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- Tues, Apr 11** Health Interest Group Mtg.
10 am – 12 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Fri, Apr 14** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
10 am – 12 pm LWD Offices
- Mon, Apr 17** Book Group Mtg
1 – 3 pm Home of Kathy Christy
- Tues, Apr 18 & Wed, Apr 19** Restoring Respect Conference
Joan Kroc Inst, USD
- Thur, Apr 20** General Mtg/Carlsbad Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm Road Map to Home Care
LWD
- Thur, Apr 27** San Dieguito Unit Mtg
10 am – 12 pm United Methodist Church
170 Calle Magdalena
Encinitas

MAY 2017 AT A GLANCE

- Mon, May 8** Health Interest Group Mtg.
10 am – 12 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Fri, May 12** LWVNCSD Bd Mtg
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- Sat, May 13** Carlsbad Observer Lunch
10:30am – 12:30pm Spyglass Pt. Clubhouse
7386 Altiva Place
Carlsbad
- Mon, May 15** Book Group Mtg
1 – 3 pm Home of Naomi Marblestone
- Wed, May 17** San Dieguito Unit Mtg
10:30am – 12:30 pm & Observer Lunch
Home of Nancy Hand
- Sat, May 20** General Mtg
1 – 3 pm Civil Discourse

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The Road Map to Home Care Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities Avoiding the Potholes

Thursday, April 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

By Jane Dunmeyer

For the past two years, the Health Interest Committee has studied what happens to people who can no longer take care of themselves in their homes. Our study has encompassed the continuum of care from aging in place, living in someone else's home, living in an assisted living facility (better known as Residential Care for the Elderly or RCFE), to living in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

Speakers at our meetings have talked to us about the issues that arise for seniors: home care, getting complaints concerning patients' rights resolved, health care decisions, and financial concerns.

The Committee has visited multiple facilities in North County and compared their ratings.

We have examined laws and regulations pertaining to these facilities.

Our presentation on April 20, entitled "**When You or Your Loved Ones Can No Longer Care For Themselves – The Road Map to Home Care, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing Care and How to Avoid the Potholes**" will give you a taste of the issues to consider when making decisions about this. Learn what really happens, and what you can do when the crisis of suddenly needing to find a nursing home, or what to do when the nursing home says your aged aunt is being discharged in two days. We will talk about financing, and what can be done to resolve problems. We will talk about the residents' rights—patients do not give up their rights when they enter a nursing home. There will be handouts for you to take home, so you'll have this information when you need it.

We guarantee you will come away from our talk with new, crucial information. Please join us at this General Meeting on April 20, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Leucadia Water District.

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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.

Thoughts about the League in March and April

It seems Americans are still charged up about national politics well after the November election. There appear to be postcard writing events, emails urging action, marches, protests/protests of the protesters, etc. everywhere you turn.

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) urges members to take action. Check out the LWVUS's positions on immigration, healthcare, the Supreme Court and more at www.lwv.org. Better yet, while still on the first page, click on "Get Involved" to get on the LWVUS email list for "Action Alerts."

One of our Local League's unsung heroes is our webmaster Suzanne Carneiro. All of us, especially new members, should explore the information Suzanne provides for us at www.lwvncsd.org. She maintains a "members only" site too. Ask any board member if you need help finding the members only site. Suzanne also keeps up our League's Facebook page!

There was a good turnout at our March General Meeting/Workshop where we discussed the most effective ways to contact our elected officials and followed up by writing postcards to them. The San Dieguito Unit is researching the best ways to attack voter apathy. The Carlsbad Unit discussed affordable housing. Kathy Anderson took the lead on Legislative interviews for LWV. Nancy Telford sent members the digital data base with our membership contact information. The League Book Group is going strong and reading weighty tomes.

I am looking forward to the Healthcare group's presentation on April 20 and encourage all League members to come, listen and participate. Invite a friend to come with you.

All new members and members who have not been to a meeting designed specifically for new members will enjoy a warm welcome at the home of Jackie Stone on Sunday, April 23 at 1:30 pm.

Please refer to last month's *VOTER* or the League of Women Voters' of California's website www.lwvc.org for news about what our State League is doing as well as how to register for the LWV Convention June 1 - 4 in Sacramento. If you want to be a delegate you must contact me, because we can only send five voting delegates. However, we can ask other Leagues if they have an empty delegate slot. It is a truly inspirational experience to go to a State or National Convention to feel the energy of so many dedicated, interesting, and like-minded people.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about LWV. We are, after all, a grassroots organization and the other board members and I appreciate hearing from you.

Hope to see you in April,

Roni Seay

First Vice President & Membership Director

April Meetings

All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

Health Interest Committee Meeting Tuesday • April 11 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Home of Jane Dunmeyer

The North County LWV Health Interest Committee will continue to work on a presentation we will be giving at the General Meeting on April 20, 10:00 am to 12:00pm at the Leucadia Wastewater District Office.

Book Group Meeting Monday • April 17 • 1:00 – 3:00 pm Home of Kathy Christy

The Book Group will meet on April 17. The discussion will be about *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming* by Mike Brown. In May, the group will be reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. The May meeting will be at the home of Naomi Marblestone, who will also lead the discussion.

Restoring Respect Conf. “Rebuilding Civility” Tuesday • April 18 & Wednesday • April 19 • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm • Joan Kroc Institute • University of San Diego

See Flyer Page 6.
By Martha Cox

If you have had enough of the polarization, incivility and “toxic talk” in our public dialogue, then you will find kindred spirits next month at USD.

Now, in its sixth year, the Restoring Respect Conference, which will be held on the USD campus at the Joan Kroc Inst. for Peace & Justice on April 18-19, 2017, has expanded into a two-day event. With workshops spanning two days, a keynote address moderated by Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Dir. of the National Inst. for Civil Discourse, featuring former Republican Congressman, Mickey Edwards, and former Democratic Congressman, Dan Glickman, plus a panel representing the four-year academic institutions in San Diego, this timely conference should not be missed.

Both Leagues of San Diego have supported this event from its inception and League members have been participants in the behind the scenes planning from the beginning. The Conference is free and open to the public but you must register in advance to attend at this [link](#). For

more information on the Conference, go to the website [Institute for Civil Civic Engagement](#).

North County League members will be represented in workshop panels as members of the San Diego Deliberation Network - a collaboration of League of Women Voters and academic partners from various academic institutions in San Diego.

General Meeting/Carlsbad Unit Meeting The Road Map to Home Care, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Facilities Avoiding the Potholes Thursday • April 20 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Leucadia Wastewater District 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

See article page 1.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting Thursday • April 27 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm United Methodist Church 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas (I-5 and Encinitas Blvd., southeast quadrant)

Continuing on with our pilot project to identify non-registered and apathetic voters, at our March unit meeting we discussed what media various young adult and adult populations use in order to obtain information about voting. After

brainstorming various ways to encourage non-voters to register and vote, and registered voters to vote, we listed ways we could reach various segments of the San Dieguito unit service area: Encinitas, Carmel Valley, Del Mar, Solana Beach and Rancho Santa Fe. Teams were formed to research their specific area of responsibility. At our April 27th meeting, all the various teams will report back to the unit what they have found out and how to use this information to help people register to vote, study the issues, and vote.

Please call Anne Omsted at [760-753-6970](tel:760-753-6970) if you have any questions.

Calling all New and Not-so-New Members

**New Member Afternoon Gathering
Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm
At the home of Jackie Stone in Carlsbad**

The LWVNCSD invites you to come for conversation and light refreshments on Sunday afternoon at the home of Jackie Stone in Carlsbad.

Come and get better acquainted with other members in a warm social setting, and find out what the League