



IMPORTANT DATES
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Wednesday, Oct. 3
9:00 am
First 5 Contra Costa
"Your Vote Matters"
with LWVC Executive
Director Melissa Breach

Mon.-Wed., October 8-10
DVC Student Elections
Volunteers Needed!
See page 3

**Tuesday, October 9 –
ballots are mailed to voters**

**Monday, October 22
Last Day to Register!**

October 31-November 3
November 4-November 9
Ballot Extraction
Martinez
(see page 3)

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

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

October Meeting:

**Assembly 16 Candidates
Catharine Baker & Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
Talk About Gun Violence**



Sunday, October 7
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Danville Women's Club
242 Linda Mesa Ave.
Danville

Co-sponsor: Moms Demand Action

**Space is limited!
RSVP to**

https://act.everytown.org/event/gsv_event/15414/signup/?source=twns_GSV-events-2018&akid=&zip

& carpool, please!

info@lwvdv.org

(925) 283-2235

League Leaders' Letter

Martha Goralka & Suzan Requa, our co-Presidents, are very busy this month – look for a column next month!

A SAMPLE OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS ELECTION SEASON:

Registering Voters:

From Ashley Coates on September 25, National Voter Registration Day - "I had fun helping register 6 voters (two of whom were SAHA* staff) and two of whom were first-time voters, at Arboleda Apartments today." (*Ashley is seated in the middle*) *SAHA is Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, a non-profit housing organization serving low income seniors, families, formerly homeless people, and people with special needs.



Presenting Pros & Cons (& livestreaming the event on Facebook!)



Nancy Thursby, a key member of our Communications team and regular LWVDV Facebook contributor, stepped up her game by livestreaming our September 22nd Pros & Cons presentation by Kay James and Janet Thomas (*pictured*). Check out our Facebook page if you missed this event – it's all there!

And kudos to the members who are teaming up to bring Pros & Cons to many many groups in our area over these busy weeks ahead of the election. Remember, the League did your homework!

Helping with Many, Many Candidate Forums

Moderators Gail Murray, Ann Flynn and Martha Goralka have spent many evenings with candidates, including a lively forum in Clayton that Gail moderated (*see photo*). Not pictured, but also much appreciated, are the members who have been serving as timers, question card carriers and question sorters.



Putting Candidate Information Online

Enter your street address (optional)

And your zip code

Address information is confidential.
We are nonpartisan, nonprofit, and will not sell your information. [Privacy policy.](#)

Volunteers have been reaching out to candidates to make sure that our online voter education tool, Voter's Edge California, has as much information about local races as possible. (*See Marian's article below.*)

VOTERS SERVICE

URGENT Need for DVC Student Election Staff!

We have a bit of an emergency in covering all the dates and times for the DVC Associated Student Body elections in October. The dates were changed, causing member volunteer scheduling conflicts and so these are the final dates needing coverage.

San Ramon DVC Campus - Diane Griffiths has volunteered - thank you, Diane! But she is alone trying to cover too much!

- Monday, October 8th, 8:30-11am, 11am-3pm, 3pm-7pm
- Tuesday, October 9th, 8:30-11am, 11am-3pm, 3pm-7pm
- Wednesday, October 10th, 8:30-11am, 11am-1:30pm

Pleasant Hill DVC Campus

- Tuesday, October 9th, 3:00-7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 10th, 1:30-3:30pm Tally the Votes (one more person)



Must-Do: Contact Todd Farr, TFarr@dvc.edu to arrange a DVC job application form completion and schedule required finger printing (at Pleasant Hill campus).

TRAINING Thursday, October 4th at 2:00pm, Pleasant Hill campus. (Contact the LWVDV office at 925-283-2235 if you can't make this training date)

Thank you in advance for stepping up to help us fill this commitment to model a fair voting process for DVC students. **Contact** Suzan Requa, info@lwvdv.org, to volunteer.

Many Hands Make Elections Work! (and some money for LWV)

Ashley Coates, Membership Chair

You know all those ballots that people will be mailing in? Someone needs to open them and get them ready to be fed into the machines to be tallied. The Elections Office invites LWV members to get involved.

I did it last election, and it was fun!



No prior training needed. You are expected to follow the exact procedures they provide, and you work in pairs around a big table. About the only requirements are good manual dexterity and the ability to count stacks of ballots by 10's.

They pay a stipend per day worked, and we encourage League members to donate their pay to the League (when we submit names we tell them whether you wish to be paid individually or are donating your stipend to LWV).

