



League of Women Voters

North County San Diego

VOTER

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

January Meetings and Events Overview - details on pages 4, 5, and 6

Community Safety & Guns. Wed., Jan. 9, 10 AM

LWVNCSD Board Fri., Jan. 11 10 AM

Health Interest Group Monday, Jan., 14, 10 AM

Carlsbad Unit Thurs., Jan. 17, 10 AM

LWV Book Group Monday, Jan. 21, 1 PM

Oceanside Unit Tues., Jan. 22, 12 PM

General Meeting Forum Tues., Jan. 22, 6 PM
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Lunch With League Co-Sponsored with LWV of San Diego Wed., Jan. 23 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

San Dieguito Unit Thurs., Jan. 24, 10 AM

Women's Interest Group Monday, Jan. 28, 1 PM



January 2019

General Meeting
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6 - 8 PM
Dove Library Schulman Auditorium
1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad California

Fear of Gun Violence in the Community: Daily Impacts and Long Term Effects

The League of Women Voters North County San Diego (LWVNCSD) is sponsoring a four person panel discussion about "Fear of Gun Violence in the Community: Daily Impacts and Long Term Effects." Focusing on factual information about how guns and the fear of gun violence is affecting our community, the goal is to educate our audience about the realities of everyday life in this part of our lives.

District Attorney Summer Stephan will lead off by talking about what laws are in play, what new laws are being proposed, and the daily effect that illegal use has upon our community.

A local school district administrator will tell us about how schools are impacted by the fear of gun violence, emotionally, fiscally and how much time must be allocated to deal with it.

A third speaker will discuss how a law-abiding gun owner who respects the history of guns is affected by the misuse of guns by the few.

A fourth speaker from Palomar Hospital will discuss the impact of gun misuse on individuals from the perspective of public health.

Then we will ask the audience to make suggestions about what we can do as a community to deal with the wide influence of the fear of gun violence.

We hope you will attend this discussion meeting and share your ideas for dealing with this important issue in our community.



**Message
From
President
Anne
Omsted**

During 2019 we will be starting off the year with a dynamic program on Guns and the Fear of Gun Violence in our Community. In February, we will, as always, do Program Planning for our local League, but also for our State League. We will be having General meetings about the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Climate Change, and the I-5 Corridor Improvements in later months. One of League’s great attractions is the wide variety of factual information members can learn at our General Meetings. Plan to be an active member if you aren’t already and join us at meetings or one of our many interest groups. It just gets better and better for our members!

After an active year engaged in Voter Service, it is a pleasure to think ahead about our next year involvement with Voter Service. During 2019 we are going to be working on planning for the 2020 election season and make our various Voter Services (Moderating Candidate and Issues Forums, presenting the Pros & Cons of ballot measures, Mail Ballot Drop Off Service with the Registrar of Voters, providing information to voters on how to evaluate candidates and ballot measures, finding and using trusted sources of information such as VotersEdge, and becoming informed voters) even more effective. Any suggestions or pitching in to help will be much appreciated. Call or email me to get involved!

Anne

Board Notes: at the 12/18 Board Meeting

The Board voted to:

• Co-sign a letter with the LWVSD to the Union-Tribune refuting the allegation of a Commentary published by the U-T just before the 11/6/18 selection alleging that votes don’t count. You can see our letter on our website.

• Share with every League in the state our position on Homelessness in time for the LWVC State Convention May 29 through June 2.

• The Board heard an update on the Strategic Communications Plan developed to help us transition to the “LWVUS Transformation” to keep LWV relevant, inclusive and effective in the decades ahead. The plan is being developed by Loann Simon and a committee of members.

• Begin planning for Annual Meeting in June.

LWVNCSO Officers & Directors 2019

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San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler

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Education	Claudine Jones
Community Safety & Guns	Jennifer Lonbom
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Open

*** NEW IDEA ***

Government Finance Interest Group

by Anne Omsted

In 2018, the LWV Book Group read a simple book on federal government finance called The Smart Bunny's Guide to Debt, Deficit & Austerity by Arliss Bunny. Some of the discussion participants showed enthusiasm for learning more about how local and state government finances work. The thought was that we would undoubtedly understand more about how and why things happen, and have a better chance of influencing government spending, if we were more knowledgeable about how government money is allocated and spent.

