

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF MONTEREY COUNTY "THE VOTER" NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, February 12, 2020

"Winning Political Power for Women: Carrie Chapman Catt and the LWV," plus the League's 100th Anniversary Celebration!

This very special Lunch & Learn will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of winning political power for women, Carrie Chapman Catt, and the founding of the League of Women Voters.

Our presentation will be by **Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr.**, author of "*Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement*," marking the centennial of American women nationally winning the right to vote. This was a decades-long nonviolent civil rights movement that lies at the heart of our democracy. Learn about the drive for equal rights and how women won not only passage of the 19th Amendment but also political freedom. The final years of the women's suffrage movement were the formative years of the League of Women Voters.

Led by **Carrie Chapman Catt**, suffragists across the country surged to victory in 1920 and turned their **National American Woman Suffrage Association** into the **League of Women Voters**. Enjoy a well-illustrated journey through the successful grassroots political campaigns of the suffrage movement and its evolution into the force we know today.

Robert P.J. Cooney has studied the historic drive to win the vote by American women for more than 25 years and is a recognized expert on this historic nonviolent movement. After attending the **University of**
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Wednesday, 12 February: Special Meeting

12 noon **Lunch** / 12:30 LWV Anniversary cake cutting /

Presentation by Robert P. J. Cooney 12:45

(Lunch \$20 per person: main course, salad, cake, beverages).

Reservations for lunch with cake required!

Seating is limited so reserve early!

Contact Bev Kreps by Sunday, 9th February

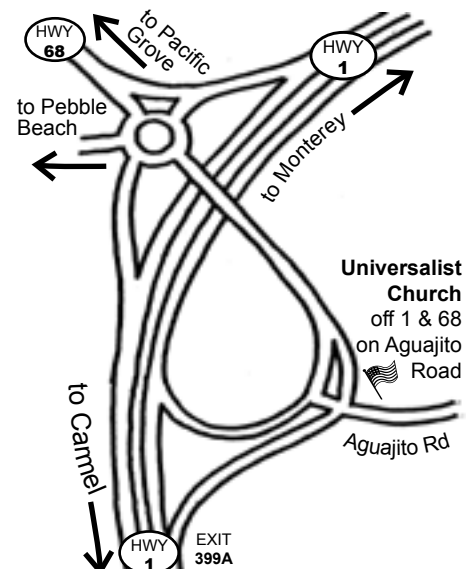
(phone 224-3192 or e-mail bkreps1017@gmail.com)

Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE**.

Reminder to Members: *LWVMC pays caterer in advance for lunches w/guaranteed minimum attendees.*

L&L meets at: **Unitarian Universalist Church** <http://uucmp.org>

490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923 (831) 624-7404



Santa Clara, he joined the Institute for the Study of Nonviolence, Palo Alto where he designed and co-edited *“The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States.”*

In 1993, Cooney started the *Woman Suffrage Media Project*, to popularize this little-known American history. In 2005, he published *“Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement,”* documenting early political achievements. The book won glowing reviews and was recommended as an essential resource for national public and school libraries (copies will be available for sale at this meeting).

Cooney received the **National Women’s History Alliance** annual *“Write Women Back Into History”* award in 2005 in recognition of his work. In 2016 he edited *“Remembering Inez: The Last Campaign of Inez Milholland, Suffrage Martyr,”* a tribute to a prominent young suffragist. He is currently working with the **Women’s Vote Centennial Initiative** on the National Suffrage Centennial 2020. A native of St. Louis, Missouri, he lives with his wife in Half Moon Bay, California.

Beverly Bean

★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ★ FEBRUARY 2020

Very few of us get to celebrate a centennial event twice. Likely at hand is our one chance to celebrate the League’s birthday.

Our centennial on February 14 is yours not to miss. The League of Women Voters was founded on that date ten decades ago in anticipation of the women’s suffrage legislation, finally to pass after 72 years of hard, persistent effort.

Some of the leaders who drove this extraordinary movement, which finally put some reality into the words of the Declaration of Independence, said to themselves, *“now what?”* They realized that they had won the awesome responsibility of the individual’s power to vote, and better be ready to use it. They needed to know what they were talking about and they needed to organize in order to influence outcomes. Thus the League was born.

