



VOTER

MARCH 2018 AT A GLANCE

Wed, Mar 7 10 am – 12 pm	<i>Make it Fair General Mtg LWD</i>
Fri, Mar 9 10 am – 12 pm	<i>LWVNCSD Board Mtg LWD office</i>
Mon, Mar 12 10 am – 12 pm	<i>Health Interest Group Mtg Home of Nancy Sublette</i>
Wed, Mar 14 10 am – 12 pm	<i>New Member Coffee Home of Roni Seay</i>
Thur, Mar 15 10 am– 12 pm	<i>Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD</i>
Mon, Mar 19 1 – 3 pm	<i>Book Group Mtg. Home of Jackie Stone</i>
Thur, Mar 22 10 am – 11:30 am	<i>San Dieguito Unit Mtg San Dieguito United Methodist Church</i>
Mon, Mar 26 1 - 3 pm	<i>Women's Interest Group Mtg. LWD</i>
Tue, Mar 27 12 - 2 pm	<i>Oceanside Unit Mtg. Buena Vista Audubon Nature Ctr</i>
Wed, Mar 28 11:30 am - 2 pm	<i>Lunch With League Tom Ham's Lighthouse</i>

APRIL 2018 AT A GLANCE

Mon, Apr 9 10 am – 12 pm	<i>Health Interest Group Mtg Home of Jane Dunmeyer</i>
Tue/Wed, Apr 10/11 10 am Wed/ 2:00 pm Thur	<i>Restoring Respect Conference. Joan Kroc Institute, USD</i>
Fri, Apr 13 10 am – 12 pm	<i>LWVNCSD Board Mtg LWD</i>
Mon, Apr 16 1 – 3 pm	<i>Book Group Mtg. Home of Cathy Greene</i>
Thur, Apr 19 10 am– 12 pm	<i>Carlsbad Unit Mtg LWD</i>
Tue, Apr 24 12 - 2 pm	<i>Oceanside Unit Mtg. Buena Vista Audubon Nature Ctr</i>
Wed, April 25 11:30 am - 2 pm	<i>Lunch With League Tom Ham's Lighthouse</i>
Thur, Apr 26 10 am – 11:30 am	<i>San Dieguito Unit Mtg San Dieguito United Methodist Church</i>



STATEWIDE INITIATIVE WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Wednesday, 3/7/18, 10 AM
Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad

Speaker – Elizabeth Ralston
Past President and current Action Chair,
LWV Los Angeles, official consultant to
the LWVC on State financial issues

By Anne Omsted

This issue is the League of Women Voters California primary interest in 2018. Why? What is it? Why now? Who is supporting it and who is opposing it and why? What happens if it passes? What happens if it doesn't pass? How do other states handle local commercial property assessments? How will businesses be affected if it passes?

This will be another initiative where many millions of dollars will be spent to support it and to oppose it. It has been called the most important initiative in California in the past twenty years. It is all about money and it is a fascinating look into how government raises money to provide services to communities.

Come and learn all about this initiative and the role of the League of Women Voters.



LWVNCSD Officers/Directors/Unit & Committee Chairs 2017-18

New Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs Information:

Officers

President	Anne Omsted
First Vice President & Membership Co-Chair	Roni Seay
Second Vice President & Program Chair	Lorraine Wood
Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
Treasurer	Arlene Meadows

Directors

Local Education Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Member Communication	Open
Membership Co-Chair & Special Projects	Nancy Telford
Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
Regional Gov't. Coordinator	Cathy Greene
Observers Corps	Connie Ulrich
Voter Editor	Margaret Liles
Voter Service	Elizabeth Brady
Co-Webmasters	Suzanne Carneiro
	Loann Simon
Women's Issues	Nancy Hand

Unit Chairs

Carlsbad Unit	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
San Dieguito Unit	Anne Omsted
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus

Committee Chairs

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



President's Message

An initiative petition which will begin circulating soon asks California voters to amend Proposition 13 so that commercial properties are assessed according to market value. This is described by many as “The most important financial decision that California voters will make in decades.” The outcome of this initiative will, if it passes, mean a huge increase in local property tax revenues, which means more money for schools, local roads, and a multitude of local services, from health care to fire and police protection.

