

President's Message

Hello LWVHC members!

Our first hybrid board meeting was held at the beginning of September. While there are some things that need to be worked out with the format, it appears that it is a viable option for meetings.

At the time I'm writing this, we're preparing for the membership brunch. I'm looking forward to seeing both members and potential members and hearing Juan Pablo Cervantes, Humboldt County Clerk, Recorder, and Registrar of Voters speak on the Voter's Choice Act.

Also, at the time of this writing, we're ridiculously close to having the delayed budget ready to send to members. It's been a learning experience for me and I'm eager to have it completed, as I'm sure you are!

Finally, I'd like to extend my appreciation to those who volunteered at the North County Fair registering voters! I'm always in awe of the love the community has for the NCF and it's great that the League had a presence there.

Happy fall! I'm hoping for a few more sunny days before the weather turns.

Jessica Schlachter
LWVHC Co-President



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.

League Action Alerts

As my job on the League Board is now Government Director, I had fully intended to write an article about the Inflation Reduction Act for this VOTER. But things change. LWVCA sent us two action alerts this month which redirected my writing. A bit of history from the “Glossary of Terms Used by The League of Women Voters,” an action alert is “a carefully timed request from the national, state, inter-League organization, or local League Board asking members to take action on behalf of a League position.”

Once we received these alerts, I started to investigate what bills LWVCA supports and what was happening in our state legislature.

First, I learned that the legislative year was rapidly coming to an end. The Legislature officially ended its session on September 15. According to the internet, “in odd numbered years, the legislative year goes from January to October. In even numbered years, the legislative session goes from January to August to allow legislators time to campaign for their elections in September-November. Second, I remembered attending a League general meeting where the speaker was Dr. Bill Daniels, a political science professor from then, Humboldt State University. Dr. Daniels said the reason most of us don’t know a lot about our government is because most of our civics teachers were called coach. I’ll never forget that because it was true in my high school.

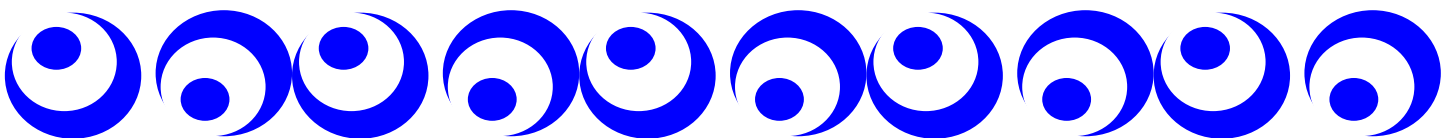
So, a refresher on California government. We have a bicameral legislature, which means there are two chambers: the Assembly and the Senate. The California Assembly has 80 members elected to two-year terms. Presently 60 are Democrats and 20 Republicans. Each member elected on or after the passage of Proposition 28, in 2012, may serve a lifetime maximum of 12 years in the State Legislature. The Senate has 40 senators elected for 4-year terms and the same 12-year term limit applies to senators. Currently 27 are Democrats and 13 Republicans.

The current legislature is California’s most diverse ever. One-fourth of the lawmakers are new. This year 2,600 bills were introduced, the most in a decade, and nearly 220 were sent to the governor. So far, he has signed some and vetoed others. He has until October 14 to review all bills. Last year he vetoed 169 and signed 997.

The two measures supported by LWVCA included ACA 13, a constitutional amendment that will appear on our ballot in November. ACA 13 would require ballot measures proposing to increase the number of votes needed to pass a measure, to also pass by the same increased number of votes. LWVCA also supports redistricting bills AB-764 and AB-1248. These are on the governor’s desk. Both “would help ensure that local jurisdictions adopt electoral maps that result in fair representation for all Californians.” LWVCA sent out a third action alert asking members to encourage the governor to sign these two bills. So, send an email to: govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail supporting these bills.

Maybe I’ll write the Inflation Reduction Act article next month!

Judy Bennett
LWVCA Government Director



Member Opportunities to Chime in on Program

The Program Team of the LWVHC board invites you to participate in some important Zoom membership meetings over the next six months, all designed to enhance community services in our county.

Bring your voice, mind and heart to our 2023-2024 series of position review meetings. All will take place on third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Go to our website (<https://my.lwv.org/california/humboldt-county/positions>) to brush up on current positions.

Line-up:

Thursday, Oct. 19: Local Program Planning, a brainstorming session about potential new topics for our League to study and setting up a new schedule for reviewing existing positions.

Thursday, Nov. 16: “The Role of Government in Economic Development in Humboldt County,” one of three position review meetings for this League year.

Thursday, Feb. 15: “Juvenile Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County,” second of three position review meetings for this League year.

Thursday, Mar. 21: “Adult Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County,” last of the position review meetings for this League year.

Save the date:

Spread the word and plan to attend the OLLI Cal Poly* Brown Bag Lunch event at noon on Monday, October 23, (on Zoom) when a panel of LWVHC members from our Behavioral Health Services Study Committee will present our new position on behavioral health services in the county.

*Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal Poly Humboldt

Molly Cate

LWVHC Program Director



Board Briefs

At the September Board meeting the co-Presidents announced that Dave Rosso will no longer serve on the Board, but he will continue as co-editor of the VOTER.

Maggie Fleming

LWVHC Secretary

Thank You League Volunteers

Once again, the enthusiasm and dedication of our LWVHC member volunteers astound me! Thank you to all the wonderful Leaguers who came out to register voters or to help set up and take down the LWVHC booth at the North Country Fair in Arcata on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17!

We didn't get a huge number of completed registrations (I turned in 12 completed forms to the Humboldt County Elections Office on the Monday after the event), but we did give out numerous registration forms for voters to complete later, as well as many copies of the QR code, which takes you to the California Secretary of State website for online voter registration. Fair attendees were overall very positive when we asked them if they needed to register to vote, and we got a lot of smiles, "Thanks," and thumbs-ups for the work of the League.

As I said in my last VOTER article, the event gave us lots of opportunities to show off how pleasant and friendly we are!

Special thanks to these volunteers (please forgive me if I leave anyone out!):

Patricia-Anne and George WinterSun (set up AND take down!),

Peggy Syvertson (set up, take down, AND a 2-hour shift!),

Julie Kelly,

Donna and Jim Clark,

Sylvia Shaw (note: Sylvia worked two shifts for a total of 4 hours!),

Pat Bitton,

Alex Stillman,

Natalya Estrada,

Bonnie and Dale Oliver (note: Bonnie worked two shifts for a total of 4 hours!),

and **Wendy Harden.**

You are all WONDERFUL!

Anne Hartline, Julie Kelly, and Peggy Syvertson
Your Grateful LWVHC Voter Service Team



LWVHC Member **Pat Bitton** at the North County Fair



The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2024 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. 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 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 1, 2023 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 Upatisringa	2008 Dr. Douglas Jager
1993 Leon & Jean Wagner	Gwynna Morris
1994 David T. Davis	2009 Arcata Community Recycling Center
John Gierek, Sr.	Carol Jacobson & the
The Humboldt Open Door Clinic	Eureka Symphony
1995 Dr. Doris K. Niles	2010 Rose Baker
Humboldt Literacy Project	Humboldt Community Breast
1996 Dale Neiman	Health Project
The Foodworks Culinary Center	2011 Byrd Lochtie
1997 David Lehman	Humboldt Sponsors
Eureka Elks Lodge #652	2012 P. J. "Paul" Nicholson
1998 The North Coast Journal	North Coast Stand Down
Carol Masterson	2013 Sylvia Noel Douglas & Dave
Sandra Warshaw	Douglas Food for People
1999 Sally Arnot	2014 Jimmy Smith
Ken Collins	CASA of Humboldt County
2000 Ina Harris	2015 Ruth Mountaingrove
Simona Keat	Helen Person
Alexandra Stillman	Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods
2001 KEET-TV	2016 Hospice of Humboldt
Ron Perry	Redwood Empire Quilters
2002 Humboldt Area Foundation	Guild Judith Stoffer
Muriel Dinsmore	2017 Access Humboldt
2003 Santiago Cruz	Marianne Pennekamp
2004 Kathryn Corbett	2018 Betty Diehl and the
Friends of the Redwood Libraries	Ferndale Community Choir
2005 Evergreen Lodge	NAMI, Humboldt National
(American Cancer Society,	Association on Mental Illness
College of the Redwoods,	2019 Dell'Arte International
Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka &	Michele McKeegan
St. Joseph Health System)	2022 Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck
2006 Kay Escarda	Wanda Wahlund
KINS - For Talk	2023 James Glover
Shop 2007 Marge Custis	Humboldt County Children's Author
Jan Kraepelien	Festival

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County 2023-2024 Calendar

2023	2024
<p>JULY</p> <p>7/22 10am-3pm Board Retreat</p>	<p>JANUARY</p> <p>1/2 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>1/18 Program (State) meeting</p>
<p>AUGUST</p> <p>No Board meeting</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>2/6 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>2/15 Program meeting</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>9/5 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>9/30 10-12n Membership Brunch</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>3/5 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>3/21 Program (Local) meeting</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>10/3 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>10/19 Program meeting</p>	<p>APRIL</p> <p>4/2 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>4/19 11:30 SOCL</p>
<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>11/7 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>11/16 Program meeting</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>5/7 5:30 Board meeting</p> <p>5/30 5:30 Annual Meeting</p>
<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>12/5 5:30 Board meeting</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>6/4 5:30 Board meeting</p>

Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$115 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____



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Who's Who in Your 2023-2024 League Board

- Co-Presidents.....Sharolyn Hutton,
Jessica Schlachter
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Maggie Fleming
- Treasurer.....Michelle Vassel
- Program Director.....Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Director.....Molly Cate
- Government Director.....Judy Bennett
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Director.....Anne Hartline
- Voter Service Director..... Anne Hartline
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Editor.....Leslie Leach
- Community Education Director.....Karen Price
- Communications Director.....Vacant
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Director.....Cindy Humphry
- Director.....Julie Kelly
- Director.....Bonnie Oliver
- Director.....Sylvia Shaw
- Director.....Peggy Syvertson





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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. 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 is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, October 3
5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting
Two Street Art Lab,
527 2nd Street, Eureka
or on Zoom

Thursday, October 19
6:30 p.m.

Membership Meeting
Local Programming
Zoom

Monday, October 23
Noon

FREE OLLI Cal Poly
Brown Bag Lunch
New LWVHC
Behavioral Health
Services Position
Presentation

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Any Time!

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Any Time!