

President's Message

Dear LWVHC Members,

As **Jessica Schlachter** and I begin our third year as your co-presidents, we are happy to report that our budget committee has already met. You will be hearing more from them, so stay tuned.

Becky Simpson, our membership chair, has sent you the message that we have the venue and date for our Fall Membership Brunch. I'm pleased that it will be held at the retrofitted and accessible Veterans Memorial Building in Eureka on September 30, 2023. **Maggie Fleming** has confirmed that Juan Pablo Cervantes will be our speaker at the brunch. He will explain various types of voting, such as ranked choice and approval voting, as well as any new developments in voting systems in Humboldt County. And because "brunch" means food, **Anne Hartline** has asked the McKinleyville Catering Class that provided our refreshments last year to do so again.

Anne Hartline, **Julie Kelly**, and **Peggy Syvertson** are making arrangements for voter registration tables at both the Arcata and Eureka July 4 celebrations. Please contact them if you can help in any way.

Happy Summer!

Sharolyn L. Hutton
LWVHC Co-President



Save the Date!

Hello all you Leaguers,
The Fall Membership Brunch is fast approaching. We'll have business to conduct, so we'll need a quorum. Please plan to attend either in person or on Zoom

LWVHC ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Date: Saturday, September 30

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Veterans Memorial Building in Eureka Or Zoom

Speaker: Juan Pablo Cervantes, county clerk/registrar of voters

Topic: Voter Choice Act

Catering by: McKinleyville High School Catering Class

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.

Important Program Update! Your Response Needed!

In the June issue of the VOTER, I reported on the passage at our annual meeting of the three positions reviewed in 2023 and added the following information about this year's Annual Meeting Kit:

“A bit of confusion ensued that turned out to be just an error in the formatting of the position on Funding for Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. The first statement in that position was accidentally rendered as if it was being deleted when it was, in fact, a wholly new sentence that should have been highlighted, not struck through. Because the position was passed as presented, the board will address this discrepancy at our next meeting on June 6.”

So that you can see the problem, here is the incorrectly struck through sentence:

1. Support all methods of on-going and consistent funding of services for survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.

The sentence is essential to the robustness of the revised position. At our June 6 board meeting, we did indeed discuss the resolution of this error. Our intention is to get the corrected position approved as quickly as possible.

First, we verified that the strike through was simply human error. The original document, as presented to the compilers of the Annual Meeting Kit, show the sentence highlighted in blue to indicate a new sentence. Somewhere in the process of compiling the kit, that sentence was erroneously rendered as struck through for removal. Simple human error. The board moved to ask the membership to authorize the correction.

Then, we had to figure out how to get a membership vote on this change without calling everyone to a meeting. Here is where your help is essential. The board is requesting every member email their yea or nay to LWVHC as soon as you receive this.

A yea means you approve the restoration of this sentence to the Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse position:

1. Support all methods of on-going and consistent funding of services for survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.

A nay means you do not approve.

Please email your response to leaguehumboldt@gmail.com as soon as you read this. Survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse in Humboldt County deserve our quick action.

Thank you.

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director



Meet Our New Board Members

Bonnie Oliver

I grew up in Baldwinsville, New York (outside of Syracuse), went to college and graduate school at the University of Michigan, and started my architectural career in Fort Collins, Colorado.

My husband, Dale Oliver, and I moved to McKinleyville in 1991 when he accepted a teaching position at Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt). We raised our three children here, all of whom attended McKinleyville Union School District schools and graduated from McKinleyville High School.

I am an architect, licensed in California. Over the last 30+ years, I have maintained a home-based, one-woman architectural practice, completing approximately 240 projects, mostly residential, in Humboldt County and beyond. I am in the process of retiring and look forward to more time for volunteer opportunities in our community. I served for a number of years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for CASA of Humboldt, and I currently serve on the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (a volunteer, appointed position).

In our spare time, Dale and I enjoy hiking, kayaking, and learning in our beautiful surroundings here in Humboldt County and in our travels beyond.

Peggy Syvertson

I am new to the LWVHC board and this is why I joined the board. The ability to vote is essential for a vibrant democracy. I would like to be a part of an organization that facilitates this important right.

Maggie Fleming

Maggie Fleming joined League of Women Voters shortly after moving to Humboldt County in 1994. She has served as League secretary as well as volunteering on the State of the Community Luncheon. She has also served on the KEET-TV and the Humboldt Library Foundation boards.

Maggie recently retired after completing two terms as the Humboldt County District Attorney. As a career prosecutor, Maggie served as a Board Member and officer for the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA) and as the co-Chair for the CDAA Domestic Violence Committee.

Throughout her career she worked to help form the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), a multi-disciplinary team that assists children who are victims of abuse, and she partnered with other agencies to form a multi-disciplinary team to address elder abuse.

As district attorney, she collaborated with tribal court judges to allow for tribal members to have their cases addressed in tribal court to promote restorative justice. She also worked with school boards, the Office of Education, and the court to establish a School Attendance Court to address truancy and drop-out in Humboldt County. Since it began in 2017, the program has reduced truancy by 70-80 percent.

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 2023-2024 League Board

- Co-Presidents.....Sharolyn Hutton/
Jessica Schlachter
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Maggie Fleming
- Treasurer.....Michelle Vassel
- Program Director..... Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Directors.....Molly Cate/
Sylvia Shaw
- Government Director.....Karen Price
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Directors..... Vacant
- Voter Service Director.....Vacant
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Co-Editors....Dave Rosso/Leslie Leach
- Community Education Directors.....Karen Price
- Communications Director.....Vacant
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Director.....Cindy Humphry
- Director.....Julie Kelly
- Director.....Bonnie Oliver
- Director.....Peggy Syvertson





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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

Saturday, July 22 LWVHC Board Retreat
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LWVHC Webpage Any Time!

LWVHC Twitter Any Time!

LWVHC Instagram Any Time!