



FEBRUARY REVIEW

As part of our 100-year celebration of women's suffrage and the establishment of the League of Women Voters nationally, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors presented the LWVVC with a proclamation acknowledging February 14, 2020 as "**League of Women Voter's Day**." The date was chosen by the LWV US because it is Susan B. Anthony's birthday.



Continuing the year-long celebration, we co-hosted a screening of "On the Basis of Sex" at the County Museum of Ventura with the Ventura Film Society. Dawn Dyer's Vision 2020-Ventura players performed "Use Your Voice! Use Your Vote!!!", a Suffrage Passion Play in One Act" before the screening.

We participated in "Civic Engagement Day" on February 12th at California State University, Channel Islands, which was organized by the CSUCI Student Government. We registered voters online, using "Rock the Vote" and "When We All Vote."

Throughout the month we have hosted candidate forums in Simi Valley (Congressional District 25 and Assembly District 38), Camarillo (County Supervisor District 3), Oxnard (Measure B and County Supervisor District 5), Ventura (Assembly District 37) and Santa Paula (County Supervisor District 3).

MEET THE MEMBERS

Cancelled for March

We are taking a break from Meet the Members.

REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER
2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE
of VENTURA COUNTY



The 2020 Complete County Committee needs volunteers to help staff the kiosks (QAKs) and assistance centers (QACs). Training for volunteers are set for:

Thursday, March 5 from 2:00 -4:00 pm
Monday, March 9 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, March 9 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

These training sessions will be held in the Lower Plaza Assembly Room, Hall of Administration, Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. **Please RSVP to: Betsy.Swansonhollinger@ventura.org**

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please let Betsy Patterson (bpatter123@gmail.com) know so we can set up a training for you as soon as possible. The QAKs and QACs go live on March 12th and will be functioning through at least April 30th.

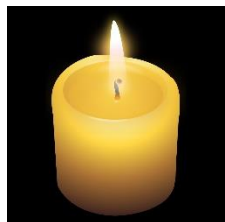
Joe De La Cerda is the volunteer coordinator and requests that anyone interested in volunteering register at <https://venturacountycounts.org> to be placed on the Master List of volunteers. All volunteers must be trained by a "Master Trainer". If you have questions, please send them to Joe DeLa Cerda at jdelacerda@venturacountycounts.org.

Additional websites:

Federal Website - <https://2020census.gov/>

California Website - <https://californiacensus.org/>

IN MEMORY OF STAN WEISEL



Stan Weisel passed away on January 29th, shortly after becoming a new member to the League of Women Votes of Ventura County. He was 93 and in hospice care. Our condolences go to his wife, Jeanne Hoffman-Weisel, who joined the League in January, and to their family. Stan had a remarkable life as a scholar, humanitarian, philanthropist, and teacher. Stan's gift to Ventura College for the Phoenix program resulted in annual scholarships given to women returning to school after their education was put on hold for a time. The Library at Ventura College is dedicated to him. His gift there continues to provide scholarships every year.

A Celebration of his life will be held at Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Ventura, on April 4th, his birthday. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Phoenix Scholarship Program of Ventura College or Assisted Hospice of Ventura.



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE



The League's Nominations Committee will begin working this month to survey our members and confirm those willing to serve for the coming program year of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. Any League member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board. The Board is composed of up to 15 individuals, and includes the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Board meetings are held monthly, with a few exceptions. Board members work together to plan League events and pursue special projects that make our organization relevant and exciting. League Board members are elected by the membership at the annual June membership meeting and serve for one year, beginning this July and ending June 2021.

If you wish to hold a position on the Board, or be willing to serve on the Nominations committee, please contact Cheryl Collart, Nominations Committee chairperson, (Cheryl.collart@gmail.com or 805.644.2923)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The League's Budget Committee will be meeting in early April to review the current budget and prepare a new budget for the coming program year, which is July 2020 through June 2021. The Committee will prepare a budget for the Board's review prior to adoption at the June annual meeting. If you are interested in the budget process and would like to assist in the preparation of this important League document, please contact Cheryl Collart, Budget Committee chairperson (Cheryl.collart@gmail.com or 805.644.2923)



BEHIND THE SCENES AT CANDIDATE FORUMS

Many thanks to Pat Essick our Voter Services Chair, David Maron our gifted moderator, and the team for a successful completion of five forums in Ventura County. It takes a number of volunteers to make them successful. We hope you will be inspired to participate in the Fall when we resume candidate forums for school boards, city councils, state-wide positions and more. Here's some of what goes into them.



The "roadies" get setup for the forum.



Question sorters Karen Savitt, Kay Armstrong and Carmen Hurd get last minute instructions from moderator, David Maron.



Some forums have many candidates, some have only two. All are important to the community.

Other volunteers serve as "greeters" who welcome and thank attendees and distribute important information. We also have "runners" who pass out and collect question cards, surveys and pencils.

The public is enthusiastic and grateful. We all have a good time contributing.

WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

NEW MEMBERS: We warmly welcome our newest members: Seana-Marie Sesma, Paul Castello, Juanita Vega, and Lacy Moes – all from Ventura; Kathy Long – Camarillo, Ruby Intner – Ojai.

RENEWING MEMBERS: Many thanks and gratitude to our members who have renewed their membership and also to those who have made an additional contribution toward the expenses of operating the LWVVC.



VOLUNTEERS: To all those who have noted your areas of interest on your Volunteer Surveys, thank you for volunteering to help fulfill our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. Our committee chairs will contact you in the coming months as various League activities get underway.

To join or renew your support/membership, please send a check to P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006. Your support is critical! For questions or information, contact us using the below information.

RAISE AWARENESS OF THE LEAGUE

Wear an LWV VC shirt to all our public functions. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL. Donation of \$20.00 or more requested.

Karen Savitt, Treasurer
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Please help the budget committee by submitting ***all expenses*** for reimbursement or as “In Kind” contributions to Karen Savitt, Treasurer, ksavitt@aol.com. We need to know how much things cost. If you want to contribute, please submit expenses and donations separately. We may not always have you as an “angel” to buy materials for the League.

The League of Women Voters is non-partisan. It does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. The League encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.