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Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

LWVMC Annual Meeting and Lunch & Learn

"Lobbying Your Elected Officials: The Receiving End"

The short program that follows the business portion of our Annual Meeting will be in two parts. First, two organizers of our League's **"Vote! Video Contest,"** **Sandy Hoag** and **Marianne Gawain**, will introduce the top two Grand Prize-winning clips from **Greenfield High School** and **Salinas High School** students.



Mary Adams

The second part of our program will be a question-and-answer session on **"Lobbying Your Elected Officials – The Receiving End."** League members **Mary Adams** (former **Monterey County Supervisor**), and **Gail Morton** (former **Marina City Councilmember**), will take audience questions about what it's like to be on the receiving end of a never-ending queue of advocates. They may answer questions such as *"Who were the most effective lobbyists you encountered?,"* *"When were you most unexpectedly lobbied?,"* or any other pressing questions you might have.



Gail Morton

Tama Olver and Dennis Mar

Annual In-Person Meeting and Lunch & Learn Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th

at the **Unitarian Universalist Church** <http://uucmp.org> 490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923

11:00 am Doors Open & Registration Begins
11:30am Annual Meeting Call to Order
12:10pm Lunch (optional)
12:30 Program Begins

Presentation Topic "Lobbying your Elected Officials"
 Optional lunch is \$25 per person: grilled salmon, rice, Greek salad, hummus, pita bread, and baklava dessert by **Chef Faris Nimry, International Cuisine of Pacific Grove.**

Reservations for lunch are required
 and can be made until noon on **Monday, May 11th.**
 (Bev Bean: phone 236-1611 or e-mail beverlygb@gmail.com)
 Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE.**

Reminder to Members: Reservations are a commitment to the caterer and the deadline for cancellation without charge is **Monday at 12 noon** (48 hours prior to the event).

Unitarian Universalist Church
 Hwys 1 & 68 on Aguajito Road

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING 2026

The Call to Annual Meeting is being mailed to all members separately from the May VOTER

The Call contains the detailed Schedule, Nominating Committee Report, Proposed 2026-27 Budget, and Meeting Rules.



Schedule Outline
11:00am **Registration**
11:30am **Annual Meeting called to order**
12:10pm **Annual Meeting concludes, Luncheon begins**
12:30pm **May Program begins**
1:15pm **Program concludes**



Tama Olver

★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ★

Some **2026 primary elections** have already taken place this year in **Arkansas, Illinois, Mississippi, North Carolina** and **Texas**. They are scheduled in eleven states in May, and the **California Primary** will take place **June 2nd**.



On June 2nd over **40 volunteers** organized by **Dennis Mar** will serve at the polls covering three local precincts for the **Monterey County Elections Department**. Informed by training that focuses both on serving voters and instilling confidence in the integrity of the process, each

Despite efforts to suppress voter turnout by undermining confidence in the integrity of elections, millions of Americans go to the polls to cast votes that reflect their vision for how our country should be governed. Voters turned out in record numbers for the primaries in North Carolina and Texas. In Illinois, turnout by millennial voters exceeded that of other comparable demographic groups.

volunteer will bring a personal commitment to helping people vote.

LWV will continue to fight, in ways both large and small, to defend our democracy and oppose attempts to undermine free and fair elections. Thanks, in advance, to all of you on Dennis's team who will do your part.

Tama Olver

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Through the **Mid-Term Elections 2026**, we plan to:

1. Table at an average of **two outreach events each quarter** (14 events in total)

2. Ensure that 95% of people who leave an email requesting more information about LWVMC at tabling events get **follow-up**



email, including encouragement to join our League.

3) Cultivate members' interest in activism in support of defending democracy by ensuring that members of the **Defending Democracy Interest Group** receive at least one email each month that informs and suggests actions to take.

Tama Olver

★★ LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW: ROBERT RIVAS, SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY ★★

On March 19, members of three local chapters of the League interviewed **Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas**. This was the final of three annual interviews and reports that respond to a request from the **League of Women Voters California**. LWVC uses information gathered across California to inform their legislative analysis and advocacy work each year.



for protection of their environments and to keep local hospitals open. He is working hard to claw back state funding eliminated by the federal government.

★ Improving agricultural efficiency is key to managing water for all uses.

