



# 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.

September 2019

### General Meeting – Special Presentation

#### Carrie Chapman Catt and the League of Women Voters: Winning Political Power for Women

Tuesday September 17

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Millbrae Public Library, Meeting Room A

623 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae 94030



Carrie Chapman Catt

You are invited to meet local, award-winning author Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr. for an informative discussion and slide show on the successful grassroots political campaigns suffragists, including League of Women Voters founders, waged between 1910 and 1920 to win the vote for women. Learn about these powerful role models of women’s activism and the revolutionary change they managed to make despite tremendous opposition.

Mr. Cooney has studied American women’s nonviolent drive for equal rights for more than 25 years and has become a recognized expert on this historic nonviolent movement. The League of Women Voters turns 100 in 2020, as does the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment that assures women’s right to vote. Mr. Cooney will give us insights into the critical role League members played in getting the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment adopted. An open discussion will follow.

Both of Mr. Cooney’s books, *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement*, and *Remembering Inez: The Last Campaign of Inez Milholland, Suffrage Martyr*, will be available for sale and he will be delighted to sign them.

Invite your friends, bring your “brown-bag” lunch and the League will provide drinks and dessert!

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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



Would you like to come to a great party? Better yet, would you like to help and make it great?

You are invited to join the 2020 Centennial of Women Winning the Vote! Celebrating the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment began on Women's Equality Day, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Around the country, many states, counties, and organizations have planned creative activities: An EqualiTea is being planned by Florida; "Hard Won. Not Done." is a theme heard in Iowa; #TakeYourDaughterToThePolls is an opportunity in California. Books, movies, and TV specials have been created and are being scheduled depicting the stories of perseverance, hard work, sacrifice, and hope to our younger generations.

Remembering the past as it was written may also allow us to learn about what was not included.

One of several narratives to inform us of our history is presented by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, author of several books including *Sisters in Spirit*, and editor of the *Women's Suffrage Movement* (Penguin Classics, 2019) who writes:

*While women in the United States are celebrating 100 years of constitutionally-guaranteed voting, Native Nation women have had political voice on this land for over 1000 years. Indigenous women of numerous Native Nations had more rights, sovereignty and integrity long before Europeans arrived on these shores than we in the United States have today. As we non-native feminists listen to them, we can follow their leadership and learn from their centuries of experience just as our suffrage foremothers did.*

One of our own members, Robert Cooney, will be the first speaker presenting in September. I hope that you can come to hear and know more about Inez Milholland, a leader and a martyr in the struggle in the past 100 years.

Mystery Question: Who said: "Mr. President – How long must women wait for liberty?"

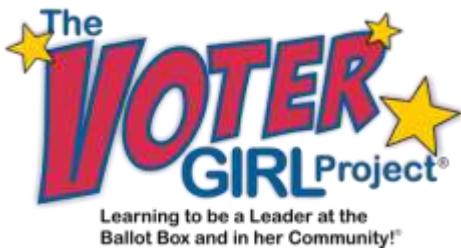
*Marta Bookbinder, President*

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## Board Highlights

At the August board meeting, our board

- ◆ Approved the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer as signers for the checking account
  - ◆ Discussed the League's nonpartisan policy
  - ◆ Approved Linda Jansen as a member of the Executive Committee
  - ◆ Planned the September general meeting
  - ◆ Heard that registration for Voter Girl starts in mid-August
  - ◆ Approved an Ambassador Training workshop on the census conducted by the San Mateo County Census Committee for League members
  - ◆ Updated on the Woodlake Association Election ballot count to take place on September 25
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## Voter Girl Project Needs You!

We need many volunteers on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for our first Voter Girl event – would you like to help? This is a one-day event where League members will lead classroom activities for 200 Girl Scouts to earn their Civic Engagement badges.

We will hold classroom training sessions to review the curriculum and plan out the activities in each class. The Voter Girl team meets regularly with Girl Scout leaders to plan this event.

Join us at the next Voter Girl planning meetings on the following dates:

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 9:30am** - League Office – 444 Peninsula Ave, Suite 1, San Mateo

**Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 9:30am** - League Office – 444 Peninsula Ave, Suite 1, San Mateo

We need volunteers in the following categories.

### Classroom Leaders and Assistants

Daisies: Grades K- 1	1 class (morning) – Assistants needed
Brownies: Grades 2-3	2 classes (1 morning, 1 afternoon) – Leaders and Assistants needed (AM & PM)
Juniors: Grades 4-5	4 classes (2 morning, 2 afternoon) - Assistants needed (AM & PM)

We have leaders and assistants signed up to staff the Cadet, Seniors, and Ambassador classes.

### In addition, we need volunteers to staff:

- Welcome Area: registration, information, first-aid helpers
- Election helpers
- Parent Lounge helpers
- Photographer
- Setup and cleanup

This is a great opportunity for the League to get to know students and their parents and for them to get to know us! The excitement is growing. This is going to be a great event. Hope you will join in the fun!

Please contact Susie Raye for more information or to sign up to help (see the Member Handbook) or send a message to the League office

([lwnvncsmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwnvncsmc@sbcglobal.net)) or 650-342-5853.



## New Ways to Contribute

There are two new ways to contribute to our League. Because of recent requests, we are registered to receive donations through Benevity and Amazon Smile.

