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"LWV Positions on Ballot Measures"

Helen Hutchison, Recent Past President, LWV California



Helen Hutchison will be Guest Speaker at our **October 14 Virtual General Meeting**. She will briefly explain each of the twelve **Propositions on the November California General Election ballot**, and the "**Vote with the League**" recommendation to vote "Yes" or "No" or why the LWVC is "Neutral" on each. A question and answer session will follow her presentation as time permits.

In brief, the Propositions before us on the California ballot are: **14 Stem Cell Research; 15 Schools & Communities First; 16 Opportunity for All; 17 Restore Voting Rights; 18 Voting Rights for 17-Year Olds; 19 Property Tax Breaks; 20 Rollback on Criminal Justice Reforms; 21 Local Governments & Rent Control; 22 Rideshare & Delivery Drivers; 23 Kidney Dialysis Clinics;**

24 Consumer Data Privacy; 25 End Cash Money Bail.

For a fuller summary on the Propositions from the **California Secretary of State**, go to: <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/pdf/index.htm>; for a preview of **LWVC recommendations**, see <https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>. (continued on page 2)

How to Attend Our Virtual Meetings

The free **October LWVMC General Meeting**, presentation, and question-and-answer period will be conducted over the **Zoom Web Conferencing** platform.

Attendee/participants will need to **register beforehand**:

on **Wednesday, October 7th** an e-mail will be sent to all members listed in the **[LWV MryCo] contact list** with instructions how to register and how to view the event.

How do you know if you're on the contact list? If you received an e-mail with a subject line beginning **[LWV MryCo]** inviting you to the September meeting, or with appeals to work at the election polls, or distribute the **Easy Voter Guide**, you're already on the list!

Not on the contact list? If you are a League member, you can still participate by sending an e-mail to LWVmryco@gmail.com and requesting invitations to meetings.

Not a LWVMC Member? Not a Problem!

All LWVMC General Meetings are open to the public at no cost. Non-members can send a message to LWVmryco@gmail.com requesting an invitation.

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Ms Hutchison has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1969. While serving the State League, she has been active in strategic planning, initiative and referendum reform, human resources, training, legislation, ballot measures, and redistricting.

She and her family have moved around the country, providing many opportunities to join Leagues in different cities: **Claremont, California; Newton, Massachusetts; Los Angeles; Clackamas**

County, Oregon; and DeKalb County, Georgia. Ms Hutchison was **President of the LWV Oakland** from 2003 to 2007. She served on the Boards of the Claremont, Clackamas County and Oakland Leagues in a variety of roles. Each League has provided her new areas to learn about and get active in.

Professionally, Helen is a retired **computer systems analyst**. She is an active member of **Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland** and a **foster care volunteer** with the **East Bay SPCA**.

★ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2020** ★

Among the fourteen or so Measures we are about to find on our doozy of a ballot are three tax increases, educational bonds for school districts and a local community college, and revenue increases for individual cities. These are the ones we will talk about. But first let me mention there are also several broad social improvement measures and several specifically benefiting small groups. You and **Voters Edge** are about to become friends.

My concern is with the revenue measures. Our various governmental groups face difficulties meeting urgent needs before even trying to address whatever will emerge as the "new normal" once the spread of COVID is under control. The federal government created a trillion dollar tax deficient hole with the recent tax revisions. Then it added two trillion for direct novel virus related relief. Our national debt now surpasses our current national income.

Counties and cities are now burdened with needs far exceeding available revenue. They are looking to tax everything they can. The hotel room tax hits people who didn't get to vote on it. Isn't there something in our past about that? Normal tax revenue streams are now often half of normal.



"Our national debt now surpasses our current national income."

There is little hope things will improve much within the next six months, and some say a year or two will pass before our new normal becomes clear and revenue flows normally once again.

Meanwhile, there are lots of people who are suffering as a result of job loss, inability to pay for housing and absolutely no discretionary spending funds. Children may turn out to be the longest suffering population of all. And under this condition increased taxes are being proposed?

