



**September/October 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.



**Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 4pm, LWV Piedmont Wildfire Mitigation in the Bay Area: What Can Be Done? LWV Solano cosponsor. Details at [https://lwvpiedmont.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=601389&item\\_id=1765943](https://lwvpiedmont.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=601389&item_id=1765943)**

**Tuesday, September 20, National Voter Registration Day Turns 10!** Check your registration at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

**LWV Solano Board Meetings**, All members are welcome, please email [LWVSolano@gmail.com](mailto:LWVSolano@gmail.com) Att: Board Meeting for details.

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3-5 pm, LWV Solano "Each One, Reach One" Membership Event.** See details below or at <https://bit.ly/3KoGlp6>.

### **November 8, 2022, Election Day**

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

**Great Decisions Extension Dates:** 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](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Great Decisions

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

Email [LwvSolano@gmail.com](mailto:LwvSolano@gmail.com) for Zoom information. Meetings and updates are posted on our website [LWVSC Calendar](#).

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Greetings Members!

Early in August your Board of Directors gathered to plan the 2022-23 year of activities for our League. We kept in mind our program priorities of Racial Justice, Equity and Inclusion, Climate Change and Voters Education, but made plenty of room for emerging issues such as the "Democracy Matters" program in the last week of January and the Gun Responsibility program next April.

One of the critical issues identified was the preparation for the Mid-term Election on November 11, which is 11 weeks from today as I write this article. In those 11 weeks our League will be carrying out one of our most important roles; one that calls for what we stand for—nonpartisanship. We will be conducting Candidate Forums in at least four of our seven cities in the county, plus perhaps a Board of Supervisor race. Now is the time to step up, we need your participation to fully serve our communities. Please contact me for ways you can help.

Mark your calendars now for our **October 2 Membership event "Each One Bring One"** which will be held from 3:00 to 5:00pm at Rock Creek Vineyard, 4610 Green Valley Rd, Fairfield, CA 94534. Come out, bring a potential member, and anticipate a great time! See you there.

Carole



## 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>

## PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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.



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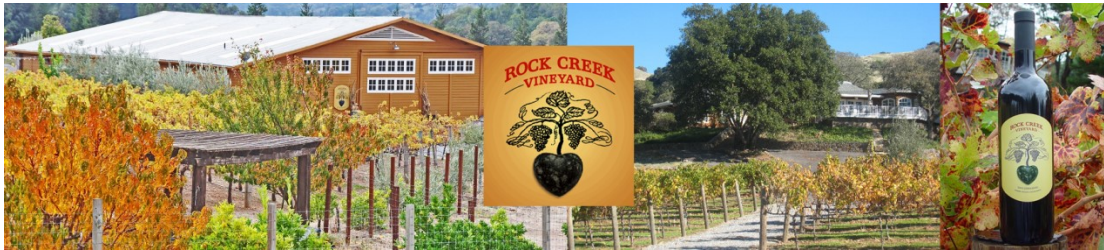
Be part of our Events team, please email  
[lwvsolano@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Craig or Rami.

## EACH ONE REACH ONE

The League of Women Voters' Solano County invites you to a special event to help celebrate our collective work, learn about the exciting programs and projects on the horizon and invite others to join our league.

### Join Us for an Enjoyable Afternoon of Wine, Chocolate & Good Company!

Meet new people, learn about the work of the League of Women Voters, and how you too can be part of this important work.



Our theme for this event is “Each One Reach One” and *we are asking each member to invite a prospective new member to join us.*

Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3 – 5 p.m.  
Rock Creek Vineyard at 4610 Green Valley Rd,  
Fairfield

To make sure we don't exceed the capacity of our venue, **please use this Eventbrite link to RSVP:**

<https://bit.ly/3KoGlp6>

Or copy and paste this URL into your browser

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/each-one-reach-one-lwv-solano-county-membership-event-tickets-408305602047>

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 on 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. All meetings will also be available via zoom.

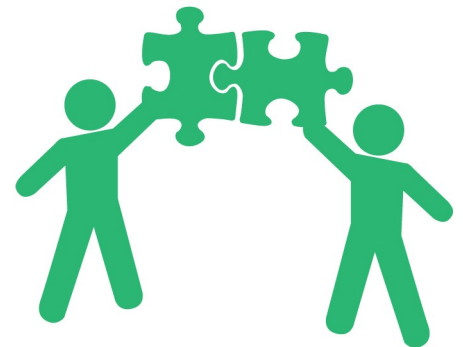
If you are interested in our group please email [lwvsolano@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Niles Medders to be added to our contact list and receive information about meetings, topics, and the Zoom link for meetings.

## 2022-23 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

### DEMOCRACY MATTERS: LWVSC/SYC Partnership

Plans for 2022-2023 Session

The goal of the LWVSC/SYC (Solano Youth Coalition) partnership is to provide the students with hands-on civics learning experiences. Building on the success of our first year activities, the second year of the partnership will do just that with these additional civics learning activities.



LWVSC will **assist SYC students establish their Observer Corps**. This session will be implementing next steps, i.e. determining SYC Observer Corps participants; choosing a chair; composing a letter of introduction to government leaders, identification badge; selecting council, board, or agency to monitor; preparing a monitoring schedule; composing reporting forms; and deciding which, if any, issue to further advocate for.