The importance of this is largely lost, in my opinion, among the succeeding generations. It is to us that the importance of this event is left to mark, to honor, to explain.

Let me suggest you bring a younger person with you to the celebration. Let me ask you to be one of us who helps the next generation understand and appreciate the accomplishments of our elders of not so many generations ago.

Most importantly, let me ask you to identify your *protégé*, the one who will carry your torch forward. Look how many others are doing this today. The country, if not the world, is feeling an axis shift. We are the vanguard. And we are standing on the shoulders of our sisters and brothers. Talk to your children, your grandchildren, all those who respect you of any age: inspire them to come with you into the new world before us that our forbearers created for us one hundred years ago this month.

Howard Fosler

100 Years and Still Marching!

LWVMC joined the Women’s March Monterey Bay on Jan 18th, to support unity across women’s movements (see page 7).



photo: Marianne Gawain

★ ★ ★ LWVMC PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING ★ ★ ★ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, MARIPOSA HALL

Planning Meeting and Board Meeting

This is a reminder and call to our **Program Planning Meeting** which starts at 12:30pm, prior to our regular **Board Meeting** which begins around 1:30pm.



Issues of Importance to Monterey County

Every other year, Leagues of Women Voters across the nation meet to consider what new studies or existing positions should be adopted and/or emphasized at the upcoming **LWVUS Convention**. At the same meeting our League considers issues it would like to see studied or emphasized at the local level.

Leagues interested in a particular study lobby other Leagues nationwide to get their support at Convention. Several years ago, our League successfully lobbied other Leagues to support

a resolution on **Election Integrity** adding transparency in all election procedures to the principles adopted by delegates at the 2004 and 2006 national conventions (we also brought a resolution against Internet Elections which failed).

Review Positions Ahead of 12:30pm Meeting!

In preparation of the meeting please review both positions at:

LWVUS my.lwv.org/lwvus/positions (online version),

or www.lwv.org/impact-issues (PDF version)

LWVMC <https://my.lwv.org/california/monterey-county/positions>.

The positions are numerous and may either need to be updated or emphasized for action in the coming year. Recommendations of this meeting will be presented to the Board for consideration at the **Annual Meeting** and by our Delegates to **LWVUS Convention** (see below). **Janet Brennan**

★ LWVUS COUNTDOWN TO CONVENTION 2020 ★

The League of Women Voters US has invited members to attend the **54th National Convention**, appropriately titled: **“Women Power the Vote for 100 Years”!**

Convention in Washington, DC June 25-28

The League invites members to save these dates and plan to join fellow passionate and engaged League leaders for this biennial national gathering.



caucus, how to get a hotel room, and much, much more.

Consult Your Local LWVMC Convention Veterans

You can call or email past LWVMC Delegates to get a sense of what Convention experience is like, and why you should be there. Contact: **Beverly Bean, Janet Brennan, Kalah Bumba, Marilyn Maxner, and/or Dennis Mar** for more information.

If you are interested in finding out more about representing our League at Convention, go to <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/manage-your-league/council-convention>, to see how to propose bylaw amendments, a guide to program planning 2020-2022, how to apply for a

Financial Assistance

Our League has a budget to cover most expenses for two Delegates to represent us. Contact Treasurer **Marilyn Maxner** for details; let the Board know as soon as possible if you're interested.

Howard Fosler



To: **Chair, Members and Staff Monterey One Water**
5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey CA 93940

Date: December 16, 2019

RE: ***Comment Deadline for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion DSEIR***

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County (LWVMC) urges the Monterey One Water Board (MOWB) to deny the four requests for an extension of the comment period on the Pure Water Monterey Expansion DSEIR. The draft SEIR is based on one already approved by the **Monterey County Water Resources Agency for Pure Water Monterey Phase I.** There are no conflicts or problems with any section of the DSEIR cited in the extension requests.

The LWVMC has studied local water issues numerous times over the past few decades. Among many positions, the League supports maximizing conservation and reclamation for all water uses. In 2009, we led the effort to increase the use of recycled water through the **Groundwater Replenishment Program (GWR)** and to downsize the desalination plant. Since that time, **replenishing the Seaside Aquifer with reclaimed water** has been refined and is now a viable alternative to the costly and environmentally damaging desalination plant.

