



**IMPORTANT DATES**  
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October 31-November 3  
November 4-November 9  
Ballot Extraction  
Martinez

**Tuesday, November 6**  
**ELECTION DAY**  
at a polling place near you!

Saturday, Dec. 1  
4:00 – 6:00 pm  
**Holiday Party**  
*(see page 5)*

*No Voter in December, but  
watch your email and check  
the website for current  
news.*

February 9, 2019  
Bay Area League Day  
“Diversity, Equity and  
Inclusion in the Bay Area”

February 14, 2019  
LWV is 99 years old!

Also coming up: LWV  
Program Planning,  
Legislative Interviews, and  
more ways to be involved!

***Monthly Meeting:***

## **Election Wrap-Up and Social**

Come debrief after a busy voter service season!

We will look at election results and what they mean for  
League program going into next year.

We'll also celebrate our hard-working members who did  
so much to assist voters throughout the mid-term  
elections!



**3:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Saturday, November 17**

Concord Library  
2900 Salvio Street at Parkside

*Free, everyone welcome!  
Light refreshments served*

**info@lwvdv.org**

**(925) 283-2235**

## League Leaders' Letters

*Suzan Requa, LWVDV Co-President:* This election season has been the building block effort to help heal our democracy and stimulate activism at our critical local grass roots level. **Our work is some of the best news of this election year, including at the national level, with support of legal battles for voting rights and the fight against gerrymandering.**

**Thanks to you,**

We assisted **Diablo Valley College with a properly-run student body election.** Thanks to the DVC election volunteers: Shawn Gilbert, Ann Flynn, Nancy Thursby, Karen Dolder, Diane Griffiths, Ken Coates, Marion Morris, Martha Goralka, and Suzan Requa.

**Thanks to you,**

We accomplished **Voter Registration/pre-Registration drives and promoted Voter's Edge** at



Los Medanos Community College; Pittsburg, Antioch, and Las Lomas High Schools; Food Bank locations in Concord and Pittsburg; Last Chance BART from Lafayette to Pittsburg stations; Tabora Gardens in Antioch and Arbolado Apartments in Walnut Creek; and Montego Senior Center in Walnut Creek. Thanks to the outstanding Voter Registration Team members: Shawn Gilbert, Tammy Moulton, Tiffany Martin, Karen Dolder, Amy Faltz, Elaine Carroll, Mary Schreiber and

Cynthia, Marian Shostrom, Ann Flynn, Juliana Boyle, Lee Lawrence, Barbara Kuklewicz, Madeline Krimmel, Carol McKenna, Carol Addison, Alexandra Morris and Cathleen Kirk.

**Thanks to you,**

We supported **multiple live and televised Candidate Forums** under Martha Goralka's dedication, leadership and coordination and posted the links on our website and Voter's Edge and Facebook. Our hardworking moderators included Gail Murray, Ann Flynn, Jim Jakel, and Martha Goralka. Many others assisted with question sorting and timing! Thank you, Martha! *(More from Martha below!)*

**Thanks to you,**

We set a new record for the number of **successful Pros and Cons Presentations** under Kay James' dedicated leadership and coordination, and posted the live stream on Voter's Edge and Facebook. Thank you, Kay! *(More from Kay below!)*

**Thanks to you,**

We gained outstanding candidate participation on **Voter's Edge** and continuously added links and additional voter information for candidates and ballot measures on Voter's Edge under Marian Shostrom's outstanding leadership. Thank you, Marian! *(More from Marian below!)*

**Thanks to you,**

We utilized our online resources under Leslie Stewart's leadership on the **LWVDV website and social media.** Thank you, Leslie! **Facebook:** thank you, Nancy Thursby! **Twitter-** thank you, Leslie, Diane Bianchi, Tammy Moulton, Lauren Babb, Marian Shostrom and Arlynda Huerta! *(More from Leslie below!)*

**Thanks to you,**

We **took positions on local ballot measures** through the significant efforts of our state League representative, Lee Lawrence, and the Action/Advocacy Team. Thank you, Lee!

