

WINTER 2022

Mark Your Calendar!



Coming Events:

March 8: Insights for 2022/23 and Democracy Works nominations deadline

April 30: YES! (Youth Empowerment Summit)

To Be Determined: Celebrate Woodland 150th Anniversary

To Be Determined: Democracy Works

June 7 (tentatively): Annual Meeting

Board Meetings:

March 8: 7:00pm*

April 12: 1:30pm

May 10: 1:30pm

All Board meetings are via Zoom until further notice. Please contact President Karen Urbano at woodlandleague2021@gmail.com if you would like to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

*Please note the different Board meeting time on March 8, 2022, and put it on your calendar as well as attend. We encourage members to attend Board meetings and hope you will not only attend this and future meetings from time to time but also provide feedback about meeting times.

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OUR LEAGUE NEWS

INSIGHTS FOR 2022/2023

The Board of Directors needs to start planning our league's goals and activities for the new year soon, so we would love your input! On Tuesday, March 8, we are asking you to join us via Zoom from 7:00 to 7:50pm to learn more about our league, Board positions and responsibilities, the status of our studies and league positions, ongoing or proposed activities, and to hear suggestions and insights from you – our members and any other interested parties – as well as answer questions. During the upcoming annual meeting, currently scheduled for June 7, members will vote on who will fill Board positions, the goals we plan to achieve next year, and any studies or positions we wish to update or conduct. Your insights and suggestions are critical for ensuring we are serving our members and communities to the best of our abilities.



To register to attend, please send an email to Woodlandleagueneeds@gmail.com, and include your name, phone number and preferred email address so we can send you a link to this virtual meeting as well as an agenda and background information. You're also welcome to attend the Board meeting afterwards, starting at 8:00pm. See you soon!



DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR DEMOCRACY WORKS NOMINATIONS

By Pat Butler

At its February Board meeting, your League voted to extend the deadline to accept nominations for the Democracy Works award through March 8, 2022. This will allow additional time for league and community members to submit their nominations. Originally the presentation was planned to be part of the league-hosted State of the Community Luncheon on February 24, but that event was moved to a virtual platform because of continued safety restrictions. The Democracy Works award presentation is now planned for early spring.

The award, begun in 2006, was presented annually until the pandemic interfered in 2020. So, the Democracy Works committee is excited that, for the first time in two years, the award will again be given to honor an individual, business or organization in our community that promotes the spirit of democracy. Residents in Woodland and the adjacent rural communities are

encouraged to nominate those who, by their positive actions, have furthered the democratic process in tangible ways, thus keeping democracy working for all of us.

Nomination forms are available on our website – my.lwv.org/california/woodland – or you can click on this link: **Democracy Works Nomination Form**. Completed forms should be mailed to LWV Woodland, Attn: Democracy Works Award, P.O. Box 2463, Woodland, CA 95776 or emailed to Woodlandleagueneeds@gmail.com. Please submit completed forms no later than March 8, 2022.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Karen Urbano

As we enter into a third year of COVID precautions we are all weary and hope life opens up soon so we can gather together. Your League of Women Voters of Woodland continues to move forward. We hope you attended our virtual State of the Community event on February 24 to hear an update from Woodland Mayor Mayra Vega.



We invite you to attend our March 8 meeting to give your ideas on how we move forward. It will be held virtually at 7:00pm and all members, as well as other interested parties, are invited to attend.

Although we do not have any paid staff, we do have several hard-working volunteers on our board who are carrying most of the work load now. I thank them all for their dedication.

Those hard-working volunteers get weary and could use your help. Where would you like to step up?

- We are working closely with the Interim Superintendent of the Woodland Joint Unified School District to learn how we can help high school students register to vote in the upcoming elections. Are you interested in helping?
- Your League will be hosting a table at Woodland's 150th celebration when it takes place, having been recently postponed from April 9. Can you spare an hour or two to show the town who we are by taking a shift?
- In April or early May there will be forums in advance of the June primary. Can you help out with this?
- Consider volunteering for our board for next year. There will be positions open. Share your talents with us to help keep democracy working.

On another note, we have expenses that help us run smoothly: our post office box, a rented storage closet, voting information materials, and, most of all, Per Member Payments (PMPs, a.k.a. dues) to the League of Women Voters U.S. and League of Women Voters California. Your donations help keep it all running, so we hope you will also contribute directly at <https://my.lwv.org/california/city-woodland/donate>. If you prefer, you can mail your donation directly to The League of Women Voters of Woodland, P.O. Box 2463, Woodland, CA 95776. At that link you will also find information about donating to our league's Ed Fund.

