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Local High School Students Share Their Voices

It occurred to us that readers of *The Voter* might be interested in getting a view of the world as seen by our fellow citizens who are just now coming of age. So we asked some of them to write about that for us through a high school journalism project we are calling “Share Your Voice.”

The assignment: Report to the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County on something important in the local community (school, neighborhood, town) that we will probably not read or hear about in mainstream media. In a short news article, feature story, or opinion piece, tell us something we didn’t know or make us think about a familiar subject in a new way. The reward: Just being published—no small thing for budding writers putting together college applications.

To begin with, we asked for submissions from three Stockton high schools, although we would like to expand this project throughout the whole county. We are delighted to have received seven submissions, on subjects ranging from minimum wage proposals to pros and cons of technology, from universal healthcare to climate change education. We have identified three that we thought especially worth sharing with our readers. We fudged a bit on our original word limit, but all of these are under 600 words. We haven’t edited them.

We will let one of the authors introduce you to Millennials—Generation Y—those born between the early 1980s and the early 2000s and including the first generation to come of age in the new millennium. Among other experiences that members of this generation have in common is growing up surrounded by advanced technology. What’s a “trigger warning”? It is a statement at the start of a piece of writing or visual material alerting the reader or viewer that the material contains potentially distressing content. In recent years, some teachers and professors have begun to use this kind of statement to alert students to potentially disturbing course content.



Millennials: Sensitivity to Injustice, in a Global Context

by Phillicity Uriarte

The millennials have been deemed the most defensive. The ones who can't take a joke. The ones who will pick a fight over the slightest slip up. The ones who use social justice as an excuse to be confrontational. This stereotype, as is the nature of stereotypes, has some truth to it, but unlike others, it will most likely retain its truth throughout time.

We are the generation that is extremely defensive. Through school we are taught of the injustices from the past: the racism, the oppression and the cruelty that past generations have endured. It has become inadequate to stand idly by and let history repeat itself or rather let it live on among us. Now, everyone wants a voice.



Black Lives Matter protest in Toronto, 2015. Photo by Jalani Morgan.

Our main goal is that everyone is treated fairly, regardless of race, gender, or sexuality. This is why we are hugely responsible for the legalization of gay marriage. Sexualities besides gay and straight are being brought to light, and genders have become less defined.

Sometimes efforts become overwhelming, sometimes we become overzealous in our pursuit to make everyone feel included. Sometimes trigger warnings and wishy-washy pronouns trouble generations past and even our own, but that isn't to say our heart is in the wrong place.

Many people on social media encourage us to "stay woke," which is a euphemism to stay informed, to know what's going on not only around ourselves but around the world. This voice that fights the injustices we see today is granted through social media platforms. They contain a world that grants us a voice that has the capability to reach the furthest corners of the earth.



From the 'Unpopular Opinions' Tumblr page.

Perhaps the most well known online social justice movement is #BlackLivesMatter. It has become a mantra to those who have felt or witnessed oppression. Of course, this in and of itself causes some to feel left out, though that isn't what it is meant to do. Those who wish to include everyone will shout back #AllLivesMatter and a civil war of sorts will break out among us. However, in this sort of social justice battle, the only casualties will be of someone's ignorance and not of their life because of their race.

To say fighting for true equality is the only reason a whole generation is so attached to all outlets to the Internet would be a lie. One must realize how large a role technology is playing in our lives before we can even speak. Regardless of what some may think, technology is just going to play a bigger role in lives over time.

Of course there are faults in how this tool is handled. To say all is well and perfect is a bold-faced lie. Generation Y is attempting to be a peacemaker. Many are still young, easily misguided and ignorant, but that isn't to say that is all we are. We are the future, and our biggest hope is that it is more progressive and accepting.

