

Dear League Members:

Welcome to the 2019/2020 League year! The Membership Brunch meeting will take place September 14th at 10am in the HSU Kate Buchanan Room. As you probably know, this event is one of our two most important gatherings of the year for League members, and your Board hopes to see many of you there. The speaker this year is *Connie Stewart from the Redwood Coast Rural Action (RCRA) regarding the 2020 Census, Complete Count*. The League is supporting Complete Count and will be working to inform everyone about the importance of completing the census information. Be sure to put September 14th on your calendars; we look forward to seeing all of you. More details about the Brunch, as well as how to make a reservation, can be found in an article in this VOTER.

Thank you, **Anne Hartline**, for organizing LWVHC participation in the Rio Dell Wildwood Days Parade and Voter Registration booth. We had a great group of members, male and female, who rode in the Grand Marshall car at the parade or walked alongside, as well as members willing to serve at the table registering voters. Please see the article later in this edition for details. It was a fun time for all.

The League Board met in July to plan our League's activities for the coming year. Some of the activities include supporting the Complete Count Census, the Schools and Community First measure that will be on the November 2020 ballot, and a Homelessness Task Force with other Leagues in the State, as well as completing the review of the Foster Care position. The 2020 Election promises to be a busy season and LWVHC members will be out in the community helping to make sure that people are registered and informed when voting.

Climate Change has now become a Climate Emergency, as voted on at the LWVC Convention last June. Our League will be part of the statewide task force studying the issue and working to inform voters, as well as taking action whenever possible. This is your League at work! Thank you **Leslie Leach** for representing LWVHC in that important work.

This will be a busy year and we look forward to keeping you all informed and involved.

Sincerely,
Deborah Downs
LWVHC, 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.

LWVHC Membership Brunch

Saturday, September 14th
10am

Kate Buchanan Room
Humboldt State University

\$10 for League Members
(1 guest Free with League Member)

Speaker
Connie Stewart
Complete Census Count

RSVP by September 7th
Becky Simpson 839-3867

Sally Upatisringa June 16, 1943 — June 17, 2019

by Kay Escarda, League Member

I met Sally in the early '70-'s through the League of Women Voters. We were both pretty active and spent quite some time working on things together, becoming life-long friends. Sally chaired a study on Housing which also became my passion. Sally was Humboldt County League President from 1975 to 1977. During her tenure we worked on Solid Waste Management, Assessment Practices and Property Taxes, the Arcata General Plan, Relaxing the County Class K regulations, a Review of Eureka City government and of course, voter service and candidate forums. The League can only take action on policy items we have studied and reached a written members' consensus. Under Sally's leadership we were well qualified to speak with authority on these issues for the next number of years.



She went on to be the only person from our local League to serve on the State Board where she served three terms. She carried the Housing portfolio, in addition to Welfare and Equal Rights. She was also Membership Director and spent two years as Vice President of Management and Training North. Having someone on the State Board was quite an honor for our little League and she represented us well.

Sally's involvement in the League bolstered her interest in advocating a Free Public Library. She said her first unit meeting of the League after moving here from Oregon was the beginning of a study of the local Library. Supervisor Sara Parsons was the speaker. Sally volunteered for years, both in fundraising and actual hours at the old Carnegie Library, until the new Main Branch Library became a reality. She was a member of the Construction Advisory Committee, co-founded the Humboldt Library Foundation, served as an officer and a board member for over a decade and received the Helen Everett Award in 2005 for her support of the public library.

When the League initiated the **State of the Community Luncheon** in 1992, there was no contest as to who would be honored with our first **Civic Contribution Award**. Of course it was Sally. There have been nearly 60 individuals or organizations honored in the 28 years of the Community Luncheons but Sally set the standard.

Sally's extensive community involvement led her to become an opinion commentator for a local radio station: **Community Comments**, a 3 minute twice monthly spot. I listened regularly and admired her offerings. There was a stable of 10 regulars, some of which I swear must have just shown up when the mike snapped on and talked until they shut it off three minutes later. Not Sally! The terms that might describe her comments are: timely issues, factual, logical, organized, informative, ethical and interesting. While I knew of her deep involvement in her church, she never "preached" yet her sense of social justice and morality came through. When she quit after more than a decade, the station manager asked me to "fill her spot". I doubt I ever filled her shoes, but I tried to carry on her tradition. In that respect, she was an inspiration and a great role model for me.