Thanks for all your help,
Karen Urbano, President of LVW Woodland

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POWER UP OUR NEXT GENERATION OF VOTERS

By Catherine Portman

The 5th annual Youth Empowerment Summit (YES) will be held in-person at the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) campus ARC Ballroom A & B on April 30. YES's objective is for youth to learn how to become leaders in their community in a non-partisan environment, with a focus on civic engagement and voter participation as important aspects to becoming a community leader.

YES is a free daylong workshop. Any Yolo County high school student can participate. Registration is required by April 29. Students can register on the website Yolosaysyes.com. More information will be provided upon registration. There may be space for out-of-county students as determined by organizers. *Please note:* 1) a Community Service certificate will be given to those completing attendance; 2) three cash prizes will be awarded to the students' school with the most participation; and 3) YES will provide tours of the UC Davis campus.

Our league is coordinating with the Davis Area league. If you'd like to volunteer to help, such as greeting arriving students or donating gift cards, please contact Catherine Portman at cportman@gmail.com or (530) 666-0882.

YES planning is led by the Yolo County Elections Office's Jesse Salinas. Multiple county departments, Yolo County libraries, Woodland library, and our league are among many YES partners. Organizers are also looking for youth leaders to participate in the planning.

Finally, YES organizers are seeking donations to support the cost of the event. Contact Maria Coronel at (530) 666-8136 or Mcoronel@yolocounty.org for more information, if you'd like to volunteer or would be interested in making a donation.



VOTER SERVICES UPDATE

By Carla Cox

This will be a busy spring for Voter Services with candidate forums and high school voter registration in the works. Both are vital programs in our mission of encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We hope to have as many of our league members as possible involved. Please contact me at ccox@cal.net or (530) 666-4194 to take

part in these activities. We will need your help to cover all the roles involved in staging successful forums, for which the League of Women Voters is renowned.

The candidate filing period for the June 7, 2022 ballot will close on March 11. We may hold candidate forums for any of the offices that have more than one candidate running. We plan to work with our sister chapter, LWV Davis Area, to present candidate forums for Yolo County races. If public health safety allows, we will hold hybrid forums to provide both in-person and virtual access to attendees.



State Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (circled) and members of the Napa, Solano and Woodland leagues.



State Senator Bill Dodd (circled) and members of the Napa, Diablo Valley, Solano, and Woodland leagues.

BETTER KNOW YOUR LEGISLATOR

By Lorna Carriveau

Every year the National and California Leagues encourage local leagues to interview their legislative leaders; training and a toolkit are provided to make the process easier for all involved. Legislative interviews provide an opportunity for the state League and local chapters to learn about their legislators' views, while increasing their awareness of LWV activities. This year LVW of Napa County spearheaded the effort to interview Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry on February 2 and was joined by members of the leagues of Solano County and Woodland, the latter represented by Carla Cox and me. Carla Cox also joined members of the Napa, Diablo Valley and Sonoma leagues on February 14 for an interview with State Senator Bill Dodd. Both were well worth it!

The primary questions provided by the California League this year focused on 1) redistricting changes in advice of 2031, 2) climate change, water and equity, and 3) California's children and youth mental health emergency. They were also asked about their legislative personal priorities, and the leagues could ask an additional question specific to their concerns if time allowed. With the legislators' permission, summaries of the interviews are made available to local leagues upon request as well as shared with the California league to assist with its advocacy efforts.

Click on this link – [Aguiar-Curry Legislative Interview](#) – to access a summary of her responses to our questions, and this link - [Dodd Legislative Interview](#) - to access the summary of his responses. Senator Dodd made a point of saying that the first time he interacted with the League of Women Voters was when the Woodland chapter hosted a candidate forum that he took part in, and that he was very impressed by our work. Our sincere thanks to both for sharing their time and thoughts with our and the State leagues.



STATE OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Judy Wohlfrom

In a long-standing tradition of the Woodland League, we hosted an open virtual meeting on February 24 at noon to hear from Woodland Mayor Mayra Vega regarding the state of our community. Also present were guest speaker Woodland Police Chief Derrek Kaff as well as League President Karen Urbano, who introduced and thanked the speakers as well as shared information about league upcoming events at the conclusion.

