

Dear League Members,

The League is starting off 2020 at full speed. **Anne Hartline** and **Becky Simpson** are working on program planning for our local League, and for the National Convention in June in Washington, DC. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30, at the A1AA conference room. An email blast notified the members of the meeting. Please be sure your email address is up to date with **Becky Simpson** to not miss important meeting notices with the League.

The State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL) planning is well under way with the selection of honorees and meal planning. Be sure to read the article in this issue of The VOTER Newsletter to learn about the honorees and the date for the lunch.

Mary Lou Lowry and **Kathryn Donahue** are continuing to collect signatures on the petition to amend Proposition 1, Schools and Community First Initiative, which will be on the November ballot. Thank you everyone who is participating in gathering signatures. The League of California is part of the coalition that put Proposition 1 on the ballot for November, and the amendment will encourage more people to vote for the Initiative. The January VOTER included an article on the Initiative. We appreciate all who are supporting the initiative, and the amendment. The forms can be picked up and returned to the League office.

Thank you, **Maggie Augustine**, for all your work to get into places to register voters. **Maggie** has enrolled The League to participate in the HSU career day to talk about the League and register students. We support you in this work and anyone wanting to participate is encouraged to reach out to Maggie.

We are always looking for members who want to help, even in a small way. Please reach out to a Board member with your ideas and support. It takes all of us to Make Democracy Work!

Deborah Downs, LWVHC President

Our Mission Statement...

A nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Humboldt's Home-Grown Radio Station

By Elaine Weinreb, Member

Community radio is a great blend of entertainment and information, especially when one of the station's goals is to pull information in from the community rather than pushing it out from one centralized source. This is the mission of KZZH-FM-LP, owned and operated by Access Humboldt.

When you tune into 96.7 FM, you never know what you are going to hear. It might be an interesting podcast from "Radio Curious" or "Democracy Now." It might be that important city council meeting that you just couldn't make yourself attend in person. It might be a vintage radio show from the '20's and '30's. It might be classical music or information about current road conditions or the weather. It might even be a program created by your kid or grandkid in the studios of Eureka High or the Arcata Playhouse. One thing you can be sure of: You will not hear ads, and you will not hear the latest in pop music. There are plenty of other stations you can listen to if that is all you want.

Three years ago, Access Humboldt, which is financed through fees paid by Suddenlink subscribers, thought that everybody should be able to know first-hand what their city and county governments are up to. Although these meetings are televised and archived, not everybody has high-speed internet or a subscription to Suddenlink's cable TV. But just about anybody can listen to a station on a radio or on their cellphone.

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From Cover – Humboldt's Home-Grown Radio Station

By Elaine Weinreb, Member

"Old-school media television and radio is a push model where they decide what's going to be on and when you're going to hear it and they push it out to you. We're trying to do the opposite, which is to get people to bring their stuff and we'll put it in," explained station manager Matt Knight.

Access Humboldt CEO Sean McLaughlin had a friend who specialized in finding unused radio frequencies, and he found a couple. One of them would have been a full-power radio station, but it would have cost too much to run. The other was a simple, low-power 100-watt station. The only start-up costs needed were an antenna and a computer, and these were financed through a \$5,000 grant from Christine and Jalmer Berg Foundation, a Eureka based non-profit. KZZH-FM-LP went on the air in August, 2016. It was managed by Knight, who at the time was a volunteer programmer for both KHSU and KMUD. Knight was allowed only four hours a week to manage KZZH.

Gradually, the station grew in scope. Knight combed through free collections of professional radio programming and classical music. He encouraged local programmers to make their own podcasts and give them to the station for free airplay. He worked with media teachers at Eureka High to get their students to create quality programming.

When KHSU imploded last year, KZZH stepped into the void, embracing local program producers with open arms. With the help of Jackie Dandeneau at the Arcata Playhouse, the station created an annex in the old Creamery Building, where producers could record their shows. Soon the familiar voices of EcoNews, Food for Thought, Cool Solutions, the Cosmic Calendar, Sound Ecology, and the Community Calendar, as well as some of the talk shows were back on the air. Some of these programs were also shared with KMUD and KHUM.

Knight says the station can be heard as far away as Blue Lake or the Ferndale Fairgrounds, and this writer can pick it up in Westhaven. He estimates that about 50% of Humboldt can hear the station, even though it is low power.

