



League of Women Voters

North County San Diego

VOTER

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

June 2018

June Calendar at a Glance

ELECTION DAY JUNE 5

Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 9, 9:30 AM to Noon
Carlsbad Senior Center

LWVNCS D Board Meeting
Friday, June 15, 10 AM
at the home of Elizabeth Brady

**Carlsbad Unit Observer Luncheon
Luncheon & hear LWV Observer Reports
Spyglass Point Clubhouse**
Saturday, June 16, 10:30 AM - 1 pm

Book Group
Monday, June 18, 1 - 3 PM
at the home of Jane Schatt

Women's Interest Group
Monday, June 25, 1 - 3 pm LWD

Oceanside Unit Meeting
Tuesday, June 26, 12 - 2 PM
Buena Vista Audubon Center

**San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon
Luncheon & hear LWV Observer Reports**
Tuesday, June 26, 11 AM - 2 PM
at the home of Nancy Hand

JULY - SUMMER VACATION

No July VOTER, but keep checking the website for updates:

Annual Meeting

June 9, 9:30 AM - Noon

Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad

Please plan to attend this very significant meeting!

Our special guest speaker will be **Chris Carson, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS)**. She will talk about what the LWVUS does and what they are planning for the future. Big changes are coming!

Next, we will have a business meeting to accept the budget for the coming year, elect new officers and directors, adopt a small by-law change, and adopt a new position on homelessness.

Your presence is desired and very important—you will have time to visit with old and new friends and meet Chris Carson personally during the informal reception from 9:30 to 10 AM.

Chris Carson was elected as the 19th President of the LWVUS and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the LWV Education Fund in June 2016. Chris has been a member of her local League in Burbank, CA for over 30 years, serving in all of its leadership roles. She served for many years on the Board of the League of Women Voters of California. Concurrently, she is serving on the LWVUS Campaign Finance Taskforce, developing materials for use by local Leagues on this issue. Chris also worked on the LWVUS Immigration Study Committee.

She is a third generation Californian with a B.A. from Immaculate Heart College, an M.A. in History from USC and has taught American history and government.

Please see more about Chris Carson on page 5



**Message
From
President
Anne
Omsted**

We will, naturally, continue to provide Voter Services to our local communities through forums, Pros and Cons presentations of the ballot measures, Mail Ballot Drop Off, and the occasional Voter Registration drive.

I invite you to participate, help out, get involved, and enjoy our services. The saying “it takes a team to make a dream” is good, but in League, it’s more “it takes lots of teams to work on lots of dreams.

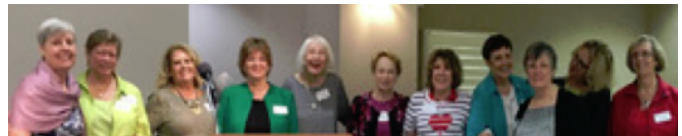
Anne

This past year of League activity has been a whirlwind for me. I am enjoying meeting so many of our League members and look forward to meeting more of you during the next year. Our Board is exemplary—dedicated, hardworking, and smart. It is a pleasure to work with them.

The League of Women Voters is changing in order to stay relevant in our emerging culture. The need to be smart about social media is crucial, but most of us are not enthusiastic users. In order to draw new and younger members, we have to adapt. The Board is trying to embrace this new approach and we are fortunate to have some members who are savvy about social media and willing to share their expertise.

A major concern at all levels of League has been our need to focus on Making Democracy Work and at the same time deal with pressing local problems. There are many things we could be doing if we had infinite resources, but, of course, we don’t. So, we try to focus on a few of the most pressing needs.

Next year our League will be spending a lot of time and energy on seeking ways to deal with the many problems with homelessness. We must continue to observe as many local government entities as possible to ensure transparency in government. (We need more Observers!) We also must join with local, state, and national Leagues to lobby legislators on important issues, and always be aware of what is going right or wrong locally.



