

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

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## ***"Progress in Addressing Seawater Intrusion and Managing Overdraft"***

**G**uest speakers **Piret Harmon, General Manager**, and **Sarah Hardgrave, Deputy General Manager** of the **Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA)** will address progress made to date in managing the overdraft of the 180/400-foot aquifer of the Salinas Valley Basin.



*Sarah Hardgrave*

Under the State mandated **Sustainability Groundwater Management Act of 2014**, the SVBGSA was formed to adopt groundwater plans and to implement them by 2040.



*Piret Harmon*

The groundwater basin is critically overdrafted primarily due to seawater intrusion that has been moving towards the city limits of Salinas for over 45 years. The deep aquifer which underlies the 180/400-foot aquifer consists of "ancient" water and is generally not replenished. While one of the major sources of water for the City of Marina and agriculture, it too is in overdraft conditions. This will be a compelling update of a precarious situation. *(continued on page 2)*

### ***How to Attend Our Virtual Meeting***

The free **October LWVMryCo General Meeting** and presentation described above will use the **Zoom Web Conferencing** platform and **Zoom Chat** for Q&A.  
**11:45 am Zoom Check-In / 12 noon Meeting Begins.**

**All current LWVMryCo members** will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting from [lwvmryco@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmryco@gmail.com) on the **Monday before the meeting** (e.g., on **Monday, October 9th** for this month) with instructions on how to join the meeting.

**Not a member?** Non-members can send a message to [LWVMryCo@gmail.com](mailto:LWVMryCo@gmail.com) requesting an invitation to receive the link and instructions. **You can also join by phone:** numbers for audio-only will be provided along with meeting numbers and codes.

**Can't get into the meeting using link/instructions?**  
Call Tama Olver (831) 869-2748.

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**Guest Speaker Piret Harmon**, came to SVBGSA after serving as **GM Scotts Valley Water District** (2013-2022), and before that was key in formation of the **Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency, Santa Cruz County**. Harmon has a **Civil Engineering BA, Tallinn Technical University** and a **Business Administration BA, Concordia International University**, is a **Board Director, Regional Water Management Foundation, Santa Cruz County**, and an active member of **Association of California Water Agencies' Local Government Committee & Business Development Committee**.

**Guest Speaker Sarah Hardgrave** has been active in water resource issues in Monterey County for over 20 years, serving variously as project manager for several water supply, sewer, stormwater and flood risk reduction projects, including design and environmental review of the **Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project**. She was formerly **Manager, Environmental Programs, City of Pacific Grove** (2007-13), and **Manager, Conservation Programs, Big Sur Land Trust** (2012-23).

Janet Brennan

## ★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2023 ★

Sometimes I've thought of democracy as a team sport, one in which no one can afford to sit sidelined on the bench. We might also liken democracy to a special marathon, the more participants the better, one in which all involved are winners so long as we agree to follow the course established by shared rules.

In democracy, the very process—widespread peaceful participation, including acceptance of the legitimacy of another party's electoral success—is the goal itself. Maybe democracy is a relay race, where the current generation of participants takes the torch from our bold forebears and carries it into the future. Certainly in the practice of democracy there is no finish line: as we have been reminded in recent years, ***the defense of democracy will never be a task completed.***

However daunting the challenges, it's wonderful to be jogging forward in your company this fall as LWVMC continues its many projects.

### Ever-Improving Website

This October "**Voter**" is the best place to get an overview of the action but you can also find supplementary information on our **LWVMryCo**

**website**. Thank you to **Website Coordinator Debby Majors-Degnan**, who updates our site frequently, strives to make it increasingly useful, and is always open to suggestions (read her "**Member Profile**" by **Nancy Baker Jacobs**, p. 8).

### Strong Start for Speaker Series

Our **2023-24 speaker series** got off to a strong start with robust attendance and an animated Q&A as **Executive Director of LandWatch, Michael DeLapa** spoke about affordable housing. Links to

all our presentations can be found on our website. Also, on the website's "Calendar" tab is our schedule, including dates for this year's monthly meetings.



