



July/August 2022 <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county>

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and action.

LWV SOLANO COUNTY CALENDAR

Please watch for updates to these events, as things change from time to time. Meetings and updates are posted on our website [LWVSC Calendar](#). Please note that all LWV Solano meetings are currently taking place on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

LWV Solano First Thursday, July 7th at 5:30 pm:

Gun Responsibility: a Path to a Safer Future

(Meeting details in Rami's note below.)

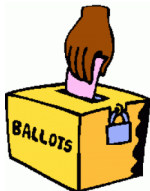
LWV Solano Board Meetings, All members are welcome, please email LWVSolano@gmail.com

Att: Board Meeting for details.

Thursday, July 21st at 5:30 pm

Thursday, August 18th at 5:30 pm

Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 pm



November 8, 2022, Election Day

Sustainable Solano events <https://sustainablesolano.org/events/>

Great Decisions Extension Dates: June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, and September 26th will be hybrid meetings via Zoom and at Benicia Public Library Dona Benicia Room. Location for October 24th TBD. For details, please email: lwvsolano@gmail.com Att: Great Decisions

Board, General, and Committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time.

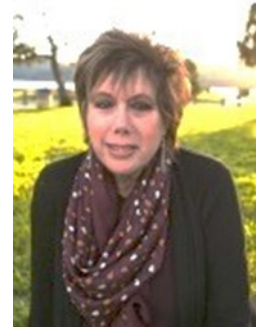
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Reflections by Rami Muth

Vice President League of Women Voters Solano

Safety and security don't just happen; they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.

Nelson Mandela



I know that many of you are disturbed about the rise of gun violence in our communities and particularly in our schools. **We, the LWV Solano, are forming an ad hoc committee to create a plan on how we can use our voice, collectively and individually, to address this growing problem. The focus of the committee will be on gun responsibility; creating a path for a safer future.**

Our plan includes the following **three components; to inform, to inspire and to create a pathway to action**. In the information phase we will provide information through the use guest speakers and assorted readings. We envision conducting a summit with students and teachers sharing their perspectives of what it means to grow up in an era of active shooter drills and the impact this has had on their life experience. And finally, we intend to develop pathways for individuals to take meaningful action connecting our work to the state and national League of Women Voters and lifting our voices in powerful ways.

This plan is a work in progress and **your input is valued and needed**. Please feel free to **contact me at rmuth@gmail.com**. Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport and it takes each of us working together with a common goal to create a safe and secure future for ourselves, for our children and for generations to come.

I invite you to **join our next meeting on Thursday, July 7th**. The **zoom link** is listed below.

LWVSolano Host is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Gun Responsibility
Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting**

Time: Jul 7, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)

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

Meeting ID: 453 707 3149



Rami

GREAT DECISIONS EXTENSION

Great Decisions Extension (GDE) is happening at the Benicia Library!!! (And also via Zoom)

Great Decisions Extension our monthly current events program will meet on 4th Mondays May through October. GDE is an informal discussion group made up of participants of the LWV Solano County's Great Decisions program who wish to continue to meet and discuss current topics of interest. The group makes suggestions about topics, books, videos and articles that individual members are interested in exploring. We take a poll and select the topics which generate the most interest.



All are welcome. No need to have attended previous Great Decisions meetings. We will be meeting at the Benicia Public Library Dona Francisca room 4th Mondays, July 25th, August 22nd, and September 26th. The library is not available for our Oct. 24th meeting so the location is to be determined. All meetings will also be available via zoom.

If you are interested in our group please email lwvsolano@gmail.com attention Niles Medders to be added to our contact list and receive information about meetings, topics and the Zoom link for meetings.

LWV SOLANO COUNTY 2022 ANNUAL MEETING VIDEO LINKS

Missed the Annual Meeting?

We've captured it all for you with these videos from our June 2nd Annual Meeting which are now available on the LWV Solano County YouTube Channel!

LWV Solano Business Meeting

<https://youtu.be/pP5rec94ghQ>

Guest Speaker, Carol Moon Goldberg, President of the League of Women Voters California

https://youtu.be/1iTa7iT_QOA



Click here to access your full **Annual Meeting Information Kit** or copy and paste this URL into your browser:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/article/2022-lwv-solano-annual-meeting-information-kit>

VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Watch our “Be a Decider” video about the importance of registering and voting at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXiVlaRnV80&t=3s>

The Voter Services team is seeking additional members. All are invited to our monthly meetings which meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. Join us May 12 at 1:00pm via Zoom. For more information, contact Carole Paterson, LWVS President at <mailto:mvjocarole@yahoo.com>.



YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM

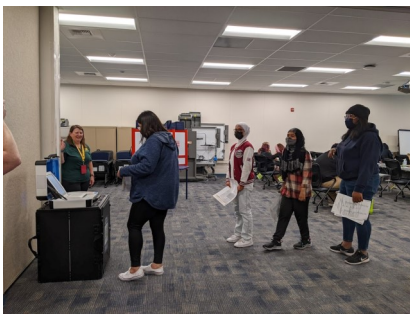
Our Youth Outreach program is going strong and growing. Here are a few updates on our activities this spring and summer. The goal of our Youth Outreach Program is to encourage, engage, and facilitate citizen participation in the democratic process using hands-on civics learning opportunities for students.

