

LWVHC Volunteers Needed

If you are interested, there will be more opportunities for you to help with local Tribal elections in December and in 2026. See the schedule below for other opportunities to volunteer for election work.

Bear River

December 12, 2025 at 10 am—second mailing preparation party

January 23, 2026 at 10am— third mailing party.

February 7, 2026—Candidate Forum - times to be determined

March 14, 2026—election - 2 hour shifts between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm or whenever counting is completed.

7:30 - 9:30 am—includes any set-up necessary

9:30 am - 11:30 am

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm or when counting is finished

one person after 10:30 am to pick up any mailed-in ballots in the P. O. Box and bring them to Bear River Community Center.

Wiyot election on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

8:45-10:15am

10:45 am-12:15pm

12:15-1:45 pm or when counting is finished

one person after 10:30 am to pick up any mailed-in ballots in the P. O. Box and bring them to the Wiyot Community Center.

State of the Community Luncheon 2026

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County cordially invites you to our 33rd Annual State of the Community Luncheon, April 10, 2026, at the Adorni Center, Eureka, CA.

The program will feature a keynote address by a community leader, plus an update on the state of the community. The program will also include presentation of the Civic Contribution Awards. These prestigious awards honor a volunteer group and/or an individual who has improved life in Humboldt County through volunteer work.

We are actively seeking nominations for the Civic Contribution Awards. The nomination form is on p. 2 of this VOTER newsletter, and the list of past recipients is on p. 3.

Please send your nomination by Dec. 5, 2025. For further information contact Maggie Fleming, P.O. Box 252, Eureka, CA 95502, or via email at maggiefleming2018@gmail.com.

Anne Wasson

LWVHC SOLC Publicity Chair and Board Liaison



Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2026 State of the Community Luncheon Civic Contribution Award Nomination

Each year, at the State of the Community Luncheon, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County honors individuals and/or groups for contributing to our community through their volunteer work. We are now accepting nominations for those community members you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Please nominate a person or organization you feel should be considered for this honor and say why.

Please provide us with the following:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

The best way to contact you (phone, email, text, etc.): _____

Submit your nomination by Friday, December 5, 2025 to:
State of the Community Luncheon Committee, Maggie Fleming
P.O. Box 252, Eureka, CA 95502, or email maggiefleming2018@gmail.com

Name of individual or group to be nominated: _____

Address: _____ **Phone or email:** _____

In what way has the person or group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?

PAST CIVIC CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992	Sally Upatisinga	2010	Rose Baker
1993	Leon & Jean Wagner		Humboldt Community Breast Health Project
1994	David T. Davis	2011	Byrd Lochtie
	John Gierak, Sr.		Humboldt Sponsors
	The Humboldt Open Door Clinic	2012	P. J. "Paul" Nicholson
1995	Dr. Doris K. Niles		North Coast Stand Down
	Humboldt Literacy Project	2013	Sylvia Noel Douglas & Dave Douglas
1996	Dale Neiman		Food for People
	The Foodworks Culinary Center	2014	Jimmy Smith
1997	David Lehman		CASA of Humboldt County
	Eureka Elks Lodge #652	2015	Ruth Mountaingrove
1998	The North Coast Journal		Helen Person
	Carol Masterson		Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods
	Sandra Warshaw	2016	Hospice of Humboldt
1999	Sally Arnot		Redwood Empire Quilters Guild
	Ken Collins		Judith Stoffer
2000	Ina Harris	2017	Access Humboldt
	Simona Keat		Marianne Pennekamp
	Alexandra Stillman	2018	Betty Diehl and the Ferndale Community Choir
2001	KEET-TV		NAMI, Humboldt National Association on Mental Illness
	Ron Perry	2019	Dell'Arte International
2002	Humboldt Area Foundation		Michele McKeegan
	Muriel Dinsmore	2022	Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck
2003	Santiago Cruz		Wanda Wahlund
2004	Kathryn Corbett	2023	James "Jim" Glover
	Friends of the Redwood Libraries		Humboldt County Children's Authors Festival
2005	Evergreen Lodge	2024	Jeff Lamoree & the Sequoia Park Zoo Foundation
	(American Cancer Society, College of the Redwoods, Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka & St. Joseph Health System)		Lori Dengler
2006	Kay Escarda	2025	California Retired Teachers Association
	KINS - For Talk Shop		North Coast-Division 27
2007	Marge Custis		The Elections Transparency Project
	Jan Kraepelien		
2008	Dr. Douglas Jager		
	Gwynna Morris		
2009	Arcata Community Recycling Center		
	Carol Jacobson & the Eureka Symphony		

2025 Humboldt County Support for All Humboldt County Community Members

We acknowledge the climate of concern within our community. Many residents have expressed deep apprehension about the hateful rhetoric and the growing divide currently evidenced across our nation—concerns that we fully share.

We seek to assure our community that we will continue to stand firmly in support of our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, no matter where they are from, what language they speak, who they love, how they worship, or how they vote.

As local government and community leaders, we specifically and unequivocally reaffirm our commitment to supporting all residents in our community. A relationship of trust between individuals and local agencies, including law enforcement and first responders, schools, hospitals, and service organizations, is essential to carrying out the basic functions of our community and assuring that all residents feel safe and healthy, and have access to the resources necessary to help make our community a safer and healthier place for all. We will ensure transparency of all immigration enforcement action conducted within our community. We acknowledge that trust cannot be cultivated or maintained when the county cooperates with ICE.

We commit to taking all necessary steps to ensure that this trust remains intact and that the county and elected officials within the county of Humboldt make every effort to safeguard justice and equity for everyone. We stand prepared to assert and defend these commitments, including through multiple layers of legal and policy protections already in place at the state and local levels:

- **County of Humboldt's Sanctuary Ordinance (Measure K Ordinance 2618):** We reaffirm our support for Measure K, our Sanctuary Ordinance.
- **California Values Act (SB 54):** This act prohibits state and local police from using funds or personnel to support immigration enforcement. This includes preventing police from asking about an individual's immigration status, sharing a person's personal information with immigration authorities, or arresting anyone only for having a deportation order or for most other immigration violations.
- **TRUTH Act (AB 2792):** Ensures transparency and oversight regarding local law enforcement's communication with federal immigration authorities.
- **TRUST Act (AB 4):** Limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement can detain individuals on behalf of federal immigration authorities.
- **California Education Code:** Prohibits schools from adopting policies or practices that discriminate against or hinder access to school services based on immigration status, and restricts schools from collecting or sharing information about immigration status.

Whatever the future holds, we are resilient and ready to meet any challenges presented to our community. We, the undersigned agencies and elected officials within Humboldt County, remain committed to ensuring that our county is a place where all individuals are valued for their unique contributions and where every resident can live without fear.

In solidarity,

Organizations who signed the Letter of Support Document (in alphabetical order):

Arcata City Council;
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors;
Humboldt County Human Rights Commission;
League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Board;
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee

2025 Humboldt County Support for All Humboldt County Community Members (continued)

Individuals who signed the Letter of Support Document (in alphabetical order):

Gina Borquez	Emma Haskett	Chloe Quinones-Crosby
Tom Boyer	Cassandra Hesseltine	Donna R. Roberts
Janice E. Bucknavage	Romi Hitchcock-Tinseth	Judy Rieger
Keoki Burbank	Dave Hockman	Oren Romo
Mary Burke	Sharolyn L. Hutton	Bill Ryder
Malikai Cape	Theresa G. Jennetti	Charlie Saldivar
Cindy Chesbro	Mary Jane Jennetti	Julia Sanchez
Wesley Chesbro	Tracy Jordan French	Stacy Schaefer
Robert Christensen	Brian J. Julian	Thomas Schmidt
Kathleen Clark	Laura S. Julian	Amy Scott
Donna Clark	Jack Justus	Connie Smith
Tamara Clohessy	Pat Kaspari	Patrick Sosa
Ava Craddock	Kristin Kirby	Connie Sundberg
Laird Crandall	Raven Knickerbocker	Julie A. Suprey
Elysia Christensen	Rev. Cindi A. Knox	Kyler Tidwell
Michael Crook	Keith Kons	Robert T. Trosper
Mary E. Dycus	Jared Lavella	David Tuttle
Joyce Kay Escarda	Melissa Lazon	Sharon Tuttle
D. L. Erickson	Patty Long	Stan Vanella
Kim Ervin	Cheryl Loudon	Jack Veneman
Michele Fell-Casale	Barbara MacGregor	Daniel Wassenaar
Janet Foos	Gary Magnuson	Mariseta Wassenaar
John Ford	Lu Magnuson	Edith Watson
Avril Frasche	Erin E. McBride	Meghan Watts
Kelley Garrett	Mark McCulloch	Elaine Weinreb
Carilyn Goldammer	Michael McKay	Cheryl Wells
Alex Goldenberg	Michael Moore Sr.	Terry Whitestone
Nelia Green Goodwin	Linda Nesbitt	George WinterSun
Celeste Green Goodwin	Laura Norin	Patricia-Anne WinterSun
Benjamin Greenleaf	Judith Norton	Meredith Wolfe
Brenna Harper	Bonnie Oliver	John Woolley
Joannah Harris	Dale Oliver	Libby Yee
Debbie Hartman	Rebecca Perry	Daniel Zellman

Letter from the LWVHC to the Editor of the North Coast Journal

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County commends the successful collaboration between the Sheriff's Office and the county Elections Office encouraging inmates to register and vote in last year's election. This is yet another validation of their inherent worth as members of our community, and we encourage this program to continue.

The League would also like to thank the citizens on the Grand Jury for their hard work and sacrifice in fulfilling their mandate to oversee our local community institutions and services. We encourage all citizens to read the full report on the county website.

Claire Eyton
LWVHC Government Director

Our 2025/2026 LWVHC Program is Up and Running!

The October 16 Membership meeting, held on Zoom, was attended by 19 people, which I consider to be a great turnout! The topic was “Fact Checking in the Digital Age” and our presenter was Danielle Witten, Librarian and Literacies Learning Specialist at HERC (Humboldt Educational Resource Center) at the Humboldt County Office of Education.

Danielle’s interactive and informative presentation focused on helping participants learn “how to position ourselves as critical media consumers in the new(ish) world of Artificial Intelligence” and to “use quick strategies to discern whether the information is accurate and reliable.” These strategies include lateral reading (an excellent way to check sources) and the concept of “click-restraint,” as well as multiple ways to check sources using media bias charts and other reliable online resources.

If you were unable to attend and would like to learn about ways to check your sources of information, Danielle has graciously made her presentation slideshow available to us. Check it out here! Link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Kg-XSzph14-WLfHNeehrUUBsItzvBk01rQw8YWcGtfl/edit?usp=sharing>
Thank you Danielle!

Our next LWVHC informational membership meeting will be on November 13 from 6:30-7:30(ish), again on Zoom. The topic will be “Abolishing the Electoral College” and our presenter will be Anne Hartline. Hope to see you there!

Peggy Syvertson
LWVHC Vice-President and Program Chair

Access Humboldt Information

I am the new representative of League of Women Voters to the Access Humboldt Board. After attending my first board meeting, I find Access Humboldt to be quite an impressive non-profit!

You may already know that Access Humboldt’s mission is to air TV and radio programs about three areas – the public, education, and government. Currently, the majority of programming shows various meetings of city and county government. If you have cable, you can watch the programs live on Channel 8, 10, or 12. If you don’t have cable, you can go to the website www.accesshumboldt.net and click on the show you want to watch. They also record programs, so by going to the website, you can watch meetings or other shows at a later date.

But Access Humboldt also does a lot with programming by and for the public, as well as education. They show locally made programs that showcase our area or cover a wide variety of interests. Very popular is the streaming of the local roller derby. Their radio stations (check the website for the specific channels) and the TV channels are on 24 hours a day – so there is always something to watch or listen to!

Maybe you would like to make your own TV or radio show or podcast. Membership is \$50 a year, \$25 for seniors and students. Members may use Access Humboldt’s studios at CR, check out their equipment, and get lots of training on how to create something others will want to watch. Recently Access Humboldt received funding for a \$7000 backpack that can be checked out from the Humboldt County Library system so individuals may use it to make their films. If you are a budding film maker (or know someone who is), you may turn in a ten-page script of your film idea by midnight, December 5, 2025. Ten different people will be selected, receiving lots of training and support over this year to create their short film – as well as support to enter it into competition.

Access Humboldt offers so much to the public. I hope you will take advantage of using all that is available.

Janet Foos

Thank You Community Elections Volunteers

In October, the League worked on elections for both the Wiyot Tribe and the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. On a sunny Saturday, October 4th, the following people joined me for a shift at the Wiyot Tribal Community Center on Table Bluff: **Mona Daly, Janet Foos, Sharolyn Hutton, Christina Hutton, Dannielle Greco, and Janine Randall**. Thanks to all of you volunteers who made the drive to Table Bluff to monitor the election and count the votes. This is a really easy job that we are scheduled to do twice a year.