### You Too Can Empower Voters

The **Voter Service Committee** is looking ahead to the upcoming 2024 election year. You can support their work in a number of ways (see page 6). In August LWVMC board members **Pamela Stewart, Dennis Mar, Sharon Miller** and I met with staff of the **Monterey County Elections Office** for an overview of **Voter Outreach** efforts and election procedures. I would like to thank the Elections staff for their time and especially for deepening our understanding of the meticulous and transparent manner in which votes are collected and tallied.

## Enlarging League Membership

Our local League's ability to provide voter service as well as our capacity to analyze local public policy issues depend on our maintaining a strong membership. In fact, membership development is so important that at its August 28th meeting our Board authorized the creation of an **ad hoc "Membership and Outreach Committee."**

An election year often inspires people to extend their civic engagement beyond voting—joining the League is a great first step. Since we don't want dues to be an obstacle, we try to keep LWVMC affordable, including through the **Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund** and also **free Student Memberships** (see page 10, or contact **Janet Brennan** or **Marilyn Maxner**). You can help recruit new members by joining the new Membership Committee mentioned above!



And so—we're off and running for another year!  
**Marianne Gawain**



## League Members: Beware of Scams

*Unfortunately, in the past few years a number of League members have received **spoof messages from someone pretending to be me, a recent past President, or another Board Director.***

*Do not respond to anyone urgently asking you for money, gift cards, or a credit card payment. Any email, text or phone message doing so is almost certainly a scammer.*

*League dues should be paid by check to the League PO Box address, or online through our LWVMC website. LWVMC has tightened security on its organizational email account.*

*With time, the problem may recede but we must all remain vigilant!* **Marianne Gawain**

## NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**O**ur first September Committee meeting presentation was by **Mike McCullough, External Affairs, Monterey One Water**, who gave an **update on recycled water**. The additional water from the **Pure Water Monterey Expansion** should be available no later than early 2026. The process is designed to treat wastewater for three separate outcomes: tertiary for discharge into the Monterey Bay, special treatment for agricultural irrigation, and a special treatment process for potable reuse (after injection into Seaside Basin for later extraction for use). McCullough explained the **new billing system** using the County Property Tax bill to allow optional payments such as monthly, by check or credit card, or by the twice annual tax bill. The rates will remain the same, but the process gives ratepayers more options.



A second presentation was by **Staci Pierce, Asset Development Specialist, Housing Development Corporation, Monterey County Housing**

**Authority.** Pierce explained that the Authority has issued **Section 8 Housing Choice rental vouchers** ([tinyurl.com/HousingVoucherFacts](https://tinyurl.com/HousingVoucherFacts)) to subsidise rent to approximately 4,800 Monterey County residents, with a waiting list of another 4,000. The vouchers prioritize vets and foster youth, but serve large families as well with funding from federal, state and local sources. Pierce also said that **rising rents and lack of available local housing in Monterey County** continue to exacerbate our housing crisis.

As well, **LWVMC member Kathy Derwin** initiated a brief discussion of LWVUS guidelines for all Leagues to consider in support of **reducing greenhouse emissions**. This and **Climate Action Plans** in general will be discussed at our next Zoom meeting, **Thursday, October 12th, 12 noon**. Regular attendees are automatically sent a Zoom link. Others are welcome but need to email me to get the link.

**George Riley, NR Committee Chair**

Janet Brennan, LWVMC State and National Action Chair, at the behest of LWVC composed the following message sent to our California Assemblymember, 30th District regarding ACA 13 (go to [tinyurl.com/CalLegisInfo](http://tinyurl.com/CalLegisInfo) for full text of the California Assembly Bill).

Date: September 1, 2023

To: **Assemblymember Dawn Addis**  
1021 O Street, Suite 5350  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0030



Subject: **Vote YES on ACA 13 (Ward)**

Dear Assemblymember Addis,

The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** urges you to **vote yes on ACA 13**. This legislation would require that any ballot measure proposing to increase the number of votes needed to pass another measure must itself pass by that same increased margin. ACA 13 would also preserve the right of local governments to place on the ballot advisory questions asking voters their opinions.

