



# League of Women Voters Benicia

## VOTER

**April 2019**

<https://my.lwv.org/california/benicia>

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and action.



**April 1:** Great Decisions final regular meeting. Benicia Library, 7:00 PM, Topic: The State of Diplomacy. If you are interested in participating in the Great Decision extension group which will meet once a month beginning in May please email your name and email address to Niles Medders at [nilesmedders@gmail.com](mailto:nilesmedders@gmail.com)

**April 4:** Voter registration event at Fairfield High School Career Day contact Gayle Vaughan, [yonwindgayle@gmail.com](mailto:yonwindgayle@gmail.com)

**April 6:** Public Forum on CASA Compact, 9:45 -11:30 Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave. Roosevelt Room # 80. Learn the Pros and Cons of the Regional Government Agency's CASA Compact. Sponsored by the LWV of Santa Clara

**April 27:** LWV Bay Area Biennial Council: Bellevue Club, 525 Bellevue Ave. Oakland Ca. Networking begins at 9:30 am the council will begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 1:30 pm. All are invited. There will be a business meeting and a presentation on Voter Registration. Fee to attend is \$10.00. To apply go to [LWVbayarea.org](http://LWVbayarea.org). Scroll down to Call to Biennial Council and click on Buy tickets.

**May 16, Thursday:** LWV Benicia, Annual Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM, Camellia Tea Room, Keynote Speaker: Rochelle Sherlock, Chair Solano County Commission for Women and Girls See above information.

### Meet Your Local Officials

The annual Meet Your Local Officials event held in February was a rousing success! Estey Realty Offices was filled with elected officials, city staff, LWV members, and the general public. The food was great and the level of chatter indicated the importance of the gathering allowing open conversations with our city officials. Many thanks to organizer and outgoing board member Susan Cohen Grossman and her team of helpers!



## **Voter Service Update**

With the leadership of two new board members, July Hartland and Margo McGown, from northern Solano County, the voter service team has expanded both in numbers and in coverage of the county. Thanks to Sandy Coury for a new power point presentation and an education session conducted by Gayle Vaughan, about 20 volunteers from Vacaville and Fairfield completed a training on voter registration in mid-March. Volunteers are being organized to participate in our high school in-class voter registration program this spring. We start with tabling at Fairfield High during their Career Day on April 4<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to participate in the spring sessions and have already been trained, please drop a note to [vonwindgayle@gmail.com](mailto:vonwindgayle@gmail.com).



## **League of Women Voters Bay Area**

### **CALL TO BIENNIAL COUNCIL**

**Sat. April 27, 2019**

**All are invited \$10**

**Buy tickets at [lwvbayarea.org](http://lwvbayarea.org)**

The 2019 Biennial Council of the League of Women Voters Bay Area will be held Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Bellevue Club, 525 Bellevue Ave. Oakland CA. Networking will begin at 9:30 am and the Council will commence at 10:00 am and conclude at 1:30 pm. Each local League is allowed two voting members but everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting!!! There will be a business meeting followed by a presentation on Voter Services Information.

To register/ buy tickets go to [lwvbayarea.org](http://lwvbayarea.org) and scroll down to the announcement of the Biennial Council and click on *Buy My Ticket*. Hope to see many of our league members at this event. This is an excellent opportunity to meet members from other bay area leagues and learn what they are doing to promote the mission of the League. If you would like to attend but need assistance with the registration fee please email [judy.potter@gmail.com](mailto:judy.potter@gmail.com). The league has funds available to support our members!

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Don't miss out, visit our **new website** at: <https://my.lwv.org/california/benicia> to find:



- **Upcoming Events** in the Home Page, Events, and Calendar sections.
- **Voter Newsletters**, new and past
- Easy tools to **join or renew your membership** online or by mail
- **Password-protected "Members Only" section** for current members.

To suggest a change or add a new event, please email us at: [lwvbenicia@gmail.com](mailto:lwvbenicia@gmail.com). We make updates on a weekly basis.

## CITY OF VALLEJO DISTRICT ELECTIONS PROJECT



The City of Vallejo is considering a transition from an at-large elections system to a district-based elections system.

Residents and groups within Vallejo have the opportunity to participate in this process by submitting a map to City Council that displays how they believe the districts should be divided. If the council votes to change Vallejo's elections system, one of the submitted maps will be chosen as the final district map. Deadline to submit a district map is April 23, 2019.

Instructions and resources to create a map:

<http://www.cityofvallejo.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=14867452>

Vallejo's District Elections website home page <http://www.cityofvallejo.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=14386203>

Vallejo residents and groups can give their input at City Council meetings on May 14 and June 11 at 7 PM.

## WE'RE GROWING

The LWV Benicia is growing fast! We now have 66 active members including over 23 who are new members from the Fairfield, Vacaville, and Suisun areas.



## Annual Membership Meeting May 16, 2019

### Speaker: Rochelle Sherlock

#### Chair Solano County Commission for Women and Girls

This year's Annual Membership meeting will be held Thursday May 16, 2019 at 7: 00 PM at the Camellia Tea Room. This is an important meeting and we would like to encourage all members to attend. We will have a short but purposeful board meeting during which we will review and vote on our annual budget, receive brief reports from each of our standing committees, vote on our slate of officers and we will again be considering a name change. We need a quorum (30%) of our membership in order to complete our business. All members will receive, via email, the annual membership packet in mid-April. It will include our proposed budget, a proposed local program for the ensuing year, our slate of officers and information about other issues that will be presented at the meeting. Watch for this packet in your emails!!!

We are excited to have as our keynote speaker for the evening **Rochelle Sherlock** who is the Chair of the Solano County Commission for Women and Girls. She will share with us the work that this new commission (established April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018) is undertaking and ways that we might be involved in helping with this important work.



Maryellen Hayes, owner of the Camellia Tea Room, charter member of the League of Women Voters Benicia, and our gracious hostess for the evening will be serving her delicious scones!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone.



If you would be interested on serving on the board in any capacity please contact [judy.potter@gmail](mailto:judy.potter@gmail.com) to learn about opportunities that await!!!

## Current Board

Judy Potter: Treasurer, Exec. Committee

Nile Medders: Member-at-Large, Exec. Committee

Alice Labay: Reporting Secretary

Malin Coleridge: Member-at-Large, Webmaster

Sandy Coury: Member-at- Large, Membership

Susan Cohen Grossman: Member-at-Large, Programs



## Newsletter

Susan Street, Leslie Lessenger and Niles Medders

Newsletter submissions:  
due by 20th of the month  
Susan Street, [susanstreet240@gmail.com](mailto:susanstreet240@gmail.com)

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