

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF MONTEREY COUNTY "THE VOTER" NEWSLETTER

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## Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 **"Recent Changes in Immigration Policy and Their Impact on Monterey County Education and Agricultural Communities"**

**B**ecause approximately 29 percent of the population of Monterey County is foreign-born, **changes in immigration policy** visibly impact our communities. **Gerard "Jerry" D'Amore, Agricultural Consultant** and expert will describe how this affects the ag sector, while **Dr. Deneen Guss, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools** will address the implications for education.



*Dr. Deneen Guss*

**D'Amore** will explore: What **policies and processes** could help ensure **fair compensation for workers** and a **stable workforce for the agriculture industry** while bringing Monterey County's agricultural abundance to the consumer at acceptable prices? What are the **benefits and limitations of the H-2A temporary visa program** for foreign workers? What is the impact of **current immigration enforcement actions**?



*Mr. Jerry D'Amore*

### **In-Person Lunch & Learn, Wednesday, November 12th**

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

**Topic "Recent Changes in Immigration Policy and  
Their Impact on Monterey County**

**Education and Agricultural Communities"**

**11:30 am Doors Open & Registration Begins**

**12 noon Lunch (optional) / 12:30 to 1:30 Presentation**

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.**

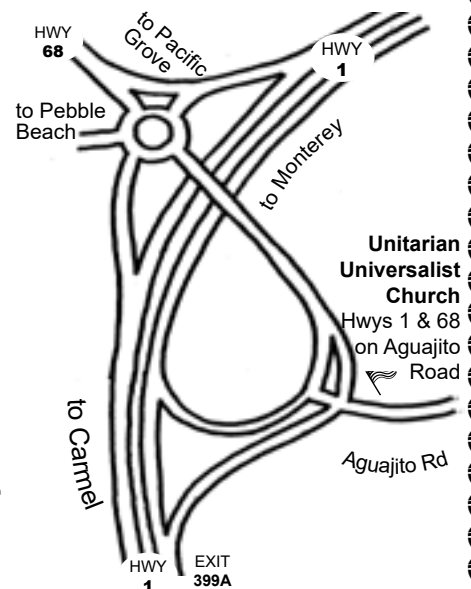
**Reservations for lunch are required**

and can be made through **Monday, November 10th.**

(Bev Bean: phone 236-1611 or e-mail [beverlygb@gmail.com](mailto:beverlygb@gmail.com))

Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE.**

**Reminder to Members:** Reservations are a commitment to the caterer with a minimum number of attendees, and cannot be cancelled by the League after Sunday, November 9th.





D'Amore brings a wealth of experience understanding the complexities of crop cultivation and harvesting, including agriculture's labor force requirements.

associate, district, and deputy county superintendent, college professor, new teacher mentor, and student teacher supervisor. Dr. Guss has always focused on community engagement, equity, and improving educational outcomes for all students.



**Dr. Guss** began her first terms as **Monterey County Superintendent of Schools** in January 2019, navigating the pandemic and changes in federal policy. Her career began as a bilingual first grade teacher in South Central Los Angeles, and she has since served in multiple roles—vice principal, principal, curriculum director,

Join us as these experts share insights into pressing challenges and and explore solutions to improve the situation in the fields and our communities.

**Marianne Gawain,  
Sharon Miller, and Dennis Mar**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ADVOCACY, ACTION & ... FASHION?

**O**n October 18, the following comment was submitted online in response to a request for comments by the **Election Assistance Commission** ([eac.gov](http://eac.gov)) regarding **Documentary Proof of Citizenship**.

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County opposes requiring citizens to submit a passport, birth certificate, or other citizenship documents to register to vote. Only half of American citizens have a passport, and 69 million American citizens don't have a birth certificate with their current legal name on it.

It is already illegal for noncitizens to register and vote in federal or state elections. **Requiring a document to prove American citizenship to register to vote in federal elections is unnecessary.** State election officials have systems to verify an individual voter's eligibility and ensure voter rolls are accurate.