Like most non-profits, KZZH operates on a shoestring. With more money, they could improve their equipment, and bring a clearer, better signal to more people. The station is seeking underwriters – that is, businesses or people who will pay the station on a regular basis to let the public know they support it. Unlike conventional advertisers, underwriters don't sell products on the air, although their names are mentioned.

"The idea behind this radio station is to make something that's useful to the community and so it's a true community radio station. Something where you have to have participation from people in the community for the information and to be your reporters," said Knight.

To hear KZZH on the radio, dial 96.7 to hear it on your computer, go to <https://www.accesshumboldt.net/> and click on KZZH.

Knight encourages anybody who is interested in underwriting a program, or in being on the radio, even if it is just to produce a public service announcement for their organization, to contact him at (707) 476-1798 or at matt@accesshumboldt.net



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT

LWVHC cordially invites you to the 29th Annual State of the Community Luncheon to honor

Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck
The Blue Ox Historic Village and School

and

Wanda Wahlund
Community Volunteer

Master of Ceremonies – Deborah Downs, President
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

State of the County Remarks, Estelle Fennel, Board Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Keynote Speaker – Anne Hartline, History Educator
The Struggle for Suffrage

Friday, April 24, 2020

11:30 Seating

12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon and Program
Adorni Center

Luncheon Committee

Judy Bennett, Chair

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Please detach and send with your check

My check is enclosed to support the 2020 State of the Community Luncheon:

- Checkboxes for: A \$50 contribution entitles a League member to one luncheon seat; I wish to support the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and have my name printed in the program; I am unable to attend the luncheon, but I wish to support the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County with a contribution of \$.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Payment must be received in advance. Please make checks payable to LWVHC and mail to 4835 Dickson Drive, Eureka, CA 95503 or use PayPal at LWVHC.org (707) 442-2729

Contributions to the LWVHC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

*ALL tickets purchased online through PayPal will be \$65ea

IT'S THAT TIME!!! SOCL!!!!

Time to mark your calendars for our annual State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL), to be held at the Adorni Center Friday, April 24. The luncheon is our major fundraiser as well as a time to be inspired by the 2020 recipients of our Civic Contribution Award. Once again, your committee had the privilege of selecting our awardees from a group of wonderful nominees.

This year we'll honor *Viviana and Eric Hollenbeck and The Blue Ox Historic Village and School*, a project that has combined youth education and the artistry of historic preservation for decades. A salvage logging operation that started in the 1970 evolved into a school teaching Victorian craftsmanship to youth that later enlisted veterans in the construction of the "Lincoln Hearse" which featured in a re-enactment of the procession carrying the body of our 15th president to its final resting place in Illinois.

Also to be honored is *Wanda Wahlund*. Wanda is an immensely energetic community volunteer who is an active member of Quota Club, the Freshwater Grange, the Quilters Guild the See's Community Fund for the American Cancer Society and other community groups. She exemplifies the many behind-the-scenes individuals who keep organizations humming and making life better for our community. Watch your Voter and check our website for info about ticket purchase and details. The luncheon tends to sell out, so we recommend you plan ahead. See you there, April 24!

HELP!! NEED TO REGISTER VOTERS!

Margaret Augustine, Voter Service Director

This year of 2020 is a big election year. There is a lot of voter registration activity. As Chair I want to emphasize collegiate and high school registration.

I am sure there will be interested college students who will assist in registration.

- For HSU campus, LWVHC will participate in HSU Career and Volunteer Expo 2020 on Thursday, February 13, 2020, from noon to 4 pm near the center of campus.
- For CR campus, President Keith Flamer will be contacted for voter registration on his campus.

The most ambitious goal is to have registration at ALL the high schools in Humboldt County, I even plan to go to Hoopa Valley High School.

There are 20 total high schools. Oooooooh!

To do all of the above, participation by YOU, the LWVHC members, is needed.

So LWVHC, do I have your backing in this ambitious goal!?

Please contact me at mag3022@gmail.com.

Program Planning Update

Anne Hartline and Byrd Lochtie, Board Members

On Thursday, January 30, 18 intrepid Leaguers gathered to discuss our local positions on "Local Government Financing in Humboldt County". Over the last decade, we have spent time each year during our Local Program Planning meetings reviewing specific positions for relevancy and clarity. Surprisingly, this particular position had not been reviewed since it was adopted in 1980, so we had A LOT to talk about! We were very fortunate to have Amy Nilsen, Humboldt County Administrative Officer, on hand at the beginning of our meeting to discuss the position overall and to make revision suggestions. Her insights were really valuable!

