

**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

## **ANNUAL LWVVC HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

December 7, 2019, 11:30 noon - 2:00pm at Aloha Steakhouse, 364 S. California Street, Ventura 93001. No-host bar.

**Tickets are \$20. Please make all reservations by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, including if you plan to pay at the door.** This year the League is underwriting some of the expense for the luncheon to encourage new and returning members to attend.



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## **LWV CALIFORNIA NEWS**

Some great news: The California Secretary of State has just entered into a first-in-the-nation partnership with Equality California, Trans Can Work, and the National Center for Transgender Equality to implement a program to train California poll workers to make it easier for Transgender and Gender Non-Binary voters to cast ballots for the 2020 elections. Here is a link to a San Francisco Chronicle article about this new program:

[https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/amp/California-to-start-first-in-the-nation-training-14560805.php?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/amp/California-to-start-first-in-the-nation-training-14560805.php?_twitter_impression=true)

The LWV Ventura County is supporting this program. We have submitted the training form to the County Clerk's Office and encouraged him to include it in the mandatory poll worker training. We will be ready for whatever else we can do.

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## **VOLUNTEER and WORK OPPORTUNITY**



The 2020 Complete Count Committee will need help staffing kiosks in local libraries and at other community locations during the second quarter of 2020. Apply to work for the Census 2020 now at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>. Competitive wages. Finger printing required.

There will also be a need for LWV members to volunteer a few hours (unpaid) to assist with Census Centers in various locations throughout Ventura County. Training will be offered next year. More information to follow as the time nears. If you can help, please email your interest and questions to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org).

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## MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**2020 Census Government Sub-Committee meeting**, December 12th, 3:30-5:00pm, Camarillo City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010.

Thanks to our two new committee chairs! New Committees forming:

- **Housing & Homelessness** – Meeting December 9, 2019, 6:00-7:00pm, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 4360 E. Main Street, Ventura. Committee Chair: Dorothy Williams  
[info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)
  - **Climate Change Task Force** Committee Chair: Wayne Morgan  
[info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)
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## PETITONS FOR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST



### HELP GATHER SIGNATURES

We have petitions available and handouts to help briefly explain what the initiative is about. Please contact Pat Essick at [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)

### SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST CAMPAIGN

- RECLAIMS over \$12 billion per year for K-12 schools, community colleges and local communities
- CLOSES commercial property tax loopholes that allow big corporations to void paying their fair share
- INVESTS in truly educating our kids & in vital services to support our families
- ENSURES full transparency & accountability for all reclaimed revenue
- PROTECTS *all* homeowners & renters
- PROVIDES the largest tax incentive in a generation for small businesses
- LEVELS the playing field for businesses that already pay their fair share
- EXEMPTS smaller businesses valued at under \$3 million

*Help spread the word!* The opposition is using scare tactics by saying residential property taxes will be raised if the amendment to Prop 13 passes. *This is NOT true!* All residential properties are **exempt** from property tax increases under this change to Prop 13. For more information, please see

<https://lwvc.org/our-work/issues/government/schools-and-communities-first>

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>>> **NEW INTERACTIVE LWVVC CALENDAR** <<<

To see coming activities, please visit our new interactive google calendar: <http://bit.ly/2Wo14AB>. View the format you prefer. To change views, visit the tabs in the upper right corner, select "week", "month", or "agenda". "Agenda" will give you a list format.

Here are some highlights:

**LWVVC BOARD MEETING**

**We will be dark December 12<sup>th</sup>.** Board Meetings are open to all members. They take place the second Thursday of the month. **Thursday, January 9, 2020, 11am – 1pm**, Ventura College of Law, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear), Classroom #1 located off the courtyard.

**HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

Learn what is happening to help resolve the homeless issue. **Monday, December 9, 2019, 6:00-7:00pm**, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 4360 E Main St Suite E, Ventura, CA 93003. Join us! Contact Dorothy Williams at [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)

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**CIVIL DISCOURSE TEAM**



Students' Final Presentation, Monday, December 2nd, 3:00–4:30pm, Bell Tower 2372, CSUCI, 1 University Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010

This is the wrap-up in the classroom - space is limited. If you are interested, contact Betsy at [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org) contact Betsy at [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)

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**VOTER REGISTRATION TEAM**

**UPCOMING VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**We will be dark for December.**

Sign up on Sign Up

Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>

Search by email: [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com)



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## WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!



Are you interested in getting involved in the League? The Nominating Committee is looking for people who might want to bring their talents and experiences to LWVVC. We have openings for the Vice President, a Communications Director, a Program Director, an Advocacy Chair, an Observer Corps Chair, a State and National Action Chair, plus other opportunities too. If you or someone you know would enjoy being part of our team, please contact me.

***Cheryl Collart, Nominating Committee Chair***  
***cheryl.collart@gmail.com***  
***805-746-0931***

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## WANT TO SEE SOMETHING COOL?

Recently, the national LWVUS CEO, Virginia Kase, spoke at a Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics event to celebrate the upcoming **100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment**.

On an all-female panel discussing political power and women's inclusion, Virginia reminded the audience of students and attorneys that women were not 'granted' the right to vote. "The hell they were! Women fought hard. It was a hard-fought battle" to win the vote. If the embedded link doesn't work, click here: <https://youtu.be/pSF-u8X4n-A>



Fighting for Political Power: Women's  
Inclusion from the 19th Amendment to  
2020

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## WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

**NEW MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome our newest members: Tanya O'Neill (Oxnard), Elizabeth & Jerome Hunt (Oxnard), Michael Hallahan (Santa Paula) and Marianne Flam (Ventura).

**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 leaders 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.

**Pat Butler, Membership Director**

[Pbutler10@msn.com](mailto:Pbutler10@msn.com)

**714-318-0111**

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## MEET THE MEMBERS

**All Meet-the-Members will be dark in December.**  
**They will resume in January with some venue**  
**changes. Check to calendar for new locations as**  
**we find them.**

Get to know the League of Women Voters members in your area. Join us for a casual get-together. Learn about the League. Talk over League activities. Catch up with friends. Make new friends. Starting in January, these are the normal meeting times for MTM.

- Ventura – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30; **Aloha Steakhouse**, 364 S. California Street, Ventura - Pat Butler, [pbutler10@msn.com](mailto:pbutler10@msn.com)
- Oxnard/Pt Hueneme – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 5:30 pm; **Salt Waterside Bistro**, 4308 Tradewinds Drive, Oxnard – Kay Armstrong, [kayaarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:kayaarmstrong@gmail.com)



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- Ojai - 3rd Monday @ 5:00 pm; **Agave Maria's**, 106 S. Montgomery Street – Jane Spiller, [janemspiller@gmail.com](mailto:janemspiller@gmail.com)



- Thousand Oaks (**New Venue coming!**) – 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm - Pat Butler, [pbutler10@msn.com](mailto:pbutler10@msn.com)

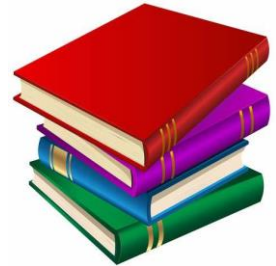
Camarillo (**New Venue coming!**) – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 6:00 pm - [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

Please bring the books from the LWVVC Sharing Library to the Holiday Luncheon to exchange. Here are the 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



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## RAISE AWARENESS OF THE LEAGUE:

Wear a 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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**(818) 497-2631**

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~~~ **HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!** ~~~

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