★ Creation of a **Housing Accountability Unit** is designed to ensure the local governments meet housing goals, while ensuring that placement of housing accommodates

environmental and risk factors, such as fire and flood.

★ The state's response to federal immigration actions has largely been on the legal front, including establishment of a fund to help individuals.

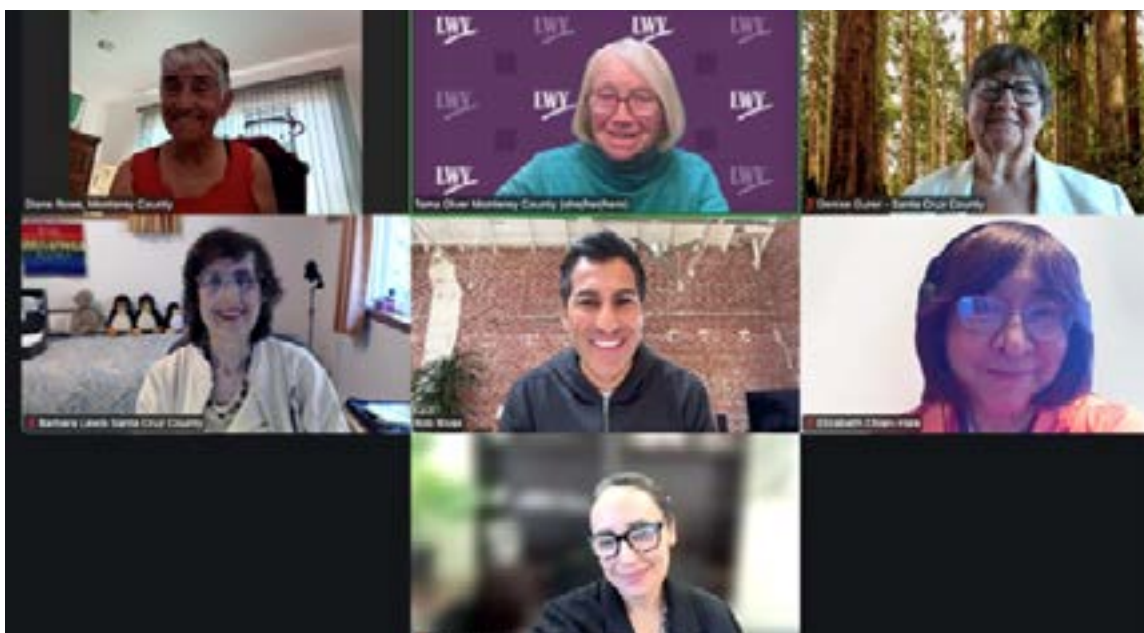
★ Regarding housing supply, recent reforms promote infill housing near existing urban development. Speaker Rivas believes that a focus on modular and prefabricated housing could be important to solving a complex problem.

Participants in the interview were **Diane Rowe** and **Tama Olver** from our chapter, **Denise Gurer** and **Barbara Lewis** from **LWV Santa Cruz County**, and **Elizabeth Chien-Hale** and **Rebecca Garcia** from **LWV San Jose/Santa Clara**.

Speaker Rivas answered questions about **legislative priorities** for the year, **water and housing**, and **immigration enforcement**. Highlights from his answers reflect his areas of focus:

★ In partnership with **Senator John Laird**, Rivas has brought millions of dollars to local communities

Tama Olver



From left to right: Diane Rowe and Tama Olver, LWV of Monterey County; Denise Gurer and Barbara Lewis, LWV of Santa Cruz County; Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas, Elizabeth Chien-Hale and Rebecca Garcia, LWV San Jose/Santa Clara.

LWVMC SALINAS VALLEY VOTER INITIATIVE UNDERWAY

Registering new voters in places where they regularly travel is the aim of the **LWVMC's Salinas Valley Voter Registration Initiative**. At **Farmers Markets** and **Hartnell Community College** campuses from **Marina to King City**, a team of 25 persons is bringing the voter registration process closer to potential voters. **Registrants include college youth**. And long-time Salinas Valley residents, who are citizens but have never voted before, are taking advantage of the opportunity to register, indicating to team members that it is time to use their voices.

Led by League members **Jane Meade-Roberts** and **Heather Visscher** this is an outgrowth of conversation at the **LWVMC's Voter Services Committee** meeting. The Initiative seeks to make it easier for young people and others to exercise their right to vote.