There are many communities of eligible voters who would be unnecessarily burdened by the requirement of documentary proof of citizenship. Among the people who may not have documents in hand are military voters, families who have been impacted by natural disasters and may have lost necessary documentation, and Americans

who have changed their names for any reason (such as marriage, divorce, gender identity, safety, religion, etc.). I repeat: **registered voters do not need to prove their identity.**



**F**or some years, my “go to” hoodie for political events and casual days around town said **“Show Up, Register, Vote”** on the back. I loved wearing the hoodie because it so succinctly reflected my feelings about the privilege and the right to vote. Essentially: *“Just do it, for crying out loud!”*

Alas, I realized a few months ago that the hoodie was so faded and worn at the cuffs that it needed replacement, if for no other reason than respect for the message on its back. As I shopped the myriad of replacement options online, I realized I was looking for a nonpartisan message that said something more than “just do it.” I wanted to say something about the values and quality of perspective we should bring to the votes we cast.

The message on my new hoodie is much longer and fully appreciated if only by people who see it long enough to take it all in. But I've enjoyed wearing it these last few months as much as I enjoyed wearing its predecessor. **Tama Oliver**



## DEFENDING DEMOCRACY WITH TABLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS



**S**andy Hoag, Tama Olver and I are members of the **Defending Democracy Committee**. We have been tabling at produce markets, demonstrations, and city gatherings. It means setting up a table, putting on our LWV buttons and "VOTE" shirts, spreading our League banners, and putting out free information.

Our goal is to get interested people involved in the League and provide information about state and national policies. We also had information and forms for **Voter Registration** and booklet-sized copies of **The US Constitution**. We spread out maps, handouts, and anything else that might help our visitors vote.

Mainly what we do is listen to people who come by with questions, comments or stories. Students from the **Middlebury Institute of International Studies,**



**Monterey** had questions about both ourselves and our League. Folks from out of town needed to know how to change their

voting addresses. People with a cause wanted to tell us about it and why it is important to them. Some Californians wanted to know the **League's position on Proposition 50**. They also wanted to know whether we always go with the California League leadership decisions, or vote as individuals according to our separate consciences.

At the **October 18th "No Kings Demonstration** at Windows on the Bay Monterey, we each took turns to wander through the crowd, take photos, and share clever slogans seen on creative signs. Some of the costumes we saw were works of art, some were funny, and some controversial (even a bit rude)! It was great when other League members stopped by, like **Sharon Miller** did.

**"We are  
Americans  
demonstrating  
our  
Constitutional  
right to speak  
out and wave  
the flag."**



Our highlight was when two teenage girls asked for our help with voter registration. They had approached **Supervisor Wendy Root Askew** with the question, and Askew brought them to our table for answers. The 16 year old wanted to set up her pre-voter information. The other girl was celebrating her 18th birthday that day by registering to vote. Talk about great kids and the apple of any League member's eye! Oh, that all young people were so involved and such good citizens!

The happiest ending was when **Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson** stopped to talk with Supervisor Askew—the girls were very glad to say hello and **"Shake hands with your Mayor, Ladies!"** Indeed, they were questioning and paying close attention to the representatives that might soon be on their ballots.

**Beverly Kreps**

## "RENTERS' PLIGHT EQUALS COMMUNITY DILEMMA"

On **Wednesday, January 14th, 2026** from **11:30 to 1:15** at the **Unitarian Universalist Church**, our **Lunch & Learn in-Person** speakers **Susan Shannon, Statewide Leader, Renter Rights** and **Esther Malkin, Tenant Rights Advocate** will discuss the critical situation of rental housing in our local communities. Affordability is the issue: builders want profits, landlords raise rents, renters have limited incomes and few protections, but can be a voting block. Why are **Salinas** and **Marina** in the cross-hairs? Come to this meeting to get a good idea on statewide and local rental crisis.

**George Riley**





## DESPITE BEING A PROTEST, A POSITIVE EVENT TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY



**D**espite being a protest, the NO KINGS event on October 18 was a positive and joyous event. It was attended in Monterey by an estimated 9,000 participants, and in Salinas by 500 people determined to defend democracy against government over-reach. The sun shone down on the American flags, people in Lady Liberty and blow-up animal costumes, dancers and musicians, dogs and kids mingled peacefully. So many of our League members—too many to list, were among those listening to various speakers including our **Representative Jimmy Panetta**

and our **County Supervisor Kate Daniels** in Monterey who were reading the creative signs (see some of the eye-catching messages below) and boosting the morale of their fellow citizens.

