

President's Message

Dear League Members,

At our last Board meeting, we listened to a short presentation by Cedric Seaman representing Next Generation Eureka. This is an interesting and important group of young people working to make change in our community to attract and keep more young folks here. Mr. Seaman asked us if the LWVHC would be willing to work with them to assist them to achieve their goals. For further information about this organization, go to <http://www.nextgeneureka.org/about/>

League members have recently succeeded in efforts to register voters. We registered 51 students at the Humboldt State University Volunteer Fair at the end of August. Also we were able to register 21 people at the Humboldt Pride Festival in Eureka this month and 19 at the North Country Fair. In addition, we operated a table in Ferndale. Several of us worked at the Humboldt County Fair and a number of other places the last few weeks. **Becky Simpson, Byrd Lochtie, Celeste Ruiz, Deborah Downs, Holly Couling, and Patricia-Anne WinterSun** all deserve a pat on the back for their efforts to register voters. If you would like to help register voters in some upcoming events, please let Vice President Celeste Ruiz know by going to this website to send a message: <http://www.lwvhc.org/contact.html>.

At several of the voter registration events, we handed out sheets with information about registering to vote online by going to this website: RegisterToVote.ca.gov. If you know people who are not yet registered to vote, please tell them about this website. Also see the LWVHC Facebook page: (<https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersHumboldtCounty/>) for information.

Many thanks to **Anne Hartline** and **Judy Bennett** for organizing the Membership Brunch on September 24. I

really enjoyed hearing from our local college leaders about funding for higher education.

I reported to the Board that Access Humboldt is starting a new radio station, KZZH, 96.7, to broadcast government meetings and to further enhance their community outreach. Access Humboldt information can be found at: <http://accesshumboldt.net/site/>.

If you would like to review the recommendations the California League of Women Voters makes on state-wide ballot issues, please see this web site: <https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations> Also the Voter's Edge California site: <http://votersedge.org/ca> provides information about what is going to be on the ballot.

Several important events are coming up that you may want to add to your calendar:

Community Participation Fair: Thursday, March 16, 2017 at the Arcata Community Center

Intersection of Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System: A Panel Discussion presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Humboldt and the League of Women Voters Humboldt County – Wednesday, November 2, 7-9 PM at the United Congregational Christian Church, 900 Hodgson Street, Eureka - Featuring: **Maggie Fleming**, District Attorney; Bill Damiano, Chief Probation Officer; Kevin Robinson, Public Defender; Andy Mills, Chief of Eureka Police Department; Donna Wheeler, Department of Mental Health

Thanks again for your support of the League and for helping to improve democracy in our country.

Rollin Richmond,
President of LWVHC

LWVHC 2016 Membership Brunch: Focus on Education

by Anne Hartline

On Saturday, September 24, forty-two LWVHC members and guests enjoyed a great meal and quality presentations at our 2016 Membership Brunch. Located at HSU in the spacious Kate Buchanan Room, our general topic was "Higher Education Finances and Implications for Humboldt County." The two keynote speakers, Dr. Keith Snow-Flamer, Interim President/Superintendent of College of the Redwoods, and Joyce Hendricks Lopes, Vice President for Administration and Finance for Humboldt State University, both had done their homework and addressed the recent LWVC Study on Public Higher Education and also talked specifically about needs within our Humboldt educational community. They both spoke about the changing demographics on their campuses, current challenges their institutions face in making college affordable to students, and the ongoing need to make our community comfortable and welcoming to students from diverse backgrounds. Both speakers were dynamic and thoughtful, giving us food for thought about numerous ways LWVHC can be involved.



LWVHC Membership Brunch Speakers:
Dr. Keith Snow-Flamer, Interim President/
Superintendent of College of the Redwoods, and
Joyce Hendricks Lopes, Vice-President for
Administration and Finance, Humboldt State
University

Also at the meeting, the 2016 – 2107 LWVHC Board members were introduced and various Board members discussed recent and upcoming voter registration drives, candidates' forums, upcoming general membership events, and communication within our League. Special shout out to **Rollin Richmond** for making arrangements at HSU and making arrangements with our speakers, and to **Judy Bennett** for arranging the delicious buffet. Special thanks to Sun Valley Bulb Farms for the lovely flowers.



