



## FEBRUARY 2012 AT A GLANCE

Wed., Feb. 1	National Freedom Day
Sat., Feb. 4 9 am-2:30 pm	So CA Regional Mtg Laguna Beach
Mon., Feb. 6 11:00 am	Civil Discourse Rancho Carlsbad
Thurs., Feb. 9 9:15 am	Board Meeting Leucadia WD Offices
Sat., Feb. 11 9:00 am	Program Planning Aegis at Shadowridge
Wed., Feb. 15 6:00-8:00 pm	Dr. Nigella Hillgarth Encinitas Library
Fri., Feb. 17 10 am-12 pm	Women's Issues Leucadia WD Offices
Sat., Feb. 18 10 am-12 pm	Civil Discourse San Marcos Library
Mon., Feb. 20 1:15-3:00 pm	Book Group Home of D. Gittelson
Fri., Feb. 24 1:30-3:30 pm	Education Group Home of Carol Grimes-Gartland

**Meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.**

### Visit us on the web:

Every effort is made to provide you with accurate calendar information here, but emergencies sometimes occur which necessitate a change in meeting time or location. Please **check the website for the latest updates and maps to meetings at:** [www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)

### Or contact us by phone:

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## Upcoming Program Planning and Study Meetings

by Peggy Dornish, Program Director

This Spring our League will participate in both LWVUS Program Planning and Study/Consensus on the Privatization Study. The first, Program Planning, will be held on February 11, from 9:00 until noon, in the Activity Room of Aegis at Shadowridge, 1440 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside, the venue we have found to be most conveniently located for General Meetings of our four Units. Refreshments will be provided. As we know, every two years state and local Leagues and ILOs participate in this process which ensures that LWVUS responds to our concerns and priorities. A number of issues have been put forward by other Leagues for study and/or emphasis. Program Chair Peggy Dornish will review these for us at the beginning of our discussion. Much of the meeting agenda is to sign off on existing Positions, so the focus of discussion will be on what our League thinks LWVUS should be doing for the next biennium.

The Privatization Study Committee of Anne Omsted, Katie Wheeler, Gary Nessim, and Peggy Dornish has been meeting regularly in order to gather information and plan for the April Unit meetings when the Study materials and Consensus questions will be presented. Since the questions are relatively straightforward, the Committee has decided that a separate meeting for consensus is not necessary. The questions will, however, appear in the April VOTER so that members will be ready to discuss the issues before us. At the April Unit meetings, Roni Seay will act as moderator, and Barbara Lorenzen will record our discussions.

As we know, federal, state, and local governments own extensive assets and are major employers. Governments, especially in the present economy, also consider selling assets and outsourcing some functions and services to the private sector, including such core services as providing for the safety and security of citizens. Such outsourcing extends, in some cases, even to such basic needs as water and such basic services as education. The broad purpose of this Study is to identify policies and parameters which should be considered when any government entity plans to undertake any sort of privatization.

## LWVNCSD Officers/Directors 2011-12

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*Thank You!* **VOTER Contributors**

Many thanks to the following members who wrote the articles, took the photos, proofread the final product, and assisted with production and distribution this month.

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Margie Monroy • Anne Omsted • Tina Schmidt  
Becky Sciglimpaglia • Roni Seay • Jackie Stone  
Nancy Telford • Mary Thompson  
and our dedicated Observer Corps!

## President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



I got a new "smart" phone for Christmas; my kids were embarrassed by what they called my WWII walkie talkie (a gross exaggeration). I'm getting there, but, boy, am I struggling to figure

the darn thing out. I was feeling like a complete Neanderthal until I reminded myself that I maneuver around the League websites like a pro. And that got me thinking that perhaps some of you are unaware of the wealth of information that can be found on our websites. These are important tools especially as we get into the elections.

For example, in December, LWVUS rolled out its new website. Just by clicking on [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) you can find a wonderful summary of what the national league is doing. The newly-designed site also includes an updated look for the Members section.

