

SPECIAL ISSUE Annual Meeting 2022

Democracy Works + Annual Meeting!



Please join us on Wednesday, May 25, on the patio of the historical Woodland Hotel (436 Main Street, Woodland; enter from free parking lot behind the hotel). The doors will open at 5:30pm, with the **Democracy Works** presentation beginning promptly at 6:00pm and a catered dinner served soon afterwards. The members-only Annual Meeting will start at approximately 7:00pm. This year's recipient for the Democracy Works award is Tessa Smith, current chair of the Multi-Cultural Community Council. Please see the article below for more information about Ms. Smith.

The Woodland League of Women Voters **Annual Meeting** will be held immediately after dinner and members are encouraged to attend both the Democracy Works award celebration and dinner, then stay for the meeting when they will be voting on our new Slate of Officers, the proposed 2022-2023 budget, program and new study, and other items for the coming year. Nominations for League officers and directors will be taken from the floor at this meeting. Your participation is critical for the next League year and an excellent way to stay abreast of plans as we are looking to an active, important and eventful year, including the June 7 primary and November elections.

Tickets for the Democracy Works event, including dinner, are \$33.00 each and reservations are required. (No payment or reservation is required if you are attending only the members-only Annual Meeting portion of the evening.) The reservation form can be found both on the link below and posted on the LWVW website – **LWVW website** – and offers two payment options. Individuals can download the reservation form, complete and return the form with their check payment to the League of Women Voters, Post Office Box 2463, Woodland, Ca 95776. A ticket will be emailed to you upon receipt. Payment can also be made by credit card through PayPal using the link found on the reservation form. The PayPal processing fee will be added to the cost of your ticket. Be sure to bring your emailed receipt to the event as your ticket.

**PLEASE purchase your ticket(s) no later than
Friday, May 20, 2022!**

ANNUAL DINNER PAYMENT/RESERVATION FORM



DEMOCRACY WORKS AWARD By Pat Butler

Tessa Smith, current chair of the Multi-Cultural Community Council, is the recipient of the League's 2022 Democracy Works Award. Smith was nominated by Will Ferrier and Wendy Wilcox, who wrote in their nomination that "Tessa Smith has dedicated her life's work to making a positive impact and improving the human experience of local citizens by closing the gap in racial disparities. Tessa has worked tirelessly as Chair of the Yolo County Multi-Cultural Community Council

(MCCC), a group that advises the District Attorney’s office on community and race issues. She also brought together a rich mix of stakeholders to bring awareness with the goal of driving change, to the issue of racial disparities in the health, criminal justice, and child welfare system.”

Ms. Smith resides in Woodland and is employed by the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) as the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator and is engaged in the following community groups:

- Appointed to the Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council.
- Member of the MICAH Forum, a partnership with Greater Second Baptist Church & St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Woodland.
- Current Chair of the MCCC and a member since 2016.
- Co-Lead of Resilient Yolo, a group of trainers and providers who work to reduce adverse childhood experiences and build resilience in children and families.
- Leads the HHS Cultural Competence Committee.
- Mental Health First Aid trainer for HHS, training 4000+ community members. (MHFA teaches understanding the signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis.)

We look forward to you joining us to recognize Ms. Smith and her work on behalf of democracy in our county.

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GUIDELINES

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING THE ANNUAL MEETING

1. A quorum shall consist of at least 20% of the membership at the start of the meeting.
2. Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the meeting.
3. All voting members of the LWV Woodland have the right to speak. Others may be given the privilege of the floor by the meeting chair.
4. The chair may institute time limits to expedite the discussion.
5. A majority vote is required for the election of officers and directors, and adoption of the budget, program, studies and positions.
6. A majority vote is required for consideration of a non-recommended program item.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

League of Women Voters Woodland Chapter
May 25, 2022, 7:00pm



1. Order of Business, Agenda, Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2021

3. Treasurer's Report - Proposed Budget 2022-2023
4. Proposed By-laws Changes/Interim Budget
5. Officer/Director Position Changes Assessment
6. Proposed 2022-2023 Program
7. Proposed Study
8. Member Recognition
9. Election of Slate of 2022-2022 Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs
10. Adjournment

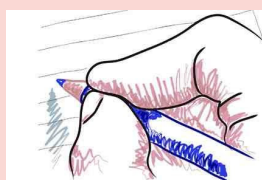
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

July 15, 2021

The following is a brief summary of the topics and discussion points covered during the Woodland League of Women Voters annual meeting, held on June 15, 2021. There were 21 members present (including board members as well as two guests).