We are aware that ballot issues often pass or fail by a small margin. There is often a small cohort that with its considered vote tips the scale to the victor. I like to think that these voters are the ones who

really took the time to study the questions and decide if and where we should let the burden land.

And that is why your thoughtful opinion is so sorely needed this year. You, we, are the ones who must decide whether our government gets funded more fully now in these critical times to meet broad compelling needs. Or you, we, can decide to leave the burden where it lies and come back to it in better times. And who pays then? It is the ultimate question.

Howard Fosler

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August 13, 2020

TO: **The Editor, Monterey County Herald**

The Marina campaign for extending its **URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY to 2040** is underway with **Measure Q** on the ballot.

For twenty years the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) has protected agricultural land and open space, prevented urban sprawl and helped revitalize the urban core. The UGB also helped the city pursue its housing needs by building in areas where services and infrastructure already existed. Furthermore, there is sufficient undeveloped residentially designated land already within the UGB to more than meet Marina’s population forecasts for the next twenty years.

According to Marina documents, the current UGB approved by voters in 2000 successfully protected the city’s quality of life and small town character by concentrating growth within or adjacent to existing developed areas. The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County (LWCMC)** applauds the success of this program and heartily **encourages the voters to extend it another twenty years.**

LWVMC has a long established land use position to support smart planning and development. Specifically, the policy supports continuing evaluation of:

1. Area wide **planning and growth management policies and programs** for the entire Monterey County area.
2. **Preservation of open space** by public acquisition of land.
3. Short and long-term measures to **control growth and provide for orderly development** that is consistent with environmental protection.
4. A **planning process** which is well-coordinated, based on, adheres to, and implements the appropriate General Plan, and provides adequate information for timely, well-informed decisions.

Every aspect of the UGB in the past 20 years, and the proposed next 20 years, fits current League policy. We applaud Marina’s restrained yet effective progress in concert with this policy and encourage other agencies in our county to follow its example of good land management.

Howard Fosler, President LWVMC



September 1, 2020

NOTE: *After the letter below was submitted to the **CCC, CalAm** withdrew their permit application at the last minute before the scheduled hearing. According to the **Monterey Herald** (9/18/20), "CalAm officials were worried they were headed toward losing."*

TO: The Chair, Members and Staff, California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000, San Francisco CA 94105-2219

RE: Coastal Permit Application - California American Water Coastal Development

The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** (LWVMC) in a letter to you dated October 16, 2019 urged the **CA Coastal Commission** (CCC) to deny the **California American Water** application for a Coastal Development Permit for intake slant wells and desalination infrastructure because the **Pure Water Monterey Expansion** (PWM X) is a vastly superior environmental alternative water supply project. By comparison with PWM X, the intake wells and desalination project shows numerous disadvantages related to environmental impacts, environmental justice, cost, and size.

Since then, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion has been under political attack by a number of its own Monterey One Board members. Their goal was to prevent the PWM X from going forward. On April 27, 2020 the **Monterey One Board of Directors** voted, by a one vote majority, to deny the **Marina Coast Water District** (MCWD) request to increase its weighted vote from 2 to 3, based on increased population. The only reasons that were given by Board opponents were that other agencies in Monterey One Water might deserve changes in their number of votes. The guidelines for changes are prescribed in their **Joint Powers Agreement** (JPA) and the process exists for them to apply to the Board for such changes. This process was followed by MCWD. The only other request from the Board was that the staff make a recommendation on MCWD's request prior to bringing this to a vote. Clearly the staff must recommend in favor of MCWD or violate the JPA.

It is clear that this vote denied MCWD its appropriate representation. According to the Joint Powers Agreement forming Monterey One Water, the request from Marina Coast Water District was completely valid. The Directors violated their own bylaws, as stated in the JPA.

The League is extremely concerned about representation and voting rights at all levels of government. Disenfranchisement of the population, represented by Marina Coast Water District, goes against the democratic norms that govern us at the local, state and national levels.