Some of the highlights shared by the Mayor included the four ongoing "Destination 2023 Priority Goals and Strategic Plan" for Woodland:

- **Improve Quality of Life** – preserve and enhance Woodland as an inclusive community that is an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play and engage for current and future generations.
- **Focus on Economic Development and Downtown** – support a vibrant economy throughout the town with a diverse economic base offering a range of employment opportunities and business services (revitalizing downtown as the heart of the community and center of civic activity).
- **Strengthen Public Safety and Infrastructure** – ensure that Woodland is a safe and resilient community through delivery of high quality public services and infrastructure that protects our community from risk and harm.
- **Enhance Governance and Fiscal Responsibility** – promote a local government and city organization that is committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility while meeting the needs of the community with effective delivery of services and information.

Mayor Vega was justly proud of Woodland being considered one of the top 100 best places to live for 2021 by [Livability.com](https://www.livability.com/), and one of two cities in California to be included. Briefly, Mayor Vega noted several City projects/programs that support Woodland's nomination into the top 100:

- Youth initiative work provides students access to various programs like the floating pumpkin patch, a second swimming pool and a new Boys and Girls Club in Woodland;
- Fast pitch soft ball for women;
- Bike and pedestrian overcrossing of Highway 113 to connect both the East and West sides of Woodland;

- Woodland Regional Park preserve that is to open in late Spring 2022;
- Microtransit - similar to a local Uber service when other public transit is not available for specific events or destinations; and
- Beginning in 2021, Woodland Community College has been providing financial resources beyond existing grant programs to allow more students to attend the community college, with 19 students currently enrolled in the program.

Addressing the Economic Development focus, Mayor Vega mentioned the implementation of the JAPA Smart Parking app to assist with downtown parking, potentially saving citizens time and energy finding vacant parking spaces. She also spoke about the current success of the Research and Tech Park of 350 acres, specifically of the Lab@AgStart plan to encourage startup businesses (public/private/governmental) in our area. The Park will provide space to experiment, develop and research innovative agriculture advancements critical to ongoing growth and opportunities within the whole of Northern California.

Speaking to public safety, Police Chief Kaff indicated that they have found that most complaints fall into three main areas: homelessness, traffic and violent crimes. The majority (40-45%) of the calls or complaints regard the homeless population. With strong support from the Yolo County District Attorney's office, the police have had two mental health clinicians actively working with the police since 2014 to provide help for those in crisis. In addition, they foster a strong partnership with the County and nonprofit organizations to assist with programs like Project Room Key that provides shelter and increased bed space.

Traffic complaints have risen 20% since the COVID pandemic onset and an increase of 23% traffic stops. Complicating normal traffic flow, road repair and construction have added to the problem. Using data collected from stops and complaints, the police are working with traffic engineers to find ways to improve bottlenecks and devise better resolutions in response to specific area complaints, such as speed bumps. The Chief hopes to be able free up officers by moving some types of traffic complaints to technical staff, which will allow a full time officer to focus on traffic enforcement, particularly on Gibson Road.

The police are using the "Data Driven Intervention Program" which supplies a rolling 12-month picture of past arrests/complaints. Chief Kaff stressed that only a very small percentage of the community is involved in "crime" and the data help pinpoint those individuals who may be in crisis and require additional services. He illustrated his point by mentioning that of 252 arrests, 10 individuals received many of those arrests. Data from those arrests are allowing the police to understand and better serve their needs. Woodland's Violence Interrupters, Advance Peace and the FBI's Safe Streets programs work with Data Driven Intervention to protect the community more safely. In the first half of 2021, there were 5.3 shootings per day, but since July 1, 2021, there have been only 5 shootings per day.