Please come to our General Meeting on Wednesday, March 7, to learn all about this very important issue. It has the potential to seriously alter our communities.

I want to give special thanks to Mary Thompson and Martha Cox for offering their famous Civil Engagement Facilitation Training on 2/3, to Cathy Greene, Bill Loftus, and the LWV San Diego members who put on our Homelessness Study Consensus meeting on 2/10, and to Mary Crowley, Lorraine Wood, and Nancy Telford, who presented and recorded our Program Planning meeting on 2/17. All of these League members worked diligently to give our League members great information. All three meetings were great examples of why the League of Women Voters is such a wonderful organization. The information was factual, discussion was vigorous, but always courteous, and consensus was achieved. I am sure all who attended any of the meetings would agree.

If you haven't signed up with Elizabeth Brady for some form of Voter Service, please get on that right away. We are receiving requests for forums now, the June Primary is June 5th, and time is moving quickly! We need to know where you want to help. I heard a phrase recently that sums it all up. “It takes a team to make a dream” (Thanks, Lorraine!) Our dream is to educate voters.

Anne Omsted

March Meetings

All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

Make it Fair General Meeting
Wednesday • March 7
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad
See Article page 1.

Health Interest Committee Meeting
Monday • March 12 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Home of Nancy Sublette.

The Health Interest Committee will be a dress rehearsal of the Advanced Directive presentation they will make to the Carlsbad and San Dieguito unit meetings. (See Article page 4.) Call Nancy or Jane Dunmeyer for the address.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting
Thursday • March 15
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad

The Carlsbad unit wishes to thank Board member Elizabeth Brady, charged with Voter Service, for her excellent job making registering voters easy by training fifteen members as voting services assistants, ready to assist her in registering voters for the upcoming primary and fall elections. Our next meeting will feature Jane Dunmeyer, Health Interest Committee Chair, and members of her Committee who will educate members and guests on Advanced Directives. Guests are welcome.

Book Group Meeting
Monday • March 19
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Home of Jackie Stone

The book group will discuss *Sisters in Law. How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg Went to the Supreme Court and changed the World* by Lisa Hirshman. Nancy Telford will lead the discussion.

Welcome New Member!
Carla Goldberg,
Carlsbad

San Dieguito Unit Meeting
Thursday • March 22
10:00 am – 11:30 am
San Dieguito United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas

The San Dieguito Unit will continue planning for Voter Service, encouraging non-registered citizens to register to vote, voters to become educated and vote. The Health Interest Committee will make a presentation on Advanced Directives.

Women's Issues Group Meeting
Monday • March 26
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

Ann King and Eleanor Schuster will report on reproductive rights at the WIG March meeting. The group will also continue to monitor any national action on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Oceanside Unit Meeting
Tuesday • March 27
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center
2202 South Coast Hwy • Oceanside

The March meeting of the Oceanside Unit will focus members' attention on Program Planning for 2018-19 and include a brief presentation on Voter Service by Elizabeth Brady and a Q&A on the proposed tax initiative under consideration by the Oceanside City Council. Representatives from the City Manager's Office will be present to answer members' questions.

Advanced Directives – What you need to know!

By Jane Dunmeyer

Everyone take note, please! The Health Interest Committee will give another of their outstanding, not-to-be-missed talks, this time on Advanced Directives. They will present to the Carlsbad Unit on March 15th and the San Dieguito Unit on March 22nd.

Advanced Directives are written instructions to your chosen agents as to what medical care you wish to have, or not have, when you no longer can speak for yourself. There will be paper samples for everyone to examine--and a resource page for everyone to take home. The resource page has information about where you can get Advanced Directives for free or a minimal charge with instructions. They will discuss considerations to think about when filling out Advanced Directives. Learn how to have that "Conversation" with your loved ones. Web sites and resources will also be available on the resource handout. Come and bring your friends!

Countdown to a Position on Homelessness

By Cathy Greene

An almost year-long study process has brought our League and the San Diego LWV closer to consensus and a joint League position on the problem of homelessness in San Diego County.

Here's a history of our journey. Last spring, a League committee, composed of members of both LWVNCSD and LWVSD, was formed to study the problem of homelessness in San Diego County. What followed was months of study, research, and meetings with various experts in the field of homelessness, services to the homeless, and affordable housing.