LWVSC will **work with SYC students on presenting their student-led, State of Solano Education Forum** using guidelines from Forum Training received in past session. SYC students will also play an active role in the LWVSC Vacaville mayoral candidates forum (September 27) and the Vacaville city council forum (October 3)

LWVSC to **introduce SYC students to the steps required to become a candidate**, get name on ballot, as well as what documents are needed to campaign for office.

# VOTER SERVICES AND ELECTIONS



## Online Resources at

**VotersEdge** <https://votersedge.org/> Personalized and unbiased ballot, candidate, and proposition information.

**Maplight** <https://maplight.org/> Find out who is funding propositions.

**Elections page on our website for state, regional, and local resources**  
<https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/voting>

## Candidate Forums – **Volunteers Needed!**

Voter Service and the Events teams are planning Candidate Forums for the upcoming November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election. We'll provide you with details in our upcoming email newsletters. To make sure we can cover as many city elections as possible, we need volunteers. Please email us at [lwvsolano@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Forums

## Adopt-A-Poll – **Volunteers Needed!**

The Solano League of Women Voters is once again hosting an Adopt-A-Poll on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the LDS Church at 1125 Southampton Road in Benicia. Serving as a Poll Worker is a rewarding way to participate in our democracy.

If you are a new poll worker you can register to participate by setting up an account at <https://solanoca.precinctcentral.com/TED/ElectionForcePortal/JobApplication.aspx>. Please also send an email to Janice Adams at [janiceadams1775@yahoo.com](mailto:janiceadams1775@yahoo.com) to let her know you wish to participate.

If you have worked previously and already have an account with the Registrar of Voters simply send your name to Janice Adams and your name will be added to our roster. You will be asked to complete online training for the position in which you will serve.

We will accommodate full and half day workers. This is a fundraiser for the League and, if possible, we ask that you contribute the money earned to the Solano League however this is optional and your participation is welcomed regardless of whether you choose to donate.

## Voter Registration and Education

**Easy Voter Guide Distribution** is being planned. More details to come.

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

**Registration and Vote Postcard activities are being planned.** Volunteer from the comfort of your home or with friends. Details to come.

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





## Volunteers needed!

Be sure to join us on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> for our **Each One Reach One** from 3 – 5 p.m. at the

Rock Creek Vineyard at 4610 Green Valley Rd, Fairfield. More details above and on our website. To register to attend, please click <https://bit.ly/3KoGlp6>.

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](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Rami.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Volunteers needed!

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](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Sandy.



**DEMOCRACY**

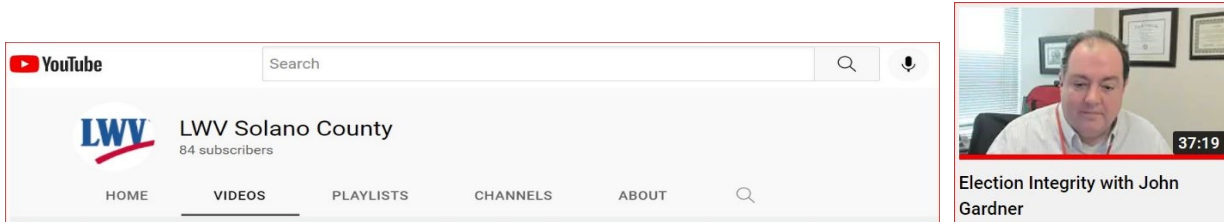


**IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT**

Many important Volunteer activities are available to suit your skills and time – from just an hour or two a month or more. **To volunteer, please email [lwvsolano@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com) Att: Rami.**

## 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:



### TEST YOUR LEAGUE KNOWLEDGE

Who was the first woman of color to serve in Congress?

Answer on page 8.

QUIZ TIME

### 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>





## 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](http://bayareamonitor.org)

### TEST YOUR LEAGUE KNOWLEDGE

#### ANSWER

**Patsy Takemoto Mink**, a Democrat from Hawaii, became the first woman of color and the first woman of Asian-Pacific Islander descent in the U.S. House of Representatives. She served until 1977 and was re-elected in 1990.



LWVSC-planned special training of Solano Youth Coalition students on poll worker and voting equipment by Solano Register of Voters staff



## **OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEES**

To contact our Officers, Board, and Committee Coordinators please email: [lwvsolano@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsolano@gmail.com).

### **Officers**

President, Carole Paterson  
Vice President, Rami Muth  
Treasurer, Judy Potter  
Secretary, Kathleen Savage

### **Board Directors and Committee Chairs**

Janice Adams, Board & Fundraising Chair  
Sarah Chapman, Board Member-at-Large  
Sandy Coury, Board & Communications Chair  
Alice Fried, Board & Civics Program  
Barbara King, Board Member-at-Large  
Rami Muth, Membership Chair  
Craig Paterson, Board & Program Planning Co-Chair  
Marianne Perlmutter, Board & Voter Service  
Margo McGlone, LWV Bay Area Representative for LWVSC

## **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](mailto: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.



**Committee meetings** are being held via Zoom at this time. Meetings and updates are posted on our website .

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