



President's Message by Pearl Mann

Dear LWVNOC Members:

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready to begin volunteering to educate voters to make democracy work. By the time you read this, the Strategic Planning meeting with the able leadership of Martha Cox, our Local League Coach, will have resulted in our new program emphasis. The new program will be in the next issue of the Voter. Watch for new projects and activities requiring volunteers!

We are thrilled to have the talented Chris Erskine as guest speaker at our Kickoff on September 21. I love reading his newspaper column and keep a list of some of his best quotes. One of my favorites: "Getting older is really underrated. With age comes courage - and wisdom, small joys and a bit of reborn swagger." (LA Times, 4/20/19) I hope to see many of you at Kickoff to hear the humor and wisdom he offers, as well as to take advantage of our many great silent auction items. Bring a friend or relative. My husband is coming.

I regret to inform you that Sharon Sorenson, our treasurer, has resigned because she is moving from our area. My sincere thanks for her dedicated efforts on our behalf. I am pleased to announce that Patti Chikahisa has been appointed our new treasurer to complete Sharon's term.

Looking forward to seeing you at Kickoff!



Pearl Mann
LWVNOC President

Fighting Partisan Gerrymandering of Congressional Districts

All League members are invited to join an **online town hall** outlining the People Powered Fair Maps Campaign at 3:00 pm on September 4.

This campaign is a powerful collaboration between national, state, and local Leagues with the goal of positioning LWV as the premiere on-the-ground leading organization fighting for fair redistricting.

A recording of the town hall will be made available for members who are unable to attend at this time. [Sign up now for this important event!](#)

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LWVNOC Treasurer's Report

By Sharon Sorensen

In accordance with League Bylaws, the following Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Report was provided to the Executive Board prior to the July 31st deadline. In addition to Member's annual dues, the majority of the League's income came from individual member donations plus proceeds from the Silent Auction, which is the League's only fundraiser held at Black Gold Golf Club annually in September. Income associated with luncheon reservations for Lunch With League and the Kick-Off, which represents a majority of the League's income, are generally off-set by related expenses. Actual expenses for the League primarily consist of Per Member Payment (PMP) dues paid to the State and National LWV, convention expense reimbursements, advocacy, voter services and operating costs. Two \$800 scholarships were awarded to two deserving students from the Education Fund this year, which account for the only expenditures from this fund during the fiscal year. Requests for copies of the financial statement or questions may be directed to the treasurer at: treasurer@lwvnoc.org.

LWVNOC ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Financial Year 2018-2019

Beginning Balances as of 7/1/2018:

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| Checking | \$8,680.34 |
| Savings | \$4,272.01 |
| CD | \$3,578.46 |
| Ed Fund | <u>\$14,123.61</u> |
| Total: | \$30,654.42 |

INCOME:

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| LWVNOC | \$17,497.68 |
| Ed Fund: | \$2,078.00 |

EXPENSES:

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| LWVNOC | \$21,991.98 |
| Ed Fund: | \$1,600.00 |

Ending Balances as of 6/30/2019:

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| LWVNOC | \$12,036.51 |
| Ed Fund: | <u>\$14,601.61</u> |
| Total: | \$26,638.12 |



For over twenty years the OC Human Relations Council has been collecting, tracking, reporting, and responding to hate crimes in Orange County. Their experts provide support for victims of hate crimes, and training for community members, educators, students, and law enforcement to increase the accuracy of reporting and decrease the number of hate-related crimes and incidents.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to the release of the annual Hate Crime Report. Learn about the recent findings of hate trends throughout the county and learn how YOU can make a difference in your community. Change is needed now more than ever! League members Kay Bruce and Wanda Shaffer have attended this report for years and recommend it to you. Police Departments, news reporters, and city council members will also be in attendance.

The Hate Crime Report Release is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26, 9 am. to 11 am. The location is: **Los Olivos Community Center, located at 101 Alfonso in Irvine, CA 92618.** Reservations are required, but attendance is free. To make reservations call Joyce Sanchez at (714) 480-6580 or visit joyce@ochumanrelations.org.

Celebrating the Triumph and Acknowledging the Failure of the 19th Amendment

by Judy Bradford



About a year from now, on Aug. 26, the United States will observe the 100th anniversary of women achieving the right to vote. Well, white women of means, that is.

Women of color and low-income women got the vote in theory. But in practice, most of them continued to be barred from the polls because they could not pay state-enacted poll taxes, or pass literacy tests, or correctly answer ridiculous questions like “How many bubbles are in a bar of soap?” Not until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 would they be fully, federally enfranchised.

As we approach 2020 — the anniversary year of the 19th Amendment — the League of Women Voters is “woke” to this failure of the 19th Amendment, and to the racism that existed in the women’s suffrage movement. The League grew out of this movement and also formed in 1920.