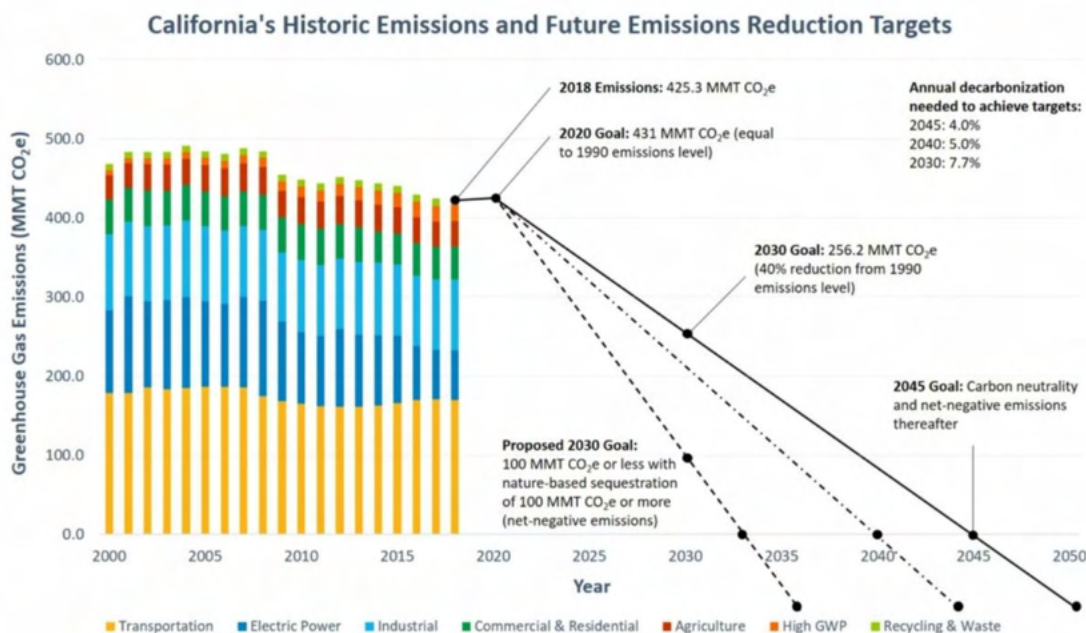
Following Chief Kaff's presentation, both the Mayor and Chief took questions from the audience, several of which are summarized in brief as follows:

- Contact information (telephone number and online) was provided to those who wish to give non-emergency tips or traffic complaints (including the traffic calming system) which can then be forwarded to officers.
- The City Council is taking a fresh look at Climate Change – starting with increasing awareness in school programs.

- A desire to expand accessibility and hours for summer programs, activities, and community services to allow working families' children to attend.
- Infill spaces development should not only be affordable but also accessible to seniors and disabled individuals.
- In the past six months, the police are becoming more comfortable with the Advance Peace program and plan to share the results with the community after the summer months.
- The Mayor now has office hours for the Springlake area and is looking into neutral housing in that area.
- The Crisis Now Project is providing a holistic mental health approach to Yolo County, the forefront county in California for this project. Each City is partnering with the County to 1) have a physical place to provide care/support for citizens by professional staff; 2) have more appropriate teams replace police when going out to those types of calls; and 3) provide a separate telephone number to replace calls to 9-1-1 for mental health crises.

Valuable information was provided, and programs were explained demonstrating how Woodland is working toward achieving the Destination 2023 goals. The emphasis on the successes in these key areas was further illustrated in the February 25, 2022, Daily Democrat article by Gerardo Zavala entitled "Congressman Mike Thompson Visits City."

Our thanks to Mayor Vega, Chief Kaff and the City staff who made this presentation possible, as well as to all the attendees for their attention and excellent questions.



A less fuzzy version of the chart above and more information can be found on the Climate-Safe California website at the [Climate Center](#).

LEAGUE ENDORSEMENT: CLIMATE SAFE CALIFORNIA

Long-time league member Christine Shewmaker recently reached out to our league in response to the Woodland City Council's plan to consider endorsing the Climate-Safe California campaign at a future Council meeting. On February 8 the Board agreed to send a letter directly to the City Council and the Daily Democrat endorsing the Campaign's position as well as attaching the

league's own climate position adopted in June of 2011. You can find a copy of the letter to the Daily Democrat in the February 20, 2022, edition.

In brief, the letter notes that our league identified in its position a number of areas for action and concern, including human health, energy, transportation, urban forests, agriculture, and water. We also encouraged "local, regional, national and international municipalities to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change." This reflects the National and State leagues' positions on climate change. Click here – [LWVW Climate Position](#) – to read our league's full position.

The Climate-Safe California campaign outlines a good suite of policies the State can enact to address the crisis and put it on track for net negative CO2 emissions by 2030. The campaign also calls for a just transition and ensuring that low income and communities of color are not harmed. Since the platform indicates basic support for overarching goals and concepts, no specific legislation is recommended at this time. Click here – [Climate-Safe California](#) – to learn more about this campaign.