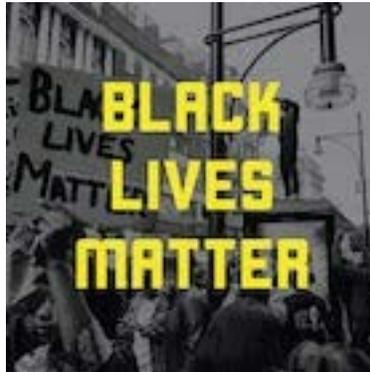
At the same meeting, the Monterey One Board proceeded to vote to NOT certify the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the PWM X (again by a one vote majority). This vote would have failed if MCWD had its increased weighted vote. There were no valid reasons given for denial of certification. Their own experts assured the Board that the SEIR met all requirements of CEQA. In addition the Board vote against certifying the SEIR violated its own previous policies on the Expansion. Under threat of legal action, the Monterey One Board, at a later meeting, granted the MCWD request.

The Coastal Commission should be aware that these efforts against PWM X are meant to influence your vote on Cal Am's desalination project. The League urges you to deny the California American desalination project permit because PWM X is the superior project.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
Howard Fosler, President

LWVMC SUPPORTS CALIFORNIA RACIAL JUSTICE ACT

Responding to a **Call to Action from LWV of California**, we contacted **Senator Anna Caballero** urging her to support **AB 2542 (Kalra), the California Racial Justice Act**. This act asserts civil rights in the courtroom by prohibiting racial discrimination in convictions and sentences: nothing in California law currently says that. In fact, the courts have accepted racial discrimination as "inevitable" and "unfixable," and even called it "harmless error." The California Racial Justice Act rejects those views and seeks to directly confront racism in our criminal courts.



The bill will specifically address: intentional bias directed at the defendant by an attorney, judge, juror, law enforcement officer or expert witness; racially coded language used in court (for example, prosecutors comparing the defendant to an animal in closing argument); racial bias in jury selection; racial disparities in charges in convictions; and racial disparities in sentences.

The California Racial Justice Act will allow a defendant to file a motion at trial or following conviction challenging racial discrimination in their case based on one of these five grounds. If the defendant proves the discrimination occurred, then the case will be sent back for a new trial, or the judge can adjust the charges or sentence in the interest of justice.

AB 3070 (Weber) Anti-Discrimination in Jury Selection

This is a companion bill that further addresses racial bias in jury selection. Prosecutors in

California remove Black and Latinx jurors at disproportionate rates and people continue to be convicted by juries that do not reflect the diversity of this state.

These are some of the reasons given by prosecutors to remove Black and Latinx jurors that courts currently accept as "race-neutral": The juror expressed distrust of law enforcement or the view that law enforcement is racially or economically biased; the juror said they support the Black Lives Matter movement; the juror had been stopped by police and believed it was racial profiling; the juror has a family member who has had contact with the criminal legal system; the juror wore their hair in dreadlocks or braids.

AB 3070 will put in place a new procedure to enforce the prohibition against racial bias in jury selection, using an objective standard to assess racial bias and includes implicit bias. The bill makes presumptively invalid excuses now routinely given by prosecutors to remove Black and Latinx jurors that are clearly implicate racial bias, such as those reasons described above.

Racial bias in our criminal courts denies individuals a fair trial, is an affront to the dignity of the Black, Latinx and other people of color, and harms the integrity of our criminal legal system. AB 2542 and AB 3070 are important bills to advance civil rights in the criminal courts and racial justice in California.

The League of Women Voters Monterey County supports both bills.
Howard Fosler

Upcoming Candidates' Forums

LWVMC is moderating two upcoming Candidates Forums: candidates for **Seaside City Council** and **Mayor** on **Monday, October 5th, 6 to 8 pm**, and candidates for the **Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board** on **Tuesday, October 6th, 7 to 8pm**. The events will be available over the Internet (*check the LWVMC website lwvmryco.org for access information*).

Recent Candidate Forum

The LWVMC participated in a successful, virtual **Pacific Grove City Council Candidates' Forum**. The event was sponsored by the **Pacific Grove**



Chamber of Commerce. The forum attracted 115 online viewers and additional participants viewing over public access television. **Dennis Mar** moderated with **Beverly Bean** timing. **Regina Doyle** and **Jeanne Turner** sorted questions.