At [www.ca.lwv.org](http://www.ca.lwv.org), the LWVC website, you can see what League believes are the important issues facing us here in California. Some of the issues are Redistricting, State and Local Finances, and the Initiative and Referendum process.

As we get closer to the primary and general election we will be telling you more about League's award-winning website, [smartvoter.org](http://smartvoter.org). Smart Voter is a web site that provides nonpartisan information on elections and voting. Locally, it is coordinated by our own Joyce Joseph, who has been recognized at the state level for her outstanding work in this area.

So, do you have to remember all these addresses? Certainly not! Just go to our local league web address [www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org) and click on the "Additional League Links" tab and everything is at your fingertips. Thanks to our dedicated web master, Suzanne Carneiro, our website is very user friendly and is a perfect place to start your search.

*See you in cyberspace!*

## Natural Resources Events Captivating Our Attention for Two Months!

December 15, 2011 - February 15, 2012



Join us for an *evening with Dr. Nigella Hillgarth* on Wednesday evening, **February 15th at 6:00 pm at the Encinitas Library Community Room**, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, as she shares her knowledge on the health of our oceans. Dr. Hillgarth is executive director of Birch Aquarium at Scripps, the public exploration center of world-renowned Scripps Institute of Oceanography at UC San Diego. She is a distinguished zoologist who came to the institution in 2002.

Exhibits developed and installed under Dr. Hillgarth's direction included the award-winning *Feeling the Heat: the Climate Challenge*, the ever-popular *There's Something About Seahorses*, and the new *Boundless Energy*, which celebrates innovative ways we can use natural forces to power our lives.

Dr. Hillgarth's work extends far beyond her everyday guidance of Birch Aquarium. The San Diego Soroptomists have recognized her with its Women of Accomplishment Award, and San Diego Metropolitan Magazine names her a Metro Mover to Watch.

For more information, please contact the Encinitas Library by phone or e-mail at (760) 753-7376 or [encinitaslibfriends.org](http://encinitaslibfriends.org) or the League at (760)736-1608 or [lwvncsd.org](http://lwvncsd.org).

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**Natural Resources** group **members** were busy on December 15th as they **toured Scripps Institute** (photo right) in anticipation of Dr. Hillgarth's talk (above). But, they didn't stop there. On January 5th, they carpooled to the Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Gardens in Rancho San Diego and enjoyed a beautiful day with a docent led tour of the gardens.

The garden was established in 1999, and is easily toured, beautiful and informative. Many of

the plants are of a size and scale found in residential gardens, so the visitor comes away with great ideas for drought resistant plants and garden design.

The garden is approximately five acres of drought-resistant Mediterranean plants, from five continents. It is designed as a teaching garden. A tour is highly recommended, but avoid the warm months of the year.

Leaguers tour Scripps Institute on Dec. 15, 2011.



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The **January 21st Environmental Forum**, co-sponsored by the Escondido Unit, the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, and the Escondido Women's Club, is the fifth such forum organized by long-time League member, Yolanda Fleet. This forum featured three speakers: UCSD Professor Milton Saier, a long-time environmental activist and advocate for Population Connection; Chaparral Institute Founder and President, Richard Halsey; and, Escondido City Councilwoman, Olga Diaz, who spoke about the Escondido Creek project.

Yolanda Fleet moved to Escondido in 1956, and while managing a successful real estate business, became a strong voice for saving San Diego County's wildlife habitat. Yolanda has a long and impressive resume of active membership in many civic and environmental groups.

Yolanda's advocacy is one reason the Escondido Unit has been a strong proponent for the environment. One of the Escondido Unit's achievements was a survey of Escondido citizens about population growth. That survey showed that a majority of Escondido residents wished to limit the growth of Escondido's population and keep its small-town atmosphere.

*Thank you to Members Anne Omsted, Diane Mochizuki and Margaret Liles for these articles.*

## County League News LWV San Diego County by Roni Seay, President

Because there are so many special interest groups and individuals trying to pressure the Board of Supervisors, the few “good government” groups like the League are needed to draw attention to their actions. Please don’t forget to read the County *Voter* inserted in this issue and find out what we’re working on.

