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*January meeting ...*

## Reaching for Zero Waste

Heather Guevara of Zero Waste Mendocino will be the featured speaker at the League's next regular meeting, to be held at 10 AM on January 14 at the Caspar Community Center. Members and friends will be able to learn new ways of conserving resources and preserving our planet in our own homes and neighborhoods. As usual, doors will open at 9:30 for coffee and conversation, and our presidents will begin the meeting at 10.

Heather Guevara is the founder of Zero Waste Mendo, an activist group dedicated to reversing climate change and decreasing pollution by reducing waste. She promotes Zero Waste throughout Mendocino County by educating the public and working with schools, municipalities, businesses, organizations, and individuals on how to reduce their waste. Heather received a Masters in Counseling degree from Palo Alto University in



2018. She has been interviewed by Real Estate Magazine and KNYO and KZYY radio stations.

She helps people ease into forming new, more sustainable habits by encouraging them to take one step at a time, because she believes every step makes a difference. When not giving tours of their home, she and her husband continue to improve their sustainability through edible landscaping, solar and wind energy, and electric vehicles. In her spare time, you can find Heather playing with her 2-year-old daughter. She is currently working on expanding her outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. She can be reached at [zerowastemendo@gmail.com](mailto:zerowastemendo@gmail.com). The January 2019 Real Estate Magazine article on Zero Waste Mendo can be found by going to [http://www.realestatemendocino.com/cover\\_art.htm](http://www.realestatemendocino.com/cover_art.htm) and clicking on issue #717.

## Suppe Candidates to Speak

The League's Voter Services committee has scheduled a 4th District Supervisor Candidates' Forum at City Hall in Fort Bragg on January 16 from 6:30 to 8 PM. Incumbent Dan Gjerde and Fort Bragg city council member Lindy Peters will be on hand to answer questions from the audience. Sharon DiMauro will moderate, and Sharon Gilligan will monitor time for the event. Members who can assist in distributing and collecting question cards should contact Jane Person at 964-6351.

## LWV Mission Statement

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

*President's message ...*

## **A Collective Birthday Party**

*By Nancy Kleiber*

Growing up in post-WWII America, I did not have special individual birthday parties. There was no Chucky Cheese. I do recall some plateau birthday celebrations, like when I turned 21, making me old enough to drink legally *and* to register to vote, which I did *before* going out on the town in San Francisco. Then there were a few decades when I didn't really think about my birthday—being busy studying, then working and trying to contribute to “what you can do for your country.” And before you could say ‘abracadabra’ there was another plateau birthday—my 50th, mid-centennial, 11 past Jack Benny—and what the hell did I have to show for myself? I wasn't rich or famous, nor had I changed the world significantly for the better.



But by this time I had somewhat settled down, and had started sharing my annual birthday with a group of friends and family whose individual birthdates clustered near mine. Our collective celebration, being multi-generational, every year renews my energy, my hope for the future, and my appreciation of my forebears. Both my maternal and paternal grandparents were immigrants to the United States of America, coming in without speaking English and with few resources beyond the cost of passage, but with a willingness to work. None of them would have been allowed in today, given the quota and other immigration restrictions. Although both grandmothers became citizens, they still would not have had the right to vote without the 19th Amendment, which, in turn, would not have happened but for a 72-year-long struggle that culminated in the formation of the League of Women Voters in February 1920. So I include the League of Women Voters as a key branch of my family tree.

February 14, 2020 will be the 100th birthday of the League—one of those plateau birthday celebrations. Looking back over this century of its life, I am struck by the League's persistence in insuring that all Americans, native-born and foreign-born alike, have the right to vote, that that right is protected against all efforts of suppression, and that all voters have access to a non-partisan path of civic engagement to launch them into the American political system.

As the League has aged, its members have realized that it's not enough to have the right to vote, but to be able to vote on meaningful issues impacting all of our daily lives. Still non-partisan, the League did not and will not endorse candidates. But through a process of consensus the League has become an active participant on issues of the day.

In 1945 President Truman invited the League to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Charter Conference. The League expressed support for the UN, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. To this day, the League has continued its presence at the United Nations through its one official and two alternate observers.

The League directed its energies during the civil rights movement of the 60's to build a solid foundation of support for equal access to education and employment. It also added reapportionment to its national program, and supported presidential suffrage for the residents of Washington, DC. In 1969, the League was one of the first organizations calling for the United States to normalize relations with China.