LWVNCSD Officers & Directors 2017-2018

Officers

President	Anne Omsted
1st VP & Membership	Roni Seay
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Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
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Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Voter Editor	Margaret Liles (ret.)
Voter Editor	Roni Seay (interim)
Voter Service	Elizabeth Brady
Women’s Issues	Nancy Hand
Webmasters	Suzanne Carneiro and Loann Simon

Unit Chairs

Carlsbad Unit	Open
San Dieguito Unit	Anne Omsted
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus

Committee Chairs

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Civic Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Lorraine Wood



The League of Women Voters has Two Separate Functions: Voter Service and Advocacy.

The League of Women Voters takes action on an issue or advocates for a cause when there is an existing League position that supports the issue or speaks to the cause. Although we have been primarily focused on non-partisan Voter Service this election season we must not forget about taking action and advocating for issues that are supported by LWV positions.

VOTE YES on PROP 68 - Californians for Clean Water and Safe Parks

This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide open space and recreation, improving health and community well-being. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking and are a key part of our state response to climate change.

VOTE YES on PROP 69 - Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes

If passed, this constitutional amendment would ensure that the existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. This amendment protects these transportation funds by prohibiting the state legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes. Prop 69 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes one cent.

VOTE NO on PROP 70 - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund

This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by CARB (California Air Resources Board) of cap-and-trade allowances after 2024. At a time that we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions.

VOTE YES on PROP 71 - Effective Date of Initiatives

Currently, an initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear shortly after Election Day, that is not always the case. Prop 71 would provide that an initiative would take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results.

VOTE YES on PROP 72 - Property Taxation: New Construction: Rain Water Capture System

This measure would allow an exclusion from additional property taxes for construction or installation of rain water capture systems. These systems capture, store, and use otherwise wasted rain water for landscape irrigation and similar uses, saving more conventional water for personal use. With traditional water sources becoming less dependable, this is one more way we can diversify sources of usable water.

For more information on these propositions from the League of Women Voters of California, go to:

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>

Observers Reports Luncheons by Connie Ulrich

Who are the Observers? They are League members who attend the public meetings of municipal and regional agencies in their community. The observer does not take part in the proceedings; rather they sit quietly, observe, and take notes. As the “eyes and ears” of League they record both the work of the committee and if it functions in an open and transparent manner. The observer then contacts our board if they think there is an issue the League should address.

No other organization has the equivalent of the League’s Observer Corps. The observers represent a core value of the LWV, transparency in governmental decision making. This work has become more important in recent years as local news coverage has diminished.

Twice a year, our observers report back to their fellow League members. The unit decides whether to hear their observers’ presentations during a unit meeting, or if the unit will have an Observers’ Reports Luncheon. The Carlsbad and San Dieguito units have a tradition of opting for a luncheon. These luncheons are one of the most popular events on our calendar; they’re an opportunity to learn what’s happening in the community, to socialize with old friends and meet new members. Please check the schedule below for the date, time and location of the June luncheons. Both luncheons are open to all league members.



The Carlsbad Unit Luncheon is Saturday, June 16, 10:30-1:00 PM at the Spyglass Point Clubhouse located at the corner of Alicante and Altiva Place, Carlsbad, 92009. Members whose last names begin with A - M, please bring a dessert. N - Z, please bring a salad or light entree. You are asked to bring your own special beverage. Please RSVP to Connie Ulrich or Suzanne Carneiro.

The San Dieguito Luncheon is Tuesday, June 26, 11:00-2:00 PM at the home of Nancy Hand. You are asked to bring a salad, light entree or dessert for our potluck. There will be a very brief meeting, lunch and then Observer reports. Please RSVP to Nancy at which time she will give you the gate code.

Other June Meetings

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 9:30 AM to Noon
Carlsbad Senior Center
799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad, 92008
Please be sure to RSVP!

LWVNCSO Board Meeting

Friday, June 15, 10 AM
at the home of Elizabeth Brady.

LWVBook Group

Monday, June 18, 1 - 3 PM
at the home of Jane Schadt

In June we will be reading a short book available on Kindle only (for free) entitled The Smart Bunny’s Guide to Debt, Deficit, and Austerity by Arliss Bunny. Anne Omsted will be our leader and Jane Schatt will be our host. Regular members, please let Jane know if you will NOT be attending. New/prospective book group members, please contact Jane.