Before you participate in County League Program Planning you’ll need to read the background information found in the County League *Voter*.

Several years ago, LWV of San Diego County received a bequest to be used to help Local Leagues with special educational projects which would also make League more visible in the County. In recent years the bequest has been used to fund scholarships for high school graduates. Now County League would like *all League members* to offer suggestions for using these funds. The Local League Presidents will forward ideas from their members to the County League Board.

By mid-February you will receive a packet for an “Opportunity Drawing” for valuable gift certificates. It is County League’s only fundraiser, and your participation will be greatly appreciated.

*Save the Date!*

Please join us on **Friday, March 16th** for an afternoon reception in the courtyard of the Carlsbad Dove Library. We will be celebrating Women's History Month, Sunshine Week and our own league's 50th birthday. Check the website and the March VOTER for further details.

## Observer Reports

*compiled by Margie Monroy, Carlsbad Unit Chair*

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### **Buena Vista Lagoon Joint Powers**

**Committee** observer, Connie Ulrich, reported that there is an impasse between Fish and Game and the property owners at the mouth of the Lagoon over how to save it from becoming a marshy, stagnant meadow. The state agency favors the tidal-flushing, salt-water alternative. To widen the mouth of the lagoon to facilitate this tidal-flushing, the state needs to purchase some properties at the mouth of the lagoon but owners refuse to sell, maintaining that the jetties which would be needed to keep the mouth of the lagoon open for tidal-flushing would sand starve the southern beaches.

Because of this impasse, Fish and Game recently decided not to fund the next step in the restoration analysis—the completion of the EIR, after 10 years of restoration analysis and millions of dollars spent on research and studies.

Consequently the Committee is planning a two-pronged response:

1. Esther Sanchez, the Oceanside City Council representative to the BVLJPC, will try to facilitate meetings in Sacramento between Regg Antle of the Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation and other representatives of the BVLJPC with the Coastal Commission and the California Secretary of Natural Resources Agency (the governing body for California Fish & Game).

2. The city council members comprising the board will ask their cities to send a letter to the California Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency requesting the completion of the EIR process.

The League Board will be asked to send a letter to John Laird, California Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, supporting the cities’ request.

## Observer Reports continued

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**Carlsbad City Council** observer, Peggy Crane, reported that Councilwoman Farrah Douglas consistently questions all fee and tax increases in this economic climate.

The council introduced and passed several ordinances amending the municipal code relating to decorum, in order to discourage a rather outspoken “freedom of speech” advocate who is now suing the city.

The council approved an agreement with SDCWA (San Diego County Water Authority) in an effort to protect the city’s water rights regarding the Poseidon desalinization plant. The agreement provides for a direct connection to the plant, price protection, receipt of tax revenues, and public improvements within the city related to the construction of the plant. There would be a loss of potential tax revenue if either Poseidon or the SDCWA default on their agreements.

On 9/27/11, a Carlsbad citizen did a presentation regarding vacation rentals in R1 zoned housing. There have been many problems with noise, partying, and multiple families renting one home for short-term vacations near Carlsbad beaches. The council directed the city manager to have staff review data provided by the requester and report back to them.

The council voted unanimously to pass several ordinances and resolutions in an attempt to stop the construction of the new power plant next to the existing Encinas Power Plant. These new laws affect the amount of power generated in and transmitted from that zone.

For more information:  
[www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov)

For more information on NCTD:  
[www.gonctd.com](http://www.gonctd.com)

## Observer Reports continued

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**North County Transit District** observer, Leita McCormick, reported that operating costs are still coming in under budget and total average boardings for all NCTD transportation service modes combined—the COASTER, SPRINTER, and BREEZE—are up 7%. The COASTER has the highest increase in ridership at 20-25%, with the SPRINTER running a close second. The District continues to adjust bus routes and schedules to meet riders’ needs and has added a new flexible, taxi-like service, which costs more per ride, but offers service to the more remote areas in the county. Additionally, the Federal Transit Admin. awarded NCTD a \$4.6 million grant to replace the aging diesel buses with natural gas fueled buses.

