





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

New Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs Information:

#### **Officers**

President	Anne Omsted
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Local Education Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Member Communication	Open
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Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
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Observers Corps	Connie Ulrich
Voter Editor	Margaret Liles
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Webmaster	Suzanne Carneiro
Women's Issues	Nancy Hand

#### **Unit Chairs**

Carlsbad Unit	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
San Dieguito Unit	Anne Omsted
Oceanside Unit Co-chairs	Diane Nygaard Nancy Sublette

#### **Committee Chairs**

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



## A Message from the President

Regional government is one of the important areas that the League of Women Voters monitors. Cathy Greene is our League's Regional Government Coordinator. This is a new position; in the past, the County League, the Inter-League Organization (ILO), fulfilled this responsibility. The ILO has been dissolved and the local Leagues will now be overseeing regional government issues. This is an opportunity for members to learn about important regional services and keep the rest of the League up-to-date on actions that impact our daily lives.

Some of the areas that the League has traditionally monitored include the County of San Diego – (Land Use, Behavioral Health, Health and related issues, the Justice system, the Board of Supervisors), SANDAG (Transportation), and the San Diego County Water Authority. In our modern world, it is now possible to read agendas and meeting packets online and, in some cases, view meetings online.

Please let Cathy Greene know if there is an issue that interests you, where you have expertise, or follow closely (or would like to follow). We want to build a knowledgeable team to inform us when county issues arise, so we can take appropriate action. Commitment levels and involvement can vary, depending on you.

On another topic, many thanks go to the Womens' Interests Committee, who, partnering with Soroptomists International of Vista and North County Inland, AAUW Del Mar- Leucadia Branch, and North County Lifeline, put on a well-attended, educational forum on Human Trafficking. In the first part of the forum, the movie "Chosen" was both touching and horrifying. District Attorney Summer Stephan gave an excellent overview of current laws and practices related to human trafficking. Trafficking survivor Jaimee was stunningly honest about her history, and how she regained control of her life through a lot of work and help. There is much work to be done in this area. Join the Soroptomists International of Vista and North County Inland on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1 – 3 PM in Vista on the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day and take a One Mile Walk to raise public awareness. It is a small thing that will help raise public awareness of this truly dreadful crime.

And, finally, someone left a very nice cranberry colored sweater, size Small, made by August Silk, at the 9/23/17 Annual Kickoff with Registrar Michael Vu. If it is yours, call me! I want you to have it back again.

*Anne Omsted*  
President

# November / December Meetings

## All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

### Health Interest Committee Meeting

**Monday • November 13 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Home of Jane Dunmeyer**

The Health Interest Committee will be finalizing member assignments. Call Jane for address and directions.

### Carlsbad Unit Meeting

**Thursday • November 16**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Leucadia Wastewater District Boardroom**

The Carlsbad Unit will be finalizing plans for the Observer Luncheon, hear from the Health Interest Committee about their proposed project, and planning how to implement a “Know Your Constitution” drive to involve the public in positive civic discourse.

### San Dieguito Unit Meeting

**Thursday • November 16**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**United Methodist Church**

**170 Calle Magdalena Encinitas**

The San Dieguito Unit will have an update on voter registration, and have a presentation: “up close and personal with hashtags.” For more information call Anne Omsted.

### Book Group Meeting

**Monday • November 20**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Home of Tina Schmidt**

The Book Group will be discussing the *Nordic Theory of Everything* by Anu Partenen. Phee Sherline will lead the discussion.

### Oceanside Unit Meeting

**Tuesday • November 28**

**12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

**Buena Vista Nature Center**

**2202 S. Coast Hwy. • Oceanside**

The Oceanside Unit will be deciding on a community education event tentatively scheduled for January, 2018.

### How Can We Make Voting More Efficient Effective and Fair?

**Wednesday • November 29**

**1:45 pm – 3:45 pm**

**North University Community Library  
8820 Judicial Dr. • San Diego**

Join the San Diego League and fellow North County League members to listen to Paula Lee, a Sacramento LWV member, talk about Ranked Choice Voting.