The committee placed articles about these issues in our fall *VOTER* newsletters and presented informational meetings, designed to bring members up to speed with the many aspects of this problem, in the late fall.

Finally in February 2018, both Leagues held consensus meetings for members. At these meetings members received more background information on the issue of homelessness in San Diego County. The committee then presented 13 statements for consideration in inclusion of a future position for our Leagues to adopt. An hour of discussion by members

on these statements produced member opinions and suggestions about what direction our position should take. Chairwoman Kay Ragan directed discussion and "took the temperature" of the room regarding agreement, disagreement, or no consensus for each statement. All comments from members during discussion were recorded.

The next step is for the committee to meet again to begin to form a final consensus. Only those statements that members "came to consensus" in agreement with will be considered for the final position. Any topic that had no agreement or no consensus will not be included in the final position. Committee members will consider all the comments, opinions, and suggestions on the statements given by members from each of the two consensus meetings when formulating this position.

When this final recommendation for a position is ready, it will be presented to each Board of Directors for their approval. Then it will be presented to the membership.

This is how League works—a member directed grassroots process to establish a position from which our leadership can advocate and take action region-wide.

Stay tuned for the exciting conclusion—a new position on Homelessness.

Calling all New and Not-so-New Members

**New Member Morning Gathering
Wednesday, March 14
10 am to 12 noon**

**At the home of Roni Seay in Solana
Beach**

The LWVNCSD warmly invites you to to meet other League members and talk about what LWV can mean for you. If you ever wondered how League works and how you can get the most out of your membership, come and find out. There will be new members and some experienced members that will be delighted to meet you. Interesting people and refreshments guaranteed! Please let us know if you are coming or not. Call Roni at [858-926-8800](tel:858-926-8800) or email her at RoSeay@aol.com.

Board Report

By Anne Omsted

- Heard recommendations about how to use the \$23,000 that LWVNCSD received from the dissolution of the ILO.
- Discussed organizing a program on the Make It Fair Initiative supported by the League of Women Voters California.
- Voter Service Director Elizabeth Brady announced we will sponsor a candidates forum for the 4/24 Special Election in Rancho Santa Fe.
- Voted to sign a petition to the Board of Supervisors to reinstate a night budget hearing, send the petition to our members to sign as individuals, and write a separate letter to the Board along with the LWV San Diego.
- Learned that a county-wide initiative is going to be circulated that will require the Board of Supervisors to take General Plan changes that increase density to the electorate.



**Join the San Diego
County Voter's Edge
Team!**

By Julie Ann Sih

In 2018, would you like to:

- Make a positive impact on society from home, in your spare time, without having to attend meetings?
- Update your personal resume with some marketable skills that will impress prospective employers?
- Promote civility in political discourse?
- Reduce the role of money in determining election outcomes?
- Provide voters with unbiased information about the candidates and measures on their ballots?

You can accomplish all of the above by joining the San Diego County Voter's Edge Team. Voter's Edge California <http://votersedge.org/ca> is a website that allows voters to inform themselves before casting their ballots. It is a joint project of the League of Women Voter's Education Fund and MapLight, a not-for-profit organization that tracks where political donations are coming from.

Through Voter's Edge California, the League of Women Voters offers all San Diego County candidates on the ballot the same opportunity to tell voters about their qualifications and priorities, at no cost. This free publicity reduces the need for candidates to amass large war chests of campaign donations in order to introduce themselves to voters.

Voter's Edge also promotes civility in campaigning, by requiring participating candidates to refrain from making any mention of their competitors in their Voter's Edge statements. This encourages candidates to stay positive and focused on what they want to accomplish for the public if elected--not on the shortcomings of their competitors.

During the 2016 elections, Voter's Edge was promoted on local public television and radio as "the KPBS Voter's Guide." Local universities, libraries, and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters were also very supportive of our efforts.

Whether you would simply like to volunteer a few hours to contact candidates by phone, or if you would like extensive training in order to master all the bells and whistles of our data entry system and spreadsheets--a real resume-building opportunity!--Julie Ann Sih will be happy to put you to work for Voter's Edge.

Please contact Julie Ann at (ca-sd@votersedge.org) if you are interested.

