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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Laurie Carley, LWVSC President

Exciting things are happening in our local League. First, I would like to thank Pat, Wendy, and Amy for planning and implementing an excellent Meet and Learn program to kick off the 2021-22 year. Our guest speaker was Ashley Raveche, LWVC Deputy Director for Social Policy & Advocacy. She shared her extensive knowledge and experience with us on AB 392-Peace Officer Use of Force. This bill was signed into law with the companion bill SB 230 in August 2019. "AB 392 which both redefines the circumstances under which a homicide by a peace officer is deemed justifiable and affirmatively prescribes the circumstances under which a peace officer is authorized to use deadly force to effect an arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance." (CA.gov) Today, Leagues and law enforcement departments throughout California are working to insure this law is implemented in their communities. You can find the recording of this event on our website: LWVStanislaus.org. It is well worth the watch; it is full of information that will help you understand this complex issue. Our next Meet and Learn will be October 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Michael Baldwin and Sargent Daniel Starr, who both serve on the Mayor's committee, will be presenting the local perspective. Watch for details in the next membership 'Blast'.

It is official. Marsha Waggoner will represent the League's point of view as our city moves ahead with redistricting plans. I thank Marsha for stepping up to and into this challenging and extremely important task. Redistricting is instrumental to voting rights.

It's Finance Drive time. Suzanne Autry and Amy Wolfe have been working together to get our drive underway. This IS how we fund the activities we provide in our county. Letter coming to a mailbox near you soon!

There are so many aspects of League that have kept me a member for a very long time, but at the forefront for me today, are the many opportunities for learning. LWV has so many resources and dedicated individuals helping local Leagues make a difference in their communities.

Fall is officially upon us, the recall election is behind us, and ahead of us there is much work we can do in and for our community.

Be well,

Laurie

September 2021 LWVSC Board Meeting Recap

The LWVSC Board of Directors met on September 8, 2021 to conduct its regular business. The following are highlights from the group's discussion:

- The August budget report was accepted by the board; all payments are up to date.
- Approximately 200 letters will be sent for this year's Finance Drive.
- Spring will be a busy time for Voter Service, with a primary election to be held.
- The Investment Committee will be formed by the next meeting.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Scholarship and Nominating Committees.
- Review of the 2020-2021 Financials is complete, as per our Bylaws. A copy of the financials is included in this newsletter for member review.

Welcome New Member

Mimi Bradley
Turlock

Membership Dues Reminder

Colleen Norby, Membership

Last call for payment of dues for our current membership year, July 1-June 30 2022. According to our Bylaws, yearly dues are in arrears on September 30th and you will be dropped from our membership rolls.

Letters were mailed in early August to those who had not renewed.

The membership directory will be printed in mid Fall and mailed to members. Please make sure you don't miss being in our directory because of unpaid dues. We value each and every member of our local League.

Pay via check to LWVSC and send to LWV of Stanislaus County, PO Box E,
Modesto CA 95352

Or pay online at my.lwv.org/california/stanislaus-county/joinrenew

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Board Chambers - Basement Level
1010 10th Street
Modesto, California

October 5, 2021 9:00 a.m.

October 12, 2021 No Meeting

October 19, 2021 No Meeting

October 26, 2021 9:00 a.m.

November 2, 2021 9:00 a.m.

November 9, 2021 No Meeting

November 16, 2021 6:30 p.m.

November 23, 2021 9:00 a.m.

November 30, 2021 No Meeting

December 7, 2021 9:00 a.m.

December 14, 2021 9:00 a.m.

December 21, 2021 No Meeting

December 28, 2021 No Meeting

View Meeting Broadcast Times and Channels:
<http://www.stancounty.com/board/broadcasting-schedule.shtm>

Local Agency Meetings

The LWVSC Board of Directors wants to encourage participation of our members at various county agency meetings. To help facilitate those efforts, we have researched upcoming meeting dates and locations. If time allows, please attend.

Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Stanislaus Council of Governments

StanCOG is governed by a decision-making body called the Policy Board. It is comprised of sixteen elected officials from StanCOG member agencies. This includes five representatives from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, three representatives from the Modesto City Council, and one representative from each of the other eight City Councils in Stanislaus County.

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. These meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity on every agenda for the public to offer comments.

Meetings are typically held in the StanCOG Board Room, 1111 I Street, 3rd floor, in downtown Modesto, however, in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21, meetings are being held electronically until further notice, with limited capacity in-person participation on a first come-first serve basis.

October 20
November 17
December 15

Local Agency Formation Commission - LAFCO

The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is responsible for coordinating logical and timely changes in local governmental boundaries, adopting Spheres of Influence for each city and special district within Stanislaus County, and preparing Municipal Services Reviews for agencies within its purview.

Tenth Street Place
Joint Chambers
1010 10th Street (Basement Level)
Modesto, CA 95354

October 27
December 1, 2021

LWVSC Member Profile

Suzanne Autry



I was born and raised in Fresno County. A true farm girl, I lived in the middle of a vineyard, and had horses, ducks, dogs, and cats as her playmates. I was graduated from Sanger High School, attended Fresno City College and Modesto Junior College, and took my degree in Human Relations and Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco.

After living in many northern California locales, including Carmel, Yosemite, and Lake Tahoe, I settled in Modesto, where I raised my daughter. I taught in the Federal Head Start and California state pre-school programs for Modesto City Schools for several years, then went to work as an administrator for a student travel study organization. I arranged school programs, tours, and homestays with American families for foreign students from 32 countries ranging in age from 10 years old to adults. My territory included 15 counties extending from Kings County in the south to San Joaquin County in the north. During my 20+ years of this work, I traveled overseas frequently, visiting Japan, China, Korea, and many European countries. I formed lasting relationships with many of my students and their families.

In addition to travel, I enjoy gardening, cooking, my four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and my three cats and dog. I am a strong supporter of the State Theater, the Prospect Theater Project, and our neighborhood association. In recent years, I have become increasingly aware of how many residents are not registered to vote or are uninformed about the issues of the day, so I joined the League of Women Voters.

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	YTD Budget	June	YTD
	2020-2021	2021	2020-21
Income:			
Dues	\$4,860.00	\$60.00	\$3,770.00
Finance Drive	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,525.00
Fin Drive Desig. Education	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,665.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Interest	\$10.00	\$0.54	\$12.22
Total Income	\$8,570.00	\$60.54	\$9,972.22
Expenses:			
Office Expenses:			
Equipment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Postage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$310.90
Insurance	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$37.79
Storage	\$725.00	\$60.00	\$720.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$75.89
Telephone	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$105.28
Voter Newsletter	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Paypal Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.44
miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Total Office Expenses	\$2,525.00	\$60.00	\$1,655.30
Dues Expenses:			
State PMP	\$2,268.00	\$0.00	\$2,324.00
National PMP	\$2,594.00	\$0.00	\$2,656.00
Total Dues Expenses	\$4,862.00	\$0.00	\$4,980.00
Membership Expenses:			
Action	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publications	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Board Tools	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$405.28
Finance Drive	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$149.35
Publicity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Techno Promotion	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meetings	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lunch and Learn	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other org membership/donations	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Workshops	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Membership Expenses	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$554.63
Voter Service Expenses:			
Candidate Forums	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Promotional Expenses (Billboards, signing)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,733.90
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$75.97
Voter's Edge website fee	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Voter Service Expenses	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$6,809.87
Educational Grant (Giventer memorial)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$13,937.00	\$60.00	\$13,999.80
Savings	\$21,767.27	\$21,779.03	0.55
Checking	\$16,348.83	\$14,928.63	
Education Fund	\$6,591.89	\$3,755.94	
Total estimated assets	\$44,707.99	\$40,463.60	Restricted Reserve \$6500.00