

President's Message

Hello League Members,

Fall has arrived! With the fall comes increased LWVHC activity and the need for all members to participate in League meetings and the various registration efforts. By the time this is published, League members will have accomplished the following:

1. been part of the North Country Fair;
2. held their first in-person Fall Membership Brunch since the pandemic began;
3. organized KEET candidate forums;
4. announced the October 3 OLLI Zoom Brown Bag Lunch to present information on the seven propositions on the ballot;
5. held multiple voter registration opportunities.

At the Sept. 24 brunch, Co-presidents **Jessica Schlachter** and **Sharolyn Hutton** shared memorabilia from the LWV Convention and introduced the members of the board. They gave each board member a hot pad made by the members of the Gunnison, Colorado, League. Each hot-pad highlights a women's suffrage leader.

It was also our pleasure to present **Mary Lou Lowry**, League member and our keynote speaker on mental/behavioral health. She was also joined by **Molly Cate**, study leader, to talk about our Mental/Behavioral Health Study.

A booklet about the Suffrage Quilt by the Gunnison League was presented to Lowry in thanks for speaking.

Please join your League colleagues as we work to "Make Democracy Work!"

Sharolyn L. Hutton
LWVHC Co-President

Democracy At Work

The North Country Fair was a big success, lots of people, lots of vendors. The League was there to provide information and to register voters. Volunteers answered the many questions on the process, the timing, and how and where to get information when it came time to fill out their ballot. There was also a QR code that allowed many to register on the spot.

Thanks to the many individuals who helped make the League's presence at the fair a success.

The setup team of **Becky Simpson, George and Patricia-Anne Wintersun, Holly Couling** and **Sylvia Shaw** set up the tent and tables, and was ready for business well before the start of the fair. They also returned on Sunday to take it all down.

The volunteers who kept the booth running all weekend included **Anne Hartline, Debbie Hartman, Donna Clark, Sharolyn Hutton, Julie Kelly, Kay Escarda** and **Kathy Johansen**. The volunteers weathered the rain and kept working with the public all weekend. The next time you see these undaunted volunteers, be sure to thank them for all their dedication and hard work to make democracy work.

Deborah Downs
LWVHC Communications Director



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.

LWVHC to Present Pros and Cons

At the OLLI Brown Bag Lunch (via Zoom) on Monday, October 3, 2022, the LWVHC will present the “pros and cons” of each of the seven statewide ballot measures listed on the November 8, 2022, ballot. The presentation will be held for OLLI. (OLLI is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which is through the College of Extended Education and Global Engagement at Cal Poly Humboldt.)

The presentation will be held via Zoom, and those who wish to attend can register for the presentation up to 11:00 a.m. on the day of the presentation, October 3, at <https://extended.humboldt.edu/olli/register>. (Or just search for “OLLI Humboldt.”) You will need the Zoom meeting link **provided by registering** to attend.

The presentation will begin promptly at noon and last about an hour, with time for questions. The seven statewide ballot measures are summarized below:

Proposition 1: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Proposition 26: Allows In-Person Roulette, Dice Games, Sports Wagering on Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Proposition 27: Allows Online and Mobile Sports Wagering Outside Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Proposition 28: Provides Additional Funding for Arts and Music Education in Public Schools. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 29: Requires On-Site Licensed Medical Professional at Kidney Dialysis Clinics and Establishes Other State Requirements. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 30: Provides Funding for Programs to Reduce Air Pollution and Prevent Wildfires by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$2 Million. Initiative Statute.

Proposition 31: Referendum On 2020 Law That Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products.

Additional information about the propositions can be obtained from the following website:

Vote with the League <https://shar.es/afvezW>

Nancy Kay
LWVHC Treasurer



★ **Candidate Forums Scheduled** ★

LWVHC is pleased to announce candidate forums for the November 8 election. Forums for contested positions will be broadcast live at 7:00 pm on KEET-TV on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 5: Eureka City Council Wards 3 and 5 (combined)

Wednesday, October 12: Recorder-County Clerk/ Registrar of Voters

Monday, October 17: Arcata City Council

Wednesday, October 19: Fortuna City Council

The forums can also be viewed later on KEET's website, KEET.org.

League volunteers will also be assisting the city of Blue Lake with an in-person forum for council member candidates on Tuesday, October 11, at the Mad River Grange in Blue Lake at 6:30.

It is a busy forum calendar, with the possibility of more forums to be announced, but it's one of the most important voter information services the League provides, and these are exciting events with which to be involved. If you would like to be a part of a forum this year, you can! Contact **Anne Hartline** at annehartline10@gmail.com to serve as Question Sorter, Timer, Runner, or Phone Answerer.

Forums are conducted at KEET's studios and will last 30 to 90 minutes, depending on the number of candidates participating. Forums with only two candidates will be canceled if one candidate is unable or unwilling to participate.

Questions for candidates may be submitted beforehand to **Ann Diehl** at anndiehl3326@gmail.com. During the forums themselves, you may call in questions to phone numbers that will be provided on the program.

Mark your calendars for the Forum nights. We look forward to hearing your questions and we encourage everyone to watch the forums before voting!

Ann Diehl
LWVHC Forums Director

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth McGee-Houghton
and
Arlene Spiers

Welcome Returning Member

Kathy Johanson

Important Electoral Dates - Vote Humboldt & Voter Registration

The following are important electoral dates for the November 2022 election:

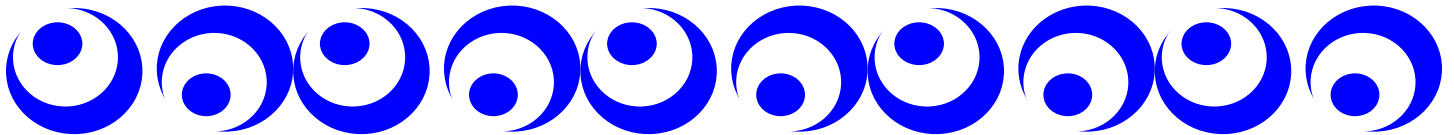
- October 10 vote by mail ballots are mailed
- October 11 vote by mail dropoff boxes open
- October 11 - November 8 voting period to return vote by mail ballots
- October 24 - last date to register to vote
- October 29 - First day for early voting centers open
- November 8 Last day to vote in-person or to return vote by mail ballot.

The link at the SOS CA elections website is - <https://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/voter-info/dates-to-remember.htm>. Additionally, LWVHC is collaborating with Vote Humboldt to register voters at CR on the following dates:

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4 and 5
Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18 and 19
Monday, October 24

Alternating sites on CR campus will be the library and the multicultural center. For volunteers with limited mobility, close-by parking and/or campus transportation can be arranged by Vote Humboldt. If you want to participate in these tabling events, please contact me at mag3022@gmail.com. The sooner you contact me, the better.

Maggie Augustine
LWVHC Voter Service Director



Membership Brunch

It was fantastic to see so many of you in person again! After a long hiatus due to the ongoing pandemic, we were able to hold the annual membership brunch in person once again. I enjoyed meeting some members in person for the first time and seeing the number of prospective members who attended.

Mary Lou Lowery provided important information about the purpose and work of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). **Molly Cate** spoke about the behavioral health services study committee's progress and what will be happening this fall and winter. (Please see the Behavioral Health Services Study Update in this VOTER for that information.) Molly has been keeping us updated at board meetings and via her VOTER articles, but it was great to hear an even deeper explanation of the committee is doing. I'm excited for what will no doubt be an incredibly comprehensive study and the resulting updated position -- and I can't imagine I'm the only one looking forward to it!

Sharolyn Hutton and I displayed mementos that we brought back from the National Convention and presented board members with handmade hot pads made by the Gunnison County League.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we may continue to safely host in-person events! And a special thank you to **Ann Diehl** and **Anne Hartline** who organized this event, and to all the League members who helped it run smoothly.

Jessica Schlachter
LWVHC Co-President

Behavioral Health Services Study Update

The behavioral health services study committee is getting ready to present its findings. This is the part where you, the members of the LWVHC, can have an active role. The study was undertaken as part of a process to produce our new position on behavioral health services in Humboldt County, and we are about to hold a series of membership meetings where you can help craft that new position.

