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Vote!

by Virginia Kase, CEO, LWVUS

As the League moves into our second century this month, today marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court upholding the 19th Amendment. In 1922 the justices unanimously dismissed a challenge to the amendment and upheld the constitutionality of women’s right to vote. Today, we commemorate our right by making sure every voter has the information they need to vote this primary season.

Next week is Super Tuesday, and voters in more than a dozen states and territories will head to the polls and make their voices heard. Now is a great time to make sure you and the people in your life are ready to vote! Go to VOTE411.org to see [what’s on your ballot](#), [check your registration](#), [find your polling place](#), and [so much more](#).

As we honor women’s voting rights this year with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment this August, we must also remember that women of color faced additional barriers and hardships. Not all women won that right to vote in 1920, and today we are still working to protect that right and empower every voter.

That’s why it’s critical that we all exercise that right in 2020. This is the most important election of our lifetime. With so much at stake, we all need to have a say in the future of our country. Don’t forget to make your voice heard. [Find everything you need to vote at VOTE411.org](#).

Editor’s Note: In California www.votersedge.org replaces Vote 411.org.

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You don’t have to wait until March 3! You can cast your vote NOW. Take your postage-free, mail-in ballot to any post office or to any of the 110 Ballot Drop Boxes all over OC. Or you can vote at any of the 188 staffed Vote Centers in the county.

To find Vote Centers and ballot drop boxes go to ocvote.com/votecenter. Use the “Click here” buttons to find the locations of Vote Centers, One-day Voting Locations, and Ballot drop-off boxes.

Read With League Meetings: March through August

by Lucina Moses

MARCH 10 **The Pioneers** by David McCullough, the Pulitzer Prize winning historian. (2019) 352 pages. It is the story of the U.S., which as a part of the Treaty of Paris was recognized by Great Britain as the new U.S.A., being ceded the land which comprised the Northwest Territory. Not the northwest you may be thinking of but the wilderness empire northwest of the Ohio River containing the future states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Included in the Northwest Ordinance, for exploration and settling of the area, were three remarkable conditions: freedom of religion, free universal education, and most importantly, the prohibition of slavery. The book is in great part told through the rare collection of diaries and letters of the key figures and begins in 1787. Very readable and most interesting!

REVIEWER: LOIS SMITH HOST: JUDY FRITTS/CO-HOST DEBORAH MAKIN

APRIL 14 **Catch and Kill** by Ronan Farrow. (October 2019) 464 pages. Farrow recounts the challenges he faced chasing the stories of Harvey Weinstein's decades of alleged rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of women and the case against him.

REVIEWER: DEBORAH VAGTS HOST: CHERYL ZIMMERMAN CO-HOST LUCINA MOSES

MAY 12 **The Overstory** Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, this is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers' twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.

REVIEWER: LUCINA MOSES HOST/CO-HOST SATYA KHOURI

JUNE 9 **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism** by Robin DiAngelo (2018) 192 pages. This book is an examination of racial stereotypes and explores identity politics. It asks and discusses why white people implode when talking about race.

REVIEWER: JERRY YOUNG HOST: TBD CO-HOST: TBD

JULY 21 **12:30 PM (NOTE DIFFERENT DATE AND TIME)** POTLUCK, BOOK SELECTION AND BOOK EXCHANGE

Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell. (2019) 400 pages How did Fidel Castro fool the CIA for a generation? Why did Neville Chamberlain think he could trust Adolf Hitler? Why are campus sexual assaults on the rise? Do television sitcoms teach us something about the way we relate to each other that isn't true? While tackling these questions, Malcolm Gladwell was not solely writing a book for the page. He was also producing for the ear. Something is very wrong, Gladwell argues, with the tools and strategies we use to make sense of people we don't know. And because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and misunderstanding in ways that have a profound effect on our lives and our world.

REVIEWER: FRANN SHERMET HOST: BARBARA DUNSHEATH

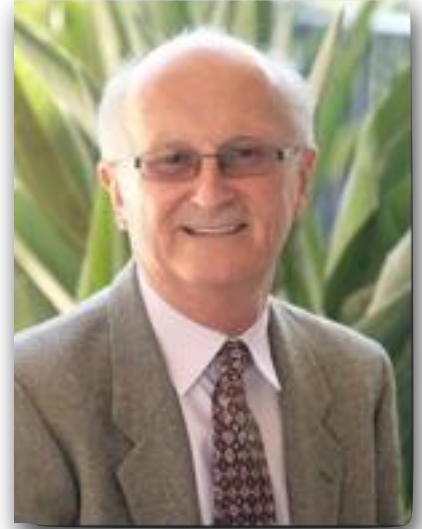
AUGUST 11 **The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote** by Elaine Weiss 2018 434 pages. Nashville, 1920, Nashville, August 1920. Thirty-five states have ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, twelve have rejected or refused to vote, and one last state is needed. It all comes down to Tennessee, the moment of truth for the suffragists, after a seven-decade crusade. The suffragists face vicious opposition from politicians, clergy, corporations, and racists who don't want black women voting. And then there are the "Antis"—women who oppose their enfranchisement fearing suffrage will bring about the nation's moral collapse. It follows a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle and tells how American won their freedom and the opening campaign in the great 20th century battles for civil rights.