The SPRINTER Transit Pass Partnership NCTD offered to Cal State San Marcos students was so successful, with the demand exceeding the initial projected number of 300 passes by 50%, that NCTD has implemented a pilot COASTER Transit Pass Partnership with the University of San Diego. COASTER ridership has increased so much that the parking lots are filling up at most stations. NCTD is now looking for more spaces for satellite parking.

Due to the success of the extended service on Sunday and holidays offered this summer on the COASTER, NCTD has decided to continue it through the fall and winter months. It has increased ridership far above expectations and costs less than projected.

The latest news from NCTD is that the District is looking into creating a COASTER stop at Camp Pendleton. The proposed facility would still need bus service to support the rail service because the base is so huge—125,000 acres.

In 2008, the NCTD budget was \$93 million. In 3-1/2 years, NCTD has been able to offer more services while working with a smaller budget each year, now at \$86 million. Much of the credit has gone to the foresight of the new Exec. Dir., Matthew Tucker, who came on board in 2009 and changed things for the better.

## Observer Reports continued

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### **22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Assn.**

**Del Mar Fairgrounds** observer, Nancy Dietrich, reported that the state owned Fairgrounds, managed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural District agency, is facing a barrage of complaints by continuing to ignore clear directives from the state. A state report released in November identified eight management deficiencies in the operation of the San Diego County Fair. As reported, the Fair Political Practices Commission is looking into the customary practice of showering fair entry and concert tickets on board members who have not declared the perks as gifts or income. New Brown-appointed Directors Tom Chino and David Watson appear to discern a pattern of opaque management at the fairgrounds and Tim Fennell faces heightened scrutiny for allowing the fairgrounds to be run as a private fiefdom rather than a public facility.

The Management has continued to allow employees to cash out hundreds of thousands of dollars in unused vacation time despite instructions from the state to stop doing so, according to a new audit. The report pointed out a lack of justification for \$72,267 in catered meals in 2008 and 2009. The fairgrounds responded that in addition to board members and their guests, state representatives, sponsors and others attended events and that sponsorships increased from \$45,000 in 1992 to more than \$2.6 million in 2008.

At the Nov. 8 meeting, the two new board members agreed to work with district counsel on a draft of a supplemental letter responding to the state report, which comes back to the full board this month for consideration. Among items to research will be what penalties the district might face if it does not fully comply with the state's requests.

## Observer Reports continued

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### **Palomar Airport Advisory Committee (PAAC)**

observer, Connie Ulrich, reported that committee members are nominated by the Supervisor of the Fifth Supervisory District and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors. Palomar Airport opened for general aviation operations on March 20, 1959, and became a commercial airport in 1991. A part of the National Transportation System, it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Since noise is a concern with residents near the airport, the Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures (VNAP) guidelines are explained to the pilots in Fly Friendly briefings. The pilots are asked to observe "voluntary quiet hours" whenever possible. For jets, the quiet hours are between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM; prop airplanes between 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM. The problem lies in the public perception that the quiet hours are mandatory rather than voluntary.

The Airport Authority has withdrawn its immediate plans for Palomar to become a regional airport because of the length of its runway. In September, county staff presented a motion for the PAAC to recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to conduct a "Feasibility Study for Potential Improvements to McClellan-Palomar Airport Runway." The motion was unanimously approved by the PAAC and the Feasibility Study began in October, 2011. The study will include several phases with the availability for public involvement and comment. The study task force is expected to make an initial briefing in January 2012. To learn more, go to [www.sdcdpw.org](http://www.sdcdpw.org)

## Annual Fiscal Report • 2010-2011

In compliance with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the LWVNCSD, the following information offers members an at-a-glance recap of fiscal activity for the 2010-11 fiscal year:

### Beginning Assets 7/1/10

Checking	13,164.38
Savings (CD)	10,124.14
Education Fund	6,095.93
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Total Assets	\$29,384.45

### Ending Assets 6/30/11

Checking	21,959.60
Savings (CD)	10,242.08
Education Fund	3,092.68
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Total Assets	\$35,294.36

Income for Fiscal Year 2010-11 totaled \$31,683.17; expenses totaled \$21,314.65. Funds remained stable with one check outstanding - \$20.00 to the Secretary of State for biennial filing - by reporting time at the close of the fiscal year. Additionally, LWVNCSD is compliant in all mandated reporting as a non-profit organization with all state and federal government agencies.

Mid-year, the organization's coffers remain strong with the following balances to report:

### Current Assets as of 12/31/11

Checking	34,950.30
Savings (CD)	10,261.44
Education Fund	3,500.66
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Total Assets	\$48,712.40

Notable mention for the increase in assets at year end results from the merger of the former Escondido and North Coast Leagues in May 2011. The transfer of former Escondido League funds into the LWVNCSD joint accounts is as follows: \$5,013.77 was deposited into the operating account in October; and a combined \$3,094.88 of LWVUS Education Funds and LWVC Education Funds were deposited into the joint LWVNCSD Education Fund held by LWVC. Additionally, 41 members contributed a total of \$3,663.96 over and above their annual dues renewal this fall reflecting additional income for our local league.

It is hoped that this report confirms for all members that this is an organization that thrives on the dedication and commitment of its members, which is complemented by the generosity of its individual members to ensure its fiscal health in order to achieve our collective mission. A sincere thank you to all.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Cox, Treasurer*

## Have You Ever Met With a Legislator?

*by Leita McCormick*

Would you like to have an opportunity to sit down with your district legislators and learn more about state legislative actions that are going to affect our communities? You can also gain insight about the legislators' personal priorities and their leanings on specific issues.

Now is your chance. Every year, the state League asks local League members to interview state legislators during January and February and report their responses back to the LWVC office. The information is then used to develop the League's education and advocacy planning for the upcoming year. If you are interested in participating in this exciting and informative project, please contact me at 760-448-5128. But hurry - we are facing a deadline.

## News from National

**ACTION ALERT:**  
**Fight Back Against *Citizens United***

The LWVUS joined in a [call to action](#) asking supporters to sign a petition to the White House urging President Obama to appoint new commissioners to the Federal Election Commission. At the press conference, LWVUS Senior Director of Advocacy, Lloyd Leonard, spoke about the League's involvement and the importance of this first step towards fighting back against *Citizens United* (the recent Supreme Court Decision giving corporations the right to make unlimited donations to political campaigns). Media coverage included *The Washington Times*, *Roll Call* and *The Hill*.



# February Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings & Events



Interest Groups

## No Unit Meetings in February

Due to the Program Planning General Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, February 11, there will be no unit meetings this month. In March, all units will discuss local Program Planning.

## WHAT ARE THE INTEREST GROUPS?

When you joined League you were most likely asked, "Why have you joined?" The answer to this question almost always includes:

- ◆ I want to work on important political and social issues current in our society.
- ◆ I want to meet and interact with others who share this interest.

The mission of the Interest Groups is to offer members a small group format in which to pursue these goals. The group decides, by consensus, on which topics to focus; discussions then follow. A particular topic may be chosen for further study and possibly some research. As a result of these processes, groups may wish to take action representing the League outside of the group. The board would then be approached with the group's action proposal.

Member involvement may be as much or as little as each individual chooses. They may work individually or with others on one or more related topics.

Examples of some recent involvements by our Interest Groups are: a well-received sustainability questionnaire of North County cities; dissemination of a program on civil discourse; visits to charter schools; and, anniversary celebrations of women's suffrage, both in the nation and the state.

The currently active Interest Groups are listed here, and all members are invited to attend any Interest Group Meeting. Feel free to communicate with the group contacts listed here if you have any questions. New, as well as veteran members, will find these Interest Groups an inviting and rewarding way of getting and giving the most in League membership. Give one or more of these groups a try!