The intent of the requests for extending the comment period is to delay further progress. Monterey One Water is a public agency which is supposed to operate with transparency and in the public interest. The **California Coastal Commission** expects to have the SEIR when it considers the Pure Water Monterey Expansion as a potential option at its next meeting. **Delaying the DSEIR serves the interests of Cal-Am, the private, for-profit corporation and its supporters.** The California Public Utilities Commission also expects to receive the information on the Expansion.

The LWVMC supports desalination as a long range water planning option, but it must be pursued only after all efforts for a low impact project are exhausted. Time is of the essence in meeting the CDO and the Pure Water Monterey Expansion will produce water sooner and with much lower cost than the proposed desal. ***Please do not extend the deadline for public comments on the DSEIR.***

Respectfully,
Howard Fosler, President

REMEMBERING HEBARD OLSEN 1937 - 2019

Hebard Olsen truly turned his retirement into Act II of his life's work which was as significant as his first as a **Science Teacher at Seaside High School**. League members remember Hebard recording and broadcasting our Lunch & Learn presentations and many candidate forums. He arranged for other videographers, **Joe Asling** and **Bob Evans**, to continue his work.



from Santa Cruz, to Big Sur, to Salinas and San Benito County. He publicized citizen advocacy. He was a force for transparency. He is remembered for being everywhere. He epitomized volunteerism."

George Riley

Memorial Service
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 2pm
 Unitarian Universalist Church of the
 Monterey Peninsula

"He liked technology and offered to help other [Seaside HS] faculty when they were trying to use and understand some new gizmo. It was generous of him. Those were the

Hebard died December 28, 2019. He is survived by his spouse **Peggy**, two children and their families. His obituary appeared in the **Monterey County Herald** on January 12, 2020 <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/montereyherald/obituary>.

days when many of us were struggling with learning computers and the various programs we needed for the classroom."

Beverly Kreps

With today's technology, anyone can record video. Hebard demonstrated what effort it took to produce quality video that included audio capture, post-production editing, and distribution. He set a standard for everyone else to follow.

"As I got to know more about the inner-workings of AMP [the local public access cable channel] from Hebard, I urged him to join the AMP Board. Hebard, being Hebard, turned the proposition around, and I ended up serving on the AMP Board for seven years!



But technology was only a tool *"to give voice to peoples, politics and cultures often ignored."* For his work in providing greater access to public events, he was honored by the **NAACP in 2009** and he received the **ACLU's Ralph B. Atkinson Civil Liberties Award in 2017**.

Hebard was an incessant experimenter, scavenger and inventor. The parabolic dish he used to collect sound from people in the audience is unique. He built many interesting aluminum mounts to support wireless microphone receivers and other gear attached to tripods (look at Joe Asling's rig next time).

Many League members connected with his work and have fond memories of Hebard:

*Hebard recruited, encouraged and mentored a number of other AMP producers including **Barbara Bass Evans** over the years. None of us had his longevity."*

"Hebard traveled all over this area to video stories of citizen political initiatives

Bob Evans



LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: KONNY MURRAY



Constance “Konny” Murray has been a member of LWVMC since she moved to this area about 20 years ago. Because of her busy schedule, she hasn’t served on any League committees, but she’s attended numerous meetings, particularly those dealing with ballot issues.



Outside the League, Konny has been active in many social and political causes, particular those pertaining to women’s rights. *“For many years I was chair of the **Roe v. Wade Luncheon** and I volunteered with that group for a long time,”* she says.

*“Now I’m more involved in the **Center for Reproductive Rights**. This group is about the attorneys, for example those who go to the Supreme Court.”* Konny explains that CRR advocates for reproductive rights worldwide, including the recent change in abortion laws in Ireland, although approximately 80 percent of its work is done here in the US.

Another of Konny’s passions has been the **Democratic Women of Monterey County**. She served as **DWMC President** for three years and was on its Board for several more.