REVIEWER: BARBARA DUNSHEATH HOST: TBD CO-HOST: TBD

Lunch With League by Marge Imbler

March is a great month to gather with other Leaguers. Spring is here and nature is starting to show its brilliance. So join us for our league luncheon on **Thursday, March 26, at Coyote Hills Country Club**, 1440 E. Bastanchury Rd in Fullerton 92831. We meet at 11:00 AM for coffee and conversation with our fellow league members. Our delicious lunch and program starts at 11:30. The cost is \$22.00 payable with cash, check, or credit card.

Our **speaker** this month is **Dr. Jack Bedell**. **He promises to challenge us with his speech entitled, “Think You Know Education in the OC?”** Dr. Bedell’s career has included Chair of the CSU Academic Senate; Chair of the CSUF Academic Senate; President of the OC Board of Education; President of the Fullerton School District Board of Education; Acting Associate VP of CSUF; Acting Associate Vice Chancellor of CSU; chair of 4 CSUF Academic Departments: Sociology, Anthropology, Child Development, and currently Electrical Engineering; President of California County Boards of Education. Dr. Bedell has also been President of Lutheran Campus Ministry of Southern California.



Dr. Jack Bedell

Reservations: Email us at lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org prior to 10:00AM on Tuesday, March 24th. You may also call us at (714) 254-7440.

Guidelines:

1. Coyote Hills requires our reservation count by 10:00AM on the Tuesday before the luncheon.
2. No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.
3. A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

LWV Celebrates House Vote to Remove ERA Deadline by Sarah Courtney, LWVUS

On the eve of LWV’s 100th Anniversary – a step towards Constitutional equality

WASHINGTON (2/13/2020) Today, the League of Women Voters president **Chris Carson** issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to advance the Equal Rights Amendment by removing the ratification deadline:

Tomorrow, the League of Women Voters turns 100 years old, and I can’t think of a better birthday present than this clear progress towards a more equal democracy for women.

Today, we celebrate an important step forward in a long-awaited dream of Constitutional equality for women. Since the 1970s, the League of Women Voters has fought hard to see the ERA become part of our Constitution and guarantee the same freedoms for all of us.

The ERA will pave the way for further legislative progress towards gender equality and will allow the courts to closely scrutinize sex-based discrimination.

There is no deadline on equality.

We urge the Senate to follow the House and remove the deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Web Tips by Ed Smith, Webmaster

I hope you have by now become familiar with our new website, MyLO. But did you know that you can easily visit many other League MyLO websites? It is interesting to see how other Leagues have implemented MyLO.

To view other Leagues' MyLO pages go to this address: : my.lwv.org . This "Welcome to My League Online" information page presents some information about MyLO, but if you scroll down you will see a listing of other Leagues' MyLO pages organized by state. Click on any of them to view their website. Note that some sites are very basic, while others have implemented several interesting features.

If you have logged into your member account on our website, you may have noticed that when you "LOGOUT" you are presented with the same MyLO information page as above, not our home page as you would expect. This is one little mysterious feature of our new MyLO.

Please let me know if you see anything on these other League sites that you think we should have on our site. Email me at Ed Smith, Webmaster.

For information on upcoming elections, one of the best resources is the office of the California Secretary of State. Click on the link below to access that resource.

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020>



Library Books to Honor Penny Brown

by Cheryl Zimmerman

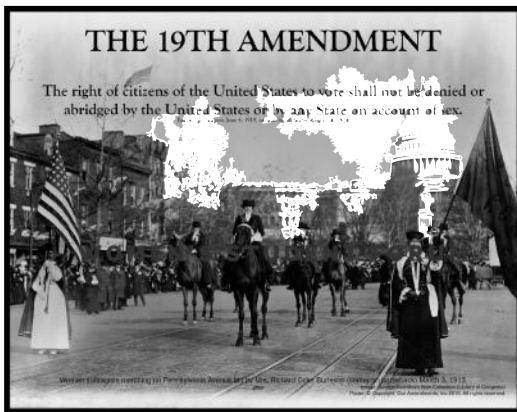
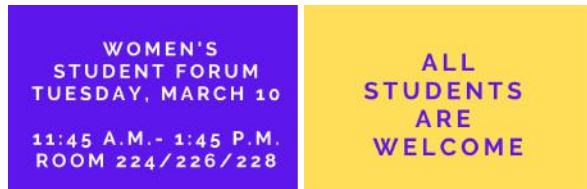
Read with League is still collecting funds and finalizing plans to honor Penny Brown, who was our much beloved leader. If you'd like to contribute to Penny's book fund, send your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. Make it out to LWVNOC with a note in the memo area that it is a tribute in honor of Penny Brown.