Pros and Cons Presentations

MaryEllen Dick and **Dennis Mar** are preparing a Pros & Cons presentation of all **12 California State Propositions** on this November's ballot (*see Propositions in Brief, page 1*).

This presentation is based on publications from the **LWV of California: "Pros & Cons"** and **"In Depth."** So far, presentations are scheduled with the **Aromas Grange** and the **Junior League of Monterey County**.

Polling Place Staffing

The LWVMC will staff two polling places for the November 3rd election. Both polling places are located at the **Marina Library**. 36 people have signed up to work including four members of **AAUW** (American Association of University Women) and a number of friends and relatives of League members. Thanks to **Beth Benoit, Bob Evans, Tamara Harris, Roberta Myers, Tama Oliver,** and **Suzanne Schmidt** for your recruiting.

Dennis Mar, Voter Services Co-Director

**VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR
WANTED FOR SALINAS VALLEY!**



*This year, elections may be different,
but they will take place!*

*This is a **part time** but **crucial** position to
better serve the Valley by organizing candidate
forums, Pro & Con presentations, and
encouraging Salinas Valley citizens to **vote!**
Mentoring and Guidance provided as needed.*

*Contact **Howard Fosler**
c/o LWVMryCo@gmail.com*

★ ★ ★ YOUTH VOTER SERVICES REPORT ★ ★ ★

Our League has been reaching out to high school and college students this fall with information about voter registration, ballot information, voting by mail or in person, and ballot tracking. We have made contacts with many local schools, and used **Zoom** to make presentations.

We have been helping students and teachers be aware of the fact that **16- and 17- year-olds can pre-register to vote**, so that their voter status

becomes official on their 18th birthdays. We have been getting the word out that **young people too can work on voter registration and at the polls**, not just older or retired adults.

If you know of any motivated young people within your circle of family and friends, get them involved with the LWVMC by referring them to, or by contacting, any of us on the Youth Voter Services team or the Board.

At this hectic stage ahead of the November 3rd state and national general election we have so far:

Hartnell Community College, Salinas

Made a presentation via Zoom to the **Associated Student organization** at **Hartnell College** about the LWV, voter registration, sources for voter information, available poll work, all about vote-by-mail, how to check to see if your ballot was counted, and an invitation to serve on **LWV Youth Advisory Committee**.

Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey

We made a similar presentation to the **MPC's Associated Student group**, including pertinent website information.

California State

University Monterey Bay, Marina

After our discussion on Youth Voter issues with **CSUMB's Director of First Year Seminar**, an announcement was made to CSUMB faculty that we were available to make presentations on youth voter issues.

Sharon Miller and **Carol Kaplan** have made three presentations to CSUMB classes so far.

Monterey High School, Monterey

After we contacted them, the **Monterey High's College and Career Counselor** sent messages to students to assess their interest in working with our League. 22 students responded enthusiastically. We followed up with information on how 16- and 17- year-olds could pre-register themselves, how they could help older friends and family register to vote, and additional voter information.

Voices of Monterey Bay, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties

We contacted **Editor Joe Livernois** of Voices of Monterey Bay to ask for possible volunteers from the **Young Media Voices Project**. **Sharon Miller** conducted phone interviews with two of the young journalists.

Youth Voter Services Call for Help!

We could use more members to join our committee in thinking of ways to engage and motivate young people, contacting educators, parents and students, and spreading the word.

Please join us!

Carol Kaplan, Voter Registration Committee Chair
and **Sharon Miller, Voter Services Co-Director**



YOUTH VOTER SERVICES PROFILE: KARLEE KELLY

Our 17-year-old Youth Services Volunteer **Karlee Kelly**, is enrolled at both **Pacific Grove High School** and **Monterey Peninsula College**. She was motivated to reach out to **LWVMC's Committee** after hearing about us in an MPC Political Science class.

Karlee has already filled out the paperwork to volunteer at the polls this November, but was unaware that 16 and 17 year-olds can pre-register to vote, which automatically registers them upon turning 18. She plans to spread the



word among her peers, and is enthusiastic about working with the League on voter registration, election information sharing, and hosting a Zoom meeting with other people in her age group.