## Thanks to you,

We have grown in active membership through your participation and your sharing of our accomplishments and voter information.

*Martha Goralka, LWVDV Co-President:* What a joyous and exciting time this election season has been! The League's entire focus this election cycle was on educating voters with the many pathways the League has developed over the past 98 years! We registered voters just about everywhere and made new friends just about everywhere. We hosted 27 taped candidates' forums at CCTV and participated in another 15 live experiences—some televised or live streamed and some just straightforward live audience events. A special thank you to our moderators who did forum after forum: Gail Murray, Ann Flynn, Jim Jakel and Martha Goralka. Timers to profusely thank are Linda Soliven, Diane Bianchi, Elaine Carrol, Sheila Fish, Allison Dibley, Tara Doolittle, Ashley Coates, Ken Coates, Lietta Wood, and Shawn Gilbert – many doing more than one forum. Fabulous question sorters included Ashley Coates and Jan Berckerfeldt. What an amazing team!



We did a special presentation and voter outreach at Rubicon in Antioch where Shawn Gilbert reminded former felons that their voting rights had been restored after they'd finished their obligation to society. She registered six new voters. We also did a special voting presentation at First Five Contra Costa's new Antioch location where Shawn recounted the history of voting rights in the United States and reviewed voters guides and how to use them effectively.

We reached thousands of voters with our live, on line and televised efforts. I hope you are as proud as I am to know such amazing, dedicated members - both brand new friends and longtime friends.

I hope you join us on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Concord library as we review and celebrate our election season successes.

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## VOTER SERVICE - ELECTION ROUND-UP

### Voter's Edge California—Election Update

*Marian Shostrom, Contra Costa County Coordinator*

A team of volunteers worked on the Voter's Edge California (VEC) for Contra Costa County voters. They emailed and phoned candidates, added information about candidate forums, videos of candidate roundtables, and articles about contests. For local measures, they uploaded information from the County Elections Department, and added information such as videos, editorials, and pro/con information. A **huge thank you** to these LWVDV members: Local Coordinators Tiffany Martin and Sue Brandy for playing multiple roles; volunteers Patti Bittenbender, Elaine Carroll, Rae Cecchetti, Karen Dolder, Jen Faught, Martha Goralka, Barbara Hill, and Suzan Requa for verifying candidate emails, and encouraging and cajoling candidates to post their profiles on Voter's Edge. Because of their dedication, Contra Costa candidates are participating at one of the highest rates in California.

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(continued from page 3) As of a week before the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, 68% of Contra Costa's 233 candidates have posted profiles on Voter's Edge. (The state average is 39%). Candidates have until Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to add information to their profiles. If you have not yet voted, be sure to look at <http://votersedge.org/ca>. And, for LWVC videos about ballot propositions, go here: [bit.ly/BallotMeasureVideosNov2018](http://bit.ly/BallotMeasureVideosNov2018)

## Pros And Cons Report and Thank You

*Kay James, Pros and Cons Chair*



Once again it's time to enthusiastically thank all of the wonderful volunteers who participated in the pros and cons presentations this election cycle – you all deserve medals and you are all STARS!

**\*\*Dianne Bianchi \*\* Mike Brandy \*\*Sue Brandy \*\*Ashley Coates  
\*\*Ken Coates \*\*Lisa Dell Anno \*\*Jennifer Faught \*\*Bette Felton  
\*\*Ann Flynn \*\*Martha Goralka \*\*Peggy Huston \*\*Carol Murota  
\*\*Gayle Saxton \*\*Marian Shostrom \*\*Linda Soliven \*\*Janet Thomas  
\*\*Gail Van Tassel \*\*Gwen Watson \*\*Lietta Wood \*\*Carole Woods \***

Fortunately, with only 11 state ballot propositions this time, it was a little less challenging than our past 2016 election. But, look out, because here comes 2020! And, I am hoping that all of you will be

back on board for that election because it will be a HUGE presidential election and there will undoubtedly be a large number of propositions again. And, I anticipate lots of requests for presentations, as the League of Women Voters has quite a good reputation for putting on a very good and intelligent show for educating the public on ballot measures.

