

Dear League Members:

The 2019/2020 League year has started successfully at the Membership Brunch, with a talk by Connie Stewart regarding the Complete Count on the 2020 Census. Check out the article in this VOTER. Thank you, **Becky Simpson**, for a great event.

The League is continuing the effort to register voters even though there is no election this November, the first time since 1965. Thank you, **Carol Masterson**, for making sure the League was present at the North Country Fair. Those manning the booths registered voters and handed out material on the Complete Count.

The League was also in several locations registering voters on National Voter Registration day, September 24th. Thank you, **Maggie Augustine**, for making that happen.

The Schools and Community First Initiative will be asking members to get signatures to amend the initiative that will expand the definition of a small business at the same time supporting presentations on the initiative to counter the misinformation that is happening now. Look for the League presentations to get the facts on this important initiative.

The Board will have a membership orientation on October 15th. We invite all members to attend so you can get to know the Board, learn what this League is doing in the current year, and learn of the opportunities available for all League members. Check out the invitation in this VOTER.

There is still much to do and many opportunities to help. Let us know by contacting one of the Board members.

Sincerely,
Deborah Downs
LWVHC, President

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.

Upcoming New Member Orientation AND Voter Service Training

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is thrilled to have a number of new members as part of our organization. In order to get maximum benefit and enjoyment out of your membership, we'd like to encourage you to attend our upcoming New Member Orientation/Voter Service Training.

When: Tuesday, October 15
5:30 - 6:15pm (New Member Orientation)
6:15 - 7:00pm (Voter Service Training)

Where: Anne Hartline's home
2249 Graham Rd., Bayside

Details: We'll have light snacks and plenty of conversation.

Bring your questions and great ideas!
We encourage you to stay for both portions of the meeting or come to the part of the meeting that interests you most.

Questions?

Phone Becky Simpson at (707) 498-6340

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY (NVRD)

Maggie Augustine, Voter Registration Chair

The day was 24 September 2019. I wanted to have 4 sites for registration: HSU, CR, Eureka High School and Eureka Library. However ended up only with HSU library site from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

North Country Fair the preceding weekend diverted interest from NVRD.

Casey Park, Paola Valdovinos and Vincent Thomas were HSU participants. All of them are members of the Associated Students HSU in the following capacities: Casey Park - Board Coordinator, Paola Valdovinos - External Affairs Representative and Vincent Thomas - Student Assistant. They come from different academic interests: Casey Park - Wildlife biology, Paola Valdovinos - Psychology and Vincent Thomas - Engineering. The only common interest among them is the importance of Voter Registration.

Dr. Rollin Richmond and Andrea Suttell were LWVHC members who participated. Both of them actively approached individuals outside the library. Casey, Paola, Vincent and I sat at the table. However we were very active with answering questions and assisting with registration. I was amazed how many individuals stated that they were already registered. We thanked them for that and reminded them to vote.

At the end of the day, there were 17 Voter Registration Cards (VRC) which were turned over to the County Registrar of Voters the following morning. Staff at the Registrar were rather pleased with the 17 VRC.

I want to thank Rollin and Andrea for their participation. For the upcoming year I anticipate there will be much more activity and interest for voter registration. LWVHC members will be very busy.

LWVHC BOARD BRIEFS

Treasurer **Nancy Kay** reported recent donations from non-members in honor of **Deborah Downs** becoming our LWVHC President. Also, there has been a lot of rounding up of dues by members lately, amounting to \$245.00. LWVHC also gave \$500 from our HAF fund to help support KEET TV.

President **Deborah Downs** gave a report about the discussion at the LWVC Convention about the Schools and Community First Initiative which will appear on the Nov. 2020 ballot. There are some changes underway in the Initiative to address concerns from small business owners. Once this is finalized, gathering of new signatures will be required. LWVC supports this initiative, and so do we at LWVHC. Mary Lou Lowry is our main organizer for upcoming local activities on the Initiative.

National Voter Registration Day is September 24th. Our Humboldt County events are being organized by **Maggie Augustine**.

The need for Wiyot Tribal Election Observers was discussed. The Tribal election will be on October 5th from 10 to 2 and will take place at the Table Bluff Wyott offices.

Nancy Kay reported on the 100 Yr. Anniversary Celebration of 19th Amendment with a parade slated tentatively for August 22, 2020. The current committee (**Kay Escarda, Judy Stoffer and Nancy Kay**) met with Eureka Mayor Susan Seaman, who has agreed to join the committee. More committee members are desired.

Molly Cate will be our LWVHC representative on the Access Humboldt Board.

FOUL WEATHER AT THE FAIR!

