

Dear LWVHC Members:

We had a good planning meeting in August thanks to **Deborah Downs** who oversaw the meeting while I watched via a digital Zoom gadget. Two new board members are **Jessica Snow** and **Erin Dunn Hawley Riffenburg**, new to the board, was elected Treasurer at the Annual Meeting.

We all need to thank **Deborah Downs** for her excellent service as our Treasurer for several years. We nominated new committee members and **Byrd Lochtie** reminded us of the responsibilities of board members. We spent time at our planning session determining who would be doing what job, both on and off the board. Many of these jobs appear in every VOTER under *Who's Who in the League*. **Nancy Kay** did a nice job again of preparing a board structure document for us. You can see the board structure on page 4 of this Voter.

Julie Kelly and I reported on the LWVUS Convention that we both attended for our League. If you would like to read a summary of what the convention did, go to this web site: <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/chicago/article/lwvus-2018-national-convention-report>

The convention did agree to support elimination of the electoral college, to support a carbon tax, but does not support the question about U.S. citizenship being added to the decennial census in 2020.

A full summary of the planning committee will be provided in **Patricia-Anne WinterSun's** minutes that will be available after the September 11 Board meeting at 5:30pm at our A1AA conference room. How fortunate we are to have such an excellent Secretary.

We have an important request for those of you not on our board. We need a *Hospitality Chair* to assist us at various meetings. If you'd like information about what this service is, please contact **Becky Simpsons** at simpsonl@suddenlink.net or 498-6340.

Anne Hartline is our new Voter Service director and will be organizing events to register students and get others to register for the November elections. Our League has agreed to participate in the National Voter Registration Day. We have posters and stickers to encourage folks to register to vote. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know.

Have a good month despite all the smoke and thank you for being a member of this wonderful organization.

Rollin Richmond
President

Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



2018-2019 LWVHC Board Photo

LWVHC MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Kelly Sanders & Lucinda Jackson
Will be speaking about elections and poll workers

Saturday, September 29th at 10am
Kate Buchanan Room, HSU

\$10 for League Members
— 1 guest free with League Member

RSVP by September 20th to Becky Simpson

Providing More Than Hydration at Avenue of the Giants by Kay Escarda

A huge Thank You to the 2018 Avenue of the Giants aid station volunteers: **Janet Biasca, Carol Masterson, George Ojala, Rudy Ramp, Dottie Riffenberg, Hawley Riffenberg, Darlene Sampson, Vickie Tuner and Patricia WinterSun.** We worked hard and fast, shared good company and good food and had a great day helping, and being appreciated by, the runners.

This year, as rarely happens, we had a guy go down. Our new volunteer, **Janet Biasca**, a pharmacist, and I gave first aid, kept him warm, and kept him talking while assessing his condition. Our CB guy, **Cliff Banfill**, called it in. We didn't think Jesse, age 41 (didn't record # or last name) needed an ambulance, but we kept watch for signs of shock. He had had the flu but said he felt good until mile 16. He arrived at our station dizzy, pale, nauseous, legs cramping, and teeth chattering for a long time. We warmed him up lying down with blankets, massaged his legs, gave sips of hot tea and later orange slices. He said his mother had told him she didn't think he should do the run. When the volunteer car arrived to transport him, I advised him to follow this Mom's advice and not to try to drive back to Mariposa today. He was feeling well enough to laugh. He thanked us several times, we all hugged, he left with the driver and we went back to filling cups. He was glad we were there and so were we!

You might think about joining us next year. It's a valuable service, besides adding a bit of cash for the League budget. The run is always the first Sunday in May. Put it on your mental calendar. And thanks again to a great crew.

Additional Comments by Hawley Riffenberg

On May 6th, 2018, I joined the team of LWVHC members who host an aid-station in the Avenue of the Giants Marathon. By 9:00 the volunteers were ready to serve water and Gatorade (mixed in 60-gallon plastic cans) to 1986 runners. Runners passed the station twice so we had refreshment tables on both sides of the route. Around 1:00 the stream of runners thinned and we enjoyed a delicious potluck which sustained us through packing up the station 2:30 after the last runner passed.

The League has been hosting an aid-station for many years. Our group receives a generous donation for this service. I feel inspired and hopeful having heard stories about prior initiatives by LWVHC veteran members.