Getting the Correct Focus for “Political Correctness”

by Celine Lopez, Stagg High School



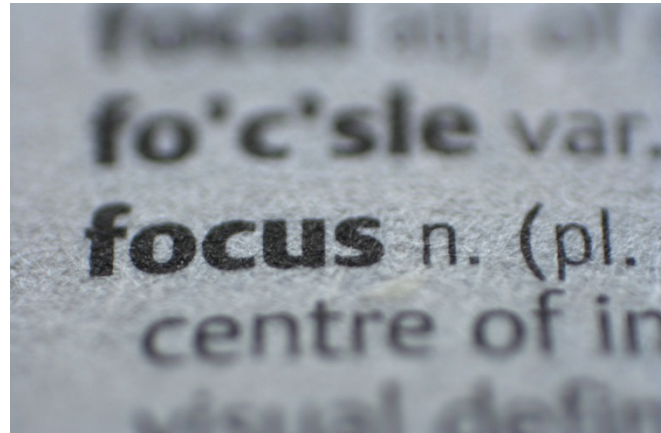
The Red Party rejects the red Starbucks holiday cup in disgust. The evening debate is fueled by rants denouncing the secular yet still merry greeting “Happy Holidays.” Meanwhile, there are American citizens without a home or a meal to enjoy whichever sacred holiday they believe in.

These candidates running for office cry that being politically correct is ruining this nation, yet not a single piece of legislation is introduced in Congress to address the nation’s lack of jobs. Instead, the majority of legislation aims to defund vital programs.

It’s an ugly cycle: politicians are offended that society is so offended by everything. Well, I’m offended by “political correctness.” Not the practice, the term. While I think people should watch what they say when it comes to words like “illegal aliens,” “retarded” and the n-word, I don’t think this practice should be politicized. The notion of being politically correct aims to be inclusive and respectful of marginalized or oppressed groups in everyday conversation; it is a matter of expanding equality and not normalizing racist, sexist, ableist or any -ist culture.

Of course, people can choose to say what they want, offensive or not. But the idea that using inoffensive terms has to be something political has polarized this concept of “political correctness” so much that some people even deliberately choose words to purposely offend.

Watching candidates take turns exchanging petty insults is so tiring when I want to hear, I don’t know, an actual debate. I’m glad I can narrow down my list of potential candidates from near 20 to the small handful that at least talks about some issues.



I wish immigration would be meaningfully discussed so the nation can develop a more consistent and efficient policy, not so politicians and reporters can discuss the term “anchor babies” and point out which presidential candidates have immigrant parents. That rhetoric is getting old. Be done with the birther controversy and get over it, please. Let’s focus on which candidates actually qualify based on merit and experience.

Politics has become a circus where the main event is a sad excuse of a presidential election. Candidates want to relate to voters with embarrassing attempts to be cool or compare themselves to people’s abuelas. Some Republicans seem like they’re having a contest to determine who’s the whitest, most patriotic, most conservative Christian Democrat-hater.

Despite public opinion that millennials are apathetic when it comes to politics, I and the majority of my peers are worried about this election. This year will be the first election in which my friends and I will be allowed to vote. We have been paying attention to what the candidates have been saying and

This imbalance begins at the elementary school level. I asked four Lincoln students who attended different elementary schools in Lincoln Unified School District to list the ethnicities of all of their elementary and high school teachers, finding that 83.87, 82.76, 83.33, and 96.00 percent of their teachers were white. To focus on strictly academically based subjects, I excluded foreign language teachers from the total number of teachers because teaching a foreign language requires a cultural background in that language. Overall, this data reveals that over eighty percent Lincoln Unified's teachers are Caucasian.



From the ABC News article 'Student Diversity is Up But Teachers Are Mostly White.'
Photo by Thomas Barwick.

This extreme gap between the number of white and minority teachers is troubling because it signifies that most children do not see people of color in positions of power in their daily lives. Young students have the utmost respect for their teachers and will typically follow their instructions. A child's teacher is essentially his

first boss outside of the family. If a student grows up without having any colored teachers, he will not see a non-white person in an authoritative position until he is in his early twenties working his first job. It is especially important for young minority students to see other people of color in authoritative positions to show them the possibility for their own success later in life.

