



# League of Women Voters

## North County San Diego

# VOTER

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

### November & December Meetings & Events

LWVNCSD Board Meeting Friday, Nov 9 10 AM

Health Interest Group Monday, Nov. 12, 10 AM

**General Meeting** Tuesday, Nov. 13 1:00 PM

Carlsbad Unit Meeting Thursday, Nov. 15 10 AM

**Silver Party Fundraiser** Sat. Nov. 17 2 - 4 PM

LWV Book Group Monday, Nov. 19 1 PM

Women's Interest Group Monday, Nov. 26 1 PM

Oceanside Field Trip Tuesday, Nov. 27, Noon

Lunch With League Co-Sponsored with LWV of San Diego Wed., Nov. 28 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

San Dieguito Unit, Thurs. Dec. 6, 11 - 2 PM

Board Meeting Dec 14 10 AM

Carlsbad Unit Observer Lunch Sat. Dec. 15 10 AM - 12:30 PM

Book Group Mon. Dec. 17, 1 PM

## November/December 2018

**General Meeting on Education  
Serving Disadvantaged Children**  
Tuesday, November 13 from 1 to 2:30 PM  
Gowland Meeting Room, Dove Library, Carlsbad

Come and hear Michelle Walsh, the Student Support Services Coordinator, Vista Unified School District, talk about the many problems that students face nowadays and how her school district is helping children cope and succeed.

Ms. Wash's work includes support to students who are parenting, homeless, in foster care, from military families, expelled, incarcerated, or identify as LGBTQ. She also oversees attendance, coordinates mental health services for the district, is responsible for the Medi-Cal EPSDT program, the juvenile justice diversion program, elementary school counselors, district school social workers, crisis response team and more!



This is a aspect of Education we need to hear about. It is an important challenge for school districts to help these students learn and thrive.

*Many thanks to the **Leucadia Wastewater District** for providing our League with a wonderful meeting place throughout the year. This service is of great benefit to us because of its high quality in every regard and the fact that it is free. The cost of meeting places continues to rise and this gift to us is much appreciated!*



**Message  
From  
President  
Anne  
Omsted**

We can all be very proud of our League for our extraordinary service to the voters during this election season. Between the June Primary and the November General Election, our League has fielded an astonishing number of candidate forums, issues forums, Pros and Cons on state and local ballot measures, and partnered with the Registrar of Voters to help take in Mail-in Ballots at three local libraries. As far as I can estimate, over 85 members have been involved in the above activities, and in addition we have worked on Voter Registration and encouraged registered voters to become educated and actually vote. Many have served and thanks go to every one of you, but I especially want to recognize the hard work of Elizabeth Brady, who served us all very well as Voter Service Chair until she left us in September for a paying job. Special thanks goes to Barbara Lorenzen, who stepped up to take over the forums, to Anna Lillian, who has done a brilliant job of scheduling for the Pros and Cons, and to Mary Thompson, who not only trained the Pros and Cons speakers on the state and local measures, but also researched and wrote some of those state and local analyses and kept the speakers updated on new information and campaign donations as the data was available. Thanks to everyone who served. League’s purpose is to encourage informed voting, and we did!

*Anne*

*Editor’s Note:* Anne deserves much appreciation for coordinating the Mail Ballot Drop Off (MBDO) project for the Registrar of Voters at the Encinitas, Carlsbad and Oceanside libraries!

**Board Notes:** at the 10/12/18 Board Meeting the following items were considered:

Received updates on Voter Service activities, November General Meeting, the budget.

Discussed bond endorsement policy.

Confirmed General Meeting topics through June, 2019.

Heard an update from Loann Simon on Strategic Communication planning.

Reviewed and approved Social Policy Director Bill Loftus’ emphasis on Homelessness issues.

Approved writing a letter to the Board of Supervisors about land use and transparency issues.