Women’s Interest Group

Monday, June 25, 1 - 3 PM
Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) Training Room
1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

We will continue our discussions from last month on many issues—women and gun violence, ERA, women’s health, human trafficking, etc. We will also be preparing for County League Day which has a tentative date of August 18.

Oceanside Unit Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 12 noon - 2 PM
Buena Vista Audubon Center
2202 South Coast Highway, Oceanside

The Oceanside unit will host a presentation from the Oceanside Arts Commission at its June 26th meeting. Guests are welcome to learn how this dynamic group of volunteers promotes all aspects of the arts throughout the city. Engaging the community has been a priority. Meetings of the public were held throughout the city and the Master Plan is presently in draft form.

In addition, thanks to a coalition of the Oceanside Art Museum, Oceanside Public Library and MainStreet Oceanside, Oceanside is one of only 14 cities in California designated as a Cultural Arts District.

Notes from Board Meeting, May 11, 2018

- Approved the contents of the Annual Meeting Packet
- Approved sending a letter to all local news media reminding voters that local elections are also important and how every vote does matter.
- Heard that the LWVC reported 7,500 signatures have been collected to date for the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act Initiative.
- Decided to pursue the idea of a County League Day with LWV San Diego and use the date of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, August 18, 1920, if possible, to celebrate that victory and discuss ways to encourage passage of the ERA.
- Heard from Voter Service Director Elizabeth Brady that 16 members were trained for Pros and Cons presentations, another candidates forum for the 49th Congressional District is to be held on May 15 and that plans are underway to help with “Ballot Parties.”
- Learned with pleasure that a check for \$4,000 was received for the Margie Monroy Memorial Fund.



LWVUS President Chris Carson

In January 2005, Ms. Carson joined the Board of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) as Government Director. There she was responsible for education and advocacy in the areas of Redistricting, Campaign Finance, and Elections/Voting Rights issues.

After her Board service, Ms. Carson became LWVC’s Redistricting Program Director, leading its redistricting reform efforts, serving as one of the drafters of California’s historic redistricting reform, and spearheading LWVC’s effort to pass this ballot measure. She also worked on effective implementation of this reform, interacting with a statewide coalition, including voting rights and minority language groups.

Ms. Carson continues to serve as an advisor to Leagues around the state on local redistricting reform. Ms. Carson also served as LWVC’s Campaign Finance Director, monitoring proposed state legislation, working with LWVC’s Board and staff on legislative campaigns and coordinating grassroots advocacy for bills we support.

Welcome New Members!!

- Mae Chao - Oceanside**
- Theresa Fleming - San Diego**
- Elise Jackson - Carlsbad**
- Kiki Jones - Rancho Santa Fe**
- Mik (M. Kathryn) Kelly - Oceanside**
- Cheryl Prince - Encinitas**
- Kris Stewart - Encinitas**

Those under 30 have the lowest turnout of any age group. If you want to help change that, here are 2 tips when talking to young adults.

“You don’t have to vote the whole ballot. Just vote on races and topics you have the most knowledge about.”

“Check it out on Voter’s Edge and then let’s go to the polls together.”

Voter Service

Reflections on Voter Service

by Voter Service Director Elizabeth Brady

If the run-up to the primary activity of the League is any indicator, we should have a great voter turnout on June 5.

Since last August we have moderated five Candidate Forums for the US Congressional District 49 race with a combined attendance of over 1000 interested and engaged voters. There are 16 candidates vying to represent us in that House of Representatives race. With a field that large, we play a critical role in helping the community ask the candidates the questions that are most important to them.

While we still participated in six voter registration events, they are becoming a thing of the past. That's good news because it means the efforts of other groups and changes in the Motor Voter law are having a positive impact on the number of registered voters. We supported three retirement communities in their effort to update the voter registration addresses for their residents. Rather than wait until an election is near, we've been encouraging the activities directors to include the address update as part of the move-in process.