The next marathon is scheduled for May 5th, 2019. Join the team next year to enjoy a day in the Redwoods, experience empowering community service and be a part of an enriching and dynamic team.

Contact Kay Escarda at kay.escarda@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS!!

Margaret Augustine
Diane Dickson
Catherine Koskin
Susan Diehl McCarthy
Elizabeth Phillips
Carolyn Prescott

New Board Member Bio — Hawley Riffenberg

Hello! My name is Hawley Riffenberg. I am looking forward to serving as your next Treasurer and feel very fortunate to live in Humboldt County. I was born and raised in Fortuna. My education was shaped by travel arranged by my mother, Dottie Riffenberg, an innovative and passionate US History and Government high school teacher. When I was 10, we visited historic sites for 2 weeks narrated by a professor whose specialty was the Civil War. In 1976, my parents both took teaching sabbaticals, and we towed a trailer all around the East Coast to experience 5 months Bi-Centennial Celebrations. My father, Bob Riffenberg, who taught middle school math, gave Algebra problems to work out on one side of my slate and made sure I did the proof on the other side while we traveled. When I was 14, my mother discovered a 4-H summer exchange program in Japan. I stayed with a wonderful family for 5 weeks and visited Hiroshima where I experienced a very different narrative about American History. We also spent ample time in an old apple orchard on the Eel River where I was nourished by a summer-place community, time on the river, and exploring a mountain that had once been a thriving logging town.

I, recently, concluded my 30-year journey in the evolving field of Software Development in the Bay Area. When I graduated from HSU with a degree in Mathematics, my career began as a contractor engineer configuring communications to monitor status and send commands to change orbits of an experimental constellation of DoD satellites, GPS. I soon found my calling as a Quality Assurance Engineer and dove into testing math-driven models that simulated launch and early orbit maneuvers of the satellites. The training simulator was used to train staff to launch over 30 GPS satellites.

I loved working with several teams of amazing and talented software developers in Ukraine, Russia, and India. The culture in software development actively practices Non-Violent Communication and Agile tools. Mentoring 12 Ukrainian women, who became Quality Assurance Managers balancing motherhood, was my favorite professional accomplishment. My curiosity led me to projects ranging from Y2K testing for Visa International's home banking system, to testing a leading social media marketing solution used by most major corporations that monitor online customer forums and reviews. As decision-making implementing monetization strategies, in the engineering processes, shifted toward leveraging big data analysis driven by neuroscience grew, so did my inner conflicts with personal ethics.

As a single, professional mother, I found a rich network of mothers who supported me in my daughter's public, Spanish Immersion charter school, Girl Scout troop of 10 years, Peninsula Youth Orchestra for 6 year and AYSO for 10 years. Ravella graduated from Willamette University with a BA in Anthropology and now balances writing, performing and working at the Seattle Museum of Art. When my daughter graduated from college, it was time to leave my career and the congestion of the Bay Area and return to Fortuna.

It is wonderful to be available to support my parents' desire to always live in their home of 50+ years. I work at Humboldt Senior Resource Center as the assistant to Joyce Hayes, Executive Director, and staff to the Board of Directors. I value the people I work with and appreciate having an opportunity to be part of an organization that generously serves our community.

Though all the turmoil of current events, I refresh my sense of hope in the democratic process by listening to stories about younger activists organizing around voter registration. Their passion and ability to articulate issues impacting their lives motivates me to sign up to do something. I volunteered with LWVHC for the first time this year at both the Avenue of the Giants - Aid Station and at the 4th of July Voter Registration Booth. At both events, I felt welcomed, included and appreciated by wonderful members who have a vast array of stories about LWVHC's rich history.

I have been working with the Board Members to include an "I Vote For" Sign Making Activity at the North Country Fair while distributing VotersEdge and registration. Please consider signing up, for a busy booth, we need 4 volunteers at the booth for 8-2 hour shifts on September 15th and 16th. Join me and share a new original slogan while inviting conversations about staying motivated to show up to vote in November.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA
RECOMMENDS
November 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

PROP 1 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond **YES**
California is experiencing a housing crisis. The state’s extreme shortage of affordable housing has life and death consequences, especially for people with low incomes. Housing instability has been linked to public health crises, food insecurity, and developmental problems in children. Prop 1 will build and preserve affordable homes, including supportive housing, for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, Californians experiencing homelessness and others struggling to find a safe place to call home. It will authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds, to be used to support these affordable housing programs. It would also leverage federal dollars for construction of new housing. *Vote YES on Prop 1.*

