



The Voter



League of Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County, California

The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

April 2020



CANCELLED

General Meeting Tuesday, April 21

The health and well-being of the communities we serve remains of paramount importance to the League of Women Voters. In response to the San Mateo County Health Department’s recent guidance “to cancel or postpone all non-essential gatherings.... and those over the age of 60 should avoid gatherings to the extent possible,” we are cancelling the April General Meeting.

At this time, we are optimistic the May 19th General Meeting, Fire Risk in San Mateo County and the June 6th Annual Meeting, featuring Supervisor Carole Groom, State of the County, will go on as scheduled.

Thank you for your understanding, the LWNCSMC Board Members

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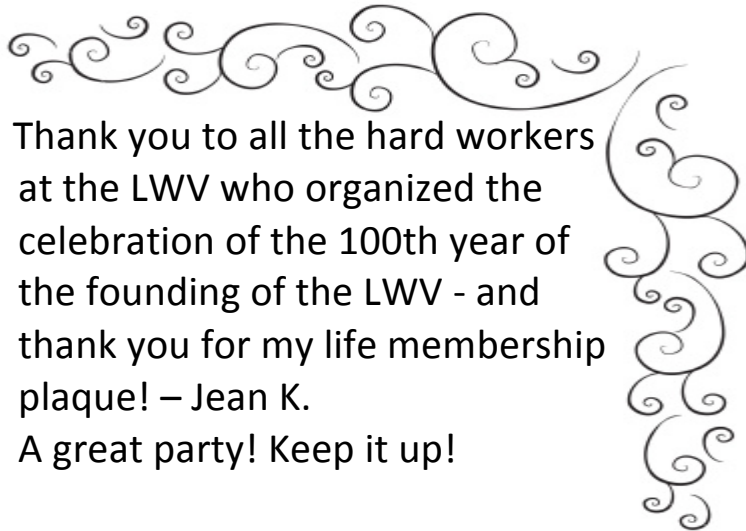
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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President's Message

One Hundred years later, the LWVNCSMC held a celebration to commemorate our service to the League of Women Voters since February 14, 1920. In a joyful celebration with fellow members, we heard stories and words of wisdom from some of the women who have over 50 years of service and one with a record 70+ years of service. One member asked that we also remember some friends who served and have passed on. I would like to share some of their written messages of thanks received after that day.



Thank you to all the hard workers at the LWV who organized the celebration of the 100th year of the founding of the LWV - and thank you for my life membership plaque! – Jean K.
A great party! Keep it up!



And my thanks for a lovely celebration!
Jean A.



Thank you for the lovely, elegant and inspiring 100th celebration. It was a pleasure to participate, visit with old friends and meet new.
- Best Regards, Trish R.

Our gratitude to the committee team who organized it: Marie Baldisseri, Linda Jansen, and Margaret Lukens. Great fun was had by all!

Marta Bookbinder, President

Board Highlights

At the February board meeting, our board discussed the following:

- Discussed the potential of a negative cash flow for the year
- Discussed the need to have an event budget for major events such as the Anniversary celebration
- Heard that Carole Groom will be the speaker at Annual Meeting on June 6, 2020
- Heard that LWVNCSMC will be tabling at several upcoming events
- Heard from Marta about the many city proclamations that the LWVNCSMC is receiving to commemorate the League's positive role in local government
- Heard that the national League would like to introduce positions supporting the National Popular Vote and Climate Change at the convention
- Discussed how to create an inexpensive Members' Handbook in paper and digitally
- Voted to approve the Anniversary Gala planned with LWV South County at Poplar Creek on August 30
- Heard that the Schools and Community First petition drive is ending early due to its great success

Census Update

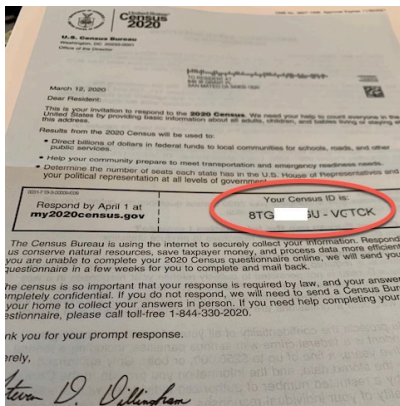
Paper census questionnaires coming soon! If you have not participated in Census 2020, you will receive a paper questionnaire in mid-April in English and Spanish. We recommend that you complete the questionnaire either on paper, online, or on the telephone as soon as possible because enumerators will come knocking on your door starting mid-May.

If an enumerator does stop at your door and you are not there, the enumerator will leave a *Notice of Visit*. This notice will include an online response code to encourage you to self-respond.

To complete the census online, complete the following steps:

1. Go to <https://my2020census.gov>.
2. Click **Start Questionnaire**.
3. If you received your invitation with your Census ID, enter your Census ID that is pictured in the photo below.

If you did not receive your Census ID, misplaced it, threw it away, or the dog ate it, click **If you do not have a Census ID, click here** link.



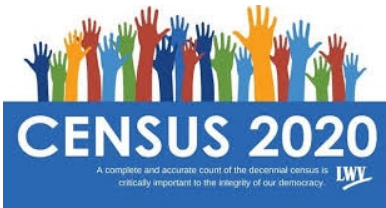
For information on special circumstances, such as students or babies born close to Census Day, go to https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count.html?cid=20389:%2Bus%20%2Bcensus%20%2Bbureau:sem.ga:p:dm:en:&utm_source=sem.ga&utm_medium=p&utm_campaign=dm:en&utm_content=20389&utm_term=%2Bus%20%2Bcensus%20%2Bbureau

The following incentives provide compelling reasons to complete the census:

- For every person who does not complete the census, California could lose up to \$10,000 in Federal funding every year for the next ten years.
- California could lose a representative in Congress due to an undercount.

Pat Fuetsch, Pat Smith, and I have been working with Tax-Aid to promote Census 2020 on Saturday mornings at the Martin Luther King Community Center in San Mateo, the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City, and the East Palo Alto Y. While people are waiting to have their taxes processed, we were able to talk with a diverse group of people who were very receptive and fell into the “hard to reach” category. When Census 2020 went live online in mid-March, we were able to assist people on laptops. Then SIP (Shelter in Place) began and all that came to an early end.

Ann Kuchins, External Relations Director



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