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Wednesday, January 8, 2020 Climate Change: Global Causes, Local Impacts and the Way Ahead

The subject of this meeting is of special importance to all who live in California, with particular relevance to us in **Monterey County**. As governments around the world have failed to act decisively to halt human induced climate change, it has progressed to the point of crisis. This presentation by speaker **Mike Clancy**, an expert in the field, will provide an overview of the causes and consequences of the climate crisis, explore how California and Monterey County will be affected, identify strategies for mitigation, and review climate-related legislation currently pending in Congress.

Mr. Clancy earned a **BS in Oceanography** from **Florida Institute of Technology**, and a **MS in Meteorology** from the **University of Miami**. He joined the **US Navy's Fleet Numerical Meteorological and Oceanography Center (FNMOC)** in Monterey in 1983, and was selected as its **Technical and Scientific Director** in 2005.

Mr. Clancy has authored over 100 publications in meteorology, oceanography and information technology, and received over 50 professional awards—including the Navy's highest civilian award—prior to retiring from Federal Service in 2011.

Mr. Clancy was inducted into the **FNMOC Hall of Fame** in 2015, and is currently a member of the **Citizens Climate Lobby**, a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change (<https://citizensclimatelobby.org>).

Jim Emery

Wednesday, 8 January: General Meeting

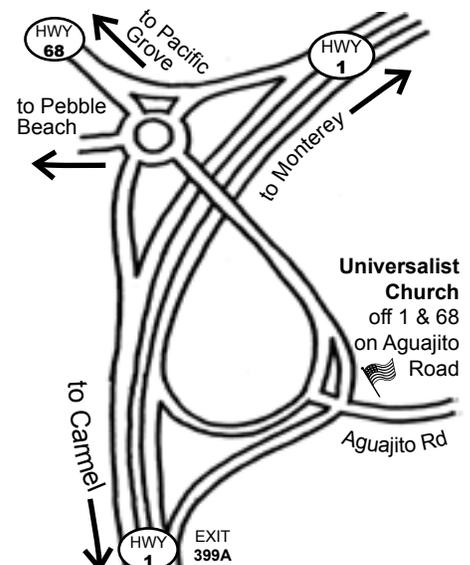
12 noon **Lunch** / 12:30 to 1:30 **Presentation**

(Lunch \$20 per person: main course, salad, beverages, & dessert by **International Cuisine of Pacific Grove**).

Reservations are a must for lunch!
Contact Bev Kreps by Sunday, 5th January

Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE**.
Reminder to Members: *The League pays the caterer in advance for everyone who makes a luncheon reservation, and guarantees a minimum of attendees.*

L&L meets at: **Unitarian Universalist Church** <http://uucmp.org>
490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923 (831) 624-7404



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
JANUARY 2020**

If you think 2019 nearly careened off the rails with activity you need to tighten your seat belt. 2020 will have even more of everything. The League's agenda will be much busier than in most general election years, giving those of us who thrive on improving our democracy numerous opportunities to exercise that urge.

Before we get to the the **state and national primary elections** (now scheduled for early March), and the **November Presidential election** (perhaps the most consequential one in our time), we have several exceptional events on the calendar in the first quarter of 2020:

We will participate in the Monterey **"Women's March"** (<https://womensmarch.org/>) on January 18; our Lunch & Learn event on February 12 features guest speaker **Robert Cooney**, author of **"Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the**

American Woman Suffrage Movement" (<http://suffrageandthedia.org/source/winning-vote-triumph-american-woman-suffrage-movement/>); we will celebrate the **Centennial of the League of Women Voters** on February 14; promptly followed by many events for **"Women's History Month"** in March. And that's just in the first quarter of the year!

What a great time it is for us to remind ourselves and others how different our lives are now compared to those of our sisters in 1920. What a great time it is to talk to our granddaughters — and grandsons — about winning the right to vote for American women, why the struggle is not over, and how much remains yet to do. This is a good time to put our beliefs into action and personally engage with advent of the Centennial. None of us should waste this historic chance.

Howard Fosler

★★★★★ US CENSUS: APRIL 1, 2020 ★★★★★

The **US Census** is required under the Constitution to occur every 10 years, to count every resident in the country. For the first time ever, the Census will be primarily digitally based.

Why It Matters

US Census data is used to make decisions around education, healthcare, infrastructure, and political representation. With increased growth, an accurate, complete count is crucial to ensure that each state receives funding to support its residents. Focus remains on reaching hard to count communities to ensure their inclusion.

What the League Is Doing

The League work is on education, **"Get Out to Count"** activities, and watchdog reporting. Up to **Census Day**, Leagues around the country will be in communities sharing information

about its importance, and how to participate. On Census Day, the League will work in coalition to help get everyone counted, work in **Complete Count Committees** to share information about low-reporting areas, and communicate where additional support is needed. Once the Census count wraps up in Summer/Fall 2020, the League will remain in communities to watchdog issues.