Her family will miss her, but so will her community and the League.

Well done, Sally.



Wildwood Days was FUN!!!

In the last VOTER, I broke the news that the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County (aka us!!) was being honored as the Grand Marshall for the Wildwood Days parade in Rio Dell this year. What a thrill!! The theme of the parade was celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gave some American women the right to vote. Since that theme is so closely aligned with our mission of voter education and advocacy, this event was just right for us.

Wildwood Days took place on Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, and LWVHC was there! **Tricia Hamill, Hawley Riffenburg, Julie Kelly** and I set up our voter registration booth on Saturday morning and **Kay Escarda** stepped up to register voters that morning. Our location between the bounce house and the snow cone booth was not ideal for voter registration but it was fun and very visible, as was our adorable “get your picture taken as a suffragist” board, lovingly made by my good friend **Linda Burghart**. Watch for it at our upcoming booth at the North County Fair!!

Just before noon, costumed Leaguers donned vintage suffragist sashes (also created by **Linda Burghart**) and decorated our Grand Marshall convertible for the parade. **Julie Kelly** and I had created 20 signs reading “Votes for Women” and “Vote” and everyone carried at least one sign, as did several other parade participants. In all, 14 Leaguers participated in the parade and they looked awesome! It was a “grand” sight!!! Thank you **Carol Masterson, George Ojala, Hawley Riffenburg, Tricia Hamell, Maggie Augustine, Linsey Datema, Kay Escarda, Sharolyn Hutton, Molly Cate, Julie Kelly, Judy Anderson, Jim Anderson, Deborah Downs** and **Maggie Fleming**! Thank you also to **Kay Escarda, Hawley Riffenburg, Sharolyn Hutton, Maggie Augustine**, and **Carol Masterson** for being on hand to register voters.

Since this year marks the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, be watching for additional celebration events. Lots more to come!!!

Anne Hartline
LWVHC Secretary



LWVHC YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FYE JUNE 30, 2019

PROFIT AND LOSS BUDGET PERFORMANCE

	ACTUAL Jul '18 - Jun 19	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Community Elections Service Inc	1,425.00	
Contributions	1,120.00	600.00
Event Revenues - Membership	1,100.00	850.00
HAF Monies for Education	2,411.00	
Interest/Dividends - General	2.27	5.00
Marathon	500.00	500.00
Member Dues	9,117.00	14,000.00
State of the Community Revenue	26,075.00	24,000.00
Total Income	41,750.27	39,955.00
Expense		
Action & Advocacy	1,991.42	600.00
Administrative Postage	372.61	350.00
Annual Meeting Kits and Postage	553.57	750.00
Board Meeting meals	71.59	500.00
Board Retreat	30.68	50.00
Community Education	1,820.35	9,500.00
Community Election Service Exp	120.00	
Contribution to HAF	50.00	
Conventions and Workshops	2,801.02	3,500.00
Dues for Local Associations	0.00	225.00
Event Expenses - Membership	2,181.74	2,000.00
Fees PayPal and Other Bank	160.80	250.00
FRAUD	3,406.79	
General Membership Meeting Cost	80.13	800.00
Information Technology/Website	350.00	1,000.00
Insurance	978.00	1,100.00
Membership Development	589.56	500.00
Office Supplies	3.80	150.00
PMP	9,240.00	9,500.00
President	0.00	100.00
Rent	5,790.00	5,400.00
Secretary	0.00	50.00
Special Projects	1,224.50	3,550.00
State of the Community Expenses	12,319.85	12,500.00
Study Materials	0.00	200.00
Telecommunications	140.00	200.00
Treasurer	309.52	50.00
VOTER expenses	880.16	800.00
Voter Service	658.74	1,000.00
Voters' Edge	500.00	500.00
Total Expense	46,624.83	55,125.00
Net Ordinary Income	-4,874.56	-15,170.00