In March and April, windy weather and both high and low temperatures, team members volunteered **230 hours** to staff **46 voter registration tabling sessions and special events**, including a **United Farm Workers** event, the **Salinas "See Our Youth Summit 2026"** and the **Asian Cultural Fair**. Team members conversed with almost 1,900 persons, distributed dozens of voter registration cards, and returned almost 30



League Member Eleanor Satow at Marina Farmers Market



League Member Jane Meade-Roberts at Hartnell King City Community Center



League Member Taryn Cadena at Hartnell Alisal West Campus

completed registrations to the **Monterey County Department of Elections**. Countless individuals, including many youth, were directed to the on-line registration opportunity

Voter Initiative volunteers are a mix of League members and others from **Salinas, Marina, Seaside** and the **Monterey Peninsula**. Most are staffing tables twice monthly, creating an every-other-week presence at three **Everyone's Harvest Farmers Markets**, the **Hartnell main campus** and three **Hartnell satellite facilities**.

In April, the team will expand its locations to the **Salinas Downtown Book & Sound**, and possibly to public libraries.

Interested persons can contact **Jane (831) 210-4116** or **Heather (909)**

519-7257. We are going to be recruiting again to take action before the mid-term elections!

Salinas High Students Provided Opportunities to Register to Vote

It is not widely known that eligible **16-and-17-year-olds can pre-register to vote** and that upon turning 18 these pre-registered young people are automatically registered to vote. But, when **Salinas Union High School District Superintendent Zandra Jo Galvan** was approached with the idea, she immediately and

wholeheartedly gave the go-ahead to speak with each high school principal. The principals added their support and voter registration projects unique to each school are in the works.

Some highlights, facilitated by our League member **Candy McCarthy**, include: **Salinas High, Alisal High, and Rancho San Juan High students** are currently designing presentations to educate and motivate their peers about the how to and the importance of registering to vote. Students are researching why people (their family members, teachers, celebrities) vote; these will be used to “hook” their student audiences.

Both alternative high schools in the district are going to offer **voter preregistration opportunities**. After students at **El Puente High School** watch a student-created video in their Advisory, they can register to vote at tables staffed by League of Women Voters volunteers.

Mt. Toro High is in the planning stages of this initiative.

Students are earning **community service hours** and have the option of applying for the **Seal of Civic Engagement**.

Heather Visscher



**Hartnell
Soledad
Community
Center**

left:
**Heather
Visscher**

right:
**Michelle
Barth**



Lisa Ruminiski, Alisal Farmers Market, Salinas



Susan Landesman, Alisal Farmers Market

LWVC OPPOSES VOTER ID BALLOT INITIATIVE

On March 2, 2026, the **League of Women Voters of California** announced their opposition to a voter ID initiative that would impose sweeping new restrictions on how every Californian casts their ballot and harm communities that already face obstacles to voting. The initiative qualified for the November ballot on April 26.

“This voter ID measure is not about protecting voters; it is about importing the current federal administration’s election lies and intimidation tactics into California,” said **Jenny Farrell, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of California.**



California’s elections are already secure. Elections officials verify voter identity at every stage of the process—at registration, at check-in, and during ballot processing. Voters’ signatures are verified on every mail ballot.

The voter ID measure would require, among other changes, that currently registered voters have their citizenship re-verified using government databases that can often contain errors or incomplete information.

Numerous studies—from the **Brennan Center** to the **Cato Institute** to the **Bipartisan Policy Center**—confirm that voter impersonation and noncitizen voting are exceedingly rare. An analysis of the **Heritage Foundation’s** own database found only 77 documented instances of noncitizen voting over more than 20 years, out of billions of ballots cast.

This initiative is part of a coordinated national strategy to **make voting harder**. The state’s focus should be on **bringing more voices into our democracy**, not erecting barriers to shut eligible voters out.

The coalition includes the following groups who invite others to join in this opposition campaign:

- ACLU of Northern California**
- ACLU of Southern California**
- League of Women Voters of California**
- California Common Cause**
- Asian Law Caucus**
- California Donor Table**
- Disability Rights California**

Adapted from the League of Voters of California website by Tama Olver

APRIL GOVERNMENT REPORT NOW AVAILABLE



At the beginning of April, all LWVMC members should have received an email from me, Sharon Miller, titled: **“Government Committee Report for March 2026”**

A new compilation **“Government Committee Report for April 2026”** will hit your email box the first week of May.