It takes more than rallies to defeat the world-wide and national moves toward autocracy, but they are a positive way to become more informed, network with others, and take heart in the fact that you are not alone in wanting to preserve our nation's norms, values, liberty, and equality.

**Sharon Miller**



The Only  
MONARCH  
We Need Is A  
BUTTERFLY

THIS IS A FIVE-  
ALARM FIRE.  
DEMOCRACY IS  
AT STAKE

NO THRONES,  
CROWNS, KINGS  
OR CRONIES

NO KINGS ... EVER!

LET'S RESPECT  
ONE ANOTHER

DICTATOR OR  
DEMOCRACY?  
THAT'S THE  
CHOICE

WE THE  
PEOPLE  
HAVE HAD  
ENOUGH

I AM  
PRO-DEMOCRACY,  
PRO-HUMANITY,  
PRO-INTEGRITY

IF YOU ARE NOT  
ANGRY, YOU ARE NOT  
PAYING ATTENTION

YOU CAN'T  
LOVE YOUR  
COUNTRY IF  
YOU HATE  
HALF THE  
PEOPLE IN IT

STANDING  
STRONG WITH  
OUR IMMIGRANT  
BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS!

I LOVE THE USA.  
I SERVED TO  
DEFEND IT.  
I HATE FASCISM.  
I SERVED TO  
PREVENT IT.



## THANK YOU VOTER SERVICE WORKERS!

I want to thank everyone who was involved in all the aspects of Voter Service. From distribution of more than 1,000 copies of the **Easy Voter Guides**, to poll work, website updates, distribution of **Vote411** bookmarks, and voter registration tabling and events.



Jane Meade-Roberts, Hartnell College

students now as compared to past years. I specially thank the **Prop 50 Pros & Cons Committee—MaryEllen Dick, Marianne Gawain and Marilyn Maxner—** for their hard research work on the Proposition, on following the money, and putting it all into a

succinct presentation.

In addition to the **National Voter Registration Day** events described by **Tama Oliver**, we registered voters and distributed **Easy Voter Guides** and **Vote411** bookmarks at a couple of other tabling events at **Hartnell College, Salinas** (spearheaded by **Jane Meade-Roberts** in photo above) along with **Heather Visscher**. These events have been highly successful, not only in registering voters, but in increasing our visibility in the community.

Jane noted that there seems to be an increased awareness and enthusiasm among college

The two live online presentations for League members and a presentation given at the **Prunedale Grange** were well attended and generated lots of thoughtful discussion. A video of the presentation is also available on our website.

Thank you also to all the folks who have stepped up for **"Team up for Democracy"** at the polls on **November 4th!** We are fully staffed for two polling places and are looking forward to a successful election and fundraising event.

Dennis Mar

## ★ ACTIVE NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS ★

There are many ways that new members can get engaged with our League of Women Voters of Monterey County.

Here's what some of our newest members have done to advance our League's goals:

**Lori Balck Ogene, Elizabeth Hall, Branham Rendlen, Anne Hansen, Diane Vizzard, and Diane Rowe** have each attended a "Lunch and Learn."

**Elizabeth Hall, Branham Rendlen, and Diane Rowe** have joined the **Defending Democracy Committee**.



**Elizabeth Hall** has also attended a **Board meeting** as part of the **Leadership Development Team**.

We encourage more new as well as long time members to look at the list of committee descriptions in the **"Want to**

**Make a Difference? Join a LWVMC Committee"** information article (**The Voter, October 2025**, pages 3-6).

Look for one or more areas of interest to you and contact the Chair of that committee, or just drop in to any meeting. This way you will meet more members and decide what impact you can make using your talents and skills. **Shelley Sweet**



# LWVMC HONORED BY CITY OF MARINA AND MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Since 2012, this nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy has worked to get over 6 million Americans registered to vote in time for their next trip to the ballot box. Partners from all over the country hit the streets for a single day of coordinated field, digital, and media action focused squarely on growing our shared democracy.*



**O**ur League of Women Voters of Monterey County was recently honored by being asked to receive two proclamations, one from the **City of Marina** celebrating **Women's Equality Day** and a second from the **Monterey County Board of Supervisors** honoring **National Voter Registration Day**.



On Wednesday, September 3rd, **Tama Olver, LWVMC Co-President**, received a proclamation from the **Marina City Council** which was sponsored by **Councilmember Jenny McAdams**.

It proclaims August 26 Women's Equality Day, a National Day of Celebration commemorating the passage of the **19th Amendment** guaranteeing women the right to vote in the U.S. The proclamation reads in part: *"... in the City of Marina, we honor the women - past and present - who have shaped our community through public service, education, business, volunteerism, and advocacy, and we recognize the the fight for equality and opportunity continues."*



On Tuesday, September 16th, in partnership with **Gina Martinez, Registrar of Voters, Monterey County Election Office**, and **Marilyn Maxner, LWVMC Treasurer**, received a proclamation from the **Monterey County Board of Supervisors** establishing the 3rd Tuesday of November as **National Voter Registration Day**.

The proclamation reads, in part: *"... the County of Monterey recognizes the challenges that many Americans face in their everyday lives that may impede their abilities to register to vote [and] the need for diverse partners such as nonprofits, libraries, businesses, colleges and universities, and more to work in the communities they serve to register citizens to vote."*

The proclamations not only demonstrate the focus in our local communities on the electoral process in these extraordinary times, but also recognize the role that LWVMC plays in empowering voters. We are sincerely honored to be included in these important commitments by local elected officials.

**Tama Olver**

*Board Supervisor Chris Lopez, Registrar of Voters  
Gina Martinez and LWVMC's Marilyn Maxner*



# SUCCESSFUL PILOTS & PROCESSES FOR NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

On **Tuesday September 16, National Voter Registration Day**, LWVMC piloted some processes and locations with the objective of registering voters. In future years, we envision this growing into a county-wide event.



*Sharon Miller and Christina Lund  
at Pacific Grove Post Office*

**Office, Grove Market, and the Public Library.** The Grove Market location was the most successful as measured by the traffic and number of conversations. Two voters who needed to update their registrations were given forms.

The most significant value from the day was **confirming current registration** with many passers-by and creating

Volunteers **Heather Visscher** and **Jane Meade-**

**Roberts** had a very successful day at **Hartnell College, Salinas** (see page 5). They registered 12 voters and distributed forms to at least 17 others. They also created a relationship with staff at Hartnell, which we can use to grow our presence there. **Of the four locations we piloted, Hartnell was the most successful.** Visibility for our name, mission, and brand with younger voters will help us increase our impact and our value to the community.

awareness that **an election is coming in November.** It was also of value to promote both the League's work and the importance of participating in elections.

Sincere thanks to volunteers **Pam Bonsper, Tamara Harris, Christina Lund, An McDowell, Tama Olver, Sharon Miller, and Shelley Sweet** for their help with staffing and evaluating the day.

In **Pacific Grove**, our registration activity set up at three locations during the day: **US Post**

What we learned this year will guide future participation in National Voter Registration Day.

**Tama Olver**

## LWVMC VOLUNTEERS STEP UP TO STAFF POLLING PLACES

Our League staffed two polling places at the **Del Rey Oaks Old Town Hall (Marilyn Maxner, Inspector)** and the **El Estero Park Center, Monterey (Dennis Mar, Inspector)**. Of the 27 clerks needed to staff the two polling places, 22 were **League Members** and 5 were **Friends of The League**. Best of all 9 of the clerks were working for the first time! **Arlene Guest & Dennis Mar**

### *Thank You to League Volunteers*

Beth Benoit, Carie Broecker, Catherine Crockett, Robert Evans, Elizabeth Hall, Tamara Harris, Anne Herendeen, Sandy Hoag, Linda Johnson, An McDowell, Sharon Miller, Roberta Myers, Chris Nenoff, Mary Palmer, Branham Rendlin, Suzanne Schmidt, Sylvia Shih, Becky Suarez, Shelley Sweet, Elise Weiland, Rosemary Wells, Kathleen Wojtkowski

### *Thank You to Our Friends of the League Volunteers*

Ron Baxter, Cora Hoover, Mark Newman, Cathy Seyferth, Robin Winfield



# WE REMEMBER NANCY BAKER JACOBS



**S**adly, we have learned that **Nancy Baker Jacobs** died around the latter part of April 2025. As the interviewer and writer of the **Member Profiles** published in "**The LWVMC Voter**" newsletter, it is likely that Nancy had extended conversations with more League members than anyone else in our League. Many members had their own tributes to Nancy. All mentioned how her presence will be missed.

**Peggy Hansen** said: *"I first met Nancy in 2012 at The Women's Discussion Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church.*

*We had each just lost our spouse/partner within two months of each other, which gave us a lot in common. We began going out to lunch once a week and continued for the next thirteen years. She was a wonderful friend in every way, an excellent listener with always wise comments. We never ran out of things to talk about. In her career, she had been a trail blazer: she was an award-winning author of six non-fiction books and thirteen crime novels, as well as a private detective, journalism professor, editor, newspaper reporter, and college administrator."*

**Sharon Miller** wrote: *"Nancy was a soft-spoken lady with a tremendous bio. She was kind to everyone. I enjoyed meeting her on the recreation trail or sitting with her at LWV events and church services. I'm glad that she was healthy, active and engaged until very recently."*

**Diana Martinetto** told us: *"Anyone who had known Nancy over time will describe her in very similar ways. She was keenly intelligent, insightful, and quick-witted, but also direct and practical in her approach to life. She possessed a dry sense of humor and could use it to make a point or lighten a serious situation. Methodical, practical, dependable, resilient.*

*A person whose values were strong, who knew herself well. She was a North Star."*

**Bev Kreps** remembered: *"When Nancy contacted me for a LWVMC member profile, she somehow got me talking about past events that I hadn't thought of in years. When the profile was published, I was kind of surprised about the focus of the piece. Her kind heart and humor came through in all she wrote. She would make every member look their best."*

**Sylvia Shih** said: *"My last precious conversation with her was at this April's League Lunch and Learn. I was complimenting her editorial and artistic skill in introducing League members for decades when she told me her days of performing that task are coming to an end because of her health. Little did I know it would be her goodbye for good."*

**Regina Doyle** regrets: *"I wish I had made an effort to spend more time with Nancy in person at a Lunch and Learn or other League event. She was such a punctual writer for The Voter, always sending in her Member Profile articles on time if not ahead of deadline. I didn't know she was a professional but might have guessed it as her writing rarely needed correcting. Now I'm embarrassed that I ever dared to edit her work, and grateful that she took my comments with good grace. Our newsletter and league will be poorer for her loss."*

**Dennis Mar**





## LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: PAM BONSPER



**P**am Bonsper joined our League at the encouragement of **Sharon Miller** who felt Pam, with her "activist nature," would be a strong addition. Pam got involved quickly after attending a "Lunch and Learn" and meeting **Marianne Gawain** in the lunch line. Marianne immediately suggested Pam run for **Board Member at Large** which had no specific assigned duties, but would give Pam an opportunity to learn more about our League, and find the area that most interested her.

While attending a Board meeting in June Pam volunteered twice—for **Membership Chair**, and to help find speakers for future Lunch and Learns. She was thrilled to get a League partner for each task to learn what to do and to have someone to work with.

Pam is now retired but during her working years she held a number of jobs. While studying for her **psychotherapy degree** she was an **Intern** then a **Client Services Director** for the **Monterey County AIDS Project** in the early 90's. This was early in the history of the AIDS epidemic and Pam liked to do jobs where she said you had to have "gumption" and were of help to people that others might shun. Later, after becoming a therapist, Pam worked for **Planned Parenthood, Salinas** and was influential in the merger of the **Santa Clara** and the **Monterey Planned Parenthood** operations.

A defining moment of Pam's youth was in her junior year of high school—she went to Brazil as an **American Field Service** student. Here she learned Portuguese and found a culture and family that was loving and full of fun. She still sees them in Brazil occasionally, and visited them recently.



After high school Pam went to the **University of Minnesota** but after her mother died she went back to Brazil to live with her host family. There Pam taught English, and at 19 went on a bus trip through the country with other young women, after which she worked and lived with a friend in **Rio de Janeiro**.

In Rio she met her husband-to-be, **Don Bonsper**, and together they proceeded to hitchhike all over South America before Don had to return to the U.S. to finish his training for the Marines. He was afterwards stationed in Vietnam. Fast forward—within a year they were married. Part of Don's training was at the **Defense Language Institute Monterey** where they both fell in love with the Monterey Bay area.



The Bonspers now live in **Cachagua** (Carmel Valley) and have a smaller house in Carmel. Their sons and their grandchildren live nearby while their daughter lives in Portland, Oregon.

Cachagua is a community Pam and Don love because of the open space and being close to family. Pam says, "*We all keep to ourselves but come together for fun and to help one another.*" She drives from Carmel Valley to work with organizations she's associated with. One is **Peace of Mind Dog Rescue, Pacific Grove**, her favorite charity.

Pam has always been a writer and an artist. In 2023 after the death of **George Floyd** she began creating paintings about Black Lives. She felt that she could help teach about Black history through art. Her paintings have been shown in a coffee house, at a **Monterey Middle School**, and **Middlebury Institute of International Studies, Monterey**. Recently she composed a series of

animal paintings for a nearby animal shelter. Her paintings call forth a human purpose and can be fun and comical as well.

When asked, "What do you think is important about the League today?" Pam said, "I don't think there is anything more important than joining a

group such as the League of Women Voters in today's environment because our work educating voters can really have a big impact on saving our democracy.

It's about every individual voting. And I want to contribute to that."  
**Shelley Sweet**

## STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST TO ENCOURAGE VOTING



The **LWVMC Student Video Contest Committee** met twice in October to discuss the **theme, guidelines** and **logistics**. We are now refining the contest guidelines, contacting schools, and looking for opportunities to show final submissions to the public.

Our aims are to **encourage registration and voting in the 2026 elections**, and **stimulate High School students' engagement with voting and elections**. The contest opens early **January 2026** and closes on the **last day of February**.

Students from Monterey County may participate by submitting one-minute videos on "**The Importance of Registration and Voting**." To encourage participation and reward outstanding efforts, a number of cash prizes will be awarded.  
**Marianne Gawain**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

~Michelle Barth~  
Seaside

~Glynn Echerd~  
Pacific Grove

~Anne Healey~  
Pebble Beach

~Jean Lovell~  
Carmel-by-the-Sea

~Susan Pius~  
Carmel Valley

~Sandra Weaver~  
Seaside

We hope all of you will join us  
at our next League "Lunch & Learn"  
Wednesday, November 12th.

**Dennis Mar**

~Florence Curlee Scholarships~  
are available to pay **membership fees**.  
Contact: **Janet Brennan**,  
[Brennan\\_Janet@comcast.net](mailto:Brennan_Janet@comcast.net)

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Bring along friends or family who might benefit  
from joining our League, to **In-Person Lunch &  
Learn presentation**, or invite them to attend  
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# JOIN OUR LEAGUE OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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*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](http://www.LWVmryco.org)** / 2. On the left-side menu, click on **\*\*NEW\*\* JOIN/RENEW/PROFILE** / 3. Follow prompts (you will receive access directions by e-mail)

## **Dues by check via US Mail:**

Write a check payable to: LWVUS / Mail to: LWVMC, PO Box 1995, Monterey, CA 93942-1995

**Questions?** Contact **Dennis Mar** at: [LWVmryco@gmail.com](mailto:LWVmryco@gmail.com) or [DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com)

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**NOVEMBER**

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Monterey County Superintendent of Schools  
contacts: Marianne Gawain & Sharon Miller

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



**DECEMBER**

**2025 WINTER BREAK**

No Meetings, No LWVMC Voter  
Voter deadline for January 2026 issue:  
*Friday December 12, 2025*

**JANUARY 2026**

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