In the 1970's the League adopted an official position on the direct popular election of the President and developed broad national positions on water, air, waste management, land use, and energy. In 1974 the national bylaws were amended to allow men to become full voting members of the League.

## More about Women's Suffrage

Cindy Plank sent the *Voter* an article that the National Park Service has published about the 19th Amendment in California. It contains information about the suffrage movement and its promoters that was new to us. California used the referendum process to enfranchise women in 1911. Yes, men voted this in, which shows the power of women's political organizing. Our state ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on November 1, 1919. The article can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/california-and-the-19th-amendment.htm>

In 1976, LWVUS sponsored the first televised presidential debates since 1960, for which it won an Emmy award for Outstanding Achievement in Broadcast Journalism. As an almost jaded viewer, I may start questioning whether more television debates are beneficial, but kudos to the League for getting the debates out of closed rooms and into our living rooms.

Over the next four decades, the League was in the forefront of the struggle to pass Voting Rights Act Amendments. In 1983, it adopted a position on public policy on reproductive choice. In the arms control field, pressure from the League helped achieve Senate ratification of the groundbreaking Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) in 1988. In that same year, it also completed a study of U.S. agricultural policy. The League has been active in promoting immigration laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the U.S and the passage of fair policies that would end the crisis at our border, end the separation of families, and provide a path to citizenship.

As we approach the League's birthday on February 14, 2020, what do you get someone who is 100 years old? A birthday card? Drink a toast? Sorry, not that easy. We can't just buy for this one—we need to “do.” At our local League Board meeting on January 7, 2020, we will be planning appropriate local activities to celebrate our collective grandmama's birthday. Join us, or email your suggestions to [nkleiberca@mac.com](mailto:nkleiberca@mac.com).

## Outreach to Youthful Voters Will Continue This Year

Co-Presidents Nancy Kleiber and Cindy Plank submitted an application, and recently received word that our League unit will receive a new \$500 grant from LWVUS Education Fund, funding a new Youth Voter Registration Project (YVRP) for the spring of 2020. One of the stipulations in this year's grant contract is that LWVMC will participate in the February, 2020 centennial celebration/day of action. (*See President's Message above*) The U.S. League's toolkit may prompt some ideas that can be considered at the January 7 board meeting. Read it online at <https://www.lwv.org/dayofaction>; then send your ideas to any board member before then. If the League registers its plan by Friday, January 10, it will be entered to win \$1,000.

*Partner organization message ...*

## Latino Coalition Scholarship

“Forestry.” “International Relations.” “Midwifery.” “Marine Science.” These are some of the replies given by the 2019 Latino Coalition Scholarship winners when we asked, “What do you plan to study in college?” Like the scholarship recipients in 2018, this year's seven high school seniors were impressive young people, motivated to succeed in the next phase of their academic careers. The Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast is committed to supporting young Latinos in our coastal community. With your help, we will provide seven more high school seniors from Fort Bragg and Mendocino with a \$500 scholarship in May of 2020. Contributions to this cause — of any size — will be welcomed and appreciated. You can join other generous members of our community as they help launch the leaders of tomorrow. Please make your check out to Safe Passage and put Latino Coalition Scholarship in the memo line. Mail it to Safe Passage, P.O. Box 1718, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Be sure to include your contact information. Thank you from all of us in the Latino Coalition. The mission of the Latino Coalition is to empower our community through education, social justice, and cultural appreciation.

*November meeting*

## League Members Attend Civics 101

by Jary Stavelly

Members Charlene McAllister and Dorine Real led an informative review of civics for the current time at the general League meeting on November 12 at the Caspar Community Center. They presented the 20 attendees with a set of charts showing the three branches of government on different levels, the California Citizenship Education Framework, and an outline of Kinds of Civic Participation. They also gave out a citizenship quiz made up of the hardest ten questions out of the 100 possible ones given on the 2011 United States citizenship test. One survey at the time found that 64% of natural born American citizens would fail the test, given in multiple-choice format. No one in attendance failed, although this audience member missed two.

Charlene opened the meeting by exploring where the word ‘civics’ comes from. Civique in French means ‘citizen,’ and in Roman times was used to refer to the laurel wreath of distinction given to those who saved fellow members of society in times of peril. She outlined how being citizens and having citizenship relates to the government of a representative democracy like ours. It extends bonds that people feel for each other beyond the ties of family and kinship; it unites people from different cultural backgrounds; and it extends participation in government through voting, town hall meetings, and other local, state, or national service. She reminded us that government of, by, and for the people, means that people should control what government does; and that we need knowledge, skill, and character to do so properly—qualities that, at its best, the League attempts to amplify.