Unfortunately, by the time students reach their final two years of undergraduate education, when schools of education focus on recruiting them as future students, most have already decided on their eventual career. If young people of color do not see minority teachers in their schools, they have no reason to believe they have the capacity to become teachers. They will likely not consider teaching a possible future career for themselves, resulting in a greater proportion of white teachers to minority teachers.



To combat this mentality, educational institutions such as Stockton's University of the Pacific should actively market to people of color as teenagers. These schools can organize presentations from minority educators for high school and first year undergraduate students through ethnic clubs such as Lincoln's Black Student Union and Lincoln Latin Leadership. Many of

these students are still contemplating their choice of career and are more open to exploring different fields of study. Hearing presentations from successful minority educators may encourage more people of color to pursue teaching. This signifies that more minority students will have minority teachers. Having people of color as teachers shows the next generation that they have the capacity to pursue a teaching career, further boosting minority enrollment at education schools. This positive feedback loop will create more colored teachers that will decrease the proportion of white teachers.

By mending the ratio between Caucasian and minority teachers, young people of color will have role models of their ethnicities showing them that they have the ability to succeed not just as teachers, but in any white-dominated career, which is exactly the mentality we need to foster if we want to establish racial and opportunity equality in the California.

Report on “Climate Change: Impacts on Health” forum

About 40 people gathered in the Health Plan of San Joaquin Community Room on Saturday, October 17 for a forum titled “Climate Change: Impacts on Health.” The program opened with comments by special guest Congressman Jerry McNerney.



At the People's Climate March in New York City, 2015. Photo by Craig Ruttle.

The Congressman discussed some positive developments at the federal level in addressing global warming. President Obama has a climate plan that has overcome some resistance from developing countries like China and India. Congress is more willing to acknowledge that climate change is being influenced by human activities and to agree that the U.S. should take action, even though it can't solve the problem alone. A resolution introduced in September by Rep. Chris Gibson (R-N.Y.) and 10 House Republican colleagues calls on the House of Representatives to work constructively to address climate change, affirming a

moral obligation to steward the environment and economy responsibly. It recognizes the harmful effects climate change is already having on human health, ecosystems, national security, and the economy.

Congressman McNerney mentioned problems associated with military reliance on fossil fuels. Oil producers wield a lot of financial and political influence, and the Congressman advised those lobbying for initiatives to combat global warming to focus on adverse economic impacts in terms of health and jobs. He mentioned his own resolution, HJR 31, that would address campaign finance reform by specifying individual citizens or public election financing or voter education systems as the only sources of funding to directly or indirectly support or oppose campaigns for election to public office or state ballot measures.

The Congressman said that the Clean Air Act, passed during the Nixon Administration, is a little out of date and does have some inefficiencies that make it vulnerable to being overturned. Some argue that it is hard to enforce. However, "We don't want to unravel the whole thing."

Moderator Barb Alberson, Senior Deputy Director for Policy and Planning for San Joaquin Public Health Services, opened the panel section of the program by introducing Dr. Linda Rudolph, Director of the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Public Health Institute in Oakland and co-convenor of the U.S. Climate and Health Alliance. Dr. Rudolph, a physician, reviewed the affects of global warming on the water cycle, water quality, and sea levels. Warming affects the food supply by lowering crop yields and damaging water quality for fisheries. Specific health effects include urban heat islands that can be 12 degrees to 20 degrees higher than surrounding areas, and increased incidence of Valley Fever due to release of spores in dust.

Photo from the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.