**LWVNCSD Officers & Directors 2018-2019**

**Officers**

President	Anne Omsted
1st VP, Admin. & Memb.	Nancy Telford
2nd VP & LWV Action	Veronica Seay
Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
Co-Treasurer	Arlene Meadows &
Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Lonbom

**Directors**

Media Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Regional Gov’t Issues	Cathy Greene
Social Media	Suzanne Carneiro
Social Policy	Bill Loftus
Strategic Communications	Loann Simon
Voter Editor	Roni Seay
Voter Service	Open
Women’s Issues	Nancy Hand
Webmaster	Suzanne Carneiro

**Unit Chairs**

Carlsbad Unit	Suzanne Burkhalter & Nita Rodriguez
San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler, Carol Parker
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus

**Committee Chairs**

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Community Safety & Guns	Jennifer Lonbom
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Open

All Members are Welcome at all League Meetings!

## November News and Meetings

### Vote with the California League!

Vote by mail have arrived! Use our [recommendations on the propositions](#) to help you vote:

- YES on Prop 1-Veterans & Affordable Housing
- YES on Prop 2-Homeless Housing Bond
- NO on Prop 3-Water Bond
- NO on Prop 4-Children's Hospital Bond
- NO on Prop 5-Property Tax
- NO on Prop 6-Gas Tax Repeal
- YES on Prop 10-Repeal Costa Hawkins

How did we decide?

Read [how we take action](#).

<https://lwvc.org/take-action/how-lwvc-takes-action>

VOTE November 6!

### LWVNCS Board Meeting

Friday, November 9, at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

**Health Interest Group**, Monday, Nov. 12 at 10 AM at Jane Dunmeyer's house. Liz Kruidenier will come to help us focus on mental health issues as a project. Karen Pendergast and Jane will present their final draft of the transportation resource list to the November Board Meeting.

### General Meeting on Education

Tuesday, November 13, 1 - 2:30 PM in Dove Library's Gowland Meeting Room, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad.

**Carlsbad Unit Meeting** Thursday, November 15, 10 AM - Noon Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

## *Silver Party*

### *Fun, Food and a Fundraiser for our League*

What could be better? As a fundraiser for our League, we are having a party!

Last year, we celebrated turquoise jewelry. This year it is silver. On Saturday, November 17, from 2-4 PM, we are going to gather at a lovely ocean-front home, share stories about jewelry with silver in it, have chocolate, wines, baked goods, and good fellowship.

Last year, Phee Sherline had us laughing about her husband's timing on giving her a gorgeous turquoise necklace. Who will be the star story teller this year? There will also be a few surprises during the party, but the main feature is the entertainment of telling the stories attached to your favorite silver jewelry, and the pleasure of hearing these stories.

The cost is \$35, paid in advance through our website. The privacy of the homeowner is paramount, so the location will be provided to paid guests before the party by email or phone. There is a limit on the number of guests, so get your name on the list of guests! Any questions? Call Anne Omsted.

**League Book Group** - Monday, November 19 at 1 PM at the home of Dvora Gittleston. Phee Sherline will lead a discussion of *In Defense of a Liberal Education* by Fareed Zakaria. Please let Dvora know you are coming.



**Women's Issues Group** Monday, November 26 at 1 PM at the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad.

At the October meeting each member presented the issues concerning women which were most important to her/him. The main objective was to find issues that are most important to our members and to determine ways we could be educated through speakers and research and how we will take LWV action. Prior to the November meeting, members will submit their vote for the first, second and third issue to focus on. The ranking of these issues will be compiled and the results will be the topic of the November meeting. The November meeting will be the final one for 2018.



**Oceanside LWV Unit Meeting  
November 27 @ Noon!!  
Field trip to Brother Benno's  
3260 Production Ave., Oceanside**

Join Oceanside's LWV members on a field trip to tour Brother Benno's Facility and learn about the services they



deliver to the Homeless in Oceanside and how LWV members can ACT on their recently adopted Position on Homelessness.

Find out how League members can educate the citizens of North County to stop referring to these residents/neighbors as "those people!"

Educate yourself and others in understanding who these citizens are and what they need in the absence of having an address and a door to lock at night.

**Lunch with League  
Reflections on the Elections**

Wednesday, November 28 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
RSVP by Nov. 26

Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Island Dr.  
San Diego CA

RSVP online with a credit card: or send a check for \$35/each payable to LWVSD. Mail you check to LWVSD 7710 Balboa Ave #224A, San Diego, CA 92111.