Dorine led a discussion that centered on what citizens need to do these days. She said that in classical Athens, said to be our model for democracy, leaders weren’t elected, but were chosen by lot. Historically, service in the military

has been an obligation of male citizenship, but at this time in our country, jury duty is the only theoretical requirement for citizens. Although it is a right, voting is not obligatory. What then is needed to promote citizen participation? She pointed out that good citizenship is not synonymous with legal citizenship—historically and currently, immigrants contribute to the social fabric in a positive way. If building social capital is important, how can it be taught, how can we promote it? One approach which we have taken locally is to promote civil discourse, and there is now a group called the NICD (National Institute for Civil Discourse) which is promoting Golden Rule 2020, a secular effort to promote treating others as you would wish to be treated.

If good citizenship means that society and government should exist for the benefit of everybody, it would seem that concept is under attack in the current atmosphere of divisiveness. What can we do in response? Here are some of the ideas which came up during the group discussion:

- Bring children to public meetings so they can learn about civic participation.
- Support those who wish to become American citizens.
- Create a community that gives a sense of belonging to everyone.
- Break down the ethic of self-reliance so that people learn to appreciate depending on each other.
- Stay in contact with your neighbors, especially during stressful times like the power outage.
- Establish local sites where neighbors can gather during emergencies.



Readers of the *VOTER* are encouraged to read about (and 'like') our Mendocino County League on Facebook. The site is <http://www.facebook.com/LWVMendo1/>  
You don't even have to sign up in order to see what is posted there.

## Behavioral Health Forum Finally Held

by Sharon Gilligan & Meg Courtney

Over forty people, many from the health and social services fields, attended the League's November 25 meeting on the provision of mental health services in our area. A panel of six was introduced by 4th District Supervisor Dan Gjerde. The panel included Tammy Moss Chandler, Director of Mendocino County Health & Human Services; Jenine Miller, Director of Mendocino County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services; Emily Strachan, Vice Chair of the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Board; John Wetzler, former Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Board & caretaker for a SMI family member; Camille Schrader, Chief Program Officer of the Redwood Quality Management Company; and Mark Mertle, a Measure B Committee member from Fort Bragg. Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams acted as facilitator with the microphone during the question and answer period.

Sheriff Tom Allman first spoke briefly about the snail's pace progress on provisions outlined in Measure B, but assured the audience that there was progress, nonetheless. His statistics indicate that 32% of the behavioral health cases the department handles are from the coast. His criteria for intervention by law enforcement included three conditions:

- are there guns involved?
- did acts of violence occur?, and
- is there an imminent threat to the individual or to those around him/her?

As an example of the enormity of the issue, he gave the day's count at the county jail: 305 inmates, 144 for mental health holds or complaints. Nearly one hundred of them have prescribed medication needs. Without saying so, Sheriff Allman clearly articulated that these are problems that should not be handled by law enforcement alone. He also addressed rumors of a conspiracy between the County sheriff's office and Mendocino Community Services to prioritize creating a coastal facility bypassing regular channels of decision-making. He assured the crowd that no conspiracy existed and that all proper regulations would be observed.

As the meeting began, Supervisor Williams raised an issue about a constituent who sought help after her husband, suffering from Alzheimer's disease, had a violent episode. Members of the panel agreed that this might be an overlooked aspect of behavioral health care.

Presenters gave an overview of the history and current structure of the County Behavioral Health Board, which was established by legislation in 1957. Three members from each supervisory district plus one supervisor make up the board. Citizen members include consumers of mental health services, their family members, and the general public. Cultural diversity is encouraged. The board specializes in research on strategies to improve services in the county, which is then reported to the Board of Supervisors. Among their goals is encouraging the community college to expand and enhance training for psych technicians.

Mendocino County pays Redwood Quality Management Company to maintain a crisis phone, medication support, and walk-in centers where resources are available. The literature provided showed two sites in Fort Bragg, the Hospitality Center and Redwood Community Crisis Center on Highway 20. Other walk-in locations are in Willits or Ukiah.

The County also maintains a mobile outreach & prevention program serving targeted remote areas to assist consumers and/or family members in obtaining services for those exhibiting behavioral health symptoms or who need help after psychiatric hospitalization or incarceration.

Mr. Mertle reported on progress in researching a site for the physical facility mandated by Measure B. An architect has been hired, and property in Redwood Valley has been purchased. There are still questions about the type of services to be available at a residential site, and the training of staff.