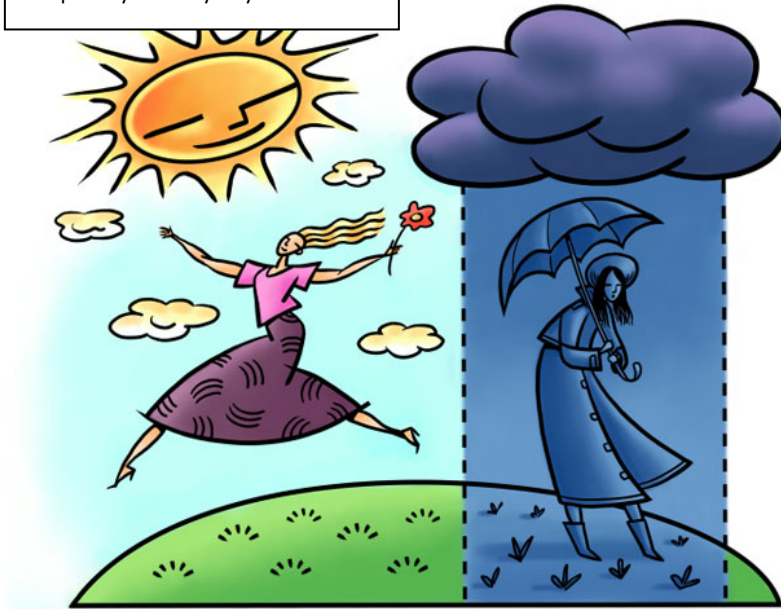
Noted Dr. Rudolph, "We just finished the warmest September ever reported, here and globally." She listed conflict, displacement, and migration as global consequences of climate change; internal displacement in Syria aggravated ethnic tensions that led to the recent civil war. Living conditions everywhere influence health, and climate change leads to health inequities. Dr. Rudolph called global warming a "medical emergency."

Bonnie Holmes-Gen, Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy for the American Lung Association in California, tied global warming to health risks associated with air pollution. She estimated the annual cost of air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley at \$11 billion, including premature births, premature deaths, and \$135 million in annual hospital

costs for treatment of asthma. Wildfires, heat waves, and drought trap pollution close to the ground.

The American Lung Association's 2015 State of the Air Report, which grades every county nationwide, found that 7 in 10 Californians live in counties with failing grades for air quality. The number of days with unhealthy levels of ozone and particulates has gone down in the last 15 years, but those numbers have rebounded in San Joaquin County, Merced, and the San Joaquin Valley because of drought and stagnant weather. Holmes-Gen said that a climate change penalty cancels other progress. Nevertheless, California is a model for clean air actions: "We have the best policies in the country."

Graphic by the Odyssey Online.



Katelyn Roedner Sutter, Environmental Justice Program Director at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton, spoke about the impact of climate change on poor and vulnerable communities. Low socio-economic situation, food insecurity, poor health, and impacts of pollution overlap to create a situation where about one-third of San Joaquin County is falls into a category of "most disadvantaged." Twenty percent of San Joaquin

County residents have been diagnosed with asthma, and residents in "communities of concern" have even higher rates. Already-bad air is made worse by the drought, with no rain to take particulate matter out of the air.

Roedner Sutter pointed out that air quality problems and drought have not just physical but also mental health effects. Mental health visits are higher among the most vulnerable populations when people confront weather extremes such as floods and droughts. She said that the suicide rate is up 35% since 2009 in counties in the southern San Joaquin Valley, and she suggested that this may correlate with the worsening drought and its impacts.

Stockton is now classified with Oakland and San Francisco in a federal combined statistical area, partly because of commute patterns. Roedner Sutter suggested that we need not just air quality standards but also investments and rethinking about how goods and people are moved in this region. (Diesel, especially in trucking, is the biggest single source of air pollution.)

Following the individual presentations, panelists took audience questions. Among the points made during that segment of the program:

When health care professionals speak, politicians listen, so these “health messengers” need to take the lead in tying climate issues to health.

Our current health care system is not resilient in terms of infrastructure; hospitals need to be the last building standing in catastrophes such as wildfires, floods, or earthquakes.

Health benefits of outdoor activity DO outweigh the disadvantages of being outdoors in polluted air.

Audience members were encouraged to become advocates as residents of this region, a region where lawmakers hear mostly from non-progressive voices. As Dr. Rudolph said, “We need to reach a tipping point in our political will.”