She will use members of the audience to show how votes would be counted, how this system solves vote splitting issues, encourages civil campaigns and saves jurisdictions money. The system also provides more voter choices, represents more voters and provides more opportunities for women and candidates from other underrepresented communities to run and win.

### What to do about the Homeless in San Diego County

**General Meeting**

**Saturday • December 2**

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Carlsbad Senior Center**

**799 Pine Ave. • Carlsbad**

See article page 1.

### San Dieguito Observer Luncheon

**Thursday • December 7**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Home of Barbara Mendell**

The San Dieguito Observer luncheon will be a potluck, and when you RSVP to Barbara Mendel, she will recommend the type of dish you should bring. Barbara will also supply directions to her home. She will need your RSVP in order to give your name to the entrance gate for admittance. See article on page 5.

### Oceanside Observer Luncheon

**Sunday • December 10**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Home of Diane Stone**

Please RSVP to Diane. See article on page 5.

### Carlsbad Observer Luncheon

**Saturday • December 16**

**10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Gowland Meeting Room • Dove Library**

**1775 Dove Ln. • Carlsbad**

Please RSVP to Norelynn Pion-Goureau. See article on page 5.

## Issues on Homelessness, part 3: What Can Be Done?

By Bill Loftus

This month we address the difficult question of “WHAT can be done?”

Most communities have a collection of homeless programs that provide services and housing to some people who are experiencing homelessness and some people who are struggling with unstable or unaffordable housing. In North County there are a broad range of housing services stretching from Escondido to Carlsbad. The nonprofit Alliance for Regional Solutions brings together all nine North County municipalities, the County of San Diego, law enforcement agencies, private foundations and more than 30 nonprofit health and human service organizations. The Alliance oversees a network of six homeless shelters that include about 220 beds with approximately 100 of those only available during the winter months.

There has been a significant rise in interest on the part of elected officials across the County in seeking out a real solution to the homelessness situation. The County Board of Supervisors, as well as Council members from the City of San Diego are stepping up efforts to offer short term and long term solutions to housing the homeless. Along with the San Diego Housing Commission which administers the federal funds intended to help the homeless there is a broad-based group called the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH).

This past year, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless was merged with the San Diego Regional Continuum of Care, creating a combined organization charged with engaging stakeholders to drive solutions for ending homelessness. County Supervisor Ron Roberts was elected as chair and San Diego City Council member Chris Ward was elected vice-chair.

A Homeless Crisis Response System is different from what most communities have in place today. A Homeless Crisis Response System responds to the needs of all people who are without housing in a given community. San Diego County has over 900 individual service providers who are well intentioned and are passionate about their mission. However, there is no articulated, coordinated system for delivering services on a regional level.

The RTFH hired a private company with expertise in helping cities and regions develop a Community Plan to systemically address the needs of all homeless persons across the County. That Plan is in the second year of development and holds great promise for articulating a Homeless Crisis Response System. While the Task Force’s “Community Plan” is still in the draft stages it

will be important for the League to monitor the progress of this Regional effort.

San Diego City has already adopted a multi-year plan based on the concept of “Housing First”. Housing First offers permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and then provides customized wraparound supportive services to meet their needs. When those experiencing homelessness don’t have to face the fear of getting kicked out of a program or pressure of an arbitrary deadline to meet a provider’s expectations, they are, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, more likely to discontinue substance abuse, participate in job training, attend school and spend fewer days hospitalized than those not participating in Housing First programs.

In November and December the LWVSD and the LWVNCSD will begin to consider this topic and begin steps for consensus on the issue of Homelessness in San Diego County.

The North County League will hold an Informational Meeting on December 2, 10 am to noon, at the Carlsbad Senior Center. Please mark your calendars for this important event. It will feature presentations from the League’s Regional Committee on Homelessness, and opportunities for questions and discussion by League members.