Under current law, a simple majority may pass a measure to require a supermajority of voter approval for future action. This framework has given disproportionate power to a small number of voters, as under a supermajority requirement little more than one-third of voters can block laws on which a majority of voters agree.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, **Marianne Gawain**, President LWVMC

**"RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: WHAT IT IS  
AND HOW IT WORKS IN MONTEREY COUNTY"**  
*In Person Lunch & Learn Panel Discussion, Wednesday, November 8th*



Learn about the **Restorative Justice process**, where persons who have done harm take responsibility for their actions, with the persons who have been harmed taking a central role.

In addition, find out why people from diverse perspectives believe it can work for victims, perpetrators and the community, and how **Restorative Justice Partners, Inc.** is implementing it in our community.

Don't miss this important panel discussion presented by **Ms Jennie Burciaga, Executive Director, RJP, Inc.**

Contacts: **Sharon Miller, Beverly Kreps, Marianne Gawain**

This process shows the highest rate of victim satisfaction, true accountability by the offender, and reduced recidivism.



Date: September 7, 2023

To: **Senator John Laird**  
1021 O Street, Suite 8720  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: **Vote NO on SJR-7**

Dear Senator Laird,

The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** strongly opposes **Governor Newsom's** recent decision to seek an **Article V Constitutional Convention**. The proposal, encapsulated in SJR-7, seeks to add California to the states aiming to alter the US Constitution, a move that comes without a clear structure or guidelines.

The uncertainty surrounding the nature of a Constitutional Convention cannot be understated. **Former Chief Justice Warren Burger** once expressed concerns about the ambiguity and danger, noting:



***"[T]here is no way to effectively limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. Congress might try to limit the Convention to one amendment or one issue, but there is no way to assure that the Convention would obey. After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda."***

The Constitution is a living document, representing the fundamental tenets on which our democracy rests. **The LWVC supports targeted and focused policy action to address gun violence and the damage it is doing to our children and our communities, but a constitutional convention is not the right approach.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, **Marianne Gawain**, President LWVMC



### **Leagues Take Action at All Levels**

*We base our action on current  
**Program Positions and League Principles**  
(letters to our representatives on  
these pages are but one example).*

In addition, the **LWV California** has current, helpful, and ever-updated summaries of important topics on their website for you to take personal action on behalf of issues you care most about.

**Go to: <https://lwvc.org/take-action/action-alerts>**



Date: September 25, 2023

To: **Governor Gavin Newsom**  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **Support for AB 764 & AB 1248**

Dear Governor Newsom,



The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** urges you to **sign AB 764 and AB 1248**. Redistricting is crucial to our democracy. AB 764 (Bryan & Cervantes) and AB 1248 (Bryan & Allen) would help ensure that local jurisdictions adopt electoral maps that result in fair representation for all Californians.

AB 764 would strengthen the **FAIR MAPS Act (FMA)**, which prohibits partisan gerrymandering in cities and counties and sets standardized redistricting criteria to ensure neighborhoods and diverse communities are kept intact. Specifically, AB 764 would:

- ★ Prohibit incumbency protection in the redistricting process.
- ★ Increase transparency and public engagement.
- ★ Expand provisions of the FMA to include educational and special districts.

AB 1248 would require that the state's larger cities, counties, and educational districts establish **Independent Redistricting Commissions (IRCs)**. Voters and communities should choose their elected representatives, rather than elected officials choosing their voters. IRCs are one tool to ensure that the redistricting process respects and fairly represents communities, neighborhoods, and shared interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, **Marianne Gawain**, President LWVMC



The League of Women Voters offers its members many opportunities to both serve the community through **Voter Service activities** and expand their personal skills such as public speaking and organizing public meetings.



**It's not too early to think about these activities with the California primary approaching on March 5, 2024!** Election events will be compressed into January and some in February.

Please consider participating in any of the following activities. Watch for the "Call for Volunteers" via LWVMC e-mail blasts, or contact the organizers.

## Candidate Forums (In-Person)

The League is well respected for the fairness of its candidate forums. Usually, the League partners with another community organization which can secure a venue and provide publicity. LWVMC has had long collaborations with the **Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce** and **Sustainable Seaside**.

The most visible member of the League team at a forum is the **moderator**. This person keeps the forum on schedule and the mood civil. Another crucial job is **question sorting**. Questions are solicited from the audience. The sorters must select those that cover the important issues in that locale. Usually there is a team of two or three League members to do this critical task.

New volunteers can start as **timers, pages, or sorting questions** with more experienced League members. As your comfort and experience level go up, you can step into moderating, sorting questions, or organizing a forum. Contact: **Jeanne Turner**, [JTurner215@comcast.net](mailto:JTurner215@comcast.net)

## Candidate Forums (Online)

Online presentations are a candidate forum option especially useful for election areas as large as counties. During the last election cycle (November 2022), candidates for sheriff and candidates for the California Assembly appeared over live streaming video.

To handle these events, we need **League members experienced with on-line meetings**. We especially need someone able to **create an online audience registration app** such as **EventBrite**. If you want to dive into tech, contact: **Dennis Mar**, [DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com).



### Voter's Edge

**Voter's Edge** ([www.VotersEdge.org](http://www.VotersEdge.org)) provides free, on-line information for voters. It will display

all the contests and measures on a voter's ballot. Candidates can use this platform to inform voters with their biographies and their political goals. The **LWV of California** is a partner in this venture.

There are several options for volunteers to help. If you enjoy detective work, we need you to **help research candidates' contact information**. If you want nothing to do with computers, an important job requiring no technical expertise—only persistence—is to **make phone calls to candidates** (script provided) to urge them to participate. If you enjoy computer work, we could use someone to **help approve candidates' submissions on the website**. Finally, another task is to **keep an eye out for unbiased articles or news coverage about the races or measures**.



If any of these tasks appeal to you and you want to make sure that voters can learn the basics about the candidates who will appear on their ballots, contact: **Arlene Guest**, [ArleneGuest@gmail.com](mailto:ArleneGuest@gmail.com).



## Election Day Poll Work

The LWVMC has staffed two or three polling places on election day for more than 15 years and 22 elections. League members have always answered the call for volunteer Poll Workers. We are proud of the work we have done to serve the community of voters both efficiently and respectfully.

**However, what we really need are more volunteers willing to work as Supervisors at the polling places** (the "inspector"). Unlike the Clerks who work four-hour shifts under the **"Team Up for Democracy"** arrangement, the Inspector is on-site for the entire day. If we had more inspectors, we could operate more polling places.

If you're interested in training to become a Polling Place Inspector, you first attend a training class sponsored by the **Monterey County Elections Office**. For the March 2024 primary election, we can arrange for you to "shadow" one of our present Inspectors. Then you will be ready to supervise your own polling place for the November Presidential election. Contact: **Pam Stewart**, [PilotTSA@mac.com](mailto:PilotTSA@mac.com).

**Dennis Mar**





## LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: DEBBY MAJORS-DEGNAN



**D**ebby Majors-Degnan has been a member of LWVMC for only a couple of years, but she's been actively working to serve our chapter ever since she joined. *"Dennis Mar has been my neighbor for almost 20 years," she says, "and I knew he'd been active in the League of Women Voters for a long time. So, once I retired, I thought I could be involved in this, too."*



sports—scuba diving. *"Frank taught scuba diving and he was the CSUMB dive safety officer and sailing coach," she explains. The couple moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1997, but Debby explains that she "commuted to the Bay Area for work for many years. Then later I worked for **Shop.com** at their Ryan Ranch headquarters."*



When Debby joined, she soon learned that longtime League member **Bob Evans**, who had been handling our chapter's

web page for many years, wanted to retire from that job, so she agreed to use her own professional technical skills to keep it going.

*"Our web page is part of the **National League of Women Voters umbrella website**," Debby explains, "but every chapter has its own webpage. Ours posts information specific to our county."*

**LB** After earning her degree at **Cal State University Long Beach** and transferring to **UC Berkeley** for a year to begin working on her master's degree, Debby left college to begin a career in technology. She says she worked *"in coding, mostly in manufacturing software. Then, late in my career, I became more involved in online retail applications. As an example, I did a lot of work for Macy's."*



Debby is married to **Frank Degnan**, whom she met while enjoying one of her favorite

Since retiring roughly five years ago, Debby has been busy with both public service activities—including volunteering at the voter polls—and hobbies.



*"I volunteer to work at almost all of the golf tournaments that the Monterey Peninsula Foundation is involved with," she says. Recent examples are the **U.S. Women's Open** last June and the **AT&T Golf Tournament**. "I don't play golf and I know nothing about it," she explains, "but the golf tournaments are some of the biggest money-raisers for the Foundation. I don't think MPF gets as much attention and credit as it should. When something bad happens, they're often first on the scene to hand out help and money. For example, when the flooding in Pajaro happened, they were one of the first organizations to release money to help the people who were affected. I'm so glad we have that foundation in our county."*



Debby reports that she also does a lot of "observation work for **Elkhorn Slough**, which involves oyster restoration, otter monitoring and restoring marshes. A number of us go out and monitor different animals and species each season as the marshland is being restored."





do a lot of hiking. Recently they spent two and a half weeks in Switzerland, hiking in the Oberland area. *"We travel a lot,"* she says. *"In April we spent a month in Vietnam and, in May, we spent a month in Bali and Indonesia."*

Physical activities also take up a lot of Debby's time in retirement. She and Frank still scuba dive and kayak and they

When asked what goals she has for the future of LWVMC, she answered, *"One of the things I would love to see is more young people involved. Both my husband and I, through Dennis, volunteer at the voting booths. When we see young people coming in to vote, we try to tell them about the League of Women Voters. We're hoping that more and more young people will join."*



That's certainly a goal with which we can all agree.

Nancy Baker Jacobs

## **Fun Facts from Local League History**

In their one-page newsletter for **January 1935**, the **Monterey Peninsula League of Women Voters** reminded members to pay their \$1.50 annual dues for 1934-35, and asked, *"What about the new member you were going to bring in?"*

The Luncheon Meeting topic, **"Can a Family Have Two Heads?"** was advertised, with lunch, at 35¢ for members, 45¢ for all others.

League donors were congratulated for the fact that the **Katherine Philips Edson Memorial Redwood Grove** on the *Avenue of the Giants*, was made possible by their gifts. The **California League of Women Voters** bought 80 acres of redwoods in **Humboldt Redwoods State Park** to commemorate Edson's leadership for California women's voting rights.



Katherine  
Philips Edson

As well as being a suffragette, the first woman appointed to the **Industrial Welfare Commission** (serving for nearly 18 years), working for minimum wage laws, a delegate to the *"Conference on the Limitation of Armament,"* and **Regional Director, National LWV**, Edson was for a time also **Monterey Peninsula LWV President**.



In the newsletter, Members were reminded that *"In proportion to the population from which it has to draw, **this League has a larger membership than any other League in the State.** But there are many more alert women on the Peninsula who would be eager to join if they fully understood the program of the League."*

At the end of each monthly newsletter members were given a reason for others to join entitled: **"Why Join the League."** This month it said: *"Because it works to secure Law Enforcement. Because it works to promote that international cooperation which is necessary to prevent war."*

Were those particular reasons mentioned due to current events? In July 1934, bank robber **John Dillinger** was shot and killed by FBI Agents in Chicago, and in May, outlaws **Bonnie and Clyde** were killed in a hail of bullets by the Gipsland Posse in Louisiana. And in August of the same year, **Adolf Hitler** became Dictator of Germany, and by October had expanded the

German army and navy, a direct violation of the *Treaty of Versailles*.

Regina Doyle

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**NOTE: addresses and phone numbers redacted in this online version. For complete contact information, see your by-mail paper copy or your LWVMC Handbook**

## Welcome New Members!

Heather & Michael Oliver

## Thanks to Our Generous Donors

### LWVMC General Fund

\$235 Anton Prange

\$30 Ann Smallwood

## Change of Address / email / Phone

Ann Smallwood

Normi Burke

Betty Matterson

Juliet Oliver

Send Membership Updates to  
Janet Brennan, [brennan\\_janet@comcast.net](mailto:brennan_janet@comcast.net)



**Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County**



## FREE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Students may join LWVMryCo via the website without paying membership fees.

## New Members Welcome!

Any person age 16 or older may be a member of the League.

Use the form below or contact:

LWVMC Membership Director

Mail to LWVMryCo PO Box 1995  
Monterey, CA 93942

Checks payable to LWVMC or  
online with credit card or PayPal

## Membership Levels

- ☐ \$250+ Carrie Chapman Catt
- ☐ \$200 Sojourner Truth
- ☐ \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- ☐ \$100 Susan B. Anthony
- ☐ \$ 95 Household (2 persons, 1 address)
- ☐ \$ 65 Single membership
- ☐ (free) Student (16-24 years, enrolled in a diploma or degree program)

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## Florence Curlee Scholarships

are available to pay household or single membership fees. Contact:

Janet Brennan, [Brennan\\_Janet@comcast.net](mailto:Brennan_Janet@comcast.net)

Membership dues & contributions to LWVMryCo are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund.

**However, donations to the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) are tax deductible.**

**"Planning for Affordable Housing in Monterey County and Cities: Timing, Priorities and Possibilities" (September 13, 2023)**

presented by **Michael DeLapa, Executive Director of LandWatch** is now up on our website. The next time you have a conversation with someone about affordable housing, RHNA, etc.—and these topics arise frequently—you might want to share this. DeLapa presented interesting ideas with helpful slides, so if you weren't able to attend, now you can view it in your own time. Our **Videographer, Joe Asling** did a good job of getting clear quality audio and video.



**"Congress: The Road to Decline and Disgrace" (May 10, 2023)**

**Dr. Richard Kezirian** discusses the history that led to Congress's ideological polarization and disfunction, touching on impacts of interest groups, money and elections, powerful personalities, and Supreme Court rulings.

**Debby Majors-Degnan**



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**Elected**

Nancy Baker Jacobs (2022-24)

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**Appointed**

Dennis Mar

Pamela Stewart

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**LWVMryCo Calendar 2023**



**OCTOBER**

LWVMC Board Zoom Meeting  
Monday, October 2nd, 11:30am  
contact: Marianne Gawain

LWVMC General Zoom Meeting  
"Progress in Addressing Seawater Intrusion  
and Managing Overdraft"  
Speakers: Piret Harmon, GM SVBGSA and  
Sarah Hardgrave, Deputy GM SVBGSA  
Wednesday, October 11th, 11:45 - 1:30pm  
contact: Janet Brennan (details front page)

Natural Resources Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, October 12th, 12 noon  
contact: George Riley

**NOVEMBER**

LWVMC Board Zoom Meeting  
Monday, November 6th, 11:30am  
contact: Marianne Gawain

LWVMC Lunch & Learn General  
In-Person Meeting  
"Restorative Justice: What It Is  
and How It Works in Monterey County"  
Wednesday, November 8th, 11:30-1:30pm  
(see page 4 for more details)  
contact: Sharon Miller

Natural Resources Committee  
Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, November 9th, 12 noon  
contact: George Riley



**DECEMBER WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK**

No Committee or Board Meetings, No LWVMC Voter

Voter Newsletter deadline for January 2024 issue: Friday, December 15, 2023

LWVMC Lunch & Learn Meeting, Wednesday, January 10th, 2024  
Topic & Speaker To Be Announced