One of my personal projects for 2019 is to explore this idea and find out if there are enough members who share this concern to create a League Interest Group. So, if you are intrigued, please contact me by phone or email (check your League Roster) and we will have a meeting around mid-January.

At the first meeting we will focus on what we want to study, how we want to study, and what timeline we want to follow. Please let me know if you are interested.

Exploring Uncharted Voter Service Territory

by Loann Simon

In an offline Mid-Term GOTV effort targeting English and Spanish speaking Millennial parents, the Strategic Communications Committee created flyers to test using messaging specific to that group focused on promoting the Voter's Edge tool.

Olga Gonzalez was instrumental in translating the flyers into Spanish and handing them out at Pros/Cons events for the Latinx community. The flyers were well received and a good support to our Voter Education in these communities.

Arleen von Schlieder focused on the parents of young children by distributing the English flyers at pre-schools mostly in the San Dieguito area including the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Preschool and Day Care, the United Methodist Church Preschool, Encinitas Country Day School as well as the Encinitas Boys' and Girls' Club. Heather Callaghan lent a hand by distributing the Spanish version to the Head Start schools.

Norelynn Pion-Goureau handed out flyers to churches, organizations and libraries in the Carlsbad and Oceanside area.

The team also looked at online channels that show promise in engaging voters. Suzanne Carneiro focused on *Nextdoor* and found it an excellent tool demonstrating great response and far-reaching capabilities. In addition to online reach, another benefit of using this online tool is its ability to foster offline connection and engagement.

After the Mid-Term elections, the Committee met to discuss the GOTV specific messaging to a target audience for what worked well, what were some of the barriers of entry into these communities, and what opportunities exist for planning into 2020.



January Meetings and Events

Community Safety and Guns Group

Wednesday, January 9 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad.

We will discuss the upcoming General Meeting on January 22. We also will continue a discussion of the effect on gun safety in our community.

LWVNCS Board Meeting

Friday, January 12 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad.

Members are welcome to attend but please let President Anne Omsted know that you are planning to come.

Health Interest Group

Monday, January 14 at 10:00 AM at the home of Jane Dunmeyer.

The Health Interest Committee met in November to do the final reading of the "*Transportation Resource Guide for Seniors and Disabled for North County.*" The guide had been approved by the LWV Board for distribution to senior centers, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living care units, churches, and any other relevant associations that we thought would benefit from this information. The list will be translated into Spanish. Our intention is for it to be on-going in that we will ask for feedback from the community and add/subtract changes as resources change.

The second part of our meeting was devoted to our discussion of our new focus topic regarding mental health issues in North County and what aspect we could research. One of our members, Liz Kruidnier, our local mental health advocate, spoke about several aspects of need in the mental health community. With the information

she presented, the committee decided to initiate a research project concerning housing assistance and availability for behavioral health patients when they have been released from the emergency room or the hospital and back into society but are still in need of help and monitoring.

Any LWV member is welcome to join us. We meet the second Monday of the month at Jane Dunmeyer's house at 10:00 - 12:00 noon. The next meeting will be 1/14/2019. Call Jane for address and directions

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 10 AM at the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad.

Join us and learn about Carlsbad's outreach to the homeless.

League Book Group

Monday, January 21, at 1 PM at the home of Roni Seay. Nancy Telford will lead a discussion of The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss. Please contact Roni if you plan to attend.

Lunch With (San Diego) League

Wednesday, January 23, 11:30 - 1:30
Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Island Dr., San Diego. RSVP by Jan. 16.

Climate Change 10 Scalable Solutions

Join us as we discuss the United nations recent Climate Change Report with renowned panelist Prof. Ramanathan.

RSVP online with a credit card: or send a check for \$35/each payable to LWVSD. Mail you check to LWVSD 7710 Balboa Ave #224A, San Diego, CA 92111.

