

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

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## "Monterey County Elections in the Time of COVID"

**C**laudio Valenzuela, Monterey County Registrar of Voters, will speak at the **September 9 Virtual General Meeting** on local preparations for the upcoming **November 3 US General Election** (*mtg. details back page*).



By order of the governor and pursuant to recent legislation, **all active voters will be mailed a ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.** This same legislation also mandates that in-person voting options be made available to those in our community who may need assistance.

Challenges to the Department include timely handling of vote-by-mail ballots, ensuring the safety of voters and staff at the in-person voting locations, and combatting a lot of confusion caused by stories about voting difficulties in other states.

**Can't Attend on September 9th?** Mr. Valenzuela's talk will be recorded and posted on the LWVMC website shortly after the meeting. Look for it at <https://my.lwv.org/california/monterey-county> under "**Luncheon Videos.**" *(continued on page 2)*

### **How to Attend Our Virtual Meeting**

The free **September 9 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, September 2nd** 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 several e-mails in August with a subject line beginning **[LWV MryCo]** containing 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](mailto:LWVmryco@gmail.com) and request an invitation.

### **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](mailto:LWVmryco@gmail.com) requesting an invitation.

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**Guest Speaker  
Claudio Valenzuela**

Mr. Valenzuela was appointed **Registrar of Voters** in 2014 after serving for more than 13 years in various capacities within the **Monterey County**

**Elections Department**, including **Assistant Registrar**, a **Precinct Services Official** and **Acting Registrar** during a nationwide recruitment.

As Registrar, he oversees a Department which is responsible for the administration of all public elections within the County.

Valenzuela is certified as a **California Professional Election Administrator** and is an active member of the **California Association of Clerks and Election Officials**.

Mr. Valenzuela attended **Universidad Austral in Chile**, **Hartnell College in Salinas, California** and **St. Thomas University in Minneapolis, Minnesota**.

Before joining the Elections Department, Valenzuela worked in the private sector in Monterey County and with several Silicon Valley Tech companies. He is a 40-year resident of Monterey County.

**Dennis Mar, Co-Director Voter Services**

★ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2020** ★

Recently the **Oakland A's** were about to lose their very first of a very few games this season in Oakland against the **San Diego Padres**. It's 6-2 in the last of the ninth. Up comes a rookie who hits it out of the park. Now, it's two outs with bases loaded and three runs down, and another rookie, playing for his first time in the big leagues, comes to bat. Out it goes into the bleachers for a walk off grand slam that wins the game 7-6 for the home team!

How great was that? Well ... there was no hugging, no rolling on the ground in a manly mound, no high-fives, no touching. No cheers. No fans. The stadium was empty. Times have changed. They're playing by "COVID Rules" now, as are we all.

Our game has certainly changed. We have a **Women's Suffrage Centennial** we can't fully celebrate. We have a **US General Election**, arguably the most important one we will ever see, which may be stifled. We have **Lunch & Learn** meetings with no food or sitting with friends. And we have places to go and grandchildren to see that are denied. New rules.

Adjust we must if we hope to safely survive. And that is exactly what we are doing, because we still have lives to live and trails to blaze and we are finding a way.

Will you find a way to make your influence felt on this upcoming election? Have you found a way to help others learn how they can influence the outcome in this new game?



In this issue of The Voter you will find articles on ways our Monterey County League is staying actively involved in our community. You can also find **contact information for our many committees and directors** (page 9) to get in touch and get involved. We also have a calendar of scheduled events, and notices of upcoming events and requests for volunteers throughout this issue. It's not hard. Just look, think about what truly matters to you right now, and call or email. It's the season to get involved, to make a difference.

Even if you may not be able to hug your partners in November, you may still will watch your ball sail out of the park!

**Howard Fosler**



**LWV ENDORSES MARINA'S  
"URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY 2040"  
BALLOT MEASURE Q**

**T**he people of Marina will be asked on their upcoming ballot in November to extend the City of Marina's Urban Growth Boundary from 2020 to 2040. The League of Women Voters Monterey County was requested by the "Marina 2040" campaign (sponsored by LandWatch Monterey County) to endorse the measure, encouraging Marina voters to say "yes" to Measure Q.