Carol Masterson, Forum Director

Patricia-Anne and George WinterSun, Mary Lou Lowry, Diane Cipperley, Deborah Downs, Laura Hennings, Julie Kelly, Kay Escarda, Hollie Klingel, Tracy Jordan French, and Friends of the League Holly Couling and Aileen Bartscht, are the booth builders and tenders who came through for us at the North Country Fair and we are most thankful for their dedication, especially considering there was a rainstorm to boot! (**Hollie and Aileen** are the stalwarts who braved the storm AND stayed overtime; I'm so sorry I missed it!) As always, visitors were happy to see us and to share their views and concerns in addition to registering as needed. Big thanks to all you lovely people!

This is the time when I usually say something about bidding farewell to summer and now let's get started on candidate forums, but hey! There's no ballot here this November for the first time since at least as far back as 1965. This gives us some breathing room to prepare for what promises to be something like the Mother of All Election Years in 2020, beginning with Super Tuesday on March 3 with our fair state getting to have an earlier voice in the selection of presidential candidates than in recent years. The filing period for the Presidential Primary, which locally includes races for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd District Supervisors, four Superior Court Judgeships, CA State Assembly, and U.S. Congress, runs from November 12th to December 6th, with possible extensions to December 11th if incumbents don't file. (School and Special District elections will be folded into the General Election on November 3, 2020.)

Is 2020 your year to make your mark? Carpe diem! If you're reading this newsletter, you already have a pretty good grasp on how government affects our lives; can you put that to good use for your country? If you're not running for office, how about volunteering at the Elections Division to be a poll worker? And if you're not running and not playing a significant role in a campaign, please take part in some or all of the Voter Service activities that will pretty much dominate the League's calendar in January and February. Help make democracy work, please.

But before that, can you spare a couple of hours to help voters register at the Veterans' Stand Down at the Ferndale Fairgrounds on October 4th and 5th? 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. buffy7@suddenlink.net; 707-768-3118. Thanks!

New Members

Annette Holland	Berkeley Kysriopas	Diane Cipperley
Dave Rosso	Helene Rouvier	Michele Walford
Edward Olsgard		Michele McKeegan
		Deborah Hartman

The Annual Membership Brunch is a BIG Success!!

The 2019 Annual Membership Brunch took place on Saturday, September 14th in the Kate Buchanan Room at Humboldt State University. A delicious brunch was served, and with 32 members and 9 guests attending, the meeting was a great way to make new acquaintances, reconnect with League friends, and begin our exciting 2019/2020 League year.

Our guest speaker, Connie Stewart, spoke to the gathering about the Humboldt Census 2020 Complete Count. Connie is the Executive Director of the California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP). The CCRP is coordinating the effort for a Complete Count in the 2020 Census in Northern California. Connie explained the challenges and opportunities the 2020 Census poses to rural counties, as well as the need for all people to be counted completely. She explained the need for people to understand that all responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law, and that people have the opportunity to respond securely online, by mail, or by phone. LWVHC has agreed to be a partner in the upcoming Complete Count effort. Connie will continue to update the LWVHC Board about ways that we can be involved in supporting this vital aspect of our democracy. Special thanks to Becky Simpson for her extra effort in making this event a rousing success.



League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2020 State of the Community Luncheon Civic Contribution Award Nomination

Each year, at the State of the Community Luncheon, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County honors individuals and/or groups for contributing to our community. We are now accepting nominations for those you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Please nominate a person or organization you feel should be considered for this honor and why.

Your Name _____ **Address** _____

Best way to contact you (phone, email, etc.) _____

Please submit nomination by December 1, 2019 to:

**State of Community Luncheon
P.O. Box 3219,
Eureka, CA 95502
E-mail: vote@lwvhc.org**

In what way has this person/group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?

Name of Group/Individual to be Nominated _____

Address _____ **Phone#** _____

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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
_____ \$105 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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Join Now!



P.O. Box 3219
Eureka, CA 95502

To:

New Board Member — Maggie Augustine

Was born and reared in Tucumcari, NM in a family of six with 1 son and 3 daughters. Father was a GP and mother a housewife with a degree in French. I am the youngest child by 10 minutes.

All the children attended the public schools. Did the usual majorette and drummer routine in the band. Greatest fun was to play piano duets or twin piano numbers with Lizzie. Also enjoyed Community Concerts for cultural events in Tucumcari. Attended Mills College and then went to University of New Mexico Medical School. Came to California in 1970 for my internship and residency in Pathology at Long Beach Hospital. After specialty training had 1st job at Pacific Hospital in Long Beach and then came to Eureka in 1999 to join Eureka Pathology Associates who contracted with St. Joseph system. For the last 9 years of my professional career was Medical Director of Northern California Community Blood Bank. Those were the best years of my career.

With retirement, have been kept busy with AAUW, LWVHC, shelving at Eureka Library and now Spanish classes at HSU. My passion is music especially opera and classical music. Love the Eureka Symphony, concert season at HSU and the Opera HD at the Minor Theatre. Oops almost forgot am now including travel to places such as Alaska, Mississippi River, Africa and Cuba.

That's all folks!!