*“Recently what I’ve done is start political action committees with a group called **Monterey County New Progressives**,”* Konny says. *“The goal with that group is to help progressive candidates, regardless of their party, to run their campaigns. We also want to get more women to run for office and we’re in the throes of trying to get a war chest.”*

In addition, Konny was President of the local **SPCA** for four years, she’s served on numerous committees for the **Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula**, and she’s been involved in setting up the **Women’s Fund** for the **Community Foundation of Monterey County**.

Konny’s educational background includes an **undergraduate degree in Psychology** and a **Master’s in Library Science**. *“I worked as a librarian for companies”* in the past, she explains. *“I started with **Safeway Stores** and then went on to **Standard Oil of California** as a Librarian and Assistant Manager of a big corporate library.”* When **Standard Oil** became **Chevron**, the company moved Konny into human resources work. *“I was doing organizational development work and running meetings,”* she says.

Now retired from corporate life, Konny has been married to **Dave Buckingham** for the past 14 years. *“He’s also retired, except he caddies a couple of days a week at Spyglass Hill,”* she says. Konny and Dave share a deep love of animals and he walks dogs at the SPCA. He also volunteers for **First Tee**, a group that Konny explains *“teaches life skills to young people, using golf as the vehicle.”*



Konny’s love of animals definitely includes horses, and she enjoys riding her own horse every morning at her Carmel Valley property. She invested in a horse from Germany four years ago and proudly announces that *“he just won a national championship at the **Las Vegas Nationals** for the **National Horse Association**.”*

Another important pastime for Konny has been playing duplicate bridge, an activity in which she’s earned the title of **Life Master**.

When asked what she’d like to see LWVMC do in the future, Konny replied, *“I rely on the League for advice on propositions. I trust what the League has to say and their research, so I want that to continue. Also, I wonder how the League might be involved in helping to solve the homeless problem in our area. It’s enormous.”*

Nancy Baker Jacobs

4TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S MARCH MONTEREY

Many enthusiastic members responded to our call to "March with the League" in the **Women's March Monterey Bay (WMMB)** on **Saturday, January 18**. Organizers estimated that there were at least 2,000 people at the event which began on the lawn of **Colton Hall**.



issues, current activities, and informational/membership brochures.

"The Monterey Herald" printed a photo of our League marching on the front page of the January 18 issue ([https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/01/18/thousands-participate-in-womens-march-](https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/01/18/thousands-participate-in-womens-march-in-monterey/)

[in-monterey/](https://www.montereyherald.com/2020/01/18/thousands-participate-in-womens-march-in-monterey/)), showing **Nancy Green, Janet Brennan, Sharon Miller, Marianne Gawain, and Howard Fosler** striding along holding signs and balloons.

WMMB advocates for women's rights, human rights, social and environmental justice, and to work toward a positive and just future for all (www.facebook.com/womensmarchmontereybay/).



Nancy Green was nicely picked out by **Monterey Herald Reporter Eduardo Cuevas** (newsroom@montereyherald.com) for the fact that she was dressed in white "as an ode to the suffragist movement that occurred just before she was born."

After some rousing speeches, we marched with our banner carried proudly in front of us, many of us wearing white and "votes for women" sashes, in the midst of dozens of other organizations concerned with such issues as, civil and social rights, political activism, power, protection, health, justice, and unity. We zigzagged our way towards and through downtown Monterey in a long procession, ending back at the Hall.



Nancy, identified as a 50-year member of the League of Women Voters, said that it was her first time participating in the Women's March, and that, "It's long overdue that we're considered equal and able to participate not based on gender. I'm encouraged by what is occurring today, and we're on our way."

After the march, we took our place among a huge gathering of dozens of information tables. Our members answered questions from the public about suffrage, League history, League



Our next call for members to march will be the **4th of July, Monterey Annual Independence Day Parade**. Join us!

Regina Doyle

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Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County



Any person of voting age, male or female, may be a member of the League!

Renew Your LWVMC Membership!

Call for Annual Membership letters were sent in July. If you haven't yet renewed, send your annual fee (and perhaps a donation) using the form below, or at <http://lwvmryco.org>.

Timely responses are appreciated as they help keep our local chapter strong.

New members always welcome!

Use the form below or contact:
LWVMC Membership Director
Mail to **LWVMC PO Box 1995**
Monterey, CA 93942

Checks payable to LWVMC

Membership Levels

- \$250+ Carrie Chapman Catt
- \$200 Sojourner Truth
- \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- \$100 Susan B. Anthony
- \$ 95 Household (2 persons, 1 address)
- \$ 65 Single membership

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

- Send e-mail reminders for luncheons
- Call to remind me of luncheons
- Scholarship requested

Membership dues & contributions to LWVMC are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund. However, donations to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) are tax deductible.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

>Welcome New Member

Please welcome our newest member and don't forget to update your Handbook with this latest change:

An Mcdowell
1410 Manor Road
Monterey CA 93940-49113

Thank You to Our Generous Donor

Catherine Marshall
donated her \$35 stipend
which she earned as a Monterey County Elections Poll Worker to our League

Want to Join our League?

Not sure if you renewed?
Need help paying your dues?
Write, call, go to <http://lwvmryco.org>,
or fill in the form at left and mail it.
However you do it, stay connected
and keep our League strong.
Lisa Hoivik, Membership Director

WE STILL NEED A VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR, SALINAS VALLEY!



*Particularly in this Election Year, this is a **part time but crucial** position to better serve the Valley. Duties: organize candidate forums, Pro & Con presentations, and encourage Salinas Valley citizens to **vote!** Mentoring and Guidance provided as needed.
Contact Jeanne Turner
c/o LWVMryCo@gmail.com*

LWVMC WEBMASTER WANTED

Help maintain our website:
<http://lwvmryco.org>
On-the-job training/guidance as needed.
contact: Bob Evans



★ UPCOMING LWVMC DATES 2020 ★
 DATES / SPEAKERS / TOPICS / EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MARCH

3rd / *Presidential Primary Elections*
 LWVMC to staff 3 polling places

11th / *L&L "Serving as Supervisor: Jane Parker"*

APRIL

1st / *US National Census Day*

8th / *L&L "Prop 13 Reform:*

Schools & Communities Funding Act"

14th / *"LWV Action: Women Power the Vote"*

MAY

13th / *LWVMC 93rd Annual Meeting*

"Monterey County as Blue (Health) Zone"

JULY

4th / *LWVMC march in the*
"Independence Day Parade, Monterey"

AUGUST

24th / *Film Presentation on Suffrage*
 sponsored by LWVMC

26th / *Women's Equality Day*
"Tea with Alice and Me"

performance by Zoe Nicholson
 sponsored by LWVMC

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Candidate Forums for November Elections

 **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** 

Office / Board Meetings Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse Avenue (corner of Irving), New Monterey CA 93940

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LWVMC Calendar 2020



FEBRUARY

LWVMC Program Planning Meeting

12:30pm

Board Meeting

1:30pm

Monday, 3 February

Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey

contact: Howard Fosler

Lunch & Learn with the League

Wednesday, 12 February, 12 noon

"Winning Political Power" Robert Cooney
 and "LWV 100th Anniversary"

Unitarian Church, contact: Bev Bean

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Thursday, 13 February, 12 noon

Mariposa Hall, contact: George Riley

MARCH

LWVMC Board Meeting

Monday, 2 March, 1:30pm

Mariposa Hall, contact: Howard Fosler

Lunch & Learn with the League

Wednesday, 11 March, 12 noon

"Serving as Supervisor: Jane Parker"

Unitarian Church, contact: Kalah Bumba

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Thursday, 12 March, 12 noon

Mariposa Hall, contact: George Riley

Centennial / Publicity Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 17 March, 12 noon

Mariposa Hall, contact: Bev Bean



WHAT IS "SUFFRAGE"? It's nothing to do with suffering but comes from the Latin word *suffragium*, meaning the right or privilege to vote. Find out more, including the difference in meaning between *suffragette* and *suffragist* in a fascinating blog by **Jessie Kratz** in the **US National Archives** posted in *Women's Rights, 19th Amendment, Rightfully Hers, Woman Suffrage*, <https://prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2019/05/14/what-is-suffrage/>