According to Marina documents, the current urban growth boundary (UGB) approved by voters in 2000 protected the city's quality of life and small town character by concentrating growth within or adjacent to existing developed areas. **This protected agricultural land and open space, prevented urban sprawl, and helped revitalize the urban core.**

The boundary also helped Marina pursue its housing needs by building in areas where services and infrastructure already existed. Furthermore, there is sufficient undeveloped residentially designated land within the UGB to more than meet Marina's population forecasts for the next 20 years.

Our League has a long established land use position to support smart planning and development. Specifically, our policy states support for, and continuing evaluation of:

1. Area **planning and growth management** policies and programs for the Monterey Peninsula 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 well with current League policy. So **on August 13 the LWVMC said "yes" to the Marina 2040 Campaign** and became a proud early endorser of the effort to renew Marin's urban growth boundary.

We encourage other cities to follow its example and establish urban growth boundaries that coax smart infill policies in advance of further development.

**Howard Fosler, President  
and the Board of Directors LWVMC**

# SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION UPDATE

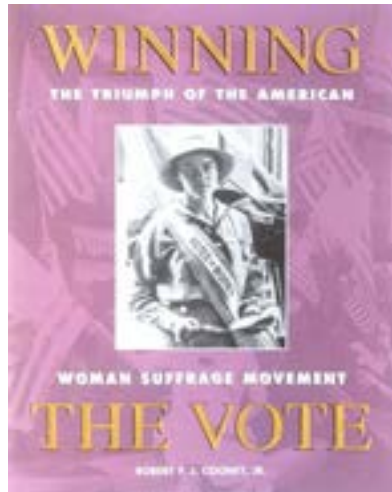
## Some Postponements due to COVID-19

We have had to postpone some of our scheduled **2020 Centennial Celebrations** to 2021, including: the **July 4th City of Monterey Independence Day Parade** and **voter registration** event; the August three-week long **Women's Suffrage Film Festival**; and the one-woman theatrical presentation by **Zoe Nicholson** of **"Tea with Alice and Me,"** scheduled for **Women's Equality Day** (now scheduled for August 26, 2021).

## Suffrage History Book Presentations

Our League purchased copies of **"Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement"** by **Robert P. J. Cooney** in order to donate copies to local libraries.

If you missed the February meeting, go to <https://my.lwv.org/california/monterey-county/luncheon-videos> to view Cooney's excellent presentation.



"Winning the Vote" is a large format, lavishly illustrated history, full of facts, profiles and images documenting women's early political achievements. The book won glowing reviews and was recommended as an essential resource for national public

and school libraries (<http://americangraphicpress.com/index.html>).

"Winning the Vote" is already now available for loan from the Monterey Public Library (<https://www.montereylibrary.org>).

Centennial Committee member **Regina Doyle**, in full suffrage costume of the era (*in photo at right*), presented a copy to the **Monterey County Free**



**Libraries** via Head Librarian **Hillary Theyer** (*photo above*) at the **Marina Branch**; to the **Monterey Public Library** via Head Librarian **Inga Waite** (*photo below*), both on August 12; and the **Salinas Public Library** via Head Librarian **Kristan Lundquist** for **Salinas**) on August 19.

Doyle was assisted by committee members **Howard Fosler** (*striped shirt*) and **Beverly Kreps** (*wearing "Votes for Women" sash*) who held our banner. The presentations were outside the libraries, and everyone wore masks and observed social distancing.



## Suffrage Centennial Proclamation

A **Proclamation** was presented by the Committee to **Fifth District Supervisor Mary Adams** requesting that the Full Board honor the LWVMC on its Centennial as follows:

RESOLUTION HONORING the CENTENNIAL of the LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of MONTEREY COUNTY and the CENTENNIAL of the NINETEENTH AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have historically been treated as second-class citizens and denied the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, as **Women's Equality Day**; 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 women's active participation in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, offers 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.

**Beverly Bean, Centennial Committee Chair**

## VOTER SERVICES IN ACTION

### New Initiatives in Voter Services

What can the LWVMC do to encourage an informed, engaged electorate when circumstances surrounding COVID-19 are changing regularly? How do we reach potential voters outside of our traditional comfort zone?



The LWVMC needs new ideas for areas we have not participated in before. **Sign up to any or all of the four groups below to help us brainstorm.**

Meetings will be via conference call or Zoom, so you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home!

#### 1) Voter Registration and Outreach

Questions: What are other organizations doing? What are best practices? Are there special groups to target? What is the measure of success?

#### 2) Youth Voter Services

We are contacting young people, especially leaders identified in the media, to advise us on what role the League can play in getting the younger age group active in voting.