For a mid-term election this time we had a fair amount of presentations, numbering a total of 32. I'm not sure how much money we received in the way of donations, but I believe our bottom line grew a little as a result of our work.

So, once again a hearty THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of you wonderful volunteers. And please stay tuned and interested in coming back for the 2020 election!

## Tooting Our Own Horn!

*Leslie Stewart, LWVDV Communications Chair*

The LWVDV Communications Team was formed after the Board retreat and has worked hard throughout the election season. We agreed to focus on Twitter to get out the word about election activities, and after a great training led by Patti Mitchell, a local social media expert, Diane Bianchi tweeted about National Voter Registration Day, Tammy Moulton tweeted about candidate forums, Marian Shostrom tweeted about Voter's Edge, and Lauren Babb tweeted about everything else, including re-tweeting posts from other Leagues and the county Elections Department.

Meanwhile, Nancy Thursby posted on our Facebook page and got some nice "likes" and shares, including from candidates — and she live-streamed our September Pros & Cons meeting on Facebook, a first! Arlynda Huerta, our allround tech-savvy guru, introduced the team to Instagram. Our team meetings are done online with Zoom. With our new website, we feel we've really increased LWVDV visibility this year. Thanks to everyone for working so hard!

**Related media note:** Tiffany Martin was interviewed about student voter registration by the Las Lomas High School newspaper, and Martha Goralka appeared on Channel 2 News discussing our candidate forums!]

## Beyond the Election – Here's what to do next!

### Let's Party!

Join us to celebrate the holidays and the end of a very busy election season! All members and guests are welcome:



Date: Saturday, December 1

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Pleasant Hill residence. Address and directions to follow after your RSVP.

It's a pot-luck; your plate of nibbles will be welcomed. Contact Ashley Coates to sign up so we'll know what you can bring to share

([ashleyaoc@comcast.net](mailto:ashleyaoc@comcast.net), 925-247-4034). Beverages provided.

### Be an LWVDV office volunteer!

Office volunteers are the unsung heroines of LWV Diablo Valley – they open mail, check phone messages, call members with event reminders, and so much more! If you can spare a few hours one day a month, call Barbara Coenen on the LWVDV office phone line, 925-283-2235. You'll learn a lot and get oodles of gratitude!



### Looking for a gift suggestion?



Here are some ideas for political books to give to friends (or for your own wish list) from the mini-reviews that LWVDV members shared at our August meeting:

- *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, by Timothy Snyder <https://www.amazon.com/Tyranny-Twenty-Lessons-Twentieth-Century/dp/0804190119>
- *A Higher Loyalty: Truth, Lies and Leadership*, by James Comey <http://a.co/1Bednjw>
- *Facts and Fear: Hard Truths from a Life in Intelligence*, by James Clapper <http://a.co/iAi1LPS>
- *The Line Becomes A River*, by Francisco Cantu
- *You are More Powerful than You Think*, by Eric Liu
- *Dark Money*, by Jane Mayer
- *Listen Liberal*, by Thomas Frank
- *Grant*, by Ron Chernow
- *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J. D. Vance
- *Strangers in Their Own Land, Anger and Mourning on the American Right*, by Arlie Russell Hochschild

## NEWS FROM OTHER LEVELS OF LEAGUE

### We Won! Look at What LWV California Did This Year!

Helen Hutchison, President, LWVC

The 2017-18 California legislative session is a wrap! **Because you took action, we're celebrating some big wins!**

- Clean energy got a big boost with the passage of **SB 100!** California will continue to lead the country in climate change action -- and 100% of your electricity will be from zero carbon sources by 2045.
- The flood of dark money coming into campaigns will be subject to greater transparency with the passage of the **Disclose Act, AB 249.** And by defeating AB 84 we prevented even more money from compromising our elections.
- We gained greater police accountability with the passage of **SB 1421,** which expands access to personnel and video records related to officer-involved killings.