So just what are we celebrating? The amendment “transformed American democracy by vastly enlarging the electorate and forcing a fundamental

recognition of women as political actors,” writes historian Susan Schulten for the New York Times.

As women vote, run for office and win elections, our democracy is becoming more diverse — as it should be. Ratification of women’s suffrage in 1920 was a big step toward a more inclusive democracy, and it should not be minimized.

But as we plan our local, state and national celebrations, we are fully aware that many women of color were betrayed by the suffrage movement. White suffrage leaders worked in segregated suffrage associations, excluded women of color from key leadership positions, and employed racist rhetoric in advocating for white women’s right to vote.

Women of color worked hard for suffrage, but were often ignored or rebuffed. They were sold out, for expediency, when white leaders feared that the only way to pass the 19th Amendment was to focus on white women’s suffrage. Imagine the courage it took for black civil rights activist Ida B. Wells-Barnett to insist that she walk with her Illinois delegation in

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the first national women's suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., in 1913. She had been told to go to the back of the parade — so that white southern participants would not get upset.

And how is it that “The History of Woman Suffrage,” the traditional go-to text co-authored by Susan B. Anthony, fails to mention the names of so many black suffragists such as Margaret Murray Washington, Sylvanie Williams or Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin?

Granted, white women suffragists believed that if they led the way, universal suffrage would soon follow. But it didn't happen until many decades later. Perhaps we can forgive their shortcomings, believing that racism was “of their era” and they didn't know any better. And we have the marvelous advantage of hindsight. But they were also in a position to act on eternal values, out of a sense of right and wrong.

Anniversaries “offer an opportunity for greater accountability, a chance to create a fuller, more detailed accounting,” writes Sally Roesch Wagner, editor of “The Women's Suffrage Movement,” a more modern account of the movement.

Anniversaries are also a chance to set the record straight.

As the League of Women Voters of the South Bend Area plans its celebrations for 2020, we will strive to be inclusive and truth-telling. We are sorry that racism played such a big part in the suffrage movement. While we cannot change the past, we can learn from it, and our local League is working to become more diverse and inclusive.

We will strive to acknowledge the contributions of black and brown women in the movement — which historians say actually was inspired by equality within Native American communities.

We will try to make every vote count. We will fight to strengthen voting rights, and we will continue to oppose measures that dismantle or weaken the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

We seek to mobilize all voters regardless of demographic background or party affiliation. We will try to get everyone to the polls. We may not have done it in 1920, but we can, and will, do better in 2020 and beyond.

Saturday, September 21

Kickoff, Silent Auction and Luncheon

Black Gold Golf Club
Black Gold Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. \$30

10:30AM
Registration and
Silent
Auction opens

**Bring
Friends
&
Family**

**Luncheon, Silent Auction,
and Guest Speaker. Bring Friends,
Family & Neighbors**

Chris Erskine is a nationally known humor columnist and editor for the Los Angeles Times. Chris has been a part of two Pulitzer Prize-winning teams at The Times (for his graphics work on the Northridge quake and the North Hollywood bank robbery). Chris' will be discussing "Making The Best Of Things".

RESERVATION GUIDELINES:

1. Black Gold Golf Club requires reservations in advance.
2. Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 13.
3. Make reservations via email: lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org
4. "A reservation made is a reservation paid" - this includes late cancellations.

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Lunch With League by Marge Imbler

Welcome to a wonderful new LWNOC year with Lunch With League! We will be gathering together on Saturday, September 21, for our **Annual Kickoff/Silent Auction** at the Black Gold Golf Club, located at 1 Black Gold Dr., Yorba Linda 92886. The kickoff starts at 10:30 a.m. so that members will have time to peruse the silent auction items before the luncheon and speaker. There are always so many interesting objects that it will be hard to resist making a bid! The lunch will be \$30.00. Our featured speaker will be Chris Erskine, nationally known columnist for the Los Angeles Times. His topic will be “Making the Best of Things.”



Chris Erskine, Columnist for the Los Angeles Times

Mr. Erskine writes and edits for the Sports, Travel, Saturday sections of the LA Times. As an editor, he has been a part of two Pulitzer Prize winning teams at the Times. He is best known to readers for his weekly humor pieces on life in suburban Los Angeles. His latest book **Daditude** (2018) is a collection of his favorite Times columns on fatherhood. He has written two other books, **Man of the House** and **Surviving Suburbia**. The Chicago native has also worked for papers in New Orleans and Miami.

Reservations: Email us at lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org or call us at 714-254-7440 before **12:00 p.m Monday, September 16**. The Black Gold Golf Club is very strict that no reservations can be added after this deadline.