#### 3) Voters Edge

We need ways to encourage all candidates to submit information about themselves and their campaigns to this free public service online platform.

#### 4) Candidates' Forums

We will need your thoughts about ways to address technical concerns and publicity, since it's likely that the forums will have to be virtual.

To volunteer for any of the above, contact **Sharon Miller, Co-Director Voter Services**.

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### Ongoing Voter Services Activities

#### Voters Edge

[www.votersedge.org](http://www.votersedge.org) is the League of Women Voters

of California (LWVC) sponsored website for candidate information. Voters just put in their home address, and all offices they are eligible to vote for appear. Each candidate is allotted a webpage. The idea is for voters to easily compare every candidate's views on issues against others running for the same office.

To be successful we need candidates to use the website and upload their information. League members may be asked to lobby candidates to do so. All the way from Vermont, League member **Arlene Guest** is handling the technical aspects of the Monterey County's portion of Voter's Edge. But on the Internet, who knows where you are?

#### Candidate Forums

**The League is actively looking for a partner who could handle the technical aspects of producing candidate forums over the Internet.** Hopefully by the time you read this VOTER, we will have one.

Our League will moderate the **Pacific Grove City Council Candidates' Forum on Tuesday, September 15.** The host, the **Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce**, organized the forum as an in-person event with a minimum number of participants. **Access Media Productions** (formerly Access Monterey Peninsula) will provide a video feed. The League will collect and sort questions beforehand.

#### Easy Voter Guide

The **Easy Voter Guide (EVG)** is a joint project between the **LWVC** and the **California State Library**. The guide explains the process of voting, describes political offices on the ballot, and summarizes the state propositions (arguments for and against).

Each League member will be mailed a copy of the EVG. If you think it would be useful for non-members you know, contact **Dennis Mar** for extra copies (previous EVG editions can be found at [www.EasyVoterGuide.org](http://www.EasyVoterGuide.org)).



#### Polling Place Staff

As noted on page 1, the **Monterey County Election Department** will staff some traditional polling places in person as needed. The League will support this effort through **"Team Up**

**for Democracy,"** a fundraising program where volunteers work four-hour shifts and their stipend is donated directly to our League.

**The Elections Department emphasized that you need not work if you feel uneasy about COVID restrictions.**

Volunteers need to carefully weigh their own individual risks. However, the Department will provide all necessary protective gear to work the polls (though we won't be wearing HazMat suits).



Interested persons (League members or not) please contact **Dennis Mar, Voter Services** [LWVMryCo@gmail.com](mailto:LWVMryCo@gmail.com)

### Make a plan to vote Nov 3!

Ballots will be mailed to all voters in early October.



Monterey County Elections Department

# ★ LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION 2020 REPORT ★

**T**he 2020 National Convention was saved from a disastrous fate delivered up by COVID-19 by the fast work of our national staff and the amazing technology of **Zoom** which managed to make it all available to 1,241 individual members' homes in 50 States and numerous foreign countries spread over seven time zones. How's that for rising to the occasion? This League on every level continues to amaze me.

A lot of information is available at <https://www.lwv.org/2020Convention>. I encourage you to satiate yourself with it. After all, this event only occurs every two years. It's time to recharge, and trust me, the speakers below will get you started.

## New Leaders, Fresh Vigor

Take time to hear our new 20th National LWV Board President, **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner** talk about her history and why the League is so important to her. For instance, she mentioned looking at women's



purple fingers right after a recent election in Tanzania and realizing that they belonged to about 80% of the women she met.

You can see and hear "**LWV 54th National Convention: Remarks from President Deborah Ann Turner**" at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_X3bmBTwE&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_X3bmBTwE&t=4s).

Also, take the time to listen to our new **CEO Virginia Kase** (*photo at right*) talk about one of her sons being stopped recently by police at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5epVnbqUpY>. Hear Kase (*photo on right*) stand up to criticism that she and the League are no longer nonpartisan, emphasizing that **standing up for Democracy is not nonpartisan**.

More of our newbie leaders share their vigor as they verbalize a vision of what's ahead for the League in the next two years. As I heard our next generation speak out my fears were quelled. For those who must settle for the "Leaguers' Digest" version, here are some of high points:

**The Treasurer reports our League's financial status is strong.** The Per Member Payment (PMP) will be \$32 for the next two years.