PROP 2 Homeless Housing Bond **YES**
A quarter of the nation’s homeless reside in California--over 130,000 people. A significant percentage of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of unspent money, originally allocated through a 2004 measure to fund mental health services, to be used to address the problem. If passed, the unspent money would be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services, and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. *Vote YES on Prop 2*

PROP 3 Water Bond **NO**
It is essential that California manage and develop water resources in ways that benefit the environment, and that the environmental focus emphasizes both conservation and use-appropriate high water quality standards. However, this bond is not the way to accomplish those goals. While the League of Women Voters of California supports the use of long-term debt (bond measures) to finance capital projects, this measure has a number of fatal flaws, including: • Shifting the cost for water from the end users to California taxpayers; • Reducing state money available for other critical state programs like education, affordable housing, and healthcare; • Failing to provide for adequate project oversight and financial accountability. *Vote NO on Prop 3.*

PROP 4 Children’s Hospital Bond **NO**
While the League of Women Voters of California supports quality healthcare for all Californians, Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in public, general obligation bond money to support privately-owned children’s hospitals, along with five children’s hospitals in the University of California system. State funds should not be used to support private facilities. This principle stands even when, as is the case in this measure, the facilities serve severely ill children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. These are capital improvements that could be funded either through revenues the private hospitals generate or through capital campaigns (where, for example, a building is named after a donor). *Vote NO on Prop 4.*

PROP 5 Property Tax **NO**
Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services. Prop 5 is a costly constitutional amendment that would reduce funds for schools and local services by \$1 billion per year. In exchange for that \$1 billion a year, Prop 5 would provide special tax benefits to some property owners. It does nothing to help low-income seniors, or families struggling to find housing. Seniors already have the ability to keep their tax break when they downsize. Prop 5 drains California’s coffers of money that is essential to schools and communities. *Vote NO on Prop 5.*

PROP 6 Gas Tax Repeal **NO**
California is in critical need of highway and local street repairs and maintenance, and improvements to mass transit and transportation. Prop 6 would repeal the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, amounting to a loss of \$4.7 billion in annual funding. The measure would also add a constitutional amendment requiring any fuel or diesel taxes to be approved by voters, limiting the legislature’s ability to address California’s serious infrastructure needs. Passage of this repeal measure would have significant negative impacts and leave our state structures vulnerable, especially during natural disasters. *Vote NO on Prop 6.*

PROP 10 Repeal Costa Hawkins **YES**
Multiple strategies are needed to address the significant housing shortages and inequities that exist across California. While this rent control measure offers little systemic progress, and may not result in adding new affordable housing units, it does allow local communities to respond to the housing crisis in ways that are appropriate for each of them. We support providing local communities with this control. *Vote YES on Prop 10.*

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking **no stand** on **Prop 7** (Daylight Savings Time), **Prop 8** (Dialysis), **Prop 11** (Ambulance Drivers), and **Prop 12** (Farm Animals).


Prop 9 was removed from the ballot.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, October 22nd

The League will present ***Pros and Cons*** of the upcoming November ballot propositions.

Humboldt State’s Extended Education’s OLLI program invited The League to participate in its Brown Bag Lunch Presentations



Noon to 1:30pm
Hospice of Humboldt Conference Room
(3327 Timber Fall Court in Eureka).

BOARD STRUCTURE 2018/2019


President (Officer) **Rollin**

VOTER SERVICE PORTFOLIO	ADMINISTRATION	STUDY AND ACTION PORTFOLIO
Forum Director Carol	Vice-President (Officer) Deborah Patricia-Anne	Program Director Judy
Voter Service Director Anne	Secretary (Officer) Anne	<i>Position/Action Directors:</i>
Community Education Director Nancy	Treasurer (Officer) Hawley	Natural Resources Director Leslie
Elections Service Director Byrd	Membership Director Becky	Social Policy Director Keith
	Communication Director Erin	Government Director Elaine
	Website/FaceBook Chair Kathy	
	Traditional Media Publicity Chair Jessica	
	VOTER Editor Julie	