Our league looks forward to engaging with the City Council on other items relating to climate change in the near future.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

By Judy Wohlfrom



As noted by the Beatles ("With a Little Help From My Friends"), friends like you are vital to our league's success. With the myriad issues facing our community, state and nation, it is becoming more apparent that the role of the League of Women Voters is critical in bringing attention to the basic long-standing tenets of the League and why the League was established. By being a member of our local league, you too are a friend and supporter of these goals.

Please be not just a friend, but an active friend. In addition to helping increase our membership by promoting our league to your friends, colleagues and families as well as providing suggestions to help us create a framework for action for next year, there are several events coming up where we need volunteers or participants.

Please nominate an individual, business or organization for the **Democracy Works Award** by March 8, 2022. We will also need volunteers to help with organizing the award event we hope to hold later this spring.

March 8 is also the date for our **Insights 2022/2023 planning session** (7:00-7:50). Your questions, opinions and thoughts about the direction you wish the league to take next year are so important to serving our community. *Bring a guest, share the evening with a young person.*

Although the **150th Anniversary of the City of Woodland** celebration has been cancelled for April 9, we are looking forward to participating when a new date is determined. We will need individuals to help set up/dismantle and sit at a booth to encourage membership, voter registration and voting itself, as well as to publicize the league's role in issue-oriented studies like climate change, water management and homelessness.

As Catherine Portman notes in her article, *Power Up Our Next Generation of Voters*, we are in need of a few volunteers to assist with the **YES (Youth Empowerment Summit)** on April 30. We and our colleagues at the Davis Area league could really use your help!

The **primary elections** are also coming up quickly. This requires numerous individuals to coordinate and staff the forum meetings, develop and vet candidate questions, and raise public awareness by putting out yard signs, etc.

Finally, we are working toward expanding our **outreach to high school students** and would also like to restart the **Observer Corps** made up of individuals who watch and report on Council and other local government meetings.

To be an effective organization, we need your participation. **Please step up!** Send an email to WoodlandleagueneWS@gmail.com and let us know of your interest(s) as well as where and when you can devote some time and energy to making us stronger and ever more effective. We promise not to overwork you!



LEAGUE TWITTER ACCOUNT REACTIVATED

By Pat Butler

Our League's long dormant Twitter account has been reactivated thanks to member Christine Shewmaker. When I asked about posting on Twitter for the League, Christine replied, "Karen [Urbano] had asked me a week or so ago if I could post about the upcoming presentation [Mayor Vega's State of the Community presentation]." Christine continued, "We have a Woodland LWV Twitter site. I made it in 2013. It has not been posted to for a few years and I am happy to post to it about the upcoming presentation. I was glad to discover I still had the password. You can see past posts by just clicking on the link."

With that brief conversation, our league had another way to communicate with members and the community. Thank you, Christine!

The following are "Helpful Hints & Instructions" shared by Christine to make accessing the LWV account successful:

- Our "handle" is @WoodlandLWV.

- If you have a twitter account, you can follow us on Twitter at @WoodlandLWV.
- If you do not have a twitter account and want to see our tweets, you can go to: <https://twitter.com/WoodlandLWV>.
- A tweet cannot be modified after it has been posted.
- Tweets can be a maximum of 280 letters, punctuation and spaces (for example, the sentence "I have a cat." is considered 13 letters).
- For posting anything larger than 280 letters, including punctuation and spaces, the most successful is to enclose a link (restricted to 23 letters and spaces). A link to the event information or other pieces of information like a newspaper article is the best way to save space while getting your message across.
- A PDF format or a Word document cannot be posted to Twitter but a jpeg (usually a picture) can be posted.

Currently, we have posted on Twitter a notice about the April event being hosted by YES and co-sponsored by our league.

OUR LEAGUE HISTORY



The Butler festive living room with league friends.



Carla Cox's trunk filled with pounds of donations destined for the Woodland Food Closet.



Charlotte at Fourth & Hope (left) receiving donated goods from Catherine Portman.

VERY HAPPY HOLIDAYS

By Lorna Carriveau

Merry and bright are the best words to describe our league's 2021 holiday party, hosted by Pat Butler on December 4. There were many bright smiles and much merry conversation among long-term and newer members and their guests. Everyone agreed it was wonderful to chat in person - safely of course - after months of engaging primarily through Zoom, emails or phone calls. The two dozen or so members and friends attending were also generous with donations to the Woodland Food Closet and Fourth and Hope as well as providing very tasty treats.