**Motion 2020-118 to Retain Current Positions** in the areas of representative government, international relations, natural resources and social policy passed. All motions carried overwhelmingly except two noted below.

**Motion 2020-119 LWVUS Program 2020-2022 Campaign for Making Democracy Work:** to ensure a free, fair and acceptable electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on Voter Rights, improving elections and advocacy for the National Popular Vote Compact, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics and Redistricting.

Continue to work on urgent issues: Climate Change, the Equal Rights Amendment, Health Care, Gun Safety, Immigration, and abolition of the Electoral College.

**The Proposed National Program** met with one controversy: in committee it was decided to table action on the Electoral College abolition issue for the time being given its unlikely ability to gain any



traction in the current congress and to await more favorable conditions. Motion 2020-157 challenged that and upon a 681-458 vote the issue was added back as a program item.

**Motion 2020-145 Transfer of Federal Public Land**, a position sponsored by **LWV New Mexico**, was also controversial. It proposed a process for evaluating the appropriateness of federal land transfers to the States. Many Western States felt strongly about it. While it was supported by New Mexico's League, others, mostly in the west, felt it should be easy for States to reclaim federal lands for conversion to their use. That means allowing a group of citizens to purchase the land directly or indirectly via the State for development. The proposal simply provides a process by which the transfer can be evaluated. It passed 885-207.

**Motion 2020-141 Voter Representation/Election Systems Concurrence**, addresses a system of evaluation of the existing system at all levels of government by which elections are managed. It provides a matrix by which elective processes, beginning to end, can be critiqued.

**Motion 2020-150 was a Resolution reaffirming our commitment to Immigration Reform and calling for immediate congressional action.**

**Motion 2020-136 was a two-part resolution:** The League advocates against systemic racism in the justice system and calls for prompt action by all League members to advocate within every level of government to eradicate systemic racism and the harm it causes.

Further, that indigenous people and all people of color deserve equal treatment under the law, that we demand solutions to the wrongs done so that we can truly become a nation "indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

**Motion 2020-122** resolved that LWVUS call upon the USA to mobilize to restore, protect and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate based on an interrelated approach.

Many politicians and celebrities made cameo appearances praising the work of the LWV. I will try to obtain **Jay Leno's** presentation to share with you---it was fun!

**LWV of Oakland** won a **National Strengthening Democracy Award** for its work helping felons, or "justice involved persons," those who have paid their debt to society, to **regain their right to vote.**

### **My Personal Takeaways**

**President Deborah Ann Turner is everything we could want for this position.** She is erudite, having both an MD and JD degree and very strong resume, gentle but firm, humble, but ready to get in the fray. I liked her.

**Virginia Kase is a force, a sensitive, tough force.** I liked what she said to those who challenged the League's positions on the condition of our body politic as being partisan. She said *"When democracy is attacked, we can't stay neutral. We must stand in our positions and advocate for what is right and just---we must stand for the Constitution"*.

**Local votes are where change begins.**

**Structural racism is invisible to most white people.** It must be fixed.

**Intergenerational conversation is where it happens for us.** We must learn to talk inter-generationally to those older and younger than ourselves. As we bring in the new generation, which we must if we are to remain relevant, we must remember not to throw out the older babies with the bathwater.



**LWV Iowa's theme this year is "HARD WON - NOT DONE."**

**The next LWV National Convention 2022** is set to meet in Denver, and I recommend members vie with me to represent our League. It must be quite a show "live." Thank you for allowing Linda and me to enjoy the experience and for expressing your confidence in us to represent you at the National level. It was an honor.

**Howard Fosler, LWVMC Convention Delegate**





## LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: LINDA DEUTSCH



New **Director-At-Large** **Linda Deutsch**, encouraged by her longtime friend **Janet Brennan**, joined **LWVMC** three years ago after retiring from fulltime work.



first Black person that Florida elected to the US Congress. He still holds that office.

Although she's now lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 32 years, Linda is an East Coast native. She was born and grew up in **Queens, NY**, enrolling in **CUNY Brooklyn** in 1955 at age 17. The college's curriculum required her to volunteer in the area of human rights and *"the only possibility near where I lived was an all-Black public housing project in Queens,"* she says. *"I was the only white person in the project at the height of segregation, working at the day care center with the pre-school program. I liked it so much that I stayed for a year and a half and it got me started on my passion for civil rights."*

Linda was a stay-at-home mom raising two children but she also served on **Ft. Lauderdale's Community Relations Committee**, that city's first interracial team. In 1985, she was divorced and in 1988 she moved here, believing life in California would be easier. *"I didn't have much work experience, but I was a tennis player, so I got a job as administrative assistant to the tennis coach at Carmel Valley Ranch,"* she says. She also joined the **National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI)** and served on the **Human Relations Committee** for the **City of Marina**.

