



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF VENTURA COUNTY

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APRIL OVERVIEW

It has been a busy month with the voter registration team presenting Voter Registration Training Workshops for members and kicking off voter registration in high schools. Civil Discourse training has also resumed with CSUCI students. In preparation for the LWV VC Annual Meeting, the budget committee has prepared the Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 and changed the budget format so it aligns with activities as opposed to supplies. The nominating committee has prepared the slate of nominees of new officers. (One or two spots are still open. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please let us know at info@lwvventuracounty.org).

OTHER NEWS

The 67th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of California will be held 10 AM, Friday, May 31, through 12 PM, Sunday, June 2, 2019, with a special pre-Convention event on Thursday, May 30,



2019. Where: The Westin Pasadena Hotel, 191 North Los Robles, Pasadena, CA 91101, Phone: 626-792-2727. Attendance at Convention is open to everyone; we encourage all members to attend and are eager for the public to come learn about the League. We ask that you extend invitations to your friends and contacts. If you haven't registered for convention, it's not too late. Although the early bird rate has ended, online registration continues until May 23.

The LWV VC Annual Meeting will take place Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Oxnard Courtyard by Marriott, 600 E Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036. Food Cost per Person: \$35.00 each. Business includes approving the Annual Budget and electing offices and directors for 2019-2020. The keynote speaker will be Barry Zimmerman, Director of Ventura County Human Services Agency.



Registration and Coffee, Pastries will begin at 9:30 AM. The Business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Lunch is a plated lunch with a choice of Traditional Cobb salad, Santa Fe Chicken Wrap or Vegetable Sandwich. To reserve lunch, please send a check for \$35 to LWVVC, P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006 and indicate your choice of entrée by June 14. (Note: you may attend just the business meeting, just lunch, or just come to hear the speaker. Only lunch requires the payment of \$35—everything else is at no charge. Look for your Call to Annual Meeting in the mail soon.

The Census 2020 Complete Count Committee has been having meeting periodically for several months.



Members of the LWV VC are participating in the Government Sub-committee and the Education and Organization Sub-committee. Our members will serve as ambassadors to city councils, school boards and others organizations during the awareness phase of the census to raise cognizance of the census and its importance. For more information, please contact Pat Butler, pbutler10@msn.com.

2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission



Every ten years, after the federal census, California must re-establish the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts to reflect new population data and shifting populations. The Voters FIRST Act gave this power to California citizens ensuring that new and fair political boundaries are drawn without special interests, politics and political influence.

California citizens who are eligible may submit an application to the California State Auditor's Office during the initial 60-day application period from June 10, 2019, to August 9, 2019.

This is your chance to become a part of creating fair and transparent district boundaries that serve the best interests of the people of California. If you believe politics are better when all sides work together and you have a passion for civic engagement, apply to become one of 14 new 2020 commissioners. For more information, please see:

<http://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/>

New Members – Please join me in welcoming the following new members since the last VOTER was published. We are delighted to have them join us!

- Lorrie Brown - Ventura
- Jackie Moran - Ventura
- Tina Secrease – Camarillo
- Susan Mikula - Ventura
- Jay Kosoff - Ventura
- Sally Kosoff - Ventura
- Janeva Scharf - Ventura
- Adriene Coulter - Ventura
- Dorothy Elchouess - Ventura
- Lori Sherden - Simi Valley
- Fran Nemiroff – Oxnard



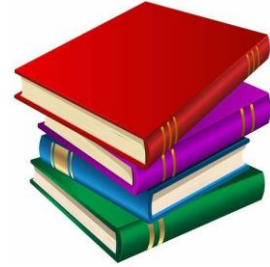
Social Gatherings - at “Pub Night” in Ojai and “Meet the Members” in Ventura each month. Many thanks to all those who attended. These informal get-togethers provide an opportunity to meet one-on-one with new and prospective members to answer questions about the League and to talk about our ongoing activities. They also encourage a spirit of friendship between members who might not otherwise mingle. I hope everyone will have an opportunity to participate in these activities. We are close to starting a similar event in the Oxnard/Camarillo area. If anyone is interested in organizing social gatherings in the East County, please contact at us info@lwvventuracounty.org.



Please help the budget committee by submitting *all expenses* for reimbursement to Karen Savitt, Treasurer, ksavitt@aol.com. We need to know how much things cost. If you want to make a contribution, please submit expenses and donate separately. We may not always have you as an “angel” to buy materials for the league.

BOOKS TO SHARE

Our President, Betsy Paterson, has generously given us the beginning of a Sharing Library. Here are several books that have been put into circulation:



- “Good and Mad” by Rebecca Traister
- “Rage Becomes Her” by Soraya Chemaly
- “Becoming” by Michelle Obama
- “Women and Leadership” by Deborah L Rhode
- “Leadership: In Turbulent Times” by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- “The Fifth Risk” by Michael Lewis
- “The Soul of America” by Jon Meacham
- “Fascism: A Warning” by Madeleine Albright
- “Russian Roulette” by David Corn & Michael Isikoff
- “Americanah” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- “Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI” by David Grann
- “In Praise of Difficult Women” by Karen Karbo
- “So You Want to Talk about Race” by Ijeoma Oluo

NEWS FROM OTHER CA LEAGUE CHAPTERS



Monthly LWV California Membership Call

Each month a conference call with the Jeanne Brown of the LWV California is held for all the Membership Directors in the State who want to participate. We discuss what is impacting membership, how we are meeting the goals of the CA and US Leagues, and other topics of interest.

There were discussions of a wide range of subjects this month:

- **Program Planning** – Topics that were put forward to the CA and U.S. Leagues included ground water in Marin County, climate change and sea level rise in Fremont, low income housing, elimination of the Electoral College, healthcare for all/Medicare for all, removing money from politics, and more.
- **2020 Census** – Leagues are working with their local 2020 Complete Count Committees. Several are hoping to have mobile units to go into areas without much computer access.
- **ERA Passage** – The Bay Area Leagues are having an event in August to bring attention that the ERA has not yet been ratified.
- **Restorative Justice Program** - Restorative justice is an approach to justice in which the response to a crime is to organize a meeting between the victim and the offender, sometimes with representatives of the wider community. The goal is for them to share their experience of what happened, to discuss who was harmed by the crime and how, and to create a consensus for what the offender can do to repair the harm from the offense. Some Leagues are working with District Attorneys, Public Defenders and the Probation Office to encourage supporting this process. They have met with resistance from judges and police officers.

- **Types of Membership** – For other Leagues, an **Associate Member** is someone belonging to multiple Leagues at no charge after their home chapter. Some chapters have high school **Interns** who are paired with a board member and attend events. This was determined to be non-productive in developing long-term members because the students move away upon graduation. However, it educates and develops awareness over the long run. Seeking college Student Members was seen to have the same results as Interns.