LWVHC Board Members Left to Right:
Kathy Johanson, Celeste Ruiz,
Anne Hartline, Byrd Lochtie, Deborah Downs,
Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Carol Masterson,
Mary Lou Lowry, Becky Simpson,
Rollin Richmond, and Leslie Leach
Not pictured: **Judy Bennett, Nancy Kay,**
Julie Kelly, and Liz Smith

"Making Democracy Work"

Learn about the local ballot measures



Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016

Humboldt County Library

5:30pm to 7pm

Food will be available



Turn On, Tune In (to KEET-TV), and Vote!

by Carol Masterson

Patricia-Anne and George WinterSun, Holly Couling, Becky Simpson, Mary Lou Lowry, Barbara Kelly, Deborah Downs, and Kathy Johanson made up the North Country Fair booth crew this year, and many fairgoers went away glad that they had found the League, to register, and Voters' Edge especially, for information about all the consarned ballot measures. Thanks, crew!

And now on to the perhaps more thrilling Voter Service events of the fall, candidate and issue forums on KEET-TV. For newer members, this is a good way to become involved. For each broadcast, four Phone Volunteers are needed; useful skills include cordiality, patience, ability to assist a caller in formulating a question, and legible handwriting. Two Question Sorters look over what the PVs have written and categorize the issues, occasionally combining questions, and give complete sentences to the Moderator. The Timekeeper lets people know when to stop talking. Volunteers need to be at the studio by 6:30. If these jobs appeal to you, new or seasoned members, NOW is the time to let me know, by phone at [707-768-3118](tel:707-768-3118), or e-mail buffy7@suddenlink.net.

League members working at the Rotary forums are lunch guests of Rotary at 12:00 noon.

The Intersection of Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System

by Mary Lou Lowry

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Humboldt and the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County are partnering to present a panel discussion by local officials who will discuss the role played by the criminal justice system in dealing with individuals with mental illness.

Speakers will include **Maggie Fleming**, District Attorney; **Bill Damiano**, Chief Probation Officer; **Andy Mills**, Chief of Eureka Police Department; **Kevin Robinson**, Public Defender; and **Donna Wheeler**, acting Director of Humboldt County Behavioral Health.

The discussion will be held at the United Congregational Christian Church at 900 Hodgson Street, at

Democracy in Action

by Dottie Riffenburg

Thursday, September 8 in the Eureka High School Cafeteria, more than 100 residents of this area had a town meeting held by our State Senator Mike McGuire. League members in attendance included **Byrd Lochtie, Kay Escarda, Jan Kraepelien**, and me and we were rewarded for taking the time to attend. County and city leaders gave the audience a report on their departments' priorities and concerns. After each presentation, Senator McGuire allowed members of the audience who had questions to stand, give their name, and state their question. Several individuals were asked by the Senator to stay after adjournment to personally discuss their concerns with him.

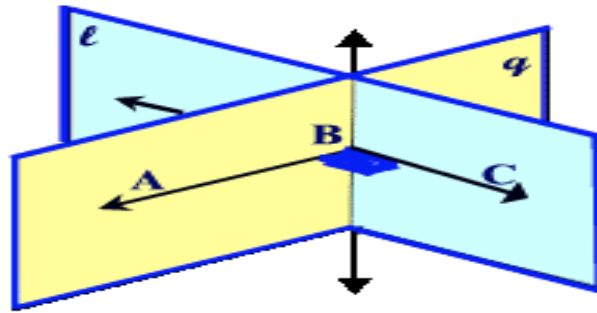
From the reports by the officials we learned Measure Z has been the key in the success of their services to the community. We were encouraged to pass several November ballot measures for future successes.

If you are curious and wish to have more information regarding this meeting, Access Humboldt is showing it (call 476-1798 for dates). Also the Times Standard Sept. 9 front page and their Sept. 11 editorial page have reports on this democracy in action meeting.

the intersection of J Street and Hodgson, November 2 from 7-9 PM.

Statistics on incarceration and mental illness vary. NAMI's national webpage cites a 2006 study showing that the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) finds that more than 64 percent of local jail inmates, 56 percent of state prisoners, and 45 percent of federal prisoners have symptoms of serious mental illnesses.

Whatever the actual numbers, they are sure to be significant and point to the need for solutions that address the mental health of individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system.