- Treasurer Judy Simas reported that as of March 31, 2021, the LWVW accounts had the following totals: Savings - \$4,927.98; Checking - \$3,612.05; CD - \$7,000.00 +/-.
- As directed by the by-laws, committee members to preside over this election were announced by the president, current League positions were reaffirmed and the 2021-2021 program was presented and approved unanimously.
- Karen Urbano announced a total of 47 members.
- Elizabeth Kemper read the report on the recently completed housing study, enacted previously in 1982. The report was approved unanimously as our chapter's position on housing.
- Judy Wohlfrom reported on efforts to date to begin updating our league's By-laws.
- Several members were recognized: Carla Cox for work on virtual forums/interviews held during the year; Judy Wohlfrom for organizing many events; and Mari Perla for representing our league at YES (Youth Empowerment Summit) events.
- Laura Caruso-Kofoid presented the Grace Heffner award to Elizabeth Kemper and Janet Ruggiero for their outstanding work on the housing study.
- The slate of candidates for this year's board was presented and approved unanimously, after further nominations were requested from the floor and none offered, as follows.
OFFICERS: President-Karen Urbano; Vice President (Membership) - Vacant; Treasurer - Carla Cox; Secretary - Vacant; DIRECTORS: Communication/THE VOTER - Lorna Carriveau; Website Management/Publicity/Social Media - Pat Butler; Events/Volunteer Coordination - Judy Wohlfrom; Voter Services (Services) - Nancy Koch; Voter Services (Registration) - Vacant; Studies/Positions - Elizabeth Kemper and Janet Ruggiero; YES Liaison - Catherine Portman; COMMITTEES: Nominations - Barbara Morrison (Chair), Janet Ruggiero and Lucinda Talkington; Finance - Judy Simas (Chair), Maria Lago and Evelia Genera.
- The next annual meeting was scheduled for June 7, 2022, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm with unanimous approval.

Click here – [2021 Minutes](#) – to access the complete Minutes.



BUDGET TREASURER'S REPORT



Past Fiscal Year (2021-2022) Per By-laws, Section 4, Page 13:

Assets as of fiscal year end April 30,2022:

- Checking Account Balance: \$1,342.92
- Savings Account Balance: \$8,505.22
- **Total Assets:** \$9,848.14
- Certificate of Deposit: Account closed, funds transferred to savings account

Liabilities as of fiscal year end April 30,2022:

- Payment of annual fee for storage unit for 2021 not yet billed: \$396.00

Changes in Assets: \$882.18, reduction in cash assets

Change in Liabilities: \$1,600.00 ,LWVUS Per Member Payment for 2020-21 paid

Revenue or Receipts, restricted or unrestricted during Fiscal Year:

- Program revenue: \$1,207.30
- General Administrative revenue: \$4,392.19
- **Total Revenue:** \$5,600.44

Expenses or Disbursements, general and restricted, during the Fiscal Year:

- Program Expenses: \$1,692.52
- General Administrative Expenses: \$4,790.10
- **Total Expenses:** \$6,482.62

Excess of Expenses over Revenue: \$882.18

CERTIFICATION: I, Karen Urbano, President of the LWV Woodland, do certify that the above report has been prepared without audit from the books and records of the League of Women Voters, Woodland Chapter.

Please click on this link – **Annual Budget for 2022/2023** – to see the full proposed budget for the upcoming year. A hard copy shall be available at the annual meeting or can be sent to you as an attachment if you email a request to Carla Cox at ccox@cal.net.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE/ INTERIM BUDGET

The Board has approved a proposal to change the league's fiscal year and annual meeting period in the current By-laws starting in 2023. The fiscal year would start July 1 rather than May 1 as currently stipulated, which would align our fiscal year with both the State and National leagues. In addition, the Board approved changing the period in which the Annual Meeting would take place to between May 15 and June 30, rather than the current April through June 15. This change would allow the Annual Meeting to take place before the start of the fiscal year and align the fiscal year with the seating of new officers and directors. Please click on this link – **Fiscal Year Change** – for more information about the proposed changes.

In addition, if members approve the proposed change in the fiscal year above, then there would be a gap in the current proposed budget between May 1 and June 30, 2023. The interim budget proposes \$1,300 in income and \$1,400 in expenses, a shortfall of \$100, which, if it occurs, could be



covered by a board-approved transfer of assets in savings.
Click on this link – [Interim Budget](#) – for more information.



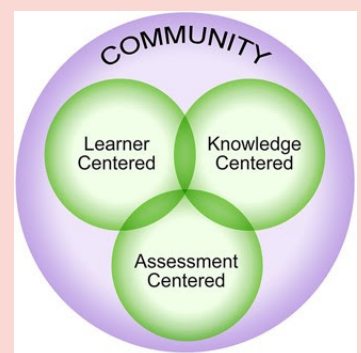
PROPOSED 2022-2023 PROGRAM

- While continuing community and membership outreach into the adjacent rural areas of the county and collaboration with the Davis Area league, explore the creation of a Yolo League of Women Voters in order to empower citizens throughout our county.
- Update our league’s current health-related positions by implementing a new study on Mental Health.
- Continue the work of updating our current By-laws, which began in 2021, and include revisions recommended by the California and National by-laws when applicable. Proposed amendments will be subject to approval by the Board and Woodland League members.
- As per the focus of LWV-US’s continuing platform of Education & Advocacy, adopted each year at the National LWV Convention, review all programs/events to ensure inclusion of these fundamental values and continue with the League-wide programs of *Campaign for Making Democracy Work, Voting Rights, Improving Elections and Redistricting*.