Julie Ann Sih (pronounced "See")

League of Women Voters

San Diego County Co-ordinator, [Voters Edge California](#)

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What does Your LWVNCSD Board of Directors Do?

By Norelynn Pion-Goureau

Often people think of “the board” of an organization as a group of people who meet, give opinions on various issues, and then go out to lunch. True, LWVNCSD Board members, do occasionally go out to lunch, but they do not sit around giving opinions. It is a working, not advisory, board. If you are asked to join, know that you will be working at your job, sometimes very hard, and doing so with other interesting, motivated, and intelligent women!

The second prong of what League does after Voter Services/Citizen Education is Action and Advocacy. The League of Women Voters is unique in taking action on many issues rather than a single issue. LWV at the federal, state and local levels formulates positions based on studies followed by consensus meetings like our recent meetings in February. Our League advocates for these positions, based on what the Board of Directors, after thorough study, consideration and discussion, recommends. The recommended Positions are then presented for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

It is the Board of Directors of our local League who voted to take public action by approving and sending a letter to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in favor of night budget meetings, based on a state transparency in government policy. Another state position informed our decision to oppose the Lilac Hills proposed development. The National LWV position on human trafficking gave our board the ability to send a letter to local superintendents urging them to support the education on human trafficking bill in schools; that bill recently passed. Based on our local position on land use, supported by a local agricultural study, the Board voted to support the SOAR initiative to protect agricultural areas from development in Oceanside. These are just a few of the decisions the Board has taken for our League.

Our board consists of five Officers—President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Vice-Presidents, aided by ten Directors, who each have areas of study and responsibility, plus four off-board Committee Chairs (directors often have committees working under them), plus three unit chairs who transmit board decisions and issues to their unit members, permitting a good flow of ideas in both directions as units are often where local issues begin to bubble. The officers and directors vote on the advocacy measures our League enacts, based on policy positions our local league has approved. So being on our League Board isn’t sipping tea and crumpets, but rolling up one’s sleeves and digging into the work of educating and advocating.



**Lunch With League
March 28, 2018
Tom Ham’s Lighthouse
11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

On average, nearly 100 Americans are killed each day with a gun, and according to the Gun Violence Archive, 34 mass shooting incidents have occurred as of February, including the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Come learn how to prevent gun violence, from protection to legislation. Hear panelists from Moms Demand Action and local researchers on gun culture and violence. Ticket price includes full lunch with drink and dessert.

To RSVP go to <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego>.



Past President Mary Crowley and President Anne Omsted at the February Program Planning Meeting

**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**
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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD

and mail to:

LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership

PO Box 131272

Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or join online at:

http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

The LWVNCSD is a 501(c)(3) organization

Dues:

- \$30 **FIRST** year
- \$60/year
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited

Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle

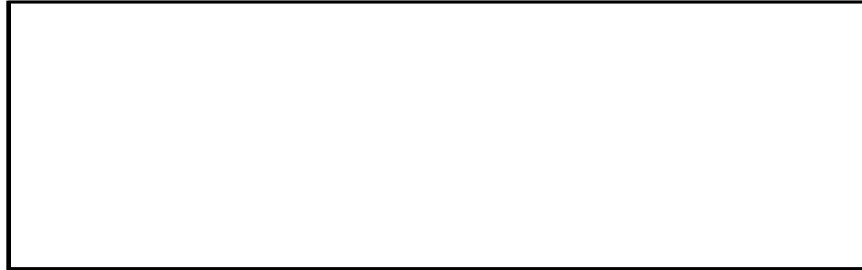
I am interested in the following:

- Voter Service
- Public Policy and Action
- Natural Resources and Land Use
- Organizational Support
- Community Outreach
- Health
- Book Group
- Other _____



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Stay Connected and Share

Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info

www.lwvncsd.org

Check our Facebook page, for photos from the Women's March and our other events and meetings. Don't forget to "like" us. That helps get our message shared even farther than just a look. And for more connecting, try our Twitter feed. You don't need to be on Twitter to see @lwvncsd tweets. Just go to the website and check out our posts on the left sidebar. If you click on a link, it will take you to a webpage with more information about the topic. It's fun, try it!

Suzanne