Then again, on October 10th, the following volunteers helped at the mailing preparation “party” at Bear River: **PatriciaAnne WinterSun, Joan Williams, Judi Hedgpeth, Lorey Keele, Janine Randall, and Claire Eytton**. Brittany Gonzales, Bear River Executive Secretary, was there to help, answer our questions, and produce more supplies when we needed them! This was a challenging day with all the fiddly work to fold materials, stuff envelopes, and then prepare each Delivery Confirmation envelope! I want to thank all of you for your help, and a special thanks to **Judi Hedgpeth** who has prepared and sent to me some suggestions to make the next party even more efficient.

I really appreciate all you wonderful Leaguers who volunteer to help prepare and monitor these elections. It is a privilege to be trusted by the local tribes to help them in this way, and it does add a bit to our treasury that enables us to contribute to our community.

Byrd Lochtie
Community Elections Chair

High School Voter Registration Is SOOOO Fun!

Recently, I was invited to McKinleyville High School to register voters. Since it’s an off-year in terms of voting, and most high school students will not be 18 in time for the November 4 Special Election, I assumed I wouldn’t get many students interested in registering to vote now. Imagine my surprise, after visiting three classrooms of seniors on October 15 and 16, I walked away with 34 completed voter registration forms! Most of the registration forms were actually pre-registrations, but with only one exception, these are young people who will be eligible, and ready, to vote in the June 2, 2026 California Primary!

Kudos to outstanding McKinleyville High teachers Tiffany Bullman and Drew Riddle for their support and encouragement in helping these new voters get registered! I look forward to visiting more high school classrooms this spring to register more new voters. It was REALLY fun, and very rewarding! Let me know if you’d ever like to join me!

Anne Hartline,
LWVHC Voter Service Chair

My NEW Library Card!

No, this is not a replacement of my Humboldt County Library card. This is my brand new Bear River Band Library Card! I was so pleased to learn that the Bear River Library is open to anyone in Humboldt County who would be interested in checking out their collection of books, many about Native people and written by Native people. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The library is located across from the entrance to the Community Center.

I met Trista Card, the Librarian, who told me they welcome anyone who is interested in their collection. They will order something if you have a particular suggestion for an addition to the library, and they welcome donations. Leslie Perez, from the Education Department at Bear River, was subbing the day I was there, and she issued my card, which I carry proudly in my wallet. I plan to spend some time investigating what is in the Bear River Band Library. Thank you, Bear River, for opening your library to the community!

Byrd Lochtie
Community Elections Chair

League of Women Voters Humboldt County 2025-2026 Calendar

Please Note: Board meetings will be hybrid and will take place at United Congregational Christian Church (UCCC), 900 Hodgson Street, Eureka on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm. Membership meetings will be on Zoom, generally on the 3rd Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:30pm. Membership Meeting topics shown here may change.

July 2025 <u>Board Meeting:</u> Board Retreat, 7/26	January 2026 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 1/13, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 1/22, 6:30 pm. Zoom Topic: LWVUS Program Planning
August 2025 No LWVHC meetings this month	February 2026 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 2/10, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 2/19, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Education Position Update
September 2025 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 9/9, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>North Country Fair:</u> 9/20 & 9/21, Arcata Plaza <u>Membership Brunch:</u> 9/27, 10 am-12 pm, Arcata Lutheran Church, 151 E 16th St., Arcata	March 2026 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 3/10, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>Sunshine Week:</u> 3/16-3/20 <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 3/26, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Civil Grand Jury System Position Update
October 2025 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 10/14, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 10/16, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Fact Checking in the Digital Age	April 2026 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 4/14, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 4/16, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Local Program Planning <u>SOCL:</u> 4/10
November 2024 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 11/11, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom Note: this is Veteran's Day <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 11/13, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Abolishing the Electoral College	May 2026 <u>Avenue of the Giants:</u> 5/3 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 5/12, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom
December 2025 <u>Board Meeting:</u> 12/9, 5-6 pm, Tess Coffman's home <u>Membership Meeting:</u> 12/9, 6 pm , Holiday Party, Tess Coffman's home	June 2026 <u>Annual Meeting:</u> 6/2, 6 pm, Location TBA <u>Board Meeting:</u> 6/9, 5:30 pm, Tess Coffman's home



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To:

Get Involved!

We all have unique skills to contribute and limited time. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate. Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County (LWVHC), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to membership nor participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, or political affiliation. LWVHC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVHC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, Board, and programs. Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, November 11 5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting United Congregational Christian Church 900 Hodgson Street Eureka, CA
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On Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82436363821?pwd=kAnTSbGXQI88VncVvrFgooTOtRpvv3.1>

Thursday, November 13 6:30 p.m.	Membership Meeting Zoom
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