Special Appointments - not necessary to be on Board

VOTER Circulation Chair	Carolyn Otis
Telephone tree	Jeanette Hurst
Hospitality Chair	
SOCL Board Liason	Julie Kelly
SOCL Chair	Judy Bennett
Access Humboldt Liason	Elaine Weinreb
Historian	Sharolyn Hutton
Publications	Lorey Keele
Kathryn Corbett Scholarship	Judy Bennett
E-Mail Communications Chair	Erin Dunn
Board Refreshments Chair	Kathy Johansson

Executive Committee: Rollin, Deborah, Patricia-Anne, Byrd, Julie <i>President, VP, and 3 board members</i>
Budget Committee: Deborah (chair), Hawley, Nancy and 3 non board members <i>Treasurer, minimum of 2 board members, and 3 non board members</i>
Nominating Committee: Sharolyn (chair), Carol Johnson, Meg Stofsky, Becky, Anne <i>Chair and 2 non board members (elected at Annual Meeting), and 2 board members</i>
Governance Committee: Byrd (chair), Nancy and Judy

 = OFF BOARD
BOLD = HAS JOB DESCRIPTION
<i>RED</i> = BOARD MEMBER

VOTER SERVICE

Midterms on My Terms!

Are you interested in registering new voters for the November 6, 2018 General Election? Are you eager to be a part of LWVHC's highly regarded Candidate Forum process? Do you just want to learn more about all that LWVHC does to facilitate voter participation in Humboldt County? Do you want to become informed about National Voter Registration Day activities? Then kick off the new League year by attending a fact-filled orientation for Voter Service!

Plan to join Carol Masterson and Anne Hartline, as well as other LWVHC Board members, for a Voter Service Orientation on Sunday, September 23rd, from 2pm –4pm in the Conference Room of the Area One Agency on Aging Building at 434 7th St in Eureka. All your voter service questions will be answered! Light refreshments will be served.

P.S. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be involved with Voter Service activities in 2018, contact Carol at (707)768-3118 buffy7@suddenlink.net or Anne Hartline at (707)822-1161 annehartline10@gmail.com

Voter Service Events are Underway: Thank you Volunteers!!!!

As the new 2018/2019 Voter Service Director for LWVHC, I am pleased to report that we have already begun our efforts to register voters and update voter registrations here in Humboldt County. At this point, our efforts have centered on new and returning HSU students, but we will be expanding our outreach in the months ahead. The Board will be discussing new opportunities for voter registration at our next Board meeting.

So far, Leaguers staffed a table at HSU on August 13th, 14th, and 16th and spoke to many HSU students as they attended new student orientation activities. Though we did not register a lot of students (they were pretty focused on getting their living situations squared away at HSU), we did have many great conversations with young adults about the importance of registering AND voting. **MANY THANKS to Jessica Snow, Joan Williams, Laura Olson, Anne Harris, Andrea Suttell, and Patricia-Anne WinterSun for their efforts!** You represented LWVHC with class!

Future activities: I am looking for volunteers to staff a table at the HSU Clubs and Community Fair, Wednesday, Sept. 5th from 10am – 2pm on the HSU Quad. Also, I am looking for Leaguers to register voters at the "Home Away From Home" Community Potluck on September 9th from 5pm to 7pm at the D Street Neighborhood Center on 13th and D St in Arcata. If you would like, you can also bring potluck dish to share with students as we welcome them to our community.

If you would like to volunteer at either of these upcoming events, please let me know!

Anne Hartline (707)822-1161 or annehartline10@gmail.com

BOARD BRIEFS

- Set our monthly Board meeting dates to be the Second Tuesday of the month at 530pm (September – June)
- Welcomed our new board members Jessica Snow, Erin Dunn, and Hawley Riffenberg
- Determined that Julie Kelly would be *VOTER* editor, Keith Snow-Flamer would be Social Policy chair, Elaine Weinreb would be Government chair, Anne Hartline would be Voter Service chair, and Leslie Leach would remain Natural Resource chair