After two years of college, Linda got married and moved to Florida with her husband, who attended the **University of Miami**. *"That was the first time I really encountered anti-Semitism,"* she says. *"Our first week in married housing, we got a note taped to our door with anti-Semitic slurs on it. It turned out to be from a neighbor who was a Coral Gables policeman."*

Linda's career also included working as the **Administrative Assistant** to the **General Manager at KSBW** and six years at **Monterey Airplane Company** at the local airport. *"I was the flights services coordinator and office manager responsible for a worldwide air ambulance service catering to Hollywood movie and Silicon Valley execs,"* she says. *"In addition, I was one of the first organizers of the McCall Motor Sports event, part of the Concours d'Elegance. My last job before retiring was 10 years at Century Aluminum Co., a worldwide multinational mining conglomerate. I got to meet people from all over the world. I never had a job I didn't like."*

Linda's experience in Florida wasn't all bad, however. *"I got a job with an insurance agency in Miami Beach,"* she recalls. *"Everybody who worked there was white and I was the first Jew. But they were great. I worked until I was nine months pregnant and they all made sure I'd be okay if I went into labor."* This was during the era when buses were segregated and Blacks weren't allowed on beaches after 8pm.

Outside of her work experiences, Linda says, she enjoys the theater, has traveled the world, reads and does needlepoint and knitting. She's a member of the **Democratic Women of Monterey County** and **Whites for Racial Equity**.

After Linda's husband graduated, they moved to **Margate, Florida**, where he became a judge. *"I joined a civil rights group of Blacks and whites and we met in my living room,"* she recalls. One member was **Alcee Hastings**, who became the

Linda Deutsch would like to see our League chapter try to get as many people registered to vote as possible during this COVID-19 crisis. *"I'd love to have booths set up at local colleges with registration forms and voter information,"* she says.

**Nancy Baker Jacobs**

 **We Remember Mez, Marlys and Max** 

**Mez Benton**

**M**ez passed away in August, two months short of her 95th birthday. A retired teacher and school administrator, she was **LWV Monterey President** from 1983-84, and a longtime member. Honors for community activism included **2002 Outstanding Women of Monterey County** and **2010 Baha'i Human Rights Awards**.

*"Mez was the closest associate of mine during 30 years of activity in many programs. She was the most capable and dedicated person of anyone I ever knew."* **Lorita Fisher**

*"Mez was always dressed to the nines. She worked tirelessly to keep the child care center open on the DLI."* **Bob Evans**

*"I remember her well. I still hear her unique voice and see her smiling face."* **Sylvia Shih**

*"I met Mez Benton about two years ago. I admired her willingness to get involved in something new. She talked of how projects in her nineties were more complicated. She still wanted to be of service to her community, a generous act."* **Bev Kreps**

**Max Chaplin**

**M**ax passed away in February. Retired from a career as a Foreign Service Officer, he was a leader in the drive to **incorporate Carmel Valley**, and served as **Big Sur Land Trust Board President**. Max and his wife **Cynthia** were household League members for a decade. Max was a **LWV Board member** for several years and participated in **Voter Services** activities.

*"Max was a stalwart attendee at the Natural Resource committee and Lunch and Learn meetings. He was a progressive fellow who believed deeply in protecting the environment."* **Janet Brennan**

*"I had the privilege of serving with Max on the Carmel Valley Association board. He was a courteous, thoughtful, indefatigable, unflappable and to-the-point Board member, a tremendous asset and a lovely person to know and to work with."* **Hannah Priestley**

**Marlys Maher**

**M**arlys (1928-2020) passed away after a long decline in health. She served as **LWV Salinas Valley President** from 1989-1990. Her working career included her serving as **Hartnell College Library Director**. She was devoted to the community. She helped establish the **Foundation of Monterey County Free Library**. And she also took an active part in the campaign to restore the **City of Salinas'** library services after a financial crisis reduced its hours to 13 a week. A reporter described her style as: *"Salinas librarian comes out swinging."*

*"Marlys was a loyal, devoted league leader."* **Kalah Bumba**

*"I remember many meetings at her home planning voter services activities. She thought it was important to introduce school-age students to the mechanics of voting."* **Dennis Mar**

*"We fondly remember Marlys from Hartnell. She was a lovely lady, and we were sorry to hear of her passing."* **Sharon Miller & Bruce McClane**

## VOTER REGISTRATION ONLINE IN MONTEREY COUNTY



There is a new link on the front page of the **Monterey County Elections** website <https://www.montereycountyelections.us>.