### FINAL CAVEAT TO LEAGUE MEMBERS!

Talk is cheap. Solutions are hard. The questions of where funding will come from, and who will get it when it comes, and what will be done to hold agencies accountable for systemic change are not answered yet. It is still in the “promises” column and not in the reality column. This is precisely where the League’s influence is most essential. Each step of this process should be measured for its progress toward stated policy goals. If the League articulates a policy, its members will be able to support or critique various aspects of planning and decision-making by public and private partners who are supposedly working to implement this seamless system of solutions. Unlike many “stakeholders” in this game, the League has nothing to gain in revenue or reward from any source involved in creating or implementing solutions. What the League does have is the endurance, the focus and the shared expertise of its members to examine progress over the long term, evaluate potential and actual effects of proposed or implemented plans, and comment on how these matters affect the public interest.



## December Observer Reports Luncheons

By *Connie Ulrich*

What is an observer? Observers are league members who attend public meetings of elected and appointed agencies. As the league's "eyes and ears" observers sit quietly and remain neutral as they record what the agency is doing and whether the meetings are conducted in an open and transparent manner. Observers alert the board whenever there is a concern with the function of the committee or if the committee is moving forward with a controversial issue. No other organization has the equivalent of the League's Observer Corps. Observers do not attend meetings to advocate for or against a particular policy; they are there simply in support of good government. Observers are an extension of the league's role as a champion of transparency; a core principal of the LWV and a vital part of its mission since 1920.

Twice a year, observers share their reports with their fellow members at the Observer Reports luncheons. One of our most popular League meetings, the luncheons are an excellent opportunity to learn about your community, meet new members and connect with old friends in an informal setting.

Who are the North County observers?

Carlsbad unit observers are Jane Dunsmeier (Tri-City Health District Board); Lois Martyns (Carlsbad Planning Commission); Jackie Stone (The Carlsbad Library Board); Connie Ulrich (Palomar Airport Advisory Committee and the Buena Vista Lagoon Joint Powers Committee) and our newest observer-Suzanne Burkhalter (Carlsbad City Council).

Oceanside Unit observers include Kathy Christy (Oceanside Public Library Board), and three new observers---Mary Ellen Reese (Oceanside Planning Commission and the Oceanside Economic Development Committee) and Diane Stone and Marlene Suliteanu (who co-observe the Oceanside Arts Commission).

San Dieguito unit observers are Nancy Dietrich (The 22nd Agricultural Association); Alec Jolly (North County Transit District Board); Joyce Joseph (San Dieguito Union High School Board) and Barbara Mendell and Nancy Hand (who share the

MiraCosta College Board of Trustees). Nancy Hand also reports on the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board.

All members are invited to hear the observers' reports and learn what's happening in your community.

### Annual Fiscal Report

By *Arlene Meadows, Treasurer*

As required by the LWVNCSD By-laws, here is the Fiscal Report for our last Financial Year.

#### Beginning Balance 7/1/2016

Checking	13,834.64
Savings	27,725.87
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	550.53
CA Guides Inventory	251.75

**Total Assets 42,372.28**

#### Ending Balance 6/30/2017

Checking	13,097.18
Savings	27,739.75
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	540.93
CA Guides Inventory	0.00

**Total Assets 41,387.35**

LPF and CA Guides Inventory listings are the value of the license plate frames purchased for our fundraiser and the California Guides to Government books for sale and gifts, which have all been distributed.

Total Income	16,889.24
Total Expenses	17,878.54

**Net Income/(Loss) (989.30)**

The annual filings with the IRS, CA FTB and CA Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts are in process for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year.

Please contact Treasurer, Arlene Meadows, [lwvncsd@gmail.com](mailto:lwvncsd@gmail.com) for additional information.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING FORUM A SUCCESS!