The new report will summarize news from local boards, councils, and media regarding LWV priorities, including housing, voting, the environment, criminal justice, and more.

If you didn’t get the Report, contact me. You are also encouraged to email me if you have an item that should be included in future

Government Committee Reports.
Sharon Miller, Government Committee

★ MEMBERS GETTING ACTIVELY INVOLVED ★

This column highlights LWVMC members who have stories to share, illustrating why and how new and returning members became more involved and active. What committees did they join? What actions have they taken? What are some experiences they would like to share?

Heather Visscher and Jane Meade-Roberts

This month we feature two members who are now **Co-Chairs of the Salinas Valley Voter Registration Initiative**.

Jane joined in 2023 and Heather in the fall of 2025 (see the article in this May Voter titled "LWV's Salinas Valley Voter Registration Initiative Underway")

Heather and Jane attended a meeting of the **LWV of Monterey County Voter Services Committee** in September. Both were interested in increasing voter registration in the Salinas Valley. They felt that the League of Women Voters' long history would help to open doors and would strengthen the League's presence in Salinas Valley communities.

Heather's career had been in public transit as a planner and she understood the different transportation needs of the public from Salinas down the Peninsula and including the southern cities of Gonzales, King City, Greenfield and Soledad. She was eager to bring voter registration activities to all these areas.

Jane had been involved in education for 40 years, at all levels, including teaching kindergarten, starting the **Oasis Charter School, Salinas**, day care, high school, and the college level. She had been in charge of voter registration and had often done events at **Hartnell College**. Jane especially wanted to encourage youth to register.



Heather Visscher

They gathered together a group of friends at Jane's house in January to see what the level of interest was. They made a proposal for their **Salinas Valley Voter Registration Initiative** to the Board of the LWV of Monterey County and got resounding approval. The group has been working ever since. They table at different events such as local farmer's markets and **Hartnell Community College** campuses.



Jane Meade-Roberts

The group has grown to include 25 people, comprised of about half League of Women Voters members and half non-League members. Some of the committee members have decided to join the League in the last few months.

Members volunteer at events and bring their skills and enthusiasm to the Initiative. When scheduling committee members to participate in all the different events became cumbersome, one of the younger members, **Taryn Cadena** developed a dynamic

Google Sheets scheduling application where everyone can manage their own schedule.

Jane suggested having elementary school students paint small rocks in red, white, and blue and handing them out at registration tables, with the comment, *"Put this rock in your pocket and use it as a reminder to yourself to go and vote."*

Committee member and new League member, **Candy McCarthy**, has been aiding the group as

a liaison with the **Salinas Public Schools**. Her connections enabled a team of five Committee volunteers to run a very successful voter registration day at **El Puente School, Salinas** with League members **Michelle Barth, Elizabeth Hall, Elizabeth Cotsworth**, as well as **Lisa Ruminiski**.

League and Committee Member **Paul Fleischman** (see member profile on opposite page), made several presentations on the critical importance of voting to **CSUMB classes**, with university contacts made through this **Salinas**

Valley Voter Registration Initiative. Heather and Jane have done so many things to build this successful initiative. Some I see are:

- ★ Find a **need in the community** that you are really excited about working on
- ★ Gather a group of your **networked friends** to see if they are interested and get their ideas
- ★ Associate with an organization that **promotes your values** and could help (like the League)
- ★ Plan and **implement activities** in the community
- ★ **Learn as you go**

Kudos to Heather and Jane and their committee!
Shelley Sweet

★★★ **LWVMC HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS UPDATE** ★★★

As Voter Readers know, our Monterey County League sponsored a contest inviting Monterey County high school students to make a one-minute video encouraging voter registration and voting.

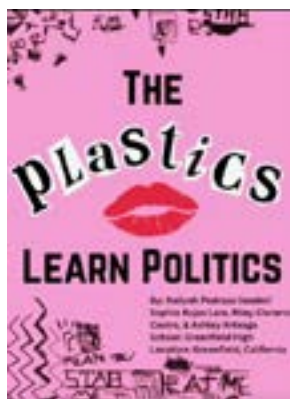


Grand Prize Winners, Greenfield City Council Ceremony

Robert White at a City Council meeting on April 28th.