Guidelines:

- 1) No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.
- 2) A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

Fight the Plastic Peril by Carol Moon Goldberg, President LWVC

Every day, single-use packaging and plastic products generate thousands of tons of waste that are wreaking long lasting damage on our health and natural environment. **We can no longer afford to wait. Act now and demand that your legislators combat the plastic waste crisis.**

Roughly two-thirds of all plastic ever produced has been released into the environment, polluting every street, park, river, coast, and ocean. SB 54 and AB 1080 would alleviate the scourge of plastic by:

- Requiring manufacturers to reduce waste and improve the recyclability or compostability of packaging.
- Ensuring that all single-use packaging will be reusable, recyclable or compostable after 2030.
- Mandating that the most-littered plastic products be made only from recyclable or compostable materials.
- Creating incentives to encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material.

Our dependence on single-use plastics is poisoning our state. Plastic production is a major source of global greenhouse gas emissions; floating plastic “islands” are clogging the oceans; and microplastics are increasingly contaminating our food and drinking water sources. **Act now and help us combat the plastic waste crisis.**

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| Tuesday, September 10, 2019 1:00 | Hosted by Lois Smith | Read with League. Book will be "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. Reviewed by Barbara Dunsheath |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:00am | North Orange County ROP 385 N. Muller St. Anaheim, CA 92801 | Board Meeting. All members are welcome. |
| Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:30am | Black Gold Golf Club 1 Black Gold Drive Yorba Linda, CA 92886 | Kickoff Luncheon/Slilent Auction. Speaker will be Chris Erskine, nationally known humor columnist. He is the popular LA Times "Middle Ages" columnist. He also writes for the Sports, Travel, and Saturday sections and edits on the paper's Features staff. Cost \$30. PLEASE NOTE: ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVATION CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON MONDAY, SEP 16. |
| Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:00 | Hosted by Cheryl Zimmerman; co-host Lucina Moses | Read with League. Book will be "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. Reviewed by Lois Smith. |
| Wednesday, October 16, 2019 10:00am | North Orange County ROP 385 N. Muller St. Anaheim, CA 92801 | Board Meeting. All members are welcome. |
| Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:00am | Coyote Hills Golf Course 1440 E Bastanchury Rd Fullerton, CA 92831 | Lunch with League. Speaker will be Barbara Dunsheath, Professor of History, East Los Angeles College; Board of Trustees North Orange County Community College District. Topic of her speech will be "The Women's Hour: the Path Towards Suffrage and Beyond". Email reservations to lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org |

Read With League by Penny Brown

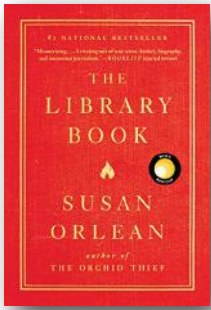
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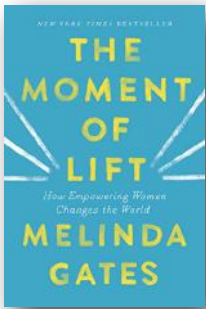
September 10th – **Becoming** by Michelle Obama (Crown Publishing Group, Nov. 2018) 448pp.) Reviewed by Barbara Dunsheath, hosted by Lois Smith, co-hosted by Penny Brown. Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address.

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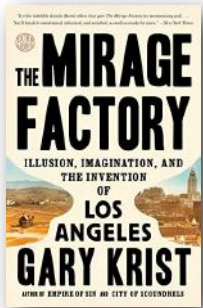


October 8th – **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean (Simon & Schuster, Oct 2016) 338pp. Reviewed by Lois Smith, hosted by Cheryl Zimmerman, co-hosted by Lucina Moses. Brimming with her signature wit, insight, compassion, and talent for deep research, **The Library Book** is Susan Orlean’s thrilling journey through the stacks that reveal how the beloved institutions provide much more than just books and why they remain an essential part of the heart, mind, and soul of our country. It is also a master journalist’s reminder that, perhaps especially in the digital era, they are more necessary than ever.



November 12th – **Moment of Lift** by Melinda Gates (Flatiron Books, Apr. 2019) 288pp. Reviewed Deborah Vagts, hosted by Kay and Mal Bruce, co-hosted by Cheryl Zimmerman. Melinda’s unforgettable narrative is backed by startling data as she presents the issues that most need our attention—from child marriage to lack of access to contraceptives to gender inequity in the workplace. And, for the first time, she writes about her personal life and the road to equality in her own marriage. Throughout, she shows how there has never been more opportunity to change the world—and ourselves.

January 14th – Holiday Potluck, book selection, and Book Exchange. Hosted by Penny Brown.