The Intersection of Criminal Justice and Mental Illness

November 2, 2016 7 pm to 9 pm

Panel Discussion with District Attorney Maggie Fleming, Chief Probation Officer Bill Damiano, Public Defender Kevin Robinson, Eureka Police Chief Andy Mills, and a representative from Humboldt County Behavioral Health.

**Location: United Congregational
Christian Church
900 Hodgson St. , Eureka
(intersection of J Street and Hodgson)**

Incarceration has largely replaced hospitalization for thousands of individuals with serious mental illnesses in the U.S., with state prisons and county jails holding as many as 10 times more of these individuals than state psychiatric hospitals. How does this fact impact our jail, courts, probation and mental health care services? How can our community work to improve a system that is costly in both financial and human terms?

Sponsored by NAMI Humboldt (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County



Welcome New Board Members: *Liz Smith and Julie Kelly*

My name is Liz Smith, and I am a new member of the board for the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County. I am originally from Minneapolis and moved here with my family in 1987 when my father, Nathan, accepted a teaching position at Humboldt State University. Equal rights and equal access to realizing the American Dream were always important points in the Smith house. I have been an NAACP member for my entire life and a member of the League of Women Voters for all of my adult life. I have had the pleasure of serving in other community organizations with two League of Women Voters of Humboldt County members: **Byrd Lochtie** and **Nancy Kay**. Both of these women are stalwart ambassadors for the League and have inspired my decision to take a more active role. American politics has become unnecessarily divisive in the last decade, with particular tension during the current Presidential election. I hope that my involvement with the League will help me better inspire citizens to be more engaged with political processes at all levels, particularly traditionally disenfranchised populations of Americans. I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve and thank President **Rollin Richmond** for the opportunity!

I'm Julie Kelly, and I have lived in Humboldt County for twelve years now. While politics doesn't always pique my interest, I believe an uninformed voter is almost worse than a non-voter. Professionally, I am an audiologist and own North Coast Audiology. Personally, I am married to Gabe Kelly and have two children, Ilya and Arthur. My grandmother-in-law, Bernice Stegeman, was a member of the League, and I am proud to continue the legacy in our family. I look forward to helping the League in any way I can and appreciate the opportunity.



Setting up for Fourth of July Left, **Rollin Richmond**;
On ladder, **Rudy Ramp**;
Back, **Becky Simpson**

“Have you ever stopped to ponder the amount of blood spilt, the volume of tears shed, the degree of pain and anguish endured, the number of noble men and women lost in battle so that we as individuals might have a say in governing our country? Honor the lives sacrificed for your freedoms. Vote.”

— Richelle E. Goodrich

League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

2017 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 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.

Your Name _____ Address _____

Best way to contact you (phone, email, etc.) _____

Please submit nomination by December 1, 2016 to: **State of Community Luncheon**

P.O. Box 3219,

Eureka, CA 95502

Fax: 443-7873 or E-mail: vote@lwvhc.org

In what way has this person/group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?

Name of Group/Individual to be Nominated _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

**MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX YOUR CHOICE FOR THIS YEAR'S STATE OF THE COMMUNITY
LUNCHEON AWARDEE!**

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2017 CIVIC CONTRIBUTION NOMINATION

PAST CIVIC CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992 – Sally Upatiringa
1993 – Leon & Jean Wagner
1994 – David T. Davis
John Gierek, Sr.
The Humboldt Open Door Clinic
1995 – Dr. Doris K. Niles
Humboldt Literacy Project
1996 – Dale Neiman
The Foodworks Culinary Center
1997 – David Lehman
Eureka Elks Lodge #652
1998 – The North Coast Journal
Carol Masterson
Sandra Warshaw
1999 – Sally Arnot
Ken Collins
2000 – Ina Harris
Simona Keat
Alexandra Stillman
2001 – KEET-TV
Ron Perry
2002 – Humboldt Area Foundation
Muriel Dinsmore