Program Planning Meeting

Our local League held its Program Planning Session on 23 January 2016 at the home of Treasurer Jane Wagner Tyack. League members discussed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats facing our League. Voter Service (e.g., candidate forums, Pros and Cons, Smart Voter) was easily the most prominent strength. Limited member participation, limited funding and the perception of the League as “partisan” when we take stands on issues were among the weaknesses noted.



Members participating in January program planning meeting.

Focusing membership recruitment on those who have an interest in League issues – such as those who attend our programs – more personal outreach to members inviting them to participate in activities, better social media outreach to attract younger members and including social justice issues in our programs were mentioned as opportunities. Apathy,

distrust of “politics”, few young members and inadequate funding to pursue more vigorous programming were among the threats mentioned.

We were given an overview of proposed dues changes and the reasons for the proposals (see full article elsewhere in this Voter), an update on state and local advocacy efforts and details of the Early Childhood Education forum that LWVSJC will host on April 30th. We were also informed about outreach to high school students via journalism teachers: students are being asked to submit articles/essays focusing on issues they feel are important to them but which have not been given adequate coverage in the media. We anticipate publishing one or more student articles in our Voter.

During Program Planning for the 2016-2017 League year, we selected issues for education and advocacy: Gun Violence Prevention, Voter Service (forums, Pros and Cons, voter registration) and Immigration were selected as the top issues, though Library and Campaign Finance Reform closely followed the top vote-getters.

Finally, we discussed three movies that we might show at a “movie night” or a Lunch and Learn:

- **Fix It** (on single payer health care),
- **Plastic Paradise** (on the dangers of plastic), and
- **Iron Jawed Angels** (about the struggles of Alice Paul and the early suffragists).

Watch your Voter and emails for information on when these films will be shown.

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Pros and Cons Training

Vickie Markarian will hold a Pros and Cons Training at her home Monday, March 21, 2016, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at her home in Manteca, CA. Pros and Cons presentations are one of the League’s most important Voter Services. Presentations are generally requested not only for weekdays but weekends as well. And you can give presentations as part of a team, if you are shy.

Please consider attending this training to learn more about the basics of what the League does. For more information call Kathy Schick (209-612-5130 or kaschick@berkeley.edu).

Early Childhood Education Programs Forum

On Saturday morning, April 30, the San Joaquin County League will present “Early Childhood Education Programs in San Joaquin County: What is Currently Available—Can We Do More?” This forum is in response to one of the program planning goals set at our 2015 Program Planning Meeting, where we discussed problems with education in our county including woeful statistics in early literacy.



We are pleased that we have been able to partner with the San Joaquin County Office of Education for the presentation. We will be concentrating on comprehensive classroom programs such as Head Start and State Preschool. Our line-up of knowledgeable speakers includes Kay Ruhstaller, Director of the San Joaquin County Resource and Referral Agency; Linda Craig, Program Director from El Concilio; Nancy Cook, Director of the Delta College Child Development Center, tentatively Angela Beyer, professor in Delta’s Early Childhood Ed Department; and several people from the County Office of Education Early Childhood Education Department.

Happily, our timing seems in sync with the San Joaquin Children’s Alliance’s call for the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to develop a Children’s Bill of Rights for our county.

The program will be held April 30 from 9:30 to 12:30 at the County Office of Education just off Arch Road. Watch for a “Save the Date” announcement with full details.

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State League water activities with a local impact

by Jane Wagner-Tyack

Matters that affect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta also affect San Joaquin County. This is especially true of **WaterFix**, the Administration’s plan to build twin tunnels under the Delta. This past October, LWVC submitted comments to the project’s planners that are critical of WaterFix.

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LWVC does not have a position opposing Delta conveyance, but the League does have criteria that any conveyance project would need to meet. LWVC found that WaterFix fails to meet these criteria:

- Realistic limits on the amount of water to be exported
- Urban and agricultural conservation and reclamation strategies in place to minimize reliance on Delta exports
- Federal and state commitment to high water quality standards in the Delta and estuary
- Strong, binding environmental safeguards
- Full assessment of economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the project

LWVC will not support any conveyance project that doesn't meet these criteria.