PROPOSED STUDY

By Janet Ruggiero

It has been suggested that the League should undertake a study on the mental health care system in Yolo County. The mental Health of all ages has been discussed when addressing many different issues whether it be homelessness, the pandemic and its effects on children and their mental health, isolation of seniors, crime issues, etc. Given the need to understand how the mental health care system works, the Woodland League will study how mental health care services are provided in Yolo County and discuss key issues around mental health services, especially as they relate to children, seniors and the homeless. We will study how funding is provided to Yolo County Mental Health Care Services and whether it is adequate for the services needed in the county. Review Yolo County Mental Health Care Services as it relates to the LWV-California position (as shown below), and determine if local positions on the Yolo County Mental Health Care System should be adopted by the Woodland League of Women Voters in consultation with the Davis League of Women Voters.



LWV-California Position on Mental Health Services

Support an adequately funded mental health care system that provides comprehensive services to the acutely, chronically and seriously mentally ill of all ages; maintains optimal mental

health services for all clients; places emphasis on meeting the needs of children; offers mental health services for the homeless; seeks additional funds for preventive services; implements a master plan to integrate services; raises awareness of critical unmet needs; and emphasizes case management.

1. Support for an adequately funded county mental health care system that:

- provides comprehensive services to the acutely, chronically and seriously mentally ill of all ages;
- places emphasis on meeting the needs of children;
- seeks additional funds to provide preventive services;
- offers mental health services for the homeless; and
- maintains optimum mental health services for all clients.

2. Implementation of a master plan that:

- ensures that there will be a network of integrated services, clearly defined and consistent with a community support model;
- advocates an awareness of and concern about the critical unmet needs within the county;
- emphasizes case management that includes assistance with housing, financial entitlements, rehabilitative and vocational programs.

3. Centers for the seriously and chronically mentally ill apart from the county system.

4. Regulations that provide an adequate length of time for evaluation and treatment of involuntary holds.

5. Models mandatory outpatient care program with adequate supervisory staff.

Position History:

Adopted 1998



PROPOSED SLATED OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022-2023

The following positions shall be voted upon by the membership during the May 25, 2022, meeting:

OFFICERS

President: Karen Urbano

Vice President: Judy Wohlfrom

Treasurer: Carla Cox

Secretary: **Vacant**

DIRECTORS

Studies and Positions: Janet Ruggiero

Communications

THE VOTER: Lorna Carriveau

Publicity-Website-Social Media: **Vacant**

Voter Services (Registration/Education): **Vacant**

COMMITTEES

Budget*: Judy Simas, Chair

Nominating: Lucinda Talkington, Chair

*Sometimes referred to as the Finance Committee

Please note that some positions are still vacant. Since asking Board members to assume multiple roles is unsustainable and undesirable, we hope there will be nominations to fill these

positions from the floor during the annual meeting. We will provide those volunteers with full support and training to help you succeed.

Thanks for helping us achieve our mission.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE MEMBERS-ONLY ACCOUNT ON THE LWV-WOODLAND WEBSITE

Below are instructions for accessing your members-only account on our LWV-Woodland webpage. We hope you will take the time to review the information and updates available from our League as well as the state and national Leagues on our website and in the members-only section, which we look forward to growing over the coming years.

Before starting this process, please check if you have more than one email account. If you do, be sure to use the one you gave the League when you became a member.

Instructions:

1. Using this link - <https://my.lwv.org/user/password> - to reach the page that allows you to request a password. You will enter your email address in the box as directed. Then, as directed, “answer” the robot, then click in the yellow box at the bottom that says, “e-mail new password”.
2. Go your email INBOX and follow the link and instructions in the My League Online email message which will include further instructions: A) Click link; B) Fill out your new password as prompted. Your password must be at least 10 characters long and should combine both lower and upper case letters and characters; C) Fill in as much information in your profile as you would like on the profile; D) “Answer” the robot; and E) Click SAVE

Using this process will now have logged you onto the League website (a.k.a. MyLO). Make sure that you either remember or store your password to the website in a secure place.

By using this password and setting up your website account, you will now have access to the “Members Only” section of LWV-Woodland. By going to our LWV-Woodland website, and clicking on the Members Only tab/name, you will be able to access our League’s Membership Roster, current By-laws and other information, including this Annual Meeting Packet.

FOR REGULAR UPDATES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE