vote.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the good work of **Anne Hartline**. Anne recruited a number of us to serve as Senior Pen Pals for 5th grade students at Dow's Prairie School in McKinleyville. We exchanged letters every month and recently had the opportunity to meet each other on their campus.

Have a good month and do feel free to join us our Board meetings as a guest.

Rollin C. Richmond
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.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

Annual Meeting 2018 Summary

By

Anne Hartline

The LWVHC Annual Meeting was held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in the Plaza Grill View Room, Arcata, CA. President Rollin Richmond was out of town so Vice-President Michele Fell-Casale called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Membership Chair Becky Simpson announced that a quorum had been established with 51 members in attendance. FYI: LWVHC currently has 196 members.

President Michele Fell-Casale then presented the President's Report which had been written previously by President Rollin Richmond. In essence, the Report gave details on LWVHC's very busy year. In addition to candidates forums, the very successful State of the Community Luncheon, and publication of *Citizens Guide to County Government*, items mentioned included:

- assisting with elections for the Bear River Rancheria and the Wiyot tribe,
- joining with the American Association of University Women to sponsor a community education event featuring Richard Kimball, President & Co-Founder of Project Vote Smart,

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- conducting a meeting for LWVHC members on a proposal to eliminate the Electoral College,
- co-sponsoring a panel discussion with the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Humboldt on the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system,
- hosting a Sea Level Rise informational meeting with LWVUS expert Dr. 'Liz' Smith,
- offering support and scholarships to students participating in Humboldt County History Day,
- offering a student workshop in the North Coast Youth Summit.

The 2018/2019 budget and program, as stated in the Annual Meeting Kit were then adopted, with the following addition made to the program:

Under Position 8: after "Counseling services are especially important."
Schools should provide **teachers and support services staff** professional development training on mental health and suicide prevention.

Board elections were then conducted. Rollin Richmond was elected as Board President for one year. The following people were elected to a two-year term ending June 30, 2020:

- Vice President: **Deborah Downs**
- Treasurer: **Hawley Riffenburg**
- Directors: **Carol Masterson, Byrd Lochtie, Jessica Snow, Anne Hartline, and Leslie Leach.**

The following people were elected to serve for a one-year term:

Directors: **Judy Bennett, Nancy Kay and Becky Simpson.**

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To round out the meeting, outgoing Board Members **Michele Fell Casale, Celeste Ruiz,** and **Mary Lou Lowry** and Nominating Committee Member **Alex Stillman** were honored with a thank you gift from the LWVHC Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Michele Fell-Casale.

Special thanks to Becky Simpson for making all the arrangements, including the delicious catered meal, and to Jeanette Hurst for arranging reminder phone calls to all LWVHC members.

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By
Carol Masterson

What a rousing beginning to what promises to be a banner year for elections! Twenty-one of you wonderful forum workers brought to fruition seven supremely successful candidate forums for all the contested races on our local ballots. We enjoyed large audiences at community forums sponsored by the Willow Creek and McKinleyville Chambers of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Eureka. Our friends at PBS North Coast, formerly known and fondly remembered as KEET-TV, helped us present four broadcast forums that were simulcast on KHSU-FM, streamed live by the Stream Guys, and archived at www.pbsnc.org/video, for your perusal in case you missed a broadcast.

Become a Member!

Welcome New Members!

Judith Ann Siebecker
Denise Sweaney

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Thanks to **Sam Greene** and all the staff and volunteers at KEET for making us look good. And thanks to the Voter Service Department All Stars: **Nancy Kay, Barbara Kelly, Kay Escarda, George WinterSun, Elaine Weinreb, Mary Lou Lowry, Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Tracy Jordan French, Byrd Lochtie, Kathy Johanson, Becky Simpson, Anne Hartline, Debbe Hartridge, Bev Post, Nan Nieboer, Dottie Riffenburg, Deborah Downs, Sharolyn Hutton, Rudy Ramp, Hawley Riffenburg, and Sylvia Shaw.**

Next up: The Fourth of July! It's become our tradition to have booths at both the Arcata and Eureka street fairs, and this is no year to slack off, so please take a moment now to find a few hours on that day to commit to the support of our mission: by volunteering your pickup or SUV to deliver booth props and put them up, by helping voters register and telling people all about the League, or by taking down the booths. I'm taking your calls and e-mails BEGINNING NOW! 707-768-3118 or buffy7@suddenlink.net. Thanks for making democracy work!

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 1.

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. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- ☐ \$75 Individual membership
- ☐ \$105 Household membership
- ☐ \$60 Associate membership
- ☐ Please accept my donation of _____
- ☐ Please send me more information
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a board member

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Thanks to the
Avenue of the Giants Marathon Volunteers
From
Vicky Turner



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**Who's Who on Your League Board
2017-18**

ADMINISTRATION

President.....Rollin Richmond
Vice President.....Michelle Fell-Casale
Secretary.....Patricia-Anne WinterSun
Treasurer.....Deborah Downs
Director.....Leslie Leach
Director.....Byrd Lochtie
Director.....Carol Masterson
Director.....Anne Hartline
Director.....Becky Simpson
Director.....Kathy Johanson
Director.....Celeste Ruiz
Director.....Julie Kelly
Director.....Mary Lou Lowry
Director.....Nancy Kay
Director.....Keith Snow-Flamer

PORTFOLIO DIRECTORS

Government.....Julie Kelly
Natural Resources.....Leslie Leach
Social Policy.....Mary Lou Lowry
Program.....Michelle Fell-Casale
Governance Chair.....Byrd Lochtie
Historian.....Vacant
Membership.....Becky Simpson
Nominating Committee Chair.....Alex Stillman
Publications.....Lorey Keele
Communications Support.....Kathy Johanson

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FUNDRAISING

Marathon Fundraiser.....Kay Escarda
Poll Workers Fundraiser.....Carolyn Otis
State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee Chair.....Judy Bennett

COMMUNICATIONS

Access Humboldt Rep.....Elaine Weinreb
Social Media.....Kathy Johanson
Website.....Kathy Johanson
VOTER Publication.....Keith Snow-Flamer
VOTER Circulation.....Carolyn Otis

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service Director.....Becky Simpson
Candidate Forums.....Carol Masterson
Community Education.....Nancy Kay
Election Service.....Byrd Lochtie



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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to give. 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 Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

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