LWVC has signed on to letters to the State Water Resources Control Board and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency calling for the Water Board to update its Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. Current water quality standards are failing to protect fish and other beneficial uses of the water, yet the Water Board is poised to delay review as required under the Clean Water Act. The LWVC water committee was pleased that this issue met LWVUS criteria for us to sign on to the letter to a federal agency.



Photo from CounterPunch.

As a LWVSJC Observer, I attend San Joaquin County Advisory Water Commission meetings and have been following the county's response to the **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014** (SGMA). SGMA has important implications for San Joaquin County, which overlies **the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin**.

Since September of 2015, a working group of almost two dozen cities, irrigation districts and other interested agencies in this and neighboring counties has been meeting to discuss how to comply with the timeline established by SGMA. Water agencies in the sub-basin have until January 2020 to come up with a plan for sustainably managing the basin before the state intervenes. The matter of political jurisdiction is currently dominating local efforts as individual cities and districts form their own groundwater sustainability agencies and file for approval from DWR. San Joaquin County has filed as an "umbrella" sustainability agency for the sub-basin.

California's groundwater basins have until 2040 or 2042 to actually achieve groundwater sustainability, a term that has not yet been clearly defined.

As the Legislature resumes work this year, at least two bills of local interest have been introduced. **Senator Wolk's SB 554 calls for eliminating the July 2018 sunset on the Delta Levee Subventions Program** for state reimbursement of up to 75% of local costs for levee work. This would represent a permanent State commitment to a program that has significantly reduced failures of Delta levees that protect people and vital State and local infrastructure in the Delta. It is being sponsored by the California Central Valley Flood Control Association.

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As things stand right now, the public will not be able to vote on the twin tunnels plan because the water contractors propose to pay for it themselves without use of general fund monies.



Assemblymember Eggman's AB 1713 would require an economic feasibility analysis by the Legislative Analyst's Office and a public vote authorizing construction of a peripheral canal, which the bill defines as "a facility or structure that conveys water directly from a diversion point in the Sacramento River to pumping facilities of the State Water Project or the federal Central Valley Project south of the Delta." This would cover the twin tunnels and Waterfix.

Regarding **chloramines**, neither LWVSJC nor LWVC has any position on their use to disinfect water.

LWVSJC Board proposes dues increase

At the 2016 annual meeting, the LWVSJC Board of Directors will ask members to approve a dues increase coupled with a new approach to League engagement.

Why we need to increase dues

As a condition of its association with the League of Women Voters at the state and national levels, the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County makes annual per member payments (PMPs). With recent increases in PMPs, our local League now owes a total of \$60 per year for each individual member—\$32 to LWVUS, \$28 to LWVC. For households with a second person who is a League member, the PMP is half again the cost for an individual member—a total of \$90 per year per household.

LWVSJC's current dues for individual members are \$60 per year, which covers just our PMP obligations; household dues are currently \$100, only \$10 more than our PMP obligation for a household. But our local League has other expenses besides PMPs. An analysis of LWVSJC administrative expenses from 2009-2015 (including rent, website fee, mailbox fee, filing fees, insurance, office supplies, printing and postage, and publication costs) revealed that **our basic local operating costs averaged \$28 per member in addition to PMP costs**. Membership numbers used for this analysis include second members of households (not "half" members), so the local per member cost is basically the same for each member of the household.

In recognition that it is not realistic for us to try to recover these costs through fundraising alone, the LWVSJC Board is recommending an increase in both individual and household dues, effective for fiscal year 2016-2017 (membership year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). **The Board is proposing General Member dues of \$90 for individuals and \$140 for households.**

Other levels of engagement

About half of our LWVSJC members responded to a questionnaire in the fall of 2015 regarding whether or not to raise dues. Of those who responded, 70 percent were willing to raise dues, while 30 percent wanted to find ways to keep dues low.

We recognize that some individuals who would like to be active in our work would prefer a lower level of financial commitment. So the Board is proposing a nonmember category called **Active Associate, with a donation of \$30**. This category is for students, those on fixed incomes, and others who do not want to formally join the League but want to participate in League events, help advocate on issues the League cares about, and help to educate voters.