LEAGUE CALENDAR 2018-2019

	EVENT	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August	Board Planning Meeting	Saturday	8/11/2018	10:00	HAF
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8/18/2018</i>		
September	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	9/11/2018	5:30	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9/18/2018</i>		
	Forum and Voter Service Training	Sunday	9/23/2018	2:00	A1AA
	North Country Fair	Sat/Sun	9/15-9/16		
	Voter Registration Day	Tuesday	9/25/2018	TBD	TBD
	Membership Brunch	Saturday	9/29/2018	10:00	TBD
October	Pros and Cons - Fortuna Chamber of Commerce	Monday	10/8/2018	12:00	Monday Club (Fortuna)
	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	10/9/2018	5:30	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10/18/2018</i>		
	Pros and Cons - OLLI	Monday	10/22/2018	12:00	Hospice of Humboldt
	New Membership Orientation	TBD	TBD	TBD	A1AA
November	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	11/13/2018	5:30	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11/18/2018</i>		
	Electoral College Presentation	Thursday	11/29/2018	5:30	A1AA
December	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	12/11/2018	5:00	TBD
	Holiday Party	Tuesday	12/11/2018	6:00	TBD
January	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	1/8/2019	5:30	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>		
	Local Program Planning	Sunday	1/27/2019	2:00	A1AA
February	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	2/12/2019	5:30	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>2/18/2019</i>		
	State Program Planning	Thursday	2/21/2019	5:30	A1AA
March	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	3/12/2019	5:30	A1AA
	Foster Care Study	Sunday	3/10/2019	2:00	A1AA
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>3/18/2019</i>		
	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	4/9/2019	5:30	A1AA
April	State of the Community Luncheon	Friday	4/12/2019	12:00	Adorni Center
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4/18/2019</i>		
May	BOARD MEETING	Tuesday	5/14/2019	4:30	TBD
	Annual Meeting	Tuesday	5/14/2019	6:00	TBD
	<i>Voter article deadline</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5/18/2019</i>		
	<i>Annual Meeting Kit info deadline</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>5/24/2019</i>		
June	BOARD MEETING (In and Out)	Tuesday	6/11/2019	5:30	A1AA

Citizenship Question on Census Opposed by League

The League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued the following statement in response to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' decision to include a question pertaining to citizenship in the 2020 Census: "Including a question about citizenship in the 2020 Census will damage the chances for an accurate count of our country's population. This unprecedented change to the way we count the number of people living in the United States is a betrayal of the idea that in America, every person counts.

"Make no mistake: this decision isn't about improving demographic data on citizenship. It's designed to frighten immigrants—citizens and noncitizens alike—so they won't participate in the Census. It's a blatant political maneuver meant to disenfranchise these groups and deny them equal representation. So Secretary Ross' claim that this question helps enforce the Voting Rights Act is preposterous. Indeed, including this question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy.

"For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the geographic distribution of our population so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably. A fair and accurate Census is essential to the way the federal government allocates resources for infrastructure, education, and transportation. Census data is critical when determining resources for fire, water and trash collection. Without a complete count of our nation's people, businesses will not have the tools to make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving.

"Adding this question to the Census now is not only unnecessary and jeopardizes the accuracy of the report, but it comes at a huge financial expense. Taxpayers should not be held responsible for the time and cost of changing the forms and making the report less accurate.

"The United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States – not all citizens. Non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to paint a complete picture of our great country. The clock is ticking toward 2020. We call on Congress to take action and correct this issue before it is too late."

In California, Senator Kamala Harris wrote to the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, asking for an oversight hearing on the planned 2020 census. She pointed out that there has not been a citizenship question on the short form census in 70 years. She added: "...A wide range of community and business leaders believe the question will depress participation of immigrants and U.S. citizens in mixed-status households who fear how the government will use information collected from this question..."

"Furthermore we are concerned that the addition of the citizenship question is tainted by improper political considerations.Acting Assistant Attorney General John Gore -- who has a record of defending Republican electoral redistricting plans in federal court-- was personally involved in making the request. (We) want to make sure that every aspect of the Census is free from political motivations and that any request to make major changes is supported by analysis and documentation...."

"The 2020 Census remains on the Government Accountability Office's High-Risk List due to untested technological innovations... security challenges, and unreliable cost estimates...."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra filed suit against the federal government in March, 2018, saying that "including a citizenship question in the 2020 Census violates Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution, which requires the 'actual Enumeration' of all people in each state every ten years. The suit also alleges that the Trump Administration's last-minute action violates Administrative Procedure Act's prohibition against 'arbitrary and capricious' agency action

Becerra's lawsuit was soon joined by several other states, and by several California local governments, including the County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Los Angeles, Fremont, Long Beach, Oakland, and Stockton. The most recent city to join the lawsuit was the City of Phoenix, Arizona.