### Book Group

**Monday, February 20 • 1:15 - 3 pm**

Naomi Marblestone will lead the discussion of "*True Notebooks*" by Mark Salzman at the home of D'vora Gittelson. Please call 760-931-6822 to RSVP.

### Civil Discourse Group

**Saturday, February 18 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. We will discuss the *Patriocracy* event and the survey on civil discourse within our communities. Call Mary Thompson (760-942-2458) for more information.

### Education Group

**Friday, February 24 • 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

The Education Group will meet at the home of Carol Grimes-Gartland. Our focus will be on preschool facilities, curriculum and related issues. A February field trip is being planned. The group visited Head Start classes in January. For meeting address or information, contact Carol at (760-729-0278). We invite you to join us.

### Health Care

Two newer members are interested in reactivating this group. If you share their interest, please contact Barbara Lorenzen (760-305-7842) for further information.

### Media Monitors

If you are interested in this group, please contact Jackie Stone (760-434-9350) for information.

### Natural Resources Special Event

**Wednesday, Feb. 15 • 6 pm**

North County San Diego League is co-sponsoring a lecture by Dr. Nigella Hillgarth from Scripps Institute. See the notice on page 3 for more details. Our members are asked to bring light refreshments – such as cookies, crudites and cheese. Please notify Diane Mochizuki regarding your contribution: [Conlon450@mac.com](mailto:Conlon450@mac.com) or 858.259.5639.

### Women's Issues Group

**Friday, February 17 • 10 am - 12 pm**

The meeting will be held at the Leucadia WD Offices, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad. This month's meeting topics cover planning for March events, including the celebration of Women's History Month, Sunshine Week, our League's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary all in March. Call Evelina Hamilton (760-940-8253) for information.

**Thank you to Barbara Lorenzen and Jackie Stone for the interest group explanation.**



## Members • The Power of One • Making a Difference!

In what we intend as an occasional series of articles, we are asking new members and fifty-year members why the League is important to them. New member **Diane M. Yerkes** of Escondido was drawn to the League by Leaguers whom she knew and admired. She has been attending the Civil Discourse sessions and has appreciated the intelligent discussions there. Fifty-year member, **Barbara Bell**, Past President of the Escondido League, considers the League's voter service to be our greatest contribution to the nation. Personally, she enjoys being with the thoughtful, well-informed, interesting people that comprise League membership.

**Welcome New Members**  
 Virginia Hallner  
 Debbie Hanna  
 Loralie McGill-Ardolino



Director of Voter Services, Cathy Greene (left), corrals energetic Voter Service veterans for the upcoming election season: (from left) Suzanne Carneiro, Peggy Dornish, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Joyce Joseph, Nancy Dietrich and Jackie Stone.



We're looking for **you** when Voter Service gets underway. It's fascinating, fun and our most valuable contribution to our communities. Stay tuned!

### LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

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Please make check payable to LWVNCSD and mail to:

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or join online at:  
[http://www.lwvncsd.org/join\\_form.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html)

#### Dues:

- \$60/year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- New members joining after Feb. 1st will pay 1/2 annual dues.

#### Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
  - \$200/year • Activist
  - \$300/year • Advocate
  - \$500/year • Founders Circle
- New Member     Renewal  
 Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).  
 Why I'm joining

I am interested in the following (please ✓ interests):

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
  - ♦ Book Group
  - ♦ Civil Discourse
  - ♦ Education
  - ♦ Natural Resources
  - ♦ Women's Issues

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The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

## Civility Matters

*"We are all tattooed in our cradles with the beliefs of our tribe; the record may seem superficial, but it is indelible. You cannot educate a man wholly out of the superstitious fears which were implanted in his imagination, no matter how utterly his reason may reject them."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., *The Poet at the Breakfast Table*, 1872

Have you checked North County League's website this week?

**Stay current, stay active, stay informed!**

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