What You Can Do Individually and Locally

The **US Census Bureau 2020 Census Team** is recruiting and hiring hundreds of thousands of positions across the US for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff.

Help your community by joining the Census Team. Job details, how to apply, pay rates, and work locations can be found at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>



To: **Mayor Clyde Roberson and City Council**
City of Monterey
580 Pacific Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Date: October 30, 2019

Subject: ***Rezoning of Old Capitol Site***

Dear Mayor Roberson and Council Members:

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County supports the proposed amendment to **rezone the Old Capitol Site** from very low density residential to parks and open space, as well as the proposed negative declaration.

The proposed rezoning is consistent with League land use positions including the preservation of open space by public acquisition and short and long-term measures to control growth and provide for orderly development that is consistent with environmental protection.

Monterey County approved the **Pebble Beach Company's** build-out of the **Del Monte Forest** in 2012. One of the mitigation measures for the project required dedication of the Old Capitol Site as a park. Rezoning will address that mitigation measure as well as protect the endangered Yadon's piperia and an essential piece of the quickly disappearing Monterey Pine forest ecological community.

Finally, the project assures orderly development by replacing low density residential development in an area with limited urban services and transportation with open space. We urge you to support the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Howard Fosler,
President, League of Women Voters of Monterey County

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE & THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' CENTENNIALS

The League of Women Voters was founded by **Carrie Chapman Catt** in **February 1920**. Just six months later, on **August 26, 1920**, the **19th Amendment to the US Constitution** was adopted, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year fight for women's suffrage. As the League prepares to celebrate our first centennial, we take pride in our rich history tied to the suffrage movement.

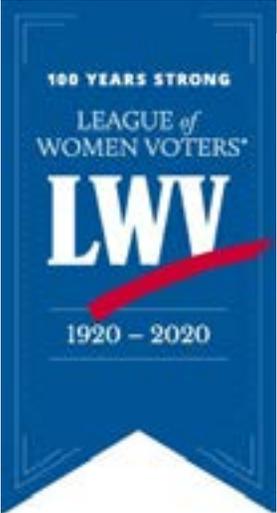


Jefferson Streets, in Monterey.

The program begins at 9:30 am. At 10 am we, together with many other organizations, begin the march to downtown Monterey, returning to Colton Hall where our LWVMC information table will be set up.

All activities will persist come rain or shine!

The League of Women Voters has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. Originally, only women could join the league; but in 1973 the LWV charter was modified to include men.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MARCH WITH THE LEAGUE! We have a beautiful new LWVMC banner to carry in the parade. *OPTIONAL: If you have white clothing (shirts, pants, skirts, hats, etc.), wear it on the march in honor of the original suffragettes and League members who wore white during their historic marches and campaigns. No white? Come march anyway, and no need to call or reserve, just show up on*

We operate at national, state and local levels through more than 700 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states, as well as in DC, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong.

the day.

Two Centennials

To celebrate the **Centennial of the formation of the League of Women Voters** and the **Centennial of the 19th Amendment**, the LWVMC has formed a **Centennial Committee** to plan our activities. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 14 January, 12 noon** in the **Mariposa Hall Conference Room**. All members are welcome to join us, no reservations needed, just drop in.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THE LWVMC TABLE! We will hang the banner from our table after the march, answer questions about the League, and hand out informational leaflets with membership brochures to members of the public.

Please call **Beverly Bean** at (831) 484-2451 or e-mail beverlygb@gmail.com to staff the table.

First Action for the New Year 2020

Our first action of 2020 will be to take part in the march and staff a LWVMC information table at the **Fourth Annual Women's March Monterey Bay**. It will be on **Saturday, January 18, 2020** from 9 am-noon, starting at **Colton Hall**, at Pacific and



Support Women's March Monterey Bay

To donate financial support to the 4th Annual Women's March, or to find out more about the organization, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-womens-march-tickets-72984232805>.

Beverly Bean



LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: KAY CLINE



Kay Cline has been an active member of LWVMC since 2011, when she joined after retiring from a longtime career in education.



A graduate of **Oakland University** in **Michigan**, the state where she was born, Kay later attended the **Maryland Art Institute**. While living in Michigan, she had the luck to meet **Jim Slezak**, who was **Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Pacific Grove**, and ultimately be hired for a job. *“When I got to the Monterey Peninsula”* in 1965, she says, *“I thought I’d died and gone to heaven.”* Kay has lived here ever since, except for four years in Baltimore, Maryland. She explains that her career included work as *“director of the **Museum on Wheels** (a project of the **Monterey Museum of Art**), followed by being an **ESL teacher** and then a **primary grades teacher at Marina del Mar School.**”*

One of Kay’s main interests is the environment, and she’s served the League for many years as a member of the **Natural Resources Committee**.

