

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

Theodore Roosevelt



Board Update October, 2021

One of our operational goals this year is to communicate more fully and more actively engage our members with the important work of the League of Women Voters Solano County. We will be providing brief updates from our monthly board meetings and encourage you to review the agenda and minutes for the meetings. The meetings are open and you are always welcome to join. Our next meeting is November 18th from 5:30 – 7:30 and is held via Zoom.



Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Update from October 21st Meeting

- We had a robust discussion about the current status of our league work. We used the following questions to frame our discussion. Are we serving our community in the most effective ways that we can? What is the process used to consider and implement new ideas? What evidence do we have that our work is reflective of the needs of our community? We see this discussion as part of an ongoing discussion to continue to seek ways to improve and grow as an organization.
- We were asked to consider a request to serve as a ‘fact checkers’ in the upcoming election cycle. While we share the desire to have honest, factually accurate and civil campaigns we do not feel we are the right organization to take on this role. After careful consideration and consultation with our state liaison we have decided to decline this request because we feel it does not reflect our goals and purpose as an organization. We will offer other suggestions about possible ways to address the needs that were raised.
- The treasurer introduced some topics that will be brought back next month for further discussion. These include the possible conversion from a 501c4 to a 501c3, the protocol for utilizing the newly obtained debit card and the process for seeking reimbursements.

- We will be publishing a Member Directory in early 2022. The directory includes information about the League, dates of scheduled meetings, a listing of the board and committee chairs and standing rules for operation. **The directory is for the internal use of the membership and leaders only.**
- During committee reports phase of the meeting we heard from Sharon Tucker about the restructuring of the **membership committee**. She will now be co-chair of the committee and will be attending Board meetings. Membership will be working closely with the Communications team to help with recruitment and to poll members about their areas of interest. We discussed the different membership lists, how they are maintained and the purpose of each list.
- Alice Fried discussed the next steps in our partnership with the **Solano Youth Coalition**. She will be working closely with the group's leader, Rebecca Floyd, to ensure that the 30 participants acquire the needed training to help with voter registration in the schools and other public venues. They will learn how to conduct forums that ensure civity. The group is filled with enthusiastic and extremely capable young people anxious to participate in 'hands on' civic activities. We are looking forward to actively partnering with this amazing group of future leaders. We are proud to announce that Alice is being honored by the Solano County Library Foundation at an Author's Luncheon on Thursday, November 7th.
- Craig Paterson, Director of Programs presented his action plan for upcoming programs and events. We voted to establish the first Thursday of every month for LWVS programs. This means the rescheduling of two general meetings. The general meeting in December will now be 12/2 and the March meeting moved to 3/3/2022.



We need **YOU!** We have scheduled a program planning meeting for **Tuesday, October 26th from 5:30 – 6:30 via Zoom**. We will be creating Action Teams who will be working collaboratively to plan a yearlong calendar of events. All events will directly connect all program initiatives and events with the League positions on the national and state level. These dynamic teams will help to identify program content, community engagement partners and event logistics. It takes sweat equity to fully engage our league and community members. We hope you will join us for this event. Please contact craig_paterson@yahoo.com or ramilmuth@gmail.com for information about the meeting .

LWVSolano Host is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LWV Solano Action Teams... Let's Get Busy!

Time: Oct 26, 2021 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4537073149>

Meeting ID: 453 707 3149

- The Foreign Policy Association has announced **Great Decisions** topics for 2021. The Topics are:

Changing Demographics, Outer Space, Climate Change, Russia, Myanmar and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations or ASEAN, The Quad Alliance: (Japan, Australia, India and the United States), Industrial Policy, Drug Policy in Latin America and Biden's Agenda. For more detailed information about the topics go to https://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=457

Books are currently available for pre-order. If you are interested in ordering a Briefing Book which will contain a chapter on each of the above topics please email lwsolano@gmail.com attention Niles Medders. **We can order a class set of books at a discount if we have enough people interested. Without the discount books are \$35 each plus shipping. With our class discount we can get the books for \$25 including shipping. No payment is due until the books arrive, usually early to mid-January.**

We will plan to meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning on January 24th and continuing for eight weeks. All are invited to participate and are welcome to join in or just observe. We will, therefore, plan to meet as we did last year via Zoom. If we are able to resume meeting at the Library at some future date we will plan to also make our meetings available on Zoom.

For additional information or to be added to our Great Decisions email list send an email request to lwsolano@gmail.com

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