Karlee has researched her options for get-out-the-vote letter-writing and identified several websites that look fun. We are grateful for young people like Karlee who can carry on the LWV tradition of voter activism.

Sharon Miller, Voter Services Co-Director



VOTER'S EDGE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Votersedge.org is the League of Women Voters California

sponsored website for ballot information, such as what's on their upcoming ballot, their current voter registration status, how to track their ballot, and more.

Voters can compare candidates by viewing **candidate priorities, profession** and other **biographical information**. And voters can get information on **State Propositions** and **local measures** that will be on their ballot.

Volunteers are needed to help encourage candidates to log in to their Voter's Edge site and enter their information. As we go to press, 46 of 161 candidates (29 percent) are participating. California's goal is 50 percent, but being competitive, *I would like our League to aim higher!*

If you can help out by making a few phone calls, we can split up the list. Contact me!

Arlene Guest,

Voter's Edge / Facebook Coordinator
LWVMryCo@gmail.com



LWVMC President **Howard Fosler** (left) with Monterey Mayor **Clyde Roberson & Gracie** (center and front), and Voter Editor **Regina Doyle** (right) at the **Centennial Proclamation Presentation** September 14

Proclamation Honoring the Centennial of the League of Women Voters of Monterey County and the Centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day is recognized throughout the country on August 26th as a celebration of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, women have historically been denied the full spectrum of rights and privileges available to men in American society, and have consistently led the charge for necessary social and political change; and,

WHEREAS, this date commemorates the 72-year, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women; and,

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was created in 1920 by those suffragists to educate and encourage the active participation of women in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Clyde Roberson, Mayor of the City of Monterey, on behalf of our City Council and citizens, hereby offer our congratulations to the League of Women Voters of Monterey County and recognizes the commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America won their right to vote, as an opportunity to continue to work for equal rights for ALL citizens.

August 26, 2020

Clyde Roberson, Mayor



LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: PAMELA STEWART



Pamela Stewart is new to LWVMC, having joined last January, shortly after retiring and moving to this area. She's now become one of our new **Board Members at Large**.



Born and raised in **Manhattan Beach**, Pamela remembers the League chapter there putting on programs before each election that detailed every issue on the ballot. That's what she now says she likes best about the League, *"getting both sides out, informing people about both sides of all the questions."*

Although she belonged to a League chapter briefly during her college years, in the 1970's, Pamela then joined the **U.S. Air Force** and started what she describes as *"bouncing around"* different spots, both in the U.S. and around the world, for the next 30 years.



She finished her undergraduate degree in **Physics** at **East Carolina University** in **Greenville, NC**, and then went on to earn a **master's degree in Aeronautical Science** from **Embry Riddle Aeronautical University**. *"Its main campus is in Daytona Beach, Florida,"* Pamela explains, *"but it has an extension campus on nearly every military base."* Because of her frequent transfers, she studied at several of those campuses while finishing her master's degree.

While serving in the Air Force, Pamela started out in technical intelligence and was then sent to Germany as a munitions/aircraft maintenance officer. *"Then I worked in the U.S. in space acquisition, managing the contractors,"* she says. *"Most of my time in the military was spent in joint assignments. That means I was working with other U.S. agencies and other branches of the service. That gave me a different perspective in life."*

She retired as *"a full bird Colonel"* and then spent several years in civilian jobs. Her last one before retiring was as a contractor working for **NASA Ames** in Mountain View.

Pamela is a licensed **Instructor** and **Air Transport Pilot**, but says that she *"managed that myself,"* not through Air Force training. She has many passions in life, including world travel, skiing, biking, riding a motorcycle, dancing and hiking. She's particularly glad that she moved to her new home in **East Garrison** right before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. She can walk just two blocks to hike in Fort Ord and she loves biking on the beach rec trail.