There was a lively question and answer session which occasionally turned into anecdotes or critiques of care received or not received. A couple of people felt they or a family member had been denied services because they did not meet the criteria for

referral. Most questions and comments, however, centered on the need for a facility here on the coast. Annie Liner even mentioned the additional stressors placed on vulnerable community members by the PG&E power stoppages. Losing precious food, trying to keep warm, or just getting around added to anxiety for many.

Toward the end of the meeting a representative of a loosely formed group of independent therapists on the coast questioned whether Measure B funds could be allocated for additional training, especially in pain management. There were indications that someone on the panel would look into it and a willingness to connect with this group was expressed.

Some in the audience expressed the feeling that the public could still use more information about our county's Behavioral Health program. Time for questions was limited because of the large number of participants on the panel, and their extensive power point presentations.

## **Sheriff's Retirement Announcement**

*by Sheriff Tom Allman*

My retirement became effective on 12/28/2019. This is a decision that I have made based on many things, but one of the the most important is the fact that we have a very good undersheriff, Matt Kendall, who is ready to take the helm. It has been my honor to work for Mendocino County as a lawman since 1985. I have been lucky enough to be your Sheriff for the past 13 years and there are no words which would adequately describe how proud I am to have been Sheriff of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. As the transition takes place, I have to thank the men and women who work very hard to keep our county safe. I'm leaving at a time when things are very good and I'm not taking this for granted.

I'm not moving from the area and I intend to spend a lot of time focused on improving the mental health services throughout our county. Together, we've accomplished a lot, yet the hardest work is still ahead of us. The current ambulance crisis is another project which I will be working on.

I am very lucky to have so many people who have supported me in my time as your Sheriff and I will never forget how fortunate I have been. Together, we

have faced fires, floods, droughts, a tsunami and several other incidents which have gone down in our county history as major. In 2008, we had 134 lightning fires in one night and in 2011, we had the most expensive and extensive manhunt in our county history. In 2017, we experienced the most tragic disaster in our history, where 9 citizens perished. The sadness and pain of that tragedy which we all experienced will always linger. Throughout all of these disasters, we have had First Responders step up and do the necessary work which had to be done. Many of these first responders are volunteers and they have my heartfelt appreciation. Our volunteer firefighters and our search and rescue volunteers are citizens who strive to work very hard to make our county a better place, for little or no pay. Thank you very much.

To the men and women of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office: Thank you. You are appreciated for what you do and how you conduct yourself. I know each of you and I am very proud of you. Continue wearing your uniform with the rich pride that has been established by the past employees who have built our good reputation.

I'm going to sum it up in very few words: Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your Sheriff for the past 13 years. I have made many friends throughout my tenure as your Sheriff and will never forget the kindness which has been shown to me.

## **Coast Hospital Updates**

*Here are two addenda to the hospital article in the November Voter.*

The Coast Hospital Board has voted to seek affiliation with Adventist Health for operation of the hospital. A measure seeking voter approval for the lease agreement will appear on the March primary ballot.

The Mendocino Coast Reproductive Access Group has announced that the hospital, and its North Coast Family Health Center, are now able to prescribe Mifepristone, a 97% effective pill that can be taken during the first 10 weeks of pregnancy by most women. The hospital administrators changed their policy after being advised by the ACLU that California law does require the publicly owned hospital to allow abortions.

## Year-End Census Update

by Paula Cohen

*The following letter gives even more recent information on MCCCC's activities than Paula's update at our November 12 meeting. -- editor*

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has signed a contract with Mendocino County for \$7,000 to cover some of the expenses of outreach and education. This funding will be used for printing of flyers, media ads (newspapers, radio and theatres), 'give-aways' (pencils, jar openers, etc.), other specific items requested by the communities, and some mileage for Coordinating Committee members. If you have ideas for promotional materials please suggest them. Currently, more quarter-sheet flyers are being printed for Boonville, Comptche, Point Arena and Gualala. My notes show that Anderson Valley Health Center and the Fort Bragg Senior Center were willing to hold onto the flyers and people can pick them up to distribute, or to have in their offices/businesses. My notes did not list a place in Point Arena but I was hoping Action Network might be willing to hold some. Would someone check and let me know? I will keep you informed when they are printed and how they will be delivered to your community.

