# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY e-Buildetin

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## *Let Your Voice be Heard: Tips For Civic Engagement with Elected Representatives,* Saturday, Feb. 17, 1-4pm

Do you know easy and effective ways both to learn what your elected representatives are voting on and to affect how they vote? Want to take charge of your election season? Learn how to harness the power of the internet and a smartphone to approach your elected representatives with your opinion and why it is important to contact them even when you agree with their vote.

The League is partnering with the Chico and Paradise AAUW chapters to host Peg Carlson-Brown, the San Jose AAUW Policy Chair and a leader on loan from AAUW CA. Peg, along with trained tech helpers, will teach you how to access nonpartisan internet resources as well as how to use multiple apps on your smartphone. Bring your smartphone or tablet and your password to Apple Store or Google Store to be ready to download useful tools. Even if you do not have a smart phone, please join us for additional methods to communicate with elected officials, including how to write effective postcards. Bring a friend!

We will gather at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center, 2320 North Avenue, Chico.

#### **Back to the Lake, Sunday April 15**

The 45th Annual Wine Tasting details are in the mail! Watch for your tickets, food party signups, and be sure to spread the word plus note on your calendar April 15 from 4-7pm to be at the Lakeside Pavilion in California Park

#### <u>Sunday, February 25</u> New Member Orientation, at the League Office, 635 Flume Street, Chico, 4 -5:30pm

If you have not yet paid your dues, there is still time to engage and renew your League membership. Go to our website now! http://www.lwvbuttecounty.org/

### <u>Voter's Edge/Candidate Forum</u> Questions: What Do You Want to Ask?

What do you want to ask candidates on the ballot for the upcoming Primary on June 5? League members have the opportunity to submit questions for both Voter's Edge (an online comprehensive, nonpartisan guide to federal, state, and local elections) and LWVBC's own local candidate forums being planned this spring. Email Rose Kelley at rose\_kelley@lwvbutte county.org the questions you would like to pose. There are 13 offices for which the LWVBC traditionally has held candidate forums so we have begun preliminary plans for the offices listed below (with current office holders noted in parentheses). We need a minimum of 2 candidates per race to confirm their participation in order to conduct a forum.

- 1 US Rep 1st Congressional District (LaMalfa)
- 2 State Senator 4th District (Nielsen)
- 3. StateAssembly District 1 (Dahle)
- 4. State Assembly District 1 (Gallagher)
- 5. Butte County Superintendent of Schools (Taylor)
- 6. Butte County Supervisor 2nd District (Wahl)
- 7. Butte County Supervisor 2nd District (Kirk)
- 8. Butte County Assessor (Brown)
- 9. Butte County Auditor-Controller (Houser)
- 10. Butte County Clerk-recorder (Grubbs)
- 11. Butte County District Attorney (Ramsey)
- 12. Butte County Sheriff (Honea)
- 13. Butte County Treasurer-Tax Collector (Moak)

We will be able to confirm more candidate forum details with dates and locations once the filing deadline has passed in March.

LWBVBC also expects to conduct at least one Pros and Cons forum on the five statewide ballot measures certified for the June ballot. More details on California ballot propositions are available online: https://ballotpedia.org/ California\_2018\_ballot\_propositions