"It is no secret that the Trump administration is dead set on reducing the voting power and federal funding for states like California and cities like Oakland whose residents overwhelmingly did not cast their votes for the current occupant of the White House," said Oakland City Attorney Barbara J. Parker. "The addition of a citizenship question clearly is a pretext for achieving that goal. Faced with the loss of the popular vote and a country that has an increasing number of immigrants and people of color, this outlaw administration is attempting to undercount and disenfranchise diverse communities like Oakland and California."

OBSERVERS

The League of Women Voters is known for its Voter Service: voter registration, candidate forums, information forums, pros and cons presentations and other educational events. But the other arm of the League, that of Action and Advocacy, is also important to our democracy. It involves our studies, consensus and position statements. These positions can then be used to advocate for or against a proposed decision by a governmental body.

In order to take appropriate action, the board needs to know what is going on in the county and in each community. The Action Chairs cannot be at every meeting of the Board of Supervisors, city councils and various commissions, so they are seeking Leaguers who would like to be Observers for the League. Observers wear a League Observer button, listen throughout the meeting (saying nothing, but serving notice that the League is there) and then report to the Action Chair of the appropriate portfolio if something of interest to the League is being considered.

You can choose the area that interests you particularly. **Keith Snow-Flamer** chairs the Social Policy Portfolio, which includes Education, Foster Care, Child Care, Domestic Violence, Housing, Public Health, Adult Detention Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities. **Leslie Leach** heads the Natural Resources Portfolio which includes positions on Land Use Planning, Hazardous Waste Management and Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay. The Government Portfolio is chaired by **Elaine Weinreb**. Positions in this portfolio include Local Government Finance, Eureka City Government, the Grand Jury, the Library, the Role of Government in Economic Development, Transportation and our new position on Civic Engagement.

Observing at the Board of Supervisors and City Councils is important for almost all of these areas. School Boards will be critical for our Education Position, and the Harbor District will be relevant to the Position on Humboldt Bay.

If you are interested in being a League Observer—and getting a really cool button!—contact the chair of the portfolio that includes your favorite topic. The Chairs are all listed in the Who's Who in this VOTER. They will welcome your assistance in helping our League take appropriate action when we have a relevant position to address an issue.

THE LEAGUE OFFICE

LWVHC has a long—over 60 years—history in Humboldt County. For many years, most of our files and archives were kept in members' garages or spare rooms because we did not have an office. For a few years we have had an office, with much of our history there, but without a great deal of really good organization. Now we have two Leaguers who are going to spend some time in the office ensuring that ALL our files are in good shape, keeping everything we should have in our archives, but recycling/shredding anything we no longer need. Thank you to **Michele Fell-Casale** and **Carolyn Otis** for their willingness to take on this big job!

And speaking of history, **Kay Escarda**, past President and long-time board member, still has a couple of boxes in her garage! She would really love to work with another League member who would help her sort what ought to go the archives in the office, what she should keep and what to toss. If you would like to spend some time with Kay, looking at League history, please contact her at kay.escarda@gmail.com or call her at 442-7495. I guarantee you will learn a great deal—and have fun!



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Who's who in the League?!

2018-2019 BOARD

- President.....Rollin Richmond
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- Secretary.....Patricia-Anne WinterSun
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- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Director.....Carol Masterson
- Voter Service Director.....Anne Hartline
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Website/Facebook Chair.....Kathy Johanson
- Voter Editor.....Julie Kelly
- Community Education DirectorNancy Kay
- Social Policy Director.....Keith Snow-Flamer
- Communication Director.....Erin Dunn
- Traditional Media/Publicity Chair.....Jessica Snow

Join Now!

Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____





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To:

Check Out Our New Website!

by Kathy Johanson

Hello fellow League Members! As of June 30th we transitioned to a new website! If you saved your links or bookmarked your page, you will need to search for LWVHC.org and resent your link. You'll know you are on the right page when you see the slideshow with pictures of our recent board retreat and more. One of the advantages of our website are now subscribed to LWVUS and LWVC action alerts enabling us to keep on top of what is happening at the state and national levels. This new look was created by LWVC and has the advantage of being updated to LWV standards as they evolve. If you have any questions about our website please send us a note at info@lwhc.org.