Mendocino County will be responsible for arranging for billboard advertising; ordering banners—large ones for various locations in the County, and smaller ones for tables at events; ordering ads for buses; working with Information Technology Services to acquire hand-held computer devices to use at libraries and other identified places in the County; creating the PSA's for radio stations; and initiating and managing the Mendocino Counts website. Be sure to check frequently for outreach and other information at [www.mendocinocounts.org](http://www.mendocinocounts.org).

We will be using a Work/Media Plan to promote census activities. It contains a set of the recently written talking points you can use or share with others, and a copy of the 2020 Census questionnaire in both English and Spanish. An 8 1/2 x 11 flyer is being created for businesses to display in their windows.

About 20 group presentations have been completed by members of the Coastal Group. There are more scheduled in the next few months. If you know of any group who would like a presentation, please contact me to schedule. I was the guest on Peggy's Place radio program on December 2nd on KGUA,

and another is scheduled for January 6th at 9 am. We will schedule an interview on KZYX soon. We need to identify a Spanish language radio station that would interview Spanish speaking people to answer questions and promote participation in the Census. If a bilingual person is interested in being interviewed please contact Julie Beardsley or me for more information.

It is time to update and remind the four City Councils and the Board of Supervisors about our activities and plans for the upcoming months. The Fort Bragg City Council has been updated and a date has been scheduled for Point Arena. I am still trying to meet with a veterans' group to promote participation in the Census. If anyone has a connection please help spread the word.

Sara O'Donnell will be speaking to the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs in early January. They have very specific knowledge of who lives in areas of the county. It is hoped they will have insight about connecting with people who live in very rural areas of the county. A meeting with the Board of Directors of the Fort Bragg Chamber of Commerce had to be rescheduled. We would like to work on a way to engage the business community in publicly supporting the census.

Julie Beardsley has been working with the County Information Technology Services to purchase hand held devices which can be used throughout the County to complete the 2020 Census. She has also met with the County Librarian and negotiated use of the County libraries for people to access computers for online reporting. It has been suggested that local Friends of the Library may be willing to help people access the web site. We will need to develop a quick training program for volunteers. So far, the Census Bureau has not released the URL for the website.

United Way of California in conjunction with the State United Way is developing wording for a post card which will be mailed to residential post office boxes with instructions on how to access the URL to complete the census form. The post card mailing campaign will begin sometime close to March 2020.

Holly Ugulano is recruiting people for census positions. Contact her at 707-321-7730 or [holly.s.ugulano@2020census.gov](mailto:holly.s.ugulano@2020census.gov) for more information about jobs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or suggestions about the census or this report: Paula Cohen, 937-1914

## National League News

**Supreme Court hears case on DACA:** On November 12, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a trio of cases suing the presidential administration over its decision to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The loss of DACA protections would have devastating effect on the 700,000 recipients and their families, and the millions more relying on the government's promise to create a pathway to citizenship. If the Court rules in favor of DACA recipients, those recipients and their families will feel secure for the first time in three or more years. And the rest of the country can focus our efforts on ensuring Congress creates pathway to citizenship for people who have long called this country home. The League has joined 44 other civic-minded organizations in filing an amicus brief in this case. A decision is expected in summer 2020.

**We've been waiting nearly 100 years for equality:** While this year is the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, the passage of a constitutional amendment—known as the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)—that enshrines equality for all regardless of sex or gender, has faced obstacles since 1923. The possibility of its passage has been renewed by the outcome of the Virginia Legislature elections in 2019, with many legislators declaring their intent to ratify the ERA. Virginia's ratification would make it the 38th and final state needed for this constitutional amendment to become a reality. However, unlike many other of our other constitutional amendments, the ERA had a deadline for ratification of 1979 (and then extended by Congress to 1982). But hope is not lost—this month, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee ruled 21-11 to remove the ratification deadline and now the resolution moves to the House floor for a vote. It's been almost 100 years we have been waiting and working for this amendment, let's not wait 100 more. By passing the ERA, we can firmly and resolutely declare that we believe in equality for all.

**People Powered Fair Maps move in the states:** Leagues across the country are working state by state to close the door on federal challenges to partisan gerrymandering—the practice of drawing districts with an overwhelming voter registration advantage to

minimize competitive elections. In late October, LWV of Oklahoma filed an initiative petition to end gerrymandering in the state. In early November, LWV of Oregon filed 3 redistricting petitions that would create a nonpartisan citizens panel to handle redistricting for congressional and legislative seats in Oregon. Also in November, LWV of Nevada filed a constitutional amendment with the Nevada secretary of state that, if approved by voters in 2020 and again in 2022, would create a bipartisan independent redistricting commission.