In small groups, we reviewed the five existing position statements and prepared new, revised wording. For three of the statements we were able to reach consensus. These statements will be voted on by the LWVHC membership at our Annual Meeting this May. Still, we were unable to reach consensus on the remaining two position statements because we felt we needed more information. Therefore, it has been decided that we will gather more information and continue the discussion about these two statements at our next meeting on Sunday, February 23. In addition, we did not have time to review our Transportation position statements, so these will be discussed at the February 23 meeting as well.

SO, please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

Local Program Planning Meeting to discuss Local Government Finance (remaining two statements) and Local Transportation

February 23, 2:30 - 4:30 PM, AIAA Conference Room

Note: If you attended on January 30, thank you for your hard work!! PLEASE plan to join us for our next meeting. Your insights from the last meeting will be so helpful!

Final Note: We also did not have time to address LWVUS program planning. There are some suggested items for concurrence and there's a time crunch, so we'll be doing this digitally. Watch your email for consensus questions and back-up materials arriving soon. Be prepared to send your ideas and opinions to Byrd at byrdloch@aol.com

NEW BOARD MEMBER BIO — DAVE ROSSO

Hi, I am **Dave Rosso**, a new member and a returning member. I look forward to working with the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County. I was born in Princeton, N.J., spent teen years in Syracuse, N.Y., moved to Marin County in 1959. Spent nine months working in restaurants and factories in Germany, returned to the United States and joined the Air Force to see the world and saw San Antonio, Texas, Wichita Falls, Texas, Amarillo, Texas, and then Vietnam and finally Upper Michigan. Moved to Washington, D.C., where I spent 28 years with United Press International and three years with Congress Daily and then three years in Switzerland before returning to California to work as city editor at Eureka's Times-Standard. Retired and now help with the homeless paper, Humboldt Edge, the Senior News and now with the LWVHC's The VOTER Newsletter.

League of Women Voters and Men

By Dave Rosso, Board Member — VOTER Editor

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment that guaranteed the right for women to vote and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters. But there is also a 46th anniversary.

Emma Smith DeVoe of the National Council of Women Voters and Carrie Chapman Catt of the National Council of Women Voters founded the League of Women Voters in 1920 during a convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association as a way to get women involved in politics and help them use their right to vote that they gained with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Originally, only women could join the league; but in 1974 the League voted 969 to 433 to include men.

The LWV neither supports nor opposes candidates or parties, but it does support a variety of progressive public policy positions, including campaign finance reform, universal health care, abortion rights, climate change action and environmental regulation and gun control.

New League Members

Charmin Bailey

Alexandrea Kennedy

BOARD BRIEFS FROM THE 1/14/20 LWVHC BOARD MEETING

- Local program planning (and possibly national program planning if time permits) will take place on January 30 at A1AA Conference Room from 5:30 – 7:30. Lochtie and Hartline will create an agenda. Everyone in attendance should bring their Annual Meeting kit.
- Byrd Lochtie reminded the Board that our Legislative Interview is due on April 15. The formation of a committee was discussed. Leslie Leach is hopeful that a member of her Water Committee be part of the interview team. Julie Kelly will contact neighboring Leagues to see who they are interviewing
- 100 Anniversary Celebration: Displays are being prepared by Anne Hartline, Nancy Kay, and Emily Gunderson. They will be used at Eureka Main Library in March, as well as at the Clarke Museum, C.R., HSU, and at the parade in August.
- Molly Cate, our Access Humboldt representative, updated the Board on the “Listening Posts” initiative that Access Humboldt is setting up. These will be stations set up in local libraries and other areas for “average person” interviews/comments about various topics.
- Maggie Augustine has created a preliminary schedule for registering voters in the near future. She will begin recruiting League members to assist at local high schools and colleges.

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

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Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$105 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

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Join Now!



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To:

LWVHC Calendar **tentative topics*

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| Board Meeting | Tuesday, 2/11/2020
530pm @ A1AA |
| Membership Meeting | Sunday, 2/23/2020
230pm @ A1AA |
| Board Meeting | Tuesday, 3/10/2020
530pm @ A1AA |
| Membership Meeting
Transportation Position* | Thursday, 3/19/2020
530pm @ A1AA |
| Board Meeting | Tuesday, 4/14/2020
530pm @ A1AA |
| State of Community Luncheon | Friday, 4/24/2020
at Noon @ Adorni Center, Eureka |
| Board Meeting | Tuesday, 5/12/2020
530pm @ A1AA |
| Annual Meeting | Thursday, 5/28/2020
Date & Time TBA |