By *Nancy Hand*

Prior to the formation of the Women's Interest Group (WIG), Jackie Stone and I interviewed Randa Krakow who is on the San Diego County's Task Force against Human Trafficking. We knew this was a critical county issue and would best be addressed in a community forum. Our newly formed WIG members agreed. Unfortunately, the only time Jackie could reserve the Dove Library's Schulman Auditorium was from 9:30 am to 12 pm on a Saturday. Our next dilemma was how are we going to get people to come to a forum early on a Saturday morning? One of the reasons the event attracted close to 150 people is that we invited other organizations to co-sponsor the event: AAUW Del-Mar Leucadia, Soroptimist International of Vista and North County Inland, North County Lifeline and Sisters of the Streets. The other reason was our enthusiastic and thorough publicity efforts. Flyers were distributed to libraries, churches, synagogues, high school and college campuses, as well as other groups familiar to WIG members. Local and County newspapers publicized the event and Lola Sherman, Reporter for the Union Tribune, devoted a full column to the issue and event.

After a warm welcome, the audience viewed the video "Chosen" which emphasized how U.S. teenagers can easily fall into the trap of pimps, or "facilitators" as they like to be called.

Soroptimist member, Kaye Van Nevel was our Moderator. She has been fighting against human trafficking since 2005 and was able to get two wonderful and engaging speakers – Summer Stephan, San Diego County District Attorney and Jaimee Johnson, a human trafficking survivor. Summer mesmerized the audience with her description of what her department has done and the ongoing problems we face. She talked about crucial legislation and partnerships with San Diego County middle and high schools in implementing her model curriculum to increase awareness and prevention of sex trafficking.

Jaimee shared her thoughts about suffering and being trapped in this lifestyle. Kaye, Summer and Jaimee then participated in a Question & Answer session drawing many questions and comments from the audience. It was exciting to see that our audience truly represented the community – all ages and ethnicities. It is so important for the League to increase public awareness about our organization. I think the Forum accomplished that mission.

As an ongoing Action Item, Nancy McMahon, Judy Thum and Norelynn Pion-Goureau are contacting high school counselors to promote the video "Indoctrinated" to be shown to counselors, parents and students. The video also comes with a Study Guide.

Sincere thanks to our hard-working committee: Joanne Fink, Ann King, Naomi Marblestone, Nancy McMahon, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Tina Schmidt, Eleanor Schuster, Jackie Stone, Nancy Telford, Judy Thum, Arleen von Schlieder and Pat Yeakley.

Our next WIG meeting is Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm at the LWWD. We hope you join us and bring ideas about issues to focus on and educate the public.

### Thank You!

A sincere "Thank You" to those LWVNCSD members who renewed your dues promptly. Many members generously renewed at a higher level which is greatly appreciated! This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to renew your membership in LWV was October 31, 2017. Also, remember that when you are a member of LWV you are a member of the Local, State and National League organizations.

Thank you for your support of the League of Women Voters!

## Welcome New Members!

Debra Bartley, Carlsbad

Kristi Becker, Solana Beach

Tyler Bradley, Carlsbad

Susan Hori, Encinitas

Mary Lucid, Escondido

Jill Weitzen MacDonald, Solana Beach

### LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

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](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html)

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#### 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

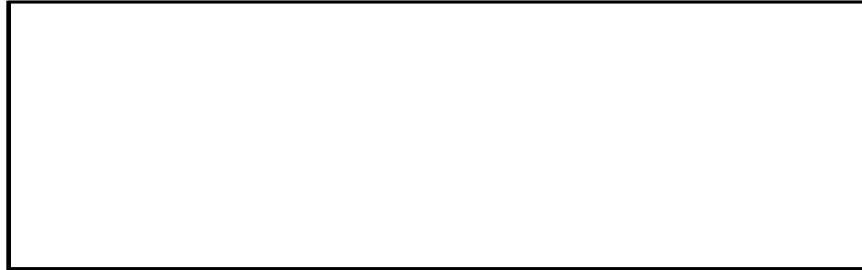
#### I am interested in the following:

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



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## **Stay Connected and Share**

**Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info  
[www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)**

**Some of us are getting to the point where we don't really want any more gifts of "stuff" people think we want. One way to solve that problem is to let your friends and family know you would rather they donate to your favorite charity or organization. We are making it easy for them by having a Donate button on our website AND our Facebook page. So spread the word and help keep our important work funded. The more money we raise, the more we can do to Make Democracy Work! Thanks,**

*Suzanne*