LWV of New Jersey hosted a series of redistricting town halls where members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission spoke about how the fair maps are drawn in California.

**Leagues resist voter purges:** The state of Georgia is planning to purge at least 300,000 voters from the voting rolls before its primary election in March. The LWV of Georgia is mobilizing to fight against this massive purge. LWV of Ohio is fighting a massive voter purge from the secretary of state, and now the State of Ohio is launching an investigation suspecting non-citizens of registering to vote in 2018. The Ohio League has requested a copy of the suspected voter list. LWV of Wisconsin is pushing back against a planned voter role purge there based on inaccurate data. While New Hampshire gears up for their primary election, LWV of New Hampshire is fighting against a voting law that requires additional documentation for voter registration. LWV of Kentucky is celebrating the restoration of voting rights for over 100,000 Kentuckians with past felony convictions. LWV of Kentucky issued a report on felon disenfranchisement that re-sparked the conversation in the state, leading to this action.

**In Congress:** The Voting Rights Advancement Act passed in the U.S. House! The League has been advocating for this essential legislation since 2014 after the Voting Rights Act was gutted. Also, the League joined over 50 civil society organizations in endorsing the introduction of the International Violence Against Women Act (IVAWA). This legislation leverages existing U.S. resources to combat and respond to gender-based violence, a critical step toward promoting the human rights and dignity of all individuals as well as regional and global stability.

Dear Members and Friends,

It's your last month to pay your annual dues. If you haven't yet done so, please take a minute to mail them, or mark your calendar to bring them along to our meeting on January 14th.

The full amount of your regular dues—\$60.00 for an individual membership or \$90.00 for a 2-member household—is passed on to the U.S. and California Leagues to support their laudable efforts towards making democracy work and preserving our world. So, in addition to our regular and household memberships, we are pleased to include additional levels of membership for you to consider when you make your renewal. These fund the activities of our local League. Each membership level is named after a woman of the past who chose to make a difference:

- Susan B. Anthony founded the National Woman Suffrage Association along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.
- Amelia Bloomer was the first woman to own, operate and edit a newspaper, *The Lily*, which promoted women's rights issues.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and served as its first president.
- Carrie Chapman Catt founded the League of Women Voters: "Winning the vote is only an opening wedge -- learning to use it is a bigger task."

Another individual who chose to make a difference was Frederick Douglass, who spoke at the Seneca Falls women's rights convention urging women not to compromise on their demand for the vote. Donations to our League's Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund allow scholarship and "try us" memberships.

Thank you for remaining a member of a committed group of women and men who are working to make a difference in the future of our country.

*Jary Stavelly*  
Membership Chair

### LWVMC Membership Renewal, 2019-2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Membership	@ 0	_____
Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership	@ \$60	_____
Amelia Bloomer Household Membership	@ \$90	_____
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership	@ \$100	_____
Carrie Chapman Catt Membership	@ \$250	_____
Donation to LWVMC		_____
Donation to Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund		_____
Donation to LWVMC Education Fund (tax deductible)		_____
Total		_____

*Please make checks payable to LWVMC, and mail to P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg CA 95437.  
Sorry, only Education Fund donations are tax-deductible.*

## Float Celebrating Women Suffrage Wins in Rose Bowl Parade



The League entered a float in the annual Pasadena Rose Parade celebrating 100 years of voting for women. National League President Chris Carson and CEO Virginia Kase rode on the entry, which won recognition for the best theme in the entire parade. In case you missed it, you can watch a recording of the parade, in which you can see our League Leaders on the Suffrage float 34 minutes into the broadcast: <https://ktla.com/2020/01/01/watch-the-131st-rose-parade-presented-by-honda-a-new-years-day-tradition/>

### Upcoming LWVMC Events

#### **Voter Service events**

January 16, **6:30-8 PM**, Fort Bragg Town Hall: 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor forum

#### **Member meetings**

*Held on Tuesdays at Caspar Community Center, except as noted*

January 14, 10 AM: Zero Waste

February 11, 10 AM: Program Planning

March 20, **5-7:30 PM**: Meet and Greet Your Local Officials

April 14, **6 PM**: Schools and Communities First initiative

May 12, 10 AM: Annual Membership Meeting

#### **Board meetings**

*Held on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM at the Fort Bragg Library. All members are welcome.*

January 7, March 10, April 28, June 9

#### **Focus Group meetings**

*Look for information in the next Voter about joining a Focus Group to plan and execute projects.*