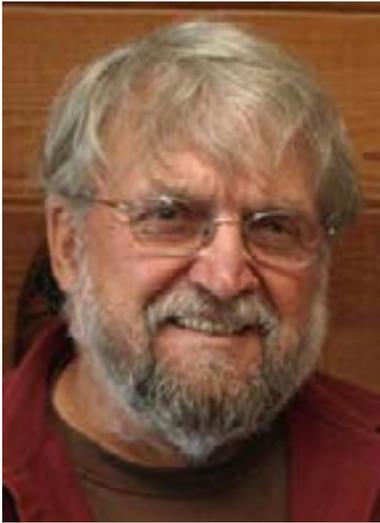
Unfortunately, because of the current quarantine, Pamela isn't able to follow her usual schedule. *"I love to travel and did a lot of it pre-COVID. I'd be gone two to three months in the fall and another two months in January and February to ski. There are always more places to see and wine and food to taste,"* she says, adding that *"I am so glad I could live here in Monterey Bay if I have to be quarantined."*

Pamela says that her main reason for joining **LWVMC** was *"to offer services to the group that's trying to educate younger people and get them to vote. I'm interested in getting them pre-registered when they get their first driver's license, then registered to vote at 18."*

Her goal of making sure young people vote will likely be a bit harder because of the pandemic, but if there's anything Pamela Stewart learned during her long years in the U.S. military, it's to set a goal and never quit.

Nancy Baker Jacobs

We Remember John Pearse



Distinguished scientist **John Pearse** passed away last July. John and his wife **Vicki** were household members of the **LWVMC**. In his long career as a **Marine Biologist**, John touched many lives in many important ways. As **Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz**, he was an inspiring professor who received top honors for his contributions.

For his intellectual excellence, he was honored by being elected **President of the California Academy of Sciences**. Perhaps less obvious than these contributions were his individual impacts on untold numbers of aspiring marine scientists.



In retirement, John founded an educational program for high school students which grew into **LiMPETS** (*Long-term Monitoring Program & Experiential Training for Students*, <https://limpets.org>) a statewide citizen science program focusing on coastal ecosystems. Created in 2002, the LiMPETS Network is a collaborative effort among **Greater Farallones Association**, the **Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History**, and **California's National Marine Sanctuaries**, using student-friendly protocols for monitoring coastal ecosystems, developed with John's and many other scientists and teachers in the field.

As a Pacific Grove resident, he was an active commentator regarding **local coastal land use**.

Many of the tributes at his passing mention his role as a mentor, which is reflected in remembrances by League members:

*"John and his wife Vicki were very involved supporters of **Measure Z**, the successful ballot measure to **ban fracking and new oil wells and phase out aquifer damaging wastewater injection wells and ponds**. I attended two fund raising dinners at their home which they generously opened to us, and I enjoyed far ranging conversations with John. He was a research scientist and teacher AND deeply involved in the environmental community."*

Beverly Bean



*"John was a smart and dependable advocate for **environmental protection**. I shared time with John and Vicki on the '**ban fracking**' campaign. The two of them were terrific.*

John is missed already."

George Riley



*"John and Vicki shared an inspirational **love of nature**. John was so down-to-earth that I had to get to know him a bit in order to gradually understand his **global***

*stature as a marine biologist. I started to see the diagram from the cover of "Living Invertebrates" everywhere. When I walked into the **Singapore Zoo Invertebrate House** and saw the diagram on the wall, it really came home to me how much his work influenced so many other people." **Tama Olver***

*"I first met John when he and his wife Vicki volunteered to support my candidacy for MPWMD Board. We didn't know each other previously, but he graciously invited me to their home, gently interviewed me, and gave me sage advice about running for office, **helpful pointers on local water issues**, and a generous donation. I'll never forget his kindness." **Regina Doyle***



*"I met John when I arrived for my PhD work at Stanford as a member of the budding **United States Antarctic Research Program**. John had already been to "the Ice" and had become a primary catalyst for development*



*of the marine biology program at **McMurdo Station**. I owe him a tremendous debt for getting me launched in my career and for his sustained friendship*

*and stimulation over the almost 60 years that followed our days together at Stanford. John truly loved what he did, whether in his science or his engagement in his community." **George Somero***