We spread across two comfortable rooms, beautifully decorated with holiday cheer. In one we shared favorite stories (past and present) about our league, family and friends. In the second room, there was lively discussion of local events and issues while a large TV showed a college football game in the background. Something for everyone!

We are very happy to report that the Woodland Food Closet received 108 pounds of food due to your generosity. Also, Fourth and Hope received four bags of toiletries, socks and other needed items.

We hope you'll plan to attend next year's celebration of the holidays and each other.



2021: YEAR IN REVIEW

By Lorna Carriveau

As Karen Urbano noted in her President's Message above, while we all struggled with challenges during 2021, our league remained busy on behalf of our mission. Below is a brief summary of our activities

throughout the past year.

- In January, we hosted a virtual forum with candidates for the 3rd district on the Woodland City Council.
- In February, March and April, we hosted virtual presentations by members of the Board of Supervisors Woodland Joint Unified School Board, and Woodland City Council. We also delivered box lunches to sponsors to enjoy during the noon events (love that carrot cake!). And we participated with other leagues in a legislative interview with Senator Dodd.
- We held our annual meeting in June at the historic Hotel Woodland, during which members not only approved the FY2021-2022 budget, goals for the coming year and slate of Board members, but also the Housing Study. The Grace Hefner Award was presented to Janet Ruggiero and Elizabeth Kemper for their work on the Housing Study.
- August was very busy. We held our first social mixer at Jack Slaven Park, during which Marco Lizarraga, Bob Simas and Skip Davies provided background information and insights into state and local redistricting efforts. Our league also was recognized by the Woodland Joint Unified School District for its voter registration activities in Woodland's high schools, and we staffed a booth at the Woodland Farmers Market for two weekends to provide voter registration information prior to the September governor recall special election.
- In November, our league hosted a virtual presentation by WeDrawTheLines.org, providing information about state-wide and local redistricting efforts and how individuals can participate in the process.
- Finally, during our holiday party in December we celebrated each other and collected donations for the Woodland Food Closet and Fourth & Hope.

Over the next few months, we will again be very busy with upcoming forums, hosting Democracy Works, reviving our Observer Corps, and planning for our Annual Meeting. Please join us in the planning or roll out of these activities. For more information, feel free to send an email to WoodlandleagueneWS@gmail.com or contact Catherine Portman at cportman@gmail.com or (530) 666-0882.

FROM OUR PAST

By Lorna Carriveau

When Yolo County was formed in 1850, the Civil War was yet to be fought and the notion of women’s right to vote was still gathering steam. California didn’t grant women suffrage until 1911 and we’re still grappling with the notions of equality and equity. Below is an excerpt from A View of Yolo County’s History & Government, published by the League in 1980, that notes the County’s early populations.



The County’s original native population was nearly extinct by 1860. The Spanish Californians had not settled in the area, nor had the Spanish missions entered the area. The first settlers were almost exclusively of western European origin. The need for more agricultural workers from the 1880’s through World War II brought peoples from Mexico, Japan, and the Philippines in large numbers. Early in the 1850’s with the importation of the Chinese slaves to build walls, work the Sierra mines, and build levees, came many Chinese men known in the census record (Yolo County, 1860) as “Chinese laundries.” Not until near the turn of the century did Chinese families become a part of the County life. Persons of “colored” background entered the County early in the 1850’s, some as “freeman” but many on work contracts. Many became well-known farmers and landholders in the succeeding decades. On many Yolo County maps can be found an area known as “Nigger Heaven” named for the large settlement of black farmers and ranchers in that area.

In comparison, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated the following demographics for Yolo County as of July 1, 2021: White alone 74.0%, Black alone 3.0%, American Indian and Alaska Native alone 1.8%, Asian alone 15.1%, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone 0.6%, Two or more races 5.6%, Hispanic or Latino 46.0%, and White alone, not Hispanic or Latino 46.0%.

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ARE WE DOING IT RIGHT?

By Lorna Carriveau

The California league has undertaken a major project to help ensure our and their work is effective. In 2019, nonprofit organizations throughout the Silicon Valley area were surveyed about their abilities to collect data on the effectiveness of their operations and efforts. When

asked why they wanted better data collection, they cited being able to 1) quantify activities, 2) understand and report on impact, 3) better communicate their value to their communities, 4) inform budgets and programs, and 5) improve efficiency. Cheppers USA is an international web development company that is working with California nonprofits, including the California League and its affiliates, to help make its web-based data collection and analysis tool – CIVFR – useful for nonprofits of all sizes and missions.