Alice Uchida-Dohrmann of **Salinas High School** won the grand prize in the category **“Voting is Democracy in Action!”** with her video entitled, **“I Vote.”** Alice will be

In the **“Ready, Set, Vote”** category, encouraging young people to register and vote, the grand prize was awarded to team from **Greenfield High School**



led by **Aaliyah Pedraza**.

Aliyah's classmates **Riley Cisceros-Castro, Ashley Arteaga, and Sophia Rojas Lara** joined her as actors in

their video entitled, the **“The Plastics Learn Politics.”** All four students were commended by **Greenfield Mayor**

commended by **Salinas Mayor Dennis Donahue** at a City Council meeting in May. (Erratum: **Alice Uchida-Dohrmann's** school was incorrectly identified in the April Voter. We apologize for the error.)



The “Vote!” Award

Both videos will be shown at the **LWVMC's Annual Membership Meeting** on **May 13th** and can be viewed on League's website at **LWVMRYCO.org**.



Shelley Sweet, Marianne Gawain and Sandy Hoag



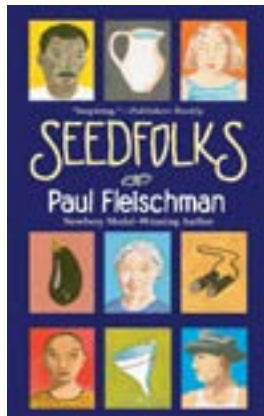
MEMBER PROFILE: PAUL FLEISCHMAN



Paul Fleischman's path to the League of Women Voters began at age 12 when his mother brought him **canvassing for LBJ in 1964**. But instead of running for office when he got older, he wrote books for children and young adults, many dealing with the same issues the League still contends with: war, the environment, and immigration.

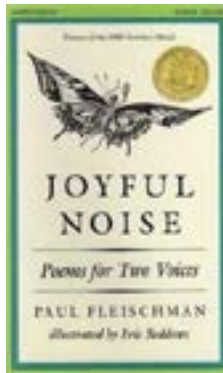


Paul was born at **Monterey Hospital**, across the street from the US Post Office, but grew up in **Santa Monica**. In high school he did his first long-distance bike ride and began many other interests that would carry on through his life: learning new musical instruments, studying languages, sailing, folkdancing, and enjoying art.



Paul's book "**Seedfolks**" describes the first year of a community garden in an immigrant neighborhood in Cleveland. "**Dateline: Troy**" retells the Trojan War story through recent headlines.

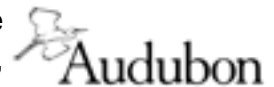
He's written novels, plays, picture books, and won the **1989 Newbery Medal** for "**Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices**."



He followed his father, **Sid Fleischman**, into writing. After working as a journalist and writing noir novels for adults, his father discovered children's books, winning the Newbery Medal himself two years before Paul. Paul's mother was equally important. She tutored English-learners, helped create a nonprofit that donated books to underserved schools, and learned Braille so she could translate books for the blind.

Today, Paul is retired from writing, but he too tutors English-learners as well as helping citizenship applicants prepare for their interviews. He's a member of our League's **Defending Democracy Committee** and is working on **registering high-school and college-aged voters and Salinas Valley residents**.

He and his wife **Patty Brown**, also a LWVMC member, both love birds and monitor **Black Oystercatchers** here on the Peninsula every spring and summer for an **Audubon** program.



Paul and Patty have backpacked widely in the Sierras, sailed in Maine, and contradANCED everywhere in between. It was at a contradance at the **Monterey YMCA** decades back that Paul first met our League's **Beverly Bean**.

Paul and Patty have three children. They lived in Aromas for many years, then moved to Santa Cruz, where Paul was active with the League.

In 2019 they returned to Monterey, where Paul enjoyed meeting the community of canvassers supporting **Proposition 50** last fall. He's looking forward to canvassing for **Congressman Adam Gray's California District 13** campaign this year, along with all the projects mentioned above.

The League welcomes you, Paul.