February 11th – **The Mirage Factory; Illusion, Imagination, and the Invention of Los Angeles** by Gary Krist (Crown, May 2019) 416pp. Reviewed by Satya Khouri, hosted by Deborah Vagts at the Cypress Library, co-hosted by Mary Fuhrman. At the heart of Los Angeles’ meteoric rise were three flawed visionaries: William Mulholland, an immigrant ditch-digger turned self-taught engineer, who designed the massive aqueduct that would make urban life here possible; D.W. Griffith, who transformed the motion picture from a vaudeville-house novelty into a cornerstone of American culture and gave L.A. its signature industry; and Aimee Semple McPherson, a charismatic evangelist who founded a religion and cemented the city’s identity as a center for spiritual exploration. All three would pay a steep price to realize these dreams, yet when the dust settled, the mirage that was LA remained. Spanning the years from 1900 to 1930, **The Mirage Factory** is the enthralling tale of an improbable city and the people who willed it into existence by pushing the limits of human engineering and imagination.



OC Board of Supervisors, August 13 and 27 by Wanda Shaffer, ILO

**The County Procurement Office was given authority to approve up to \$200,000 spending. It had previously only been approved for up to \$100,000 before it had to be presented to the BOS and the public. The California Code now allows this higher limit. When questioned about this action, Supervisor Do stressed that this change does not eliminate oversight. Supervisor Steel requested that contracts that exceed the old limit be published in the OC Register.

**There has been a great deal of discussion and spending increases on the homeless situation. The latest:

The Midnight Mission: \$1,704,167. (Cumulative total: \$6,899,365)

WISEPlace: \$1,615,057. (Cumulative total: \$4,686,487)

Am. Family Housing: \$338,689. (Cumulative total: \$968,458)

Kingdom Cause: \$240,000. (Cumulative total: \$870,208)

During Public Address, it was stated that OC Jails have had three unexplained deaths since the month of May. The OC Grand Jury filed an investigative report on this topic. See www.ocgrandjury.org/reports. The office of Congressman Correa asked the BOS to look into the “too long wait-time for vets to gain help with benefits.”

On a vote of 4-1, with Supervisor Do voting no, the BOS authorized County Counsel to retain Renne Public Law firm to file an amicus brief on behalf of the county to petition the U.S. Supreme Court to review the 9th Circuit Court decision in “Martin vs. Boise” (15-35845). The 9th Circuit ruled Boise’s ordinance regulating camping and disorderly conduct violates the 8th Amendment and is “cruel and unusual punishment.” Thus the cities cannot prevent anyone from camping until they first provide enough shelter beds for everyone. Thus public encampment is exempted from a host of public health and safety laws. Final notification about whether the court will hear the case should not be expected until October.

Chair Bartlett reminded OC residents that all should be registered on www.alertoc.com and that you phone for the “Emergency Bucket List” of what is needed in an emergency....(714) 834-2206.

Here’s How the CCRC Does it by Jim Hill

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a case about gerrymandering, arguing that the shape and size of Congressional Districts is a political issue, not a question of law, so Congress should solve the problem by writing a law. However, the question of how to apportion Congressional Districts or any political districts has always been a perplexing and contentious matter.

Not a matter too perplexing or contentious for Californians, though. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission has spelled out exactly how they intend to draw the lines. Here is the list of the Commission’s criteria.

- Reasonably equal population
- Voting Rights Act – compliance with the spirit as well as just the letter
- Geographic contiguity
- Respect for neighborhoods, city and county boundaries, and communities of interest
- Geographic compactness, as much as possible given higher criteria
- Nesting, as much as possible given higher criteria
- No consideration of place of residence of incumbent or candidate
- Nothing that would favor or discriminate against an incumbent or candidate or party

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LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY Membership Form 2018 - 2019

Name(s) of Member(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

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|--|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Individual member | \$65.00 | Renewal ____ | New member ____ | \$ _____ |
| Additional household member | \$32.50 | Renewal ____ | New member ____ | \$ _____ |
| Student member | Free | Renewal ____ | New member ____ | \$ _____ |
| Additional donation to League (To cover our operating expenses, etc.): | | | | |
| | \$25 | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 other |
| | | | | \$ _____ |
| Donation to Educational Fund (Separate tax-deductible donation): | | | | |
| | \$25 | \$50 | \$75 | \$100 other |
| | | | | \$ _____ |

Total enclosed (*Make checks payable to LWVNOC.*) Thank you. \$ _____

How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.

Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: _____

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): _____

I am currently: Working ____ Retired ____ My job/profession: _____

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: _____

I am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. Comments: _____

Please send this completed form with your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

For Treasurer's Use Only: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date: _____



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