Benevity is a workplace giving program through which corporations match donations to qualified 501c3 organizations. Because of a request by one of our new members we are now registered and just received our first electronic payment through this program. See if your employer (or your spouse's) participates.

AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations. We were contacted by AmazonSmile after one or more Amazon customers selected support of our League when they shopped at AmazonSmile. We are registered and can benefit from your shopping. Use the direct link to shop and support our League (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2267196>).

Jackie Jacobberger

## Voter Service

**Gayle Hardt**, who effortlessly managed Voter Service for the last nine years, has handed over the reins to **Margie Gater** and **Kathy Wheeler**. Thank you, Gayle, for doing an extraordinary job. We'll miss your leadership in this role.

Planning to run this important function of LWV as a partnership, Margie and Kathy hold in common being Half Moon Bay residents, Captain and Co-Captain of the Coastside women's league tennis teams, baseball fans, and a real passion for the democratic process. Margie is a veteran member who has been an active participant in Voter Service activities and Kathy Wheeler is a newer member who jumped into those activities for last November's election.

Voter service includes running candidate forums, pro/con sessions, and soliciting voter registration during these public opportunities.

Voter service always needs help from members who are willing to be moderators, timekeepers, and ushers for the forums. The pro/con sessions need members who are comfortable explaining and fielding questions concerning the state Initiatives. We train all volunteers and plan on a training session the beginning of October.

We already have requests to moderate panels for the Foster City School Board, Burlingame City Council, and two forums (one normal and one on Climate Change) for the candidates for Jerry Hill's seat.

If you're interested in helping us at forums and pro/con sessions, please email me (see the Member Handbook): or send a message to the League office, email [lwvnscmc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwvnscmc@sbcglobal.net) or phone (650-342-5853).

Kathy Wheeler, Voter Service Director

## Women's Equity: Global, National & Local Perspectives

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area celebrated Women's Equality Day (August 26) with a mini-League day workshop on Women's Equity at the San Francisco Public Library on August 17. Kathleen Cha, UN NGO delegate and LWVBA vice president, provided an international perspective in her presentation *Through the Lens of Global Gender Equality; Equity, Empowerment & Economic Opportunity*. Robyn Brode Orsini, Women's History Specialist and former president of LWV, Napa, addressed the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) past and present in her presentation, *The March Toward Women's Equality: Why We Need the Equal Rights Amendment*.

## What Passage of the ERA Will Do

- Provide a single standard of equality and equity under the law throughout the nation
- Overturn state and federal laws that are discriminatory and protect against rollbacks of rights
- Require courts to examine sex discrimination with the highest degree of strict legal scrutiny
- Require the enforcement of laws about equality and equity throughout the states.

*Robyn Brode Orsini*  
*robyn@napanet.net*

*Ann Kuchins*

## Volunteers Needed

### Autumn Moon Festival/ Generation Walk for Wellness

On September 15, our League will host an informational and voter registration booth at the Autumn Moon Festival at San Mateo Central Park. There will be a one-mile Kaiser Permanente Generation *Walk for Wellness* in Central Park to celebrate the Autumn Moon Festival. Performances and activities begin after the walk. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours between 8:30 – 1:00 p.m., please contact Ann Kuchins (see the Member Handbook) or leave a message on the League phone (650-342-5853). (<https://www.selfhelpelderly.org/events/main-calendar/san-mateo-autumn-moon-festival>)

### League Fundraiser: Counting Ballots for the Woodlake Association Elections

Our League again has been appointed as Inspector of Elections for the Woodlake Association. Their annual meeting to elect new directors is tentatively on Thursday, October 3 and we need volunteers to help count ballots that evening. It requires only two or three hours of your time and is an opportunity to help the League financially while getting to know other members. No special knowledge is required, just the ability to follow directions.

Contact Jackie Jacobberger to volunteer; or leave a message on the League phone (650-342-5853).

## September Calendar

Date	Time	Description	Place
Tuesday Sept. 3	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Board Meeting All members welcome	444 Peninsula Avenue, Suite 1 San Mateo CA 94401
Saturday Sept 7	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Census Meeting	444 Peninsula Avenue, Suite 1 San Mateo CA 94401
Saturday Sept. 14	9:30 a.m.	Voter Girl Meeting	444 Peninsula Avenue, Suite 1 San Mateo CA 94401
Saturday Sept. 15	8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Tabling and Voter Registration Autumn Moon Festival/Walk for Wellness	San Mateo Central Park 50 East 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Mateo 94401
Tuesday Sept 17	12:00– 1:30 p.m.	General Meeting – Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr. Carrie Chapman Catt and the League of Women Voters: Winning Political Power for Women	Millbrae Public Library, Meeting Room A 623 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae 94030
Thursday Oct. 3	Early Evening	Ballot Counting for Woodlake Association Elections	Woodlake Apartments Clubhouse 900 Peninsula Avenue, San Mateo 944-1
Saturday Sept. 28	9:30 a.m.	Voter Girl Meeting	444 Peninsula Avenue, Suite 1 San Mateo CA 94401

**JOIN THE LEAGUE!**

*Where new members just like you are taking advantage of leadership opportunities and making an impact.*

Name(s)

Address

City

Zip Code

Phone Number (daytime)

E-mail address

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\$75 one member; \$115 two members, same household; \$40 each additional member, same household. *Dues are tax deductible.*)

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