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President's Message by Pearl Mann, Pres. LWVNOC

Our Kickoff with nearly 100 members and guests bidding on an abundant array of fabulous auction items was a huge success. Chris Erskine, our terrific guest speaker was as good if not better in person than his column in the LA Times. We laughed and almost cried with him. Many thanks to Jan Urban and Jennifer Trafford, our Special Events Co-chairs, and their committee for a terrific job. Also thanks to Frann Shermet for inviting our speaker.

We are recruiting volunteers for a new task force and two new committees. LWVC has asked local Leagues to recruit workers for their regional Task Force on Housing and Homeless. LWVNOC will be responsible for identifying and sharing issues and resources on housing and homelessness in our cities. LWVC supports the Schools and Communities First Proposition, which will be on the 2020 California ballot, and we are organizing our own local committee to help promote it. Last but not least, our newly formed Climate Crisis Committee needs enthusiastic volunteers. Volunteers for any of the above, please contact me at pearlgmann@aol.com or let one of our Board Members know of your interest.

Hopefully, the regional task force and committees will reach out to local groups to assist in their missions. These are a few of the new programs resulting from our Strategic Planning retreat, but the full report is not yet complete. Our major issues of voting rights, housing and homelessness, and education continue to be paramount, but new approaches and strategies are possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lunch with League.

Describing CNN's Second Democratic Presidential Candidates' Debate, William Rivers Pitt, writing for Truthout, Aug. 1, 2019, had this to say:

"Still, the fight-night atmosphere created by *CNN*, right down to the boxing announcer voiceover at the beginning, was cringeworthy. The League of Women Voters hasn't run a presidential debate since 1988. More than 30 years down the rabbit hole of modern U.S. politics, the steady, professional hand of the League is sorely missed."

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Lunch with League by Lois Smith

We all look forward to hearing our own Barbara Dunsheath speak at our **October 24**th Lunch with League. Barbara teaches history full time at East Los Angeles College and has been doing so for the past 20 years. During that time she has served on a variety of committees including the one on Women/Gender Studies. She has also served as a Trustee for the North Orange County Community College District since 2005.

Barbara will be speaking on women throughout the ages, both in and out of politics, and has titled her speech "The Women's Hour: The Path Toward Women's Suffrage and Beyond." This should be a fascinating and interesting topic for all! The lunch will be held at the beautiful Coyote Hills Golf Club in Fullerton starting at 11 am and includes a deliciously prepared lunch buffet.



Prof. Barbara Dunsheath

The cost of the luncheon is \$22. Please make your reservations by emailing me at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org prior to 10 am on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd. No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after that time. And, remember, the League's policy is "A reservation made is a reservation paid." Hope to see lots of you there!

Orange County Hate Crime Report, 2018 by Alison Edwards, CEO, OC Human Relations Council

The OC Human Relations Council partnered with the County of Orange for the release of the 2018 Hate Crime Report. For the fourth year in a row we saw an increase in both hate crimes and incidents in our county. The event coordinated by OC Human Relations Council featured keynote speakers Jeanne and Gideon Bernstein, parents of Blaze Bernstein, who was a victim of a hate crime. They shared the impact of the murder of their son Blaze and the difference they are making in his memory. The report, published by OC Human Relations Council and Orange County Human Relations Commission through a contract with the County of Orange, aims to increase awareness on hate incidents and hate crimes. The OC Human Relations Council provides hate crime prevention programming and promotes an inclusive county.

OC Human Relations Council, established in 1991 as a nonprofit, fosters mutual understanding among residents to eliminate prejudice, intolerance and discrimination in order to make Orange County a better place for ALL people to live, work and do business. The council brings people together to create safe and inclusive schools and communities, develop diverse leaders and mediate conflict. Since 1991, the council collects data, and tracks, reports, and responds to hate crimes in Orange County. They provide support for victims of hate crimes and trainings for community, educators, and law enforcement to increase the accuracy of reporting and decrease the number of hate-related crimes and incidents. To report a hate crime that has occurred in Orange County, or learn more, contact us at 714-480-6570 or visit www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime. Connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ochumanrelations, follow us on Twitter @ WeAreOneOC and Instagram @OChumanrelations.

Four League of Women Voters members attended this forum along with about 200 community members. The whole report is on www.ochumanrelations.org/hatecrime.

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Date & Time	Place	Description
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.
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



Join us for the San Diego Climate Change Forum!

Saturday, November 9, 1:00 - 4:00p

Rancho Peñasquitos Library, 13330 Salmon River Road, San Diego, CA 92129 Register here!

Meet League climate change folks from southern SoCal and learn what is happening in the League across our state. This is our third forum; we held a <u>SoCal Forum</u> (Los Angeles area) in June, and a <u>NorCal Forum</u> in September which you can read about on our <u>website</u>. If you missed those, come to the San Diego Climate Change Forum!

Also online check out the <u>Climate Change Task Force</u> to see what California local Leagues are doing on climate.

At the Forum we will discuss state-wide climate teams already formed or forming. You can be a part. Please come!

OC Board of Supervisors Report by Wanda Shaffer, ILO

Over an hour was spent discussing whether the Board of Supervisors should accept the Registrar of Voters' request for approval of a three-year contract with Hart Intercivic for voting equipment and ongoing maintenance for the new OC Vote Centers. All seven of the Evaluation Committee members rated the Hart InterCivic proposal to be ranked the best of the four received proposals. Hart had met the County Contract terms, conditions, attachments and exhibits, and Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley explained more than once that the Hart proposal would provide full support and Election Code compliance for Vote Center elections. Hart's contract met all the required deadlines and demonstrated experience and certifications. Also Hart has provided OC quality and timely service for the last fifteen years. However, Supervisor Do preferred a different company that was less expensive and could do the job. ROV Kelley prevailed, and when Mr. Do discovered that only a vote of three of the four supervisors present was needed, he acquiesced.

Two years ago the County ordered Internal Audits to conduct a risk assessment of all the County Departments. Assessor Parish's office has still not been audited. The Supervisors ordered it be accomplished, and Parish replied that his department was in the midst of moving to a different site, so the audit would have to wait. Stay tuned!

YOU CAN INDIVIDUALLY EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS, NEEDS, AND OPINIONS TO **YOUR** DISTRICT SUPERVISOR. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER TO BE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

GO FOR IT!

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Membership Roster by Barbara Orosz, LWVNOC Membership Co-Director

Our membership roster will be included on our new website when it is installed next month. It will be located in a "Members Only" section protected by a password. However, if any member does not want their address, phone numbers, and email address in this protected section of the website, please send your request to Barbara Orosz at bjorosz@earthlink.net.



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

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