Information: San Diego's website <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/contact-us> or call 858-483-8696.

**Community Safety and Guns Group**

will meet Thursday, November 29 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room.

Come have your morning coffee with the Community Safety and Guns Group. We want to make an impact as well as educate—so learn how to talk to the other side with a presentation by Steve Bartram. After our speaker, we will use our last meeting of the year to take stock and discuss particular gun violence issues that are most important to you as an individual. Everyone in the League is encouraged to come and share their concerns and ideas. We will use the discussion as guidance and direction for next year. Come have a continental breakfast with us and join the movement to end gun violence. Please notify Jennifer Lonbom at [cacpa@fastmail.com](mailto:cacpa@fastmail.com) if you think you will attend, so we can have enough food and drink for everyone.

As a group, we educate ourselves about the causes of and solutions to gun violence. We meet regularly to discuss current issues in the news and look for ways to take action. Recent meetings investigated: 3D Printed Guns, the Del Mar Gun Show and the NRA's Push to Recruit Women and Families. We use the League's national policy on this issue as a stepping off point for us to study and take action to end this life and death problem that is invading all of our lives. The League of Women Voters, as an organization, recognizes this problem and encourages action to end gun violence. Please join us at an upcoming meeting.



## December Meetings



### Mark Your Calendars for December 2018 Observer Reports Luncheons

The Carlsbad and San Dieguito units will hold their end of year Observers Reports Luncheons in December. These informal, potluck luncheons provide an opportunity to come together to hear fellow members report on local governmental committees. The observers are there to answer questions about their reports, and to discuss how the issues facing the committees affect the local communities.

Who are those observers? They are League members, acting as the eyes and ears of League, who attend public meetings to learn about local government.

Unique to the LWV, the Observer program benefits the League and the community by:

- Creating a civically engaged and empowered cadre of civic watchdogs;
- Connecting league members with local government;
- Promoting open, transparent and accountable government;
- Educating their local league about issues impacting their communities; and
- Identifying areas where action or improvement is needed.

To quote a past president of the LWVC California: "What other organization in this state sends members to specifically observe the operation of public boards and commissions? To assure that the Brown Act and other sunshine laws are enforced? No one else does that--BUT WE DO...."

It is a program all League members can be proud of, and any league member can join. It isn't necessary to be an expert on the issues facing that committee. For many it is curiosity, rather than expertise that led them to become an observer. They found the right committee and got involved.

Go to the LWNCS D members' website to read current Observer reports. If you have questions about the information in the reports, come to a December luncheon. You'll have an opportunity to meet the observers and learn what's going on in your community.

We hope to see you there. The food will be delicious and the discussions lively.

The Observer Reports luncheons are open to all League members. Please remember to RSVP to your hostess or the unit chair.

Connie Ulrich  
LWNCS D Observer Director

### San Dieguito Unit - Observer Luncheon

The San Dieguito Unit will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 6, from 11 AM - 2 PM, at Barbara Mendell's home. We will have a short business meeting, enjoy our potluck lunch, and then hear Observer reports.

Please bring either a main dish, salad or side dish. Barbara likes to make delicious desserts for us to enjoy. Please call Barbara to confirm your attendance and to get your name on the gatekeeper's list. Her number is in the membership roster.

### Carlsbad Unit - Observer Luncheon

The Carlsbad Unit will hold its Observer Luncheon on Saturday, December 15 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at the Dove Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. We'll hear exciting reports from our LWV Observers! For our potluck lunch people with last names beginning with A-M please bring a salad or cold entree; N-Z please bring a dessert. Please bring your favorite beverage too.

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**December Board Meeting** Friday, December 14  
10 AM. Details TBD.

**LWV Book Group** will meet on Monday, December 17 at 12 Noon at the home of Heather Callaghan. We will discuss the book or books which have changed your life/altered your way of thinking. There will be a potluck lunch and a book exchange as well. Call Kathy Anderson if you have questions and let Heather know you'll attend.