### **Check Voter Registration Status**

Whether you have moved, changed your name, or simply visited the **DMV**, all voters are encouraged to **check their registration status to ensure their information is current and correct**. On the opening page of the Monterey County Elections website, click on "VOTERS." In the left column, about halfway down, click on "Voter Registration Status." That presents a panel with a link to check your registration status. A second link will let you sign up for notifications about your ballot status.

### **Get Ready for Election Day**

The VOTERS page also has links to "Register to Vote", sign up for "Vote by Mail," and other voter-related information and actions including "16 and 17 Year-Old Voter Preregistration."



And as mentioned on page 6, we highly recommend **Voter's Edge**, [www.votersedge.org](http://www.votersedge.org).

Our award-winning election information site is everything

you need to know as we approach Election Day. There you can get a personalized ballot for your address, read about and compare candidates' views, find links to articles, upcoming events and forums, videos of candidate forums, get information on measures and who supports them, and much more.

**Bob Evans, LWVMC Website Coordinator**

*with*

**Arlene Guest, Voter's Edge Coordinator**

## 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](mailto:LWVMryCo@gmail.com)

## LEAGUE-WORTHY VIEWING WHILE (STILL) SHELTERING IN PLACE

We have more **FREE**, high quality, interesting and educational videos available at [www.LWVMryco.org](http://www.LWVMryco.org).

We still optimistically refer to them as "Luncheon Videos," though the newest additions will be from **Zoom Web Conferencing** presentations such as:

### **"Monterey County Women's Suffrage Campaign"**

which **Dennis Mar, LWVMC Voter Services** and unofficial **Historian**, gave by invitation to the **Monterey Public Library** August 26;  
and

### **"Monterey County Elections in the Time of COVID"**

which will be available shortly after **Claudio Valanzuela** gives his presentation on September 9th.

Look for other great titles on topics such as **Winning the Vote, Climate Change, Charter Schools, Vulture Capitalists, Sustainable Groundwater, Fracking, Literacy ...**

and many many more!

**Bob Evans,**

**LWVMC Website Coordinator**



**Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County**



**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Compiled by Outgoing Director **Lisa Hoivik** and Incoming Director **Janet Brennan**. Please send future updates to c/o [LWVMryCo@gmail.com](mailto:LWVMryCo@gmail.com)

**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

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- 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.

**Welcome New Members!**

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**Bruce McClane**

(Sharon Miller household)

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**SEPTEMBER**

LWVMC Virtual Board Meeting  
**Monday, 7 September, 1:30pm**  
 Teleconference Phone Call  
*contact: Howard Fosler to receive  
 phone number and code*

LWVMC General Meeting  
**Wednesday, 9 September,**  
**11:45am Zoom Check-In, Audio/Video check**  
**12:15 Guest Speaker Claudio Valenzuela**  
**"Elections in the Time of COVID"**  
*(see front page for details)*

Pacific Grove City Council  
 Virtual Candidates Forum  
 Moderated by LWVMC  
**Tuesday, 15 September**  
 Local Access Channel Live Broadcast  
*contact: PG Chamber of Commerce*  
<http://www.pacificgrove.org>  
 for time and channel

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



**OCTOBER**

LWVMC Virtual Board Meeting  
**Monday, 5 October, 1:30pm**  
 Teleconference Phone Call  
*contact: Howard Fosler*

LWVMC General Meeting  
**Wednesday, 14 October, 11:45am**  
**"LWV Positions on Ballot Measures"**  
*(confirmation and speakers to be announced)*

**Committee Meetings to be Announced**

**NOVEMBER**

LWVMC Virtual Board Meeting  
**Monday, 9 November, 1:30pm**  
 Teleconference Phone Call  
*contact: Howard Fosler*

LWVMC General Meeting  
**Wednesday, 11 November**  
**"Relationship between Climate  
 Change and COVID"**  
*(confirmation and speakers to be announced)*