To learn more about legislative work to reform elections, expand voting rights, protect California's water supply, combat the housing crisis, and much, much more [check out our wrap-up summary.](#)

### LWVUS In Action Protecting Democracy

#### "News of the Week", October 25:

- This week a judge ruled in favor of LWVNH, [blocking the state's voter ID law](#) and stating that an injunction is the only way to prevent the threat of disenfranchisement.
- In a huge win for LWVFL, the Florida Supreme Court issued the order that Governor Scott is [not permitted to appoint three new Florida Supreme Court justices](#) on his last day in office.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger joined LWVCO and their Fair Maps coalition at [Denver's Terminate Gerrymandering Rally](#) in support of the two redistricting initiatives on Colorado's ballot.

#### "News of the Week", October 11:

- Great news for Missouri voters! [A judge this week blocked parts of state's voter photo ID law,](#) thanks to a lawsuit LWV of Missouri and other state partners brought to ensure voters are not disenfranchised this year.

NEW and FUN! The LWV Bay Area's bimonthly publication, the *Bay Area Monitor*, now has a weekly *Monitor Notes* newsletter, highlighting several issues each week that are related to topics the publication covers in its regular issues, such as open space, land use, water, transportation, energy and air quality. All free, as always! For more information, and samples, go to <https://bayareamonitor.org>.

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & UPDATES**


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If your name appears below, then it is time to renew your membership in November or December. Please use the form on the back page. If you have already renewed, thank you! *(We send three notices before deleting but remember: expiration date does not change even if payment is later.)*

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Marcia Cannon    | Evelyn Graetz          | Mary Miller          | Pat Shanahan    |
| Phyllis Ceaser   | Jackie Hackett         | Caroline Moyer       | Cheri Smith     |
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| Ann Flynn        | Charlotte Liniger      | Don & Sharon Ritchey |                 |
| Cynthia Gonzales | Elsa Ludwig            | Rocio Ross           |                 |

**Welcome, new members: Lily Abells, Susan and Bruce Agnew, Marielle Boortz, Cynthia Carter, Liz Fuller, Marianne Jameson, Mary Schreiber, Melanie Speir, Silla Taylor, Christine and Aisha Horley, Mary Parise, Margaret Campos, Claudette Staton and Christina Soto-Maynez!**

*Did you join LWV before 1968? If you have been a member ever since then, you are a Life Member and do not pay dues. Contact Membership Chair Ashley Coates to upgrade your status!*

**We're on Facebook!**  
 <http://tinyurl.com/of4o2pj>  
 @LWVDiabloValley

Visit us and LIKE our Facebook page.  
**And Twitter!** Follow us on Twitter --



**Support H.R. 5308 - Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act**



Legislation has been introduced that proposes a series of quarters, featuring a 19th Amendment icon on one side and a noteworthy woman from each state and territory. The legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House by Rep. Barbara Lee. [A template is now available](#) on the League Management Site for those wishing to contact their Representative in support of this bill.

*[photo: 1920 LWV Board at Chicago Convention]*



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**Membership: Join Us or Renew!**

*Membership is not based on ability to pay. To pay alternate dues or to request a scholarship, please contact Barbara Hill at the League office: (925) 283-2235.*

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Individual Membership. Indicate NEW \_\_\_ or RENEWAL \_\_\_
  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$105 Family Membership (2). Indicate NEW \_\_\_ or RENEWAL \_\_\_
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  - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ GIFT MEMBERSHIP (circle appropriate category above)  
 Gift Membership from: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please print, complete, and mail this form along with your check to:  
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**CALENDAR  
 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- Nov 3**      **Action Committee**  
 10-noon      [LWVDV Office](#)
- Nov 8**      **Board Meeting**  
 6:30 -      [LWVDV Office](#)  
 8:30 pm
- Dec 1**      **Action Committee**  
 10-noon      [LWVDV Office](#)
- Dec 13**      **Board Meeting**  
 6:30 -      [LWVDV Office](#)  
 8:30 pm

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