Date and Time	Event	Details
Tuesday, March 10 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	At the home of Judy Fritts. Co-hosted by Deborah Makin. Our book is The Pioneers by David McCullough. Reviewed by Lois Smith. For more information, call Lucina Moses at (714) 762-7656.
Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 am	Board Meeting	At North Orange County ROP, located at 385 N Muller Street in Anaheim. All are welcome.
Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am	Lunch with League	At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Our speaker will be educator Dr. Jack Bedell. His subject is "Think You Know Education in the OC?" Lunch is \$22. To make reservations please email Lois Smith at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org .
Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	At the home of Cheryl Zimmerman. Co-hosted by Lucina Moses. Our book is Catch and Kill by Ronan Farrow. Reviewed by Deborah Vagts. For more information, call Lucina Moses at (714) 762-7656.
Wednesday, April 15 at 10:00 am	Board Meeting	At North Orange County ROP, located at 385 N Muller Street in Anaheim. All are welcome.
Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 am	Lunch with League	At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Our speaker will be educator Prof. Jodie Balma. She will be discussing Presidential power throughout history. Lunch is \$22. To make reservations email Lois Smith at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org .
Tuesday, May 12 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	At the home of Satya Khouri. Our book is The Overstory by Richard Powers. Reviewed by Lois Smith. For more information, call Lucina Moses at (714) 762-7656.
Wednesday, May 20 at 10:00 am	Board Meeting	At North Orange County ROP, located at 385 N Muller Street in Anaheim. All are welcome.
Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 am	Lunch with League & Annual Meeting	At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Lunch is \$22. To make reservations please email Lois Smith by May 26 at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org .

Fullerton College Holds Women's Student Forum on Women's Suffrage

by Prof. Jodie Balma



We'd love to invite League members to this campus event, a special presentation by author and emeritus professor of history, Dr. Emily J. Teipe. Parking will be provided to anyone who RSVP's. We're looking for leaders to guide our students in the small group discussions after the keynote address. I thought we could bring student membership forms and encourage students to answer Question #2 by joining the League. Here's the agenda.

12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Welcome & Introductions. Jodi Balma (Emcee) Faculty, Political Science Department.

12:15-12:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker/Presentation. Dr. Emily J. Teipe, Emeritus Professor of History Fullerton College

12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Small Group Discussions. Facilitators will be at each table to guide the introductions and discussions.

Question #1 Are there still barriers to voting, particularly for women of color and young women?

Question #2 Beyond the right to vote, how can we be better informed in making a decision before we cast a vote?

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. Post Small Group Discussion.

1:30 - 1:45 p.m. Conclusion. Cecilia Director, Cadena Cultural & Transfer Center.

Please RSVP to Gilberto Valencia, Coordinator of the Fullerton College Cadena Cultural Center gvalencia@fullcoll.edu <<mailto:gvalencia@fullcoll.edu>>

“Tea with Alice and Me” Goes on the Road by Molly McClanahan

If you missed the Fullerton College performance of "Tea With Alice and Me," the full length one-woman performance that celebrates Alice Paul and other women who put their lives and "sacred fortunes" on the line to get the 19th amendment passed, here is good news. Zoe Nicholson is taking her show on the road throughout California and out to Las Vegas. Also, you may have friends in other parts of the Southwest who now might be able to see it.

Contact info: Zoe@MissAlicePaul.com or <http://missalicepaul.com>.

March 6 - Shoreline Village, Long Beach
March 12 - California State University, Long Beach
March 17 - Glendale City College
March 21 - El Camino College

March 22 - Milpitas Library
March 23 - Morgan Hill Library
March 28 - NOW, LWV Las Vegas
August 26 - LWV Monterey

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 Membership Form 2019 - 2020**

Name(s) of Member(s) _____
 Address _____
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Individual member	\$65.00	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Additional household member	\$32.50	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
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Additional donation to League (To cover our operating expenses, etc.):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Donation to Educational Fund (Separate tax-deductible donation):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Total enclosed (Make checks payable to LWVNOC.) Thank you.					\$ _____	

How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.
 Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: _____

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): _____

I am currently: Working ___ Retired ___ My job/profession: _____

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: _____

I am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. Comments: _____

Please send this completed form with your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

For Treasurer's Use Only: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date: _____



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