Before joining the League, she says that, in 2008, she and her partner, **Bill Weigle**, *“met with six other Seaside residents to establish **Sustainable Seaside**, an action group of **Communities for Sustainable Monterey County**. We were encouraged by **Denyse Frischmuth**, who had founded **Sustainable Pacific Grove** in 2005.”*

“For me, working with an action group was a way to build community, to educate ourselves and to spread information about sustainability practices.”

Kay and Bill soon realized that working with elected officials as well as educating local citizens and urging them to vote was vital to accomplishing their goals.

It was in 2011 that Sustainable Seaside partnered for the first time with LWVMC to hold

a **Candidates’ Forum** for positions on the **Water Management Board**. *“We were totally impressed with the professionalism of the Forum,”* Kay reports, *“and we realized how important it is for community members to hear directly from candidates.”* Since then, Sustainable Seaside has partnered with the League, as well as the **NAACP**, on a number of Candidates’ Forums.

With the help of Kay and Bill, Sustainable Seaside also was heavily involved in promoting the development of the **Ford Ord National Monument**. They collected Seaside residents’ signatures for a letter to **President Obama** and, after the National Monument was proclaimed in April, 2012, worked hard to promote it.

Another big project for them, Kay says, *“was our six-year fight against Monterey Downs. In late November, 2016, the developer finally left town and we all heaved a sigh of relief.”* Today, she reports, Sustainable Seaside (now under the leadership of LWVMC member **Catherine Crockett**), *“is continuing to support smart growth, infill development and conservation of open space.”* In addition, Bill is now leading a team working on an **urban growth boundary for Seaside East**, the area east of General Jim Moore Boulevard.

When she’s not working to protect natural resources and land use, Kay attends **OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes** and participates in both a sketching group and the **Whole Hearted Chorus**.

When asked what she’d like to see LWVMC accomplish in the future, Kay Cline responded, *“I’m most interested in the land and water issues that the League studies and evaluates. Maintaining the Candidates forums and attracting younger members are also vital.”*

Nancy Baker Jacobs



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 Back Returning Member

Wendy Root Askew

3116 Messenger Drive, Marina, CA 93937

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Timothy & Jane Sanders \$250

Jane Parker \$65

Linda Gin \$35

Jane Di Girolamo \$35 (Education Fund)

Dina Stansbury \$35

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 with us **and keep our League strong.**

Renew your 2019/2020 Membership now!

Lisa Hoivik, Membership Director

WE CRITICALLY NEED A VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR, SALINAS VALLEY



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**

(see Director's listing page)

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

FEBRUARY

12th / L&L *"19th Amendment & Centennial of the LWV"*

MARCH

11th / L&L *"Supervisor Jane Parker"*

APRIL

1st / *"US National Census Day"*

8th / L&L *"Proposition 13 Reform: Schools & Communities Funding Act"*

14th / *"League-Wide Day of Action: Women Power the Vote"*

MAY

LWVMC 93rd Annual Meeting
"Monterey County as Blue (Health) Zone"

JULY

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

AUGUST

26th / Women's Equality Day
"Tea with Alice and Me"
 performance sponsored by LWVMC

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LWVMC Calendar 2020



JANUARY

LWVMC Board Meeting
Monday, 6 January, 1:30pm
Mariposa Hall, *contact: Howard Fosler*

Lunch & Learn with the League
Wednesday, 8 January, 12 noon
"California's Response to Climate Change"
Unitarian Church, *contact: Jim Emery*

Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday, 9 January, 12 noon
Mariposa Hall, *contact: George Riley*

Publicity Committee Meeting
Monday, 13 January, 12 noon
Mariposa Hall, *contact: Regina Doyle*

Centennial Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 14 January, 12 noon
Mariposa Hall, *contact: Bev Bean*

4th Annual Women's March Monterey Bay
Saturday, 18 January, 9am - noon
Colton Hall, Monterey, *contact: Bev Bean*

FEBRUARY

LWVMC Board Meeting
Monday, 3 February, 1:30pm
Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey
contact: Howard Fosler

Lunch & Learn with the League
Wednesday, 12 February, 12 noon
"Winning the Vote" Robert Cooney
Unitarian Church, *contact: Bev Bean*

Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday, 13 February, 12 noon
Mariposa Hall, *contact: George Riley*

Publicity Committee Meeting
Monday, 17 February, 12 noon
Mariposa Hall, *contact: Regina Doyle*

LWVMC WEBMASTER WANTED

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