Information: San Diego's website <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/contact-us> or call 858-483-8696.

Oceanside Unit Meetings

Please mark your calendars for January 22 and February 26 for our monthly meetings at the Buena Vista Audubon Center, 2202 S. Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA.

For January I have been approached by Teresa Leader-Anderson of the City of Oceanside to share information with our Unit on “Pure Water Oceanside”. The project will purify recycled water to create a new, local source of high-quality drinking water that is clean, safe, drought-proof and environmentally sound. The program will produce enough water to provide more than 25% of the city’s water supply.

In keeping with our search for ACTIONS our Unit can take to support the new Position on Homelessness adopted last June I am inviting a representative from Dreams For Change to share their mission in serving homeless families living out of the vehicles. Their mission: To respond to the needs of San Diegans by creating innovative and cost-effective programs to empower and stabilize the lives of underserved families and individuals.

In the Spring of 2010 Dreams for Change launched its first initiative, the Safe Parking Program. Two years after the inauguration of the [Safe Parking Program](#), Dreams for Change launched its second initiative, [Eat Better Today \(EBT\)](#) that took the form of the FRESH mobile food truck. In addition to cash, Dreams for Change arranged for the food truck to accept EBT (Food Stamp) cards as payment for hot low-cost nutritious meals. In 2014, EBT expanded further and added the [Senior Connections Program](#), which provides healthy discounted food, support services and activities for seniors in collaboration with Interfaith Community Services.

IMPORTANT

Several Unit members have expressed difficulty in getting to our Tuesday noon meetings. For those individuals only . . . Email me if 2:00 pm would work better for you. Also, for those whom a meeting time move to 2:00 pm would be BAD, please email me. I can weigh the pros and cons of changing the TIME of our Tuesday’s meetings.

Bill Loftus

Oceanside Unit Chair

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 10 AM at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Encinitas.

The San Dieguito Unit combined its brief December business meeting with our December 6 luncheon and reports from our Observers. The business meeting consisted of hearing observations from members about how successful our efforts to educate voters and to encourage actual voting appeared to be; and thanking those members who collected ballots at Registrar-approved sites throughout the area.

We discussed further efforts in the long lead-up to the 2020 elections, recognizing that efforts can take a long time to be effective!

We also agreed to retain the two issues for emphasis from our earlier positions:

1. To increase LWV visibility in our area by supporting Voter Service such as presenting ballot measures to citizens groups, moderating local candidate and issues forums and encouraging citizens to vote.
2. Develop an Action Plan to educate all area voters about how they can learn about issues, track matters of importance to them, evaluate information and become informed voters who now want to vote.

The group enjoyed lunch and then heard reports from the following observers:

Alec Jolly—NCTD and SANDAG

Joyce Joseph—San Dieguito High School District Bd.

Nancy Dietrich—22nd District Agricultural District

Connie Ulrich—Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration

Be sure to join us at our new meeting on January 24!

Katie Wheeler, San Dieguito Unit Chair



Women’s Issues Group

Monday, January 28 at 1 PM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

The Women’s Issues Group want their energy and time to be spent in areas where they feel they can make a difference. In 2019, the group will focus on Passage of the ERA, Voter Education, and Reproductive Rights. It has been said that 85% of our nation believe that women have equal rights under the law. In fact, many believe that the ERA passed. Others don’t know what ERA means. Education and action will be essential if we want the amendment to pass.

There are many directions that our Voter Education group can take. The major emphasis will be on young women and women leaders. When you picture a leader, is your vision one of a woman leader? How do we get more women to run for office? How do we get more millennials to vote? This group is just beginning to develop their activities for the new year.

Eleanor Schuster will continue to research and keep the group informed on all the new legislation which affects women’s Reproductive Rights.

If any member would like to join us in the development of our three projects for the coming year, please contact Nancy Hand at her new number, 760-704-1414.

Can Opener Donations

by Anne Omsted

Many thanks to all who donated can openers for homeless families. We have delivered 70 to Michelle Walsh, Student Services Co-Ordinator for Vista Unified School District! She was delighted and said that “So many homeless families will be so happy!” She showed me around the room dedicated to homeless students and their families in Vista. There are shoes, clothes, first aid supplies, food for all ages, backpacks, school supplies, and a lot more. A clinic is also offered for basic health care.

It made me happy that we could help and grateful that such a service is being offered to homeless children. I was glad she asked if we would like to suggest the donation idea to our members, and I was delighted we responded so well! Thank you!

Welcome New Members!

- Lyn Amine - Oceanside
- Helene Beck - Fallbrook
- Connie Horst - Carlsbad
- Paul Kelly - Oceanside
- Kathleen Murphy - Solana Beach
- Sylvia Norman - Poway
- Brigid Parsons - Oceanside
- Maureen Pelton - Carlsbad
- Susie Riley - Escondido
- Sandra Sraberg - Encinitas
- Joshua Stebbing - Encinitas



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Nancy Telford

2018 has been a banner year for increased membership in the North County League of Women Voters. In an effort to introduce and mentor new members in League we formed a fabulous Membership Team in December. Your Membership Team has two members from each Unit: Dorine Meade & Karen Pendergast – Carlsbad Unit; Debbie Loftus & Jane Schweighardt – Oceanside Unit and Karen Sutton & Arleen von Schlieder – San Dieguito Unit. Our first meeting was a brainstorming session; we discussed many exciting ideas and opportunities. There will be a short Membership article in every VOTER. Please contact us with ideas, questions and comments. Our total focus is on ways we can make League more meaningful to each member.

League of Women Voters of California Convention 2019

The League of Women Voters of California also known as LWVC or simply State League is having its convention from May 30 to June 2.

It will be held in Southern California this biennium so "Save the date to join us in Pasadena for the next LWVC Convention in May 2019." Details later.

If you want to attend as a delegate please contact Anne Omsted, Nancy Telford or Roni Seay. We are allotted a fixed number of delegates but all members are welcome as visitors.

Concurrence Sought by LWVNCSD

At this Convention our League (LWVNCSD) and LWV San Diego (LWVSD) are considering seeking concurrence with California Leagues on the issue of Homelessness in California.

Concurrence is the act of agreeing with a statement of position within the LWV. We will be asking the delegates at convention to adopt our Leagues' position on homelessness so they can act on the issue.

All the background information about concurrence and why our League believes so strongly about homelessness and the need to act will be posted on our website: www.lwvncsd.org

Homeless Point in Time Count

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January. HUD requires that regions conduct an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and Safe Havens on a single night.

The count will provide better and more detailed data that will be used in the creation of a regional plan, in combination with better data from our new HMIS system.

(FYI: Volunteers are needed to help on the morning of January 25th, 2019, <https://rtfh.volunteerhub.com>)



Webmaster Needed

Are you someone who would be like to take on an important League task that you can do at your convenience any time of day or night?

We are in need of a webmaster to keep our website up to date and useful for our members and the public. We need to tell our story to keep our membership growing and the public informed about our organization.

If you want something valuable to add to your resumé, learn website maintenance. It's easier than you think.

Training available.

Get Informed the Easy Way

[What Would Alice Paul Do?](#)

"What Would Alice Paul Do?" is a podcast hosted by two young League members who are very active in their local leagues, state and national league and their communities. Their enthusiasm is infectious.

For new members, it will explain League Lingo, review non-partisanship and tell the story of League's transformation. For seasoned members, it gives a new perspective on League today. Pick the topic that interests you. You can find it where you download podcasts or on the web. Click on the blue link above to see all topics. If the upper link doesn't work, go to:

<https://www.alicepaulpodcast.com/podcast/>

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**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

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Please make check payable to LWVNCSD
Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

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Dues:

____ \$30 First Year member

____ \$60/year renewal

____ \$30/year 2nd member at the same address

____ \$0/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

Additional Levels of giving

____ \$100/year Suffragist

____ \$200/year Activist

____ \$300/year Advocate

____ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

____ Voter Service

____ Action and Advocacy