Sylvia Shih

AN INSPIRING "NO KINGS" PROTEST

What better way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon than by joining a crowd of several thousand people (and a number of dogs) amid a cacophony of car horns? Not your thing? Well, actually it was a well worthwhile afternoon.



support and vote for who we wish, we never speak on behalf of the League about personal choices. This decision to be **nonpartisan** is the banner we carry!

We listen. we nod, we encourage.

LWVMC's Defending Democracy Committee members **Sandy Hoag, Bev Kreps, and Tama Olver** spent March 28th at a table at the "**No Kings**" demonstration at **Window on the Bay, Monterey**.



One guy asked if the League accepted men as members. Of course we do, in fact this year's co-president is **Dennis Mar**. He looked a bit doubtful, but we assured him it was absolutely true.

We answered questions about registering, voting and where to get more voting information. We listened to people's stories, started an email sign-up list to keep people informed of League activities, and said: *Someone will contact you for specifics about what you are looking for. Are you interested in joining the LWV? Would you like to join us for a "Lunch and Learn" about a specific topic (different topic, same delicious salmon entree all year round)! Do you have a question about an upcoming proposition? Would you like a copy of the US Constitution?* Two young women giggled and each took a copy.

Another person asked if we could register someone to vote. We were glad to say, *"Of course we can, in fact there is a form to register available now."* Our mission is to help voters.

Though not advocating at our table, many other LWVMC members were spotted among the demonstrators, such as **Whitney Gravel, Tamara Harris, Pam Bonsper, Sharon Miller, Branham Rendlen, George Riley,** and likely many more.



Sign by Sharon Miller

LWVMC table at "No Kings" Monterey
Left: **Bev Kreps** Right: **Sandy Hoag**

Sometimes it's tricky to not get into discussions about candidates! As the League, **we neither support nor oppose specific candidates.** We **do** support **policies and propositions.** And although as individuals we all have the right to

"This is what democracy looks like!" Yes, chaotic, full of ideas and variety and perhaps challenging. What some call messy, but we think it's beautiful.

Bev Kreps

WE REMEMBER ANNE, JEAN AND DAROLD

We acknowledge the passing of three long-time League members. These are three individuals who we were fortunate to know—whose commitment to community, human rights, and democracy was encouraging to us all.



ANNE BELL died on January 10, just weeks before her 95th birthday. The daughter of a career Army officer, she lived many places before returning to Carmel. She and her husband **Robert Bell** raised four children in Carmel Valley. Anne's interests and skills included real estate sales, tennis ranking as an over-50 athlete, serving on city committees, singing in a choir, and serving the students of **Washington Union District** as its first woman bus driver.

Anne worked on nine elections as a clerk between 2008 and 2016. She also kept **Carmel Valley Manor** residents informed about elections by distributing the **LWVCA "Easy Voter Guides"**. She was a very dependable worker at election time.



BETTY JEAN STALLINGS, (who always went by "*Jean*") passed away on March 11 at the age of 91. Even at the end, she was a dynamo. She had to use a walker to get around, but her physical therapist taped a warning on it for Jean: "**Slow Down.**"

After graduation from **Stanford University** and working in retail, she joined the **US Army** at a time when there were few women officers. She served from 1963 to 1984, retiring at the rank of **Lieutenant Colonel**.

Jean recorded an oral history for the **Veterans History Project** sponsored by the **Library of**

Congress. Her 35-minute video is available online. Around the League, Jean was best known as an expert in parliamentary procedure. She served both as a parliamentarian and taught the subject, memorably saying: "**When you open the meeting, one whack of the gavel is enough.**"

Barbara Baldock recalls, "*This happened a long time ago. I attended a meeting where the Chair didn't have an agenda. Jean said, 'I will not sit in this meeting without an agenda!' The Chair then wrote one out on a poster board and thereafter at each meeting. So, Jean stayed. I really appreciated Jean's insistence on a well-run meeting.*"



DAROLD SKERRIT is belatedly remembered. Sadly, he died last year (November 2025) at the age of 90

While they were distinct people, it is still difficult to think of Darold and his wife **Judy Lind** apart from one another. Whenever you saw one, you saw the other. The two of them worked at League polling sites for 13 elections!

Darold taught chemistry at **Hartnell College** for more than 30 years. Countless students benefited from his passion for science and his dedication to education. Darold's interests ranged from wine tasting to teaching Greek dancing.