PROFIT AND LOSS BUDGET PERFORMANCE

	ACTUAL Jul '18 - Jun 19	Annual Budget
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
HAF Contributions	2,861.00	
HAF Gains/Losses	-27.04	
HAF Interest and Dividends	1,536.98	
HAF Unrealized Gains/Losses	1,041.95	
Total Other Income	5,412.89	
Other Expense		
HAF Fees	972.82	
HAF Funds Spent on Education	2,411.00	
Total Other Expense	3,383.82	
Net Other Income	2,029.07	
Net Income	-2,845.49	-15,170.00

BALANCE SHEET

	Jun 30, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking - Umpqua Bank	9,370.70
HAF	55,198.74
Savings - Umpqua Bank	19,798.83
Total Checking/Savings	84,368.27
Total Current Assets	84,368.27
TOTAL ASSETS	84,368.27
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Pre-paid Dues	3,225.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,225.00
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	84,495.26
Retained Earnings	-506.50
Net Income	-2,845.49
Total Equity	81,143.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	84,368.27

BeYourVote Instagram Initiative Pilot

By Hawley Riffenburg, LWVHC Board Member

Share your LWVHC Experience with HSU students in a Workshop Series at A1AA this fall!

LWVHC has been approved to collaborate with HSU students in a new volunteer initiative, BeYourVote, through the Center for Community-Based Learning. Each semester, CCBL will introduce LWVHC to interested HSU faculty with students enrolled in courses with a 20-30 hour volunteer service commitment as part of their academic requirements.

BYV will host a series of 2-hour workshops at A1AA for a presentation on themes for students to create Instagram Posts with the help of a pool of LWVHC volunteers attending to share their LWVHC election legacy as community context. The goal of BYV is to engage first-time Humboldt County Voters on Instagram with nonpartisan content in the upcoming 2020 elections. This Fall, we are trying out the workshop format and nonpartisan social media publishing as preparation for creating impactful, election issue-focused and engaging content for 18-30 years old voters to the March and November elections next year.

The BYV Committee will host a 1-hour Community Contributor Orientation at A1AA on a weekday evening the week of September 9th.

Community Contributors will be asked to sign up for at least one weekly workshop. The goal for the Pilot, during the weeks of September 9th - October 21st is to support eight students with a pool of drop-in Community Contributors who network after the meeting to complete Instagram Posts before the next week's workshop. If we are successful, we will have a variety of posts each week on a common theme by the Students and be able to explore how to share our nonpartisan positions on social media. With HSU students actively engaged in learning about LWVHC's history and promoting our legacy, we may discover ways to infuse our membership with the next generations of voters.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME; MAY WE HAVE SOME MORE?

by Carol Masterson, LWVHC Board Member

Thanks to our tireless team of Fourth of July voter registration booth volunteers, festival goers were reminded that there's always another election around the corner and it's never too late to register after you're sixteen. **Mary Lou Lowry, George Ojala, Kay Escarda, Syliva Shaw, Wendy Harden, Rich and Bev Strubinger, Deborah Downs, Laura Hennings, Rollin Richmond, George and Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Margaret Augustine, Janet Biasca, Tricia Hamill, Sharolyn Hutton, Delo Freitas and Hawley Riffenburg** are the dedicated individuals who set up and staffed our Eureka and Arcata booths this year.

Your last opportunity this year to enjoy this favorite League participation event will occur on September 21st and 22nd on the Arcata Plaza at the North Country Fair. Students will be back and we hope to register record numbers of voters for the big 2020 event! Please contact me to volunteer to set up and/or take down the booth, or to register voters and tell people about the League - contact Carol Masterson at buffy7@suddenlink.net or 707-768-3118

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2020 State of the Community Luncheon Civic Contribution Award Nomination

Each year, at the State of the Community Luncheon, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County honors individuals and/or groups for contributing to our community. We are now accepting nominations for those you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Please nominate a person or organization you feel should be considered for this honor and why.

Your Name _____ **Address** _____

Best way to contact you (phone, email, etc.) _____

Please submit nomination by December 1, 2019 to:

State of Community Luncheon
P.O. Box 3219,
Eureka, CA 95502
E-mail: vote@lwvhc.org

In what way has this person/group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?

Name of Group/Individual to be Nominated _____

Address _____ **Phone#** _____

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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.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$105 Family Membership (2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

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