CIVFR stands for Civic Intelligence Via Field Reporting, and, according to a recent training presentation, it is meant “to create a cooperative, simple, real-time field reporting tool that will gather and aggregate civic engagement activities and experiences. The goal is actionable intelligence to help residents more fully participate in local government and to assist local governments to operate in a more transparent and accessible manner.”

As you know, leagues – whether national, state or local – are ever busy attempting to inform our communities about voter education, league positions, etc. But are we doing it the best possible way for each community? This tool is being offered at no cost to help leagues design survey instruments, collect data and analyze it real-time and cost effectively. What’s unique about CIVFR – and why the California league is interested in particular – is that if survey templates for certain types of activities, such as forums, are used by different leagues, then reports of findings can be shared easily with the California League. Some of the benefits include helping individual leagues gather information about the effectiveness of their efforts more easily, identifying and sharing best practices, and being able to provide training on this tool rather than leagues learning and using myriad tools.

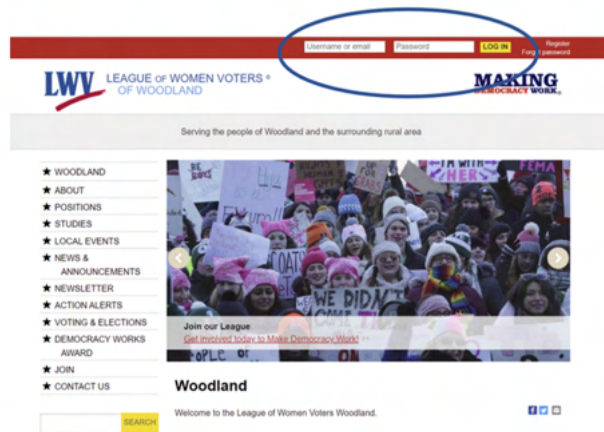
Right now, our league is helping the California league with beta testing of this tool. This means we’re looking at the training materials and website and providing feedback. No decisions have been made yet about using this tool going forward, but it’s been a great opportunity for us to think about what type of data we should collect and how at our various events to make sure we’re reaching our various communities and achieving desired results. Lots of great questions, and we’ll let you know how it goes.

NEW LOOK - NATIONAL WEBSITE

The National League rolled out the redesign of its website in January 2022. If you’d like to see the new look as well as learn more about the league’s activities and positions, please click on this link: [LWV.org](https://www.lwv.org).



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WOODLAND LEAGUE WEBSITE – MEMBERS’ ONLY ACCESS

Below are instructions for league members to set up their “Members Only” site on our league website: <https://my.lwv.org/california/city-woodland>. NOTE: Before starting this process, if you have more than one email account, be sure that you use the one you gave the league when you became a member.

Use this link - <https://my.lwv.org/user/password> - to reach the page that allows you to request a password. You will enter your own email address in the box as directed. As directed, “answer” the robot, then click in the yellow box at the bottom that says “e-mail new password”.

You will be sent an email message from My League Online. So, go to your own email In Box and follow the link/instructions from the email message there which will include further instructions, including:

- Click on the link;
- Fill out your new password as prompted. Your password must be at least 10 characters long and should combine both lower- and upper-case letters and characters;
- Fill in as much information in your profile as you would like on the profile;
- “Answer” the robot;
- Click SAVE.

This process has now logged you onto the league website; another name for the website you may occasionally see or read is MyLO. Make sure that you remember/store your password to the website. You will now have access to the “Members Only” section of our website. Click on the Members Only name in the upper right-hand corner of our home page, and you will be able to access the league’s Membership Roster, current By-Laws and other useful information.

WOODLAND LEAGUE BOARD

President: Karen Urbano
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Treasurer: Carla Cox
Director for Events/Volunteer Coordination: Judy Wohlfrom

Director for Voter Services/Voter Registration: **Vacant**

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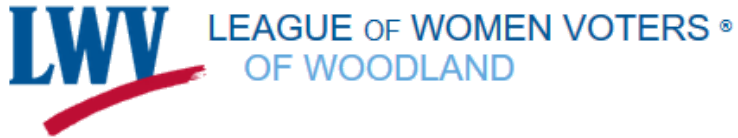
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