2003 – Santiago Cruz
2004 – Kathryn Corbett
Friends of the Redwood Libraries
2005 – Evergreen Lodge (American
Cancer Society, College of the
Redwoods, Rotary Club of South-
west Eureka & St. Joseph Health
System)
2006 – Kay Escarda
KINS - For Talk Shop
2007 – Marge Custis
Jan Kraepelien
2008 – Dr. Douglas Jager
Gwynna Morris
2009 - Arcata Community Recycling Ctr.
Carol Jacobson & the Eureka
Symphony
2010 - Rose Baker
Humboldt Community Breast
Health Project
2011 - Byrd Lochtie
Humboldt Sponsors

2013 - Sylvia Noel Douglas &
Dave Douglas
Food for People
2014 - Jimmy Smith
CASA of Humboldt County
2015 - Ruth Mountaingrove
Helen Person
Boys & Girls Club of the
Redwoods
2016 – Hospice of Humboldt
Redwood Empire Quilters Guild
Judith Stoffer

Become a Member!



Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women aged 16 and up.

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 1.

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

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- ☐ \$60 Individual membership
- ☐ \$90 Household membership
- ☐ \$60 Associate membership
- ☐ please accept my donation of _____
- ☐ Please send me more information
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a board member

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

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

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Who's Who in Your League Board 2016-2017

ADMINISTRATION

President Rollin Richmond
Vice President Celeste Ruiz
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Director Anne Hartline
Director Nancy Kay
Director Julie Kelly
Director Leslie Leach
Director Byrd Lochtie
Director Mary Lou Lowry
Director Carol Masterson
Director Becky Simpson
Director Liz Smith

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Program Judy Bennett and Anne Hartline
Natural Resources Patricia-Anne WinterSun
Government Julie Kelly and Liz Smith
Social Policy Mary Lou Lowry

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Historian Carole Ziskin
Membership Becky Simpson
Nominating Committee Chair Alex Stillman
Publications Lorey Keele
Communications Support Kathy Johanson and Patricia-Anne WinterSun

FUNDRAISING

Marathon Fundraiser Kay Escarda
Poll Workers Fundraiser Carolyn Otis
State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee Chair Judy Bennett

COMMUNICATIONS

Access Humboldt Rep. Rollin Richmond
Publicity Open
Social Media ... Kathy Johanson and Celeste Ruiz

Website Kathy Johanson
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VOTER Circulation Carolyn Otis

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Candidate Forums Carol Masterson
Community Education Nancy Kay
Election Service Byrd Lochtie

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**INCOME STATEMENT FOR 12 MONTHS
ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

INCOME	
Member Dues	10,440
Member Contributions	1,174
Pollworkers	116
Non-Member Contributions	4
State of the Community Luncheon	26,970
Annual Meeting	1,076
Membership Brunch	192
Community Election Service	8,362
Marathon	500
Interest/Dividends	11
Total Income	48,845

EXPENSES	
PMP National	4,352
PMP State	2,601
Board Meeting Meals	347
State of the Community Expenses	12,854
Community Election Service	4,363
Special Projects Expense	2,569
Dues for Local Associations	50
Annual Meeting Kits	709
Annual Meeting Dinner	1,068
Membership Brunch Expenses	650
General Membership Meeting Costs	271
The Voter Printing	1,435
Membership Development	406
President	36
Treasurer	25
Conventions & Workshop	4,626
Board Retreat	12
Office Supplies	291
Administrative Postage	340
Telecommunications	15
Rent	5,280
Insurance	1,198
PayPal and Bank Fees	90
Public Relations	7,033
Total Expenses	50,621
Net Income	-1,775

**BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2016**

ASSETS	
PayPal	600
Umpqua Bank Checking	410
Umpqua Bank Savings	43,290
Total Assets	44,300
EQUITY	
NET INCOME	-1,775
Total Equity	44,300



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.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!



P.O. Box 3219
Eureka, CA 95502

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 Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

Making Democracy Work!

LWVHC Calendar

Tue., October 4 5:30 PM	Board Meeting League Office
Thur. Oct. 20 5:30-7:30 PM	Making Democracy Work Location: Eureka Public Library, Community Room
Tues., Nov 1 5:30 PM	Board Meeting League Office
Tues. 8, 7 AM-8 PM	National, State, and Local Elections - VOTE!
Wed., Nov. 2 5-7 PM	NAMI and LWVHC The Intersection of Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System UCC Church, 900 Hodgson St., Eureka
Sun., Nov. 13 2-3:30 P.M	Foster Care Information Panel Location: TBA