Registering voters is an important activity but the bigger challenge in North County is getting those who are registered to actually vote. We have partnered with the Patagonia store in Cardiff to display critical election dates, information for downloading the mobile app "Vote California", and of course distribution of the Easy Voter Guide. Speaking of the Easy Voter Guide we distributed over 500 of the information packed issues in both English and Spanish.

We have an incredibly talented and dedicated team supporting Voter Services. A special recognition goes to Mary Thompson who led the training and kept the troops in line for the Pro and Con Ballot Measure presentations. The team was able to reach over 300 people across 8 different events.

It's been a busy Spring so rest up and get ready for the Fall. We already have a request for a Candidate Debate for the US Congressional District 49 race plus the traditional Forum for 2 local races in Encinitas and one in Carlsbad. Folks are interested in the Pros and Cons for November as well. We have 6 requests so far and we are not even through the Primary.



Nancy Telford and Patricia Sinay presented Pros/Cons on May 18.

Mail Ballot Drop-Off (MBDO)

This year our League has again teamed with the Registrar of Voters to help with the MBDO program at local libraries—Dove Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Oceanside Downtown. This program will run from Tuesday May 29 through Monday June 4. Tables staffed with teams of League members will be present with official ballot boxes for voters to return their official "vote by mail" ballots. This is our third time working on this program and it is a popular form of Voter Service. The pleasure of helping voters know that their ballots are safely delivered is increased by the enthusiasm of the voters and their appreciation for our help.

We will certainly be doing this again for the November election. If you aren't a worker, stop by during this time period, drop off your voted ballot and see the future of voting. Most experts believe that voting by mail is where all Registrars are moving toward because it is cheaper, faster and safe.

Update from State

LWV of California



How Does Voter's Edge Work?

May 9, 2018 Sacramento, CA - [Voter's Edge California](#), the most comprehensive source of online voting information in the state, announced its continued partnership with two public media stations, KPBS and KPCC, and other community organizations to provide voters with unbiased, in-depth information on candidates and ballot measures down to the local level.

To use the tool, voters simply type in their home address, and a personalized page is returned with the contests that will appear on the user's ballot, supplemented with endorsements, top contributors, news articles, videos, biographies and more. Voters can mark their choices and email or print their selections to bring to the polls.

"Californians face a crucial but difficult task in wading through a crowded ballot. Voters deserve a tool that gives them everything they need to know, in one place," said Suzanne Marmion, KPBS Director of News & Editorial Strategy. "KPBS is proud to be a partner on this guide as a way to empower Californians with the facts and trusted journalism they need to make their own minds."

Voter's Edge California is a joint project of [MapLight](#) and the [League of Women Voters of California Education Fund](#) (LWVCEF). A translated version of the online guide is also available in Spanish, with valuable information on upcoming elections and detailed translations of state and federal data.

Voters in California will head to the polls for the primary election on June 5, but many voters—especially those in the five Voter's Choice Act counties—will be able to cast their ballots much earlier. The partnerships with public media groups and community based organizations

such as the California State Library, the Future of California Elections, California Voter Foundation, Disability Rights California, California HeadStart, the California PTA, California Common Cause, and local Leagues of Women Voters across the state will help Voter's Edge disseminate vital, accurate information to everyone, regardless of when they choose to vote.

LWV Land Use Meeting in April



Anne Omsted, Margaret Liles and Liz Gabrych

presiding at the April 28 Land Use General Meeting, a "pro/con" on the SOS Backcountry General Plan Amendment Initiative.

Many thanks to Margaret Liles and Liz Gabrych for organizing this informative meeting. Thanks also go to LWV member Pat Coony. Many thanks go to guest speakers former County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and Mark Jackson who shared their vast expertise.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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LWV North County San Diego Membership Application

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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: www.lwvncsd.org/join.html

Dues:

_____ \$30 First Year member

_____ \$60/year renewal

_____ \$30/year 2nd member at the same address

_____ \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

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_____ \$100/year Suffragist

_____ \$200/year Activist

_____ \$300/year Advocate

_____ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

_____ Voter Service

_____ Action and Advocacy