At the same time, the Board would like to honor the willingness of those who are able to support the full costs of our activities. The proposed dues increase covers PMP obligations

and basic local operating expenses, but it doesn't cover many of the activities associated with our mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government, increasing understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. Those able to do so may become **Mission Support Members for \$150 per individual.**

Board recommendation

Our bylaws require that members approve any dues increase at the annual meeting. The board will be recommending an increase in dues to \$90 per individual, \$140 per household to cover our PMP obligations and the majority of our local operating expenses. This increase, if approved, will be effective July 1, 2016 for the 2016-2017 membership/fiscal year.

A Changing Climate Here and There

by Ryan Camero

For about two weeks from late November to early December, I had the wild experience of representing California youth as a delegate to the international climate talks in Paris, the COP21.

I learned an astonishing amount and in different ways: that colonialism (the practice of acquiring full or political control over an area and exploiting it economically)

and corporate globalization (the means of production have become wasteful and excessive in their consumption of resources) have enacted the current crisis we see ourselves in today, from locally here in the Delta to all the places that see it in some way; that it will take civic engagement, inspiring creativity and a brave willingness to shape a new world out of our old, failing systems; and that all of our grievances are inherently connected and it will take every identity working together to solve our struggles. The strongest takeaway, however, is that the care we have for our climate—whether it is the personal, the ecological, the economic or social—will determine the lives we live and the future we create.



California youth delegate Ryan Camero speaking with social activist/author Naomi

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We had a very productive Fall 2015, beginning with a well-attended kick-off meeting at the lovely home of board member Christeen Ferree. Thanks to Christeen's hospitality we all had a chance to renew our energies and begin an ambitious year.

Although 2015 was not an election year, the board kept very busy. Our excellent forum on the Health Effects of Climate Change was a highlight last autumn. After all that hard work, we were ready for the holiday party. And our planning meeting in January 2016 made great progress with programs to fill up the next few years.

But not all the board's work is visible to the public eye. We wrestled with difficult choices (and lobbied other leagues throughout the state) in order to develop our new dues structure. However, even the difficult and unpleasant jobs, such as balancing our budget while still offering the same voter services and excellent forums, are a joy in the presence of all the other well-informed and interesting women (and man) serving on the LVWSJC board. We are immediately in need of a 1st Vice President and a representative to San Joaquin Council of Governments. By May we will need new board members and officers.

Can you picture yourself interacting with our exciting board members? We have appointed a nominating committee: Susan Loyko (209-943-1575, smloyko@gmail.com), Daphne Shaw, Julie Schardt and myself to search out new board members, chairs and officers. Please let us know if you might be interested in joining the board.

Perhaps you aren't ready for the responsibilities of a board member, but would like to experience more of what the League is all about: Voter Services. Please consider attending our Pros and Cons training, March 21. And be ready for the call to help with upcoming candidate forums. (My first participation with a candidate forum was simply holding up time cards to make sure each candidate had equal time. It was so thrilling doing this simple task, wearing my League of Women Voters button and participating in invaluable voter education!)

Please feel free to contact me at my email address (kaschick@berkeley.edu) or at my home phone number (209-464-8304) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kathy Schick

Carol Hemminger

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Carol Hemminger was president of the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County from 1981-1983. She stepped up when our League was on the edge of a hiatus due to the lack of a president. She brought her special brand of humor and forthrightness to the job and the League continued to be a strong presence in civic life.

In 1970 Carol and her husband Lee moved to Stockton where she raised their children, joined the League and earned her degree in Political Science and Journalism from Sacramento State. She worked as a legislative aide to Assemblyman and Senator Patrick Johnston for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1996. She was an avid tennis player and enjoyed many years of tournament play in City of Stockton and local athletic club leagues. Carol and Lee enjoyed traveling and did so extensively throughout their marriage. Carol was a delight to know.

Her family asked that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County.



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