NEW ON THE LWVMC WEBSITE

At www.LWVmryco.org,

we have more FREE, high quality, interesting and educational videos and links to places where you can **prepare to vote, volunteer, join, donate,** and now, **play a great educational game!**

Our newest additions include:

"Monterey County Elections in the Time of COVID"

This excellent presentation by **Monterey County Registrar of Voters, Claudio Valenzuela** on **September 9th** explains how the **Elections Department** will address the voting process for the coming election; how and when voters will receive their ballots by mail; how and where completed ballots can be returned; how to vote in person; and more.

and



A link to **"VERIFY IT!"** the new fun game for adults and young people that challenges your knowledge of **news, voting & citizenship rights**. The game consists of articles and statements from current news articles/social media posts and you have to decide whether the statement is true or a false. Test your skills **online** or on **Facebook** and learn more about elections and voting!

and

Voter Information for the General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020 including the **"Easy Voter Guide"** with information for new voters, and **"Vote with the League,"** analysis and descriptions of **State Ballot Measures**, all to help you prepare to vote!

Bob Evans,
LWVMC Website Coordinator



Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome New Members!

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Handbook Updates

Suella Rubin

Martha Magnus

Richard Rosenthal

Carole Erickson

Jane DiGirolamo

Thank You to Our Generous Donors

LWV Monterey County Donations

Melanie Kunoa / \$100

Myrleen Fisher / \$85

Marianne Gawain / \$85

James Emery / \$35

Jeanne Turner / \$35

LWV CA Education Fund Donation

Jane DiGirolamo / \$35

Please send updates to

Janet Brennan, Membership Director



Watch for Ballots by Mail in Early October

Monterey County Elections office sent notices to all voters to look for their ballot by mail in the first week in October if they registered to Vote by Mail.

www.montereycountyelections.us

Renew Your LWVMC Membership!

Renewal reminders were sent in July. If you haven't yet renewed, please 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 Wanted!

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

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.

THE FLORENCE CURLEE FUND: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Florence Curlee was an active, tireless, and dependable League of Women Voters member, serving on the Board several times, including as **President of the Salinas Valley League**. Most importantly she was there to help other League members in need. Upon her death, the Salinas Valley League set up the Florence Curlee Fund in her memory to help individuals pay their annual League fees. **The Fund is still active**---anyone can make a confidential request to our League Treasurer (who has sole authority to approve), to discreetly receive assistance.

Florence Curlee always believed the League should represent the entire community, and that money should not be a barrier. Her Fund assures that representation.

If you haven't renewed your membership, or someone you know would like to join the League but didn't because of financial circumstances, consider applying for a Florence Curlee Scholarship!

Kalah Bumba and Phyllis Meurer

League of Women Voters of Monterey County

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LWVMC Calendar 2020



OCTOBER

LWVMC Board Meeting
Zoom Online

Monday, 5 October, 1:30pm

contact: LWVmryco@gmail.com to request

*[LWV MryCo] meeting phone number and code**

LWVMC General Meeting
Wednesday, 14 October

11:45am Zoom Check-In, Audio/Video check

12:15 Guest Speaker Helen Hutchison

"LWV Positions on Ballot Measures"

(see front page for details)

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**Centennial / Publicity, Natural Resources
and other Committee Meetings
POSTPONED** until further notice

***NOTE:** See "How to Attend Our Virtual Meeting" on page 1. **You can join these meetings using a conventional telephone.** Phone numbers for audio only are provided along with meeting numbers and codes.



NOVEMBER

LWVMC Board Meeting
Zoom Online

Monday, 2 November, 1:30pm

LWVMC General Meeting
Wednesday, 14 November, 11:45am

**"The Connection Between
Climate Change & the Pandemic"**

(confirmation and speakers to be announced)



**DECEMBER 2020
WINTER BREAK**

No Board or Committee Meetings,
Virtual General Meetings, or The Voter



JANUARY 2021

LWVMC General Meeting
Wednesday, 13 January

"The Lettuce Curtain"

(confirmation and speakers to be announced)