Here are the dates and times:

- Monday – Friday (10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/2) 9am – 3pm
- Saturday 11/3/18 9am – 5pm (lunch provided)
- Monday – Friday (11/5, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8, 11/9) 9am-3pm

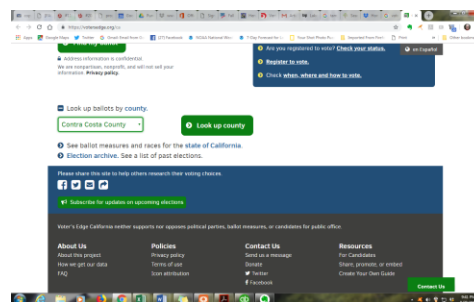
Please contact Ashley Coates, ashleyaoc@comcast.net, **no later than** 10/5 to sign up.

Give your name, email address, cell phone (or landline if no cell), the DATE(s) you can work, and whether you want to be paid or are donating to LWV.

Be an Informed, Engaged Voter

*Marian Shostrom, Contra Costa County Coordinator,
Voter's Edge California*

Voter's Edge California is a partnership between The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, and MapLight.org. Both organizations are non-profit and non-partisan, each with a goal of educating voters about all candidates and issues. LWV volunteers encourage candidates from all parties to submit information for a free online profile. Candidates must include their profession and top three priorities if elected, and may include biographical information, endorsements, links to websites, videos, and more. Voters will find "Pros and Cons" for each state proposition, as well as information to help them decide about local measures.



MapLight tracks expenditures for candidates for state and national office, as well as for state propositions, and posts that information on Voter's Edge. Here is a link to a brief video that explains how it works. <https://bit.ly/2OhgwNm>.

To see your ballot, and decide how to vote, simply go to www.votersedge.org, and type in your address and zip code on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. You will be able to make informed decisions before you vote on November 6, 2018.

As of September 28th, 36% of Contra Costa County candidates have a profile on Voter's Edge. **If any of your candidates have not yet submitted a profile, you can ask them to do so by email, phone, Facebook, or Twitter.**

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

Let's Party! Help plan our Holiday Party for December 1



If you would like to help plan the invitations, food, beverages, activities and/or decorations, please contact Ashley Coates, ashleyaoc@comcast.net, 925-247-4034. We can start brainstorming now and finalize plans after November 7.

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!



DONATE

To support our newsletter and other activities, please donate online by clicking on this button or visiting our website at www.lwvdv.org.


MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & UPDATES

If your name appears below, then it is time to renew your membership in October. 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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|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Bette Boatman | Martha and Joe Goralka | Barbara and Bob Hill | Jerri McNair |
| Marian Cruz | Diane Griffiths | Arlynda Huerta | Donna Preece |
| Joan Field | Susan Hamill | Joan Lautenberger | Susan Thwaites |
| Judy Garvens | Anne Hetland | Diane Mader | |

Welcome, new members: Lietta Wood, Beth Vaculkova, Nancy Cuesta, Allison Dibley, Elaine Carroll, Gail Van Tassell, Lisa Dell’Anno, Farah and Moira Anwar, Laura Patch, Lisie Thayer, Cam Smith, Karen Rice, Cindy Mataraso, Liz DiGiorgio and Cathleen Kirk!

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 --



Webinar: Advancing the League’s Goal to Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Through Action

[Join us for this session on Tuesday, October 30 from 2-3:30pm ET.](#) Led by Diversity Dimensions Consulting, LLC—a Washington, D.C. based company that provides effective solutions to individuals and organizations seeking to harness the power of diversity and inclusion—this session will put DEI principles into action to increase the League’s social impact work in communities across the nation. During this webinar, you will learn about state and local Leagues’ activities that are expanding their reach into more diverse communities. Speakers will discuss the ways individual leaders are overcoming discomfort with communicating across dimensions of difference.

This session builds on content offered at Convention that covered communicating across dimensions of difference through active listening, asking powerful questions, and noticing and mitigating bias. It is not necessary to have attended the Convention training to participate in this webinar. [Register here.](#)



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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 ___
 - \$ _____ \$35 Associate Membership. Indicate NEW ___ or RENEWAL ___
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 - \$ _____ GIFT MEMBERSHIP (circle appropriate category above)
 Gift Membership from: _____
 (Please write recipient's information below.)
 - \$ _____ \$10 included to receive printed copies of the *Voter* by US Mail
 - \$ _____ Additional Donation to LWVDV
 - \$ _____ **TOTAL** of ALL above enclosed to LWVDV.
- (LWVDV is a 501(c)3 organization. Dues and donations to LWVDV are tax-deductible. Tax ID number supplied on request.)*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please print, complete, and mail this form along with your check to:
 LWVDV, 500 St. Mary's Road #14, Lafayette, CA 94549

**CALENDAR
 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

- Oct 6 Action Committee**
 10-noon [LWVDV Office](#)
Note new day of week!
- Oct 11 Board Meeting**
 6:30 - [LWVDV Office](#)
 8:30 pm
Note changed meeting time!
- Nov 3 Action Committee**
 10-noon [LWVDV Office](#)
- Nov 8 Board Meeting**
 6:30 - [LWVDV Office](#)
 8:30 pm

Check out our website, www.lwvdv.org to keep up on meetings and activities!