We have scheduled a series of three membership meetings, two in the fall of 2022 and one in the winter of 2023 to seek consensus on the wording of what will ultimately become our behavioral health services position. You are invited to attend these evening Zoom meetings. Because the study subject is so complex, each meeting will address one section of the overall position. Here's the schedule (all meetings are scheduled for Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m.):

- October 20 our topic is diagnosis – hiring the best trained, most effective clinicians who apply the highest standard of evidence-based care,
- November 17 is about treatment – envisioning the facilities and techniques to best serve our citizens' needs,
- January 12 we discuss prevention of behavioral health crises and reduction of the harmful social conditions that make such illnesses worse.

As you know, the actions we take as a League on behalf of those suffering from behavioral health crises will stem from the work we are doing now.

In the meantime, as we prepare for these membership meetings, our committee is meeting every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. On October 19, our guest will be Jamie Jensen of the Cal Poly Humboldt Social Work Department.

Members are welcome to attend our Zoom meetings. The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789562688?pwd=K1FsNW52MG5HVzV2em9NQ1p3>

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director





The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2023 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 2, 2022 to:
State of the Community Luncheon Committee, P. O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA. 95502
or judybennett82@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

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| 1992 | Sally Upatisringa | 2007 | Marge Custis |
| 1993 | Leon & Jean Wagner | | Jan Kraepelien |
| 1994 | David T. Davis | 2008 | Dr. Douglas Jager |
| | John Gierек, Sr. | | Gwynna Morris |
| | The Humboldt Open Door Clinic | 2009 | Arcata Community Recycling Center |
| 1995 | Dr. Doris K. Niles | | Carol Jacobson & the |
| | Humboldt Literacy Project | | Eureka Symphony |
| 1996 | Dale Neiman | 2010 | Rose Baker |
| | The Foodworks Culinary Center | | Humboldt Community Breast |
| 1997 | David Lehman | | Health Project |
| | Eureka Elks Lodge #652 | 2011 | Byrd Lochtie |
| 1998 | The North Coast Journal | | Humboldt Sponsors |
| | Carol Masterson | 2012 | P. J. "Paul" Nicholson |
| | Sandra Warshaw | | North Coast Stand Down |
| 1999 | Sally Arnot | 2013 | Sylvia Noel Douglas & |
| | Ken Collins | | Dave Douglas |
| 2000 | Ina Harris | | Food for People |
| | Simona Keat | 2014 | Jimmy Smith |
| | Alexandra Stillman | | CASA of Humboldt County |
| 2001 | KEET-TV | 2015 | Ruth Mountaingrove |
| | Ron Perry | | Helen Person |
| 2002 | Humboldt Area Foundation | | Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods |
| | Muriel Dinsmore | 2016 | Hospice of Humboldt Redwood |
| 2003 | Santiago Cruz | | Empire Quilters Guild |
| 2004 | Kathryn Corbett | | Judith Stoffer |
| | Friends of the Redwood Libraries | 2017 | Access Humboldt |
| 2005 | Evergreen Lodge | | Marianne Pennekamp |
| | (American Cancer Society, | 2018 | Betty Diehl and the Ferndale |
| | College of the Redwoods, | | Community Choir |
| | Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka & | | NAMI, Humboldt National Alliance |
| | St. Joseph Health System) | | on Mental Illness |
| 2006 | Kay Escarda | 2019 | Dell'Arte International |
| | KINS - For Talk Shop | | Michele McKeegan |
| | | 2020 | Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck |
| | | | Wanda Wahlund |
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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 2022-2023 League Board

- Co-Presidents..... Sharolyn Hutton/
Jessica Schlachter
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Amy Moffet
- Treasurer.....Nancy Kay
- Program Director..... Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Directors.....Molly Cate/
Amy Moffat/Sylvia Shaw
- Government Directors.....Sharrone Blanck/
Karen Price
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Forum Directors..... Ann Diehl/Anne Hartline
- Voter Service Director.....Maggie Augustine
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Co-Editors....Dave Rosso/Leslie Leach
- Community Education Directors.....Karen Price
Eddie Morgan
- Communications Director.....Deborah Downs
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter





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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

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| Tuesday, October 4 6:30 p.m. | LWVHC Board Meeting Zoom |
| Monday, October 3 Register by 11:00 a.m. | Ollie Brown Bag Pros and Cons |
| Thursday, October 20 6:30 p.m. | Membership Meeting Behavioral Health Services-Diagnosis |

See p. 3 for the Candidate Forums Schedule

LWVHC Webpage Any Time!

LWCHC Twitter Any Time!

LWCHC Instagram Any Time!