As you know, our League has teamed up with Solano Youth Coalition and **through this new partnership, we now have begun to work with Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) on other exciting programs.**

John Gardner, Solano County Assistant Registrar of Voters, and his team provided a hands on registration and voter experience for the Solano Youth Coalition students.

Forum Training – Alice led the SYC students in and interactive training on the who, what, why, and how of questioning forum participants and how to plan for and run a smooth and meaningful forum.

Adopt-A-Poll – With the guidance of Dr. Sarah Chapman, members of the Delta Sigma Theta Vallejo Chapter partnered with SYC and our own League to staff a poll in the recent primary election.



SCOE Alternative Summer Education Civics – With the leadership of Dr. Valerie Garrett and Alice Fried, we were able to provide 4 hours of interactive civics training to students in the SCOE Alternative Summer Education program in June. Main topics covered were Political Knowledge, Critical Thinking, Citizenship, and working with government for the Common Good. We'll provide you with more details in a follow up article.

Observer Corps Training for Fairfield Vanden High School students.

These programs are being piloted this year and will be assessed with the goal of improving and expanding them next year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chaired by our VP, Rami Muth, the Membership Committee connects with members, opens doors for our League and for our other committees. We continue to work to engage diverse communities throughout Solano County, raising awareness of the League and all we have to offer.

The committee is also focusing on improving our new and renewing membership tracking and onboarding process to provide members with engaging messaging and volunteer opportunities.

The committee meets monthly and we invite you to join us. For more information email lwvsolano@gmail.com Att: Rami.



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Join our dynamic team! We're responsible for our League's press releases, emails, newsletters, social media, our website, blogs, and more.

Current team members are Sandy Coury (Chair), Alice Fried (Co-Chair), Marilee Scholl (PR), Linda Stewart (Social Media).

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday via Zoom. **We welcome your feedback and suggestions and are always looking for new Communications Team members**, if you're interested, please email: lwvsolano@gmail.com Att: Sandy.

GET INVOLVED

Many important Volunteer activities are available to suit your skills and time – from just an hour or two a month or more. **Check out our Volunteer information page** at <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/donate> and then **fill out our Volunteer Interest Form** at <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/volunteer-interest-form>



PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

FIRST THURSDAY EVENTS

Don't miss out on our monthly "First Thursday" events. Our next Event is **LWV Solano First Thursday, July 7th at 5:30 pm: Gun Responsibility: a Path to a Safer Future...** See Rami's note above for details.

Check the Calendar above, our website, and Facebook page, and check the LWV Solano YouTube Channel for event recordings. We'll also keep you apprised of upcoming events in our email updates.

We're looking for volunteers to be a part of the PPE team, please contact lwvsolano@gmail.com Att: Craig or Rami.



LWV SOLANO BOARD NOTES

Our Board meets monthly and all Members are welcome. To catch up on Board discussions and decisions, please click here to read meeting minutes on our website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/article/lwv-solano-board-updates-and-minutes>

Discover the LWV Solano YouTube Channel Video Library and be sure to Subscribe!

If you missed one of our events, want to watch it again, or share a recording with friends and community, be sure to visit. Here is a sampling of the videos you'll find:



Election Integrity with John Gardner



First Thursday featuring Dr. Maliika Chambers



Claudine Wong at LWV Solano County

TEST YOUR LEAGUE KNOWLEDGE

Who was the first woman to serve in Congress?

Answer on page 7.





LWV BAY AREA BOARD BRIEFS & MONITOR

Sherry Smith, President, League of Women Voters of the Bay Area invites all League members to attend LWVBA Board meetings and subscribe to the Bay Area Monitor newsletter. LWVBA website <https://my.lwv.org/california/bay-area-league> Access the Bay Area Monitor Notes at bayareamonitor.org

GET THE LATEST ON THE LWV SOLANO COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE AND BE SURE TO "LIKE" US AND "SHARE"!

No need for an account or login, just click here or visit our homepage:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/article/visit-lwv-solano-facebook-page-right-here>



Test your LWV Knowledge:

ANSWER

Not only was **Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin** the first woman to hold federal office in the United States, but she was elected to Congress in 1916—before women had even achieved nationwide suffrage. As a Representative, Rankin was instrumental in the creation and passage of the 19th Amendment. She lobbied as a representative of the National American Women's Suffrage Association (NAWSA), the organization that would become the League of Women Voters. A dedicated pacifist throughout her life, Rankin never swayed from her convictions even through the harshest criticism.

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Voter Newsletter

Leslie Lessenger, Sandy Coury, Alice Fried

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Due by the 17th of the month
Email submissions to Sandy Coury,
sandycoury@gmail.com

Content must be League Business Only

Include What, Where, When, and Why in first paragraph.

Length should be 200 words or less.
Please use WORD; Calibri 12 pt. is preferred.

Simple formatting only.



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