Longtime friend **Sharon Miller** had this remembrance, "*I had known Darold for over 40 years. My late husband taught with him at Hartnell College, and I also knew him from the Unitarian Church. Darold was always a very positive, considerate, a fun person to be around. And I just wish I could dance as well as he did!*"

Dennis Mar

"RENTERS AS VOTERS" COMMITTEE UPDATE

This new LWVMC committee focused on people who rent, as opposed to owning an apartment or house, has started with a postcard campaign urging renters to **vote-by-mail in the June 2 Primary**. This campaign will be conducted for **Salinas, Marina and Monterey** only, and will continue through **Tuesday, May 19th**.



George Riley

★ COUNTDOWN TO PRIMARY ELECTION ★

MAY 4th Monterey County Elections Office begin mailing **June 2nd Primary Mail-In ballots** with prepaid postage return envelopes. You can also pick up a ballot (or vote) at an **Early Voting site**.

MAY 5th
Secure **ballot drop-off boxes** open.



MAY 18th
Last day to register online to vote for the primary election. *After May 18, you must complete same-day voter registration and request your ballot in person at the **County Elections Office** or any polling location.*

MAY 23rd
Voting centers open for early in-person voting. If you come to the polls to vote because you need a new ballot, remember to bring your mail-in ballot to surrender.



**JUNE 2nd
PRIMARY
ELECTION
2026!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

☞Melanie Ingler☞

Marina

☞Catherine Smith☞

Pacific Grove

☞Judith Towle☞

Pacific Grove

New Members Are Always Welcome!

Bring a friend to the next In-Person General Meeting, or watch a Zoom Presentation online together!

☞Change of Address?☞

Send your contact updates to me.

☞Donate to our General or Scholarship Fund, or Give a Friend a Gift Membership!☞

Contact: **Dennis Mar**
LWVMryCo@gmail.com

☞Send Member Updates/Queries to:☞

Dennis Mar DennisRMar3@yahoo.com

Bring along friends or family who might benefit from joining our League, to **In-Person Lunch & Learn presentation**, or invite them to attend a **virtual Zoom meeting** with you!

☞Membership Renewal Notices☞

Members will receive renewal notices directly from LWVUS: respond online.

☞Florence Curlee Scholarships☞

are available to pay **membership fees**.
Contact: **Janet Brennan**

JOIN OUR LEAGUE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

www.LWVmryco.org

Any person age 16 or older may be a member of the League of Women Voters Monterey County
No set yearly dues: Suggested level \$75 / minimum \$20 (suggested for students)

Everyone is an individual member:

No household memberships (e.g., two members sharing one mailing address)
For household members, if each individual pays \$50, total is similar to former household rate.

Dues for new or renewing members by credit card or e-mail:

Create or access your existing account on the national LWV database

1. Go to **www.LWVmryco.org** / 2. Scroll down and click on the yellow button on the left side, Join/Renew/Profile/PROFILE / 3. Follow the page prompts

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★LWVMryCo Calendar 2026★



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Board Zoom Meeting
Monday, May 4th, 11:30am - 1pm
 contact: **Dennis Mar**

Supervisor District 2 Candidates Forum
Friday, May 8th, 7pm
(location TBD) contact: **Arlene Guest**

LWVMC Annual In-Person Meeting/L&L
Wednesday, May 13th, 11:30 - 1pm
Unitarian Universalist Church
"Lobbying Your Elected Officials"
 Guest Speakers: **Mary Adams, County Supervisor** and **Gail Morton, Atty Family Law**
 contact: **Dennis Mar**

Voter Service Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 20th contact: **Arlene Guest**

Natural Resources Committee Zoom Mtg
Thursday, May 21st, 11:30am
 contact: **Janet Brennan**



JUNE

Board Meeting Retreat & Potluck
Wednesday, June 10th, 10am - 2pm
 contact: **Dennis Mar**

AUGUST

Board Meeting
Marilyn Maxner's House (No Lunch)
Wednesday, August 12th, 11:30am - 1pm
 contact: **Dennis Mar**

Voter Service Committee Meeting
August (date TBD)
 contact: **Arlene Guest**

Natural Resources Committee
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, August 20th, 11:30am
 contact: **Janet Brennan**