## LWVNCSD influences public policy through education and ADVOCACY



The League of Women Voters takes great pride in its nonpartisan role within a very partisan world. Nevertheless, on occasion - when the League has adopted a Position - it moves toward ADVOCACY. That is exactly what our League accomplished this last month after the LWVNCSD was challenged by its Kick-off speaker, Greg Anglea, to ADVOCATE on behalf of its newly-adopted Position on Homelessness by urging north county City Councils to adopt a Resolution declaring a *Shelter Emergency* in order to be eligible for new State funds to “support programs and policies to assist those who are homeless” (Position on Homelessness; adopted 6/18)

That advocacy/Action encouraged three north county cities - Escondido, Oceanside and Encinitas - to adopt such a Resolution! Kudos to LWVNCSD for stepping up to the plate and acting on its ADVOCACY role!!

### **Sign up for Volunteer Opportunities on our Website**

As a member, it's now easier to directly volunteer your time through a Volunteer Opportunities section to the password protected Members-Only pages of the [lwvncsd.org](http://lwvncsd.org) website. Once you're logged in with your password, you'll see the Members-Only button on the bottom left of the main navigation.

Be more active in your League by participating in local and regional issues actions, committees or special interest groups. There are short and long-term opportunities to find the perfect fit for your life and schedule:

- Voter Services
- Membership
- Hospitality/Arrangements
- Website/Social Media/Media Outreach
- The Voter Newsletter
- Strategic Communications
- Observer Corps
- Social Policy
- Community Safety and Guns
- Women's Issues Group (WIG)
- Civil Engagement
- Health Care
- Education
- Behavioral Health
- Book Group

Find out the many ways you can be more involved by signing up on our website or directly contacting the group or committee chair. And be sure to check back often as we add more volunteer opportunities as needs arise.

### **LWVNCSD Local News Interview**

ABC-10 News San Diego got our League's perspective of the gender balance of the candidates running for Carlsbad Mayor and City Council. The on-camera interview focused on the recent surge of women running for local and national office.

LWVNCSDC Strategic Communications Director Loann Simon spoke of the importance of running for local public office and being involved with the community. The Voter's Edge (VE) tool was promoted during the morning and evening television broadcasts with a link to the VE website from the ABC-10 News website, giving our League good exposure during the midterm election season. To see the entire interview and read the full article, go to the News & Media section of our website at [lwvncsd.org](http://lwvncsd.org).

## Annual Fiscal Report

By Arlene Meadows, Co-Treasurer

As required by the LWVNCSD By-laws, here is the Fiscal Report for our last Financial Year.

<b>Beginning Balance 7/1/2017</b>	
Checking	13,097.18
Savings	27,739.75
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	540.93
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>41,387.35</b>
<b>Ending Balance 6/30/2018</b>	
Checking	17,069.41
Savings	27,753.63
ILO Proceeds	23,477.83
PayPal	9.49
LPF Inventory	528.13
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>68,838.49</b>

LPF listing is the value of the license plate frames purchased for our fundraiser that we still had in inventory. We have no other Inventory.

Total Income	48,967.95
Total Expenses	21,520.79
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>27,447.16</b>
Total Income (no ILO)	23,477.83
Net Income/(Loss) no ILO	3,969.33

The annual filings with the IRS, CA FTB and CA Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts are in process for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Please contact Co-Treasurer, Arlene Meadows, 760-751-2049, [lwvncsd@gmail.com](mailto:lwvncsd@gmail.com) for additional information.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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Carlsbad CA 92013-1272**



**LWV North County San Diego  
Membership Application**

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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD  
Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership  
PO Box 131272  
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: [www.lwvncsd.org/join.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join.html)

**Dues:**

\_\_\_\_ \$30 First Year member

\_\_\_\_ \$60/year renewal

\_\_\_\_ \$30/year 2nd member at the same address

\_\_\_\_ \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

**Additional Levels of giving**

\_\_\_\_ \$100/year Suffragist

\_\_\_\_ \$200/year Activist

\_\_\_\_ \$300/year Advocate

\_\_\_\_ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

\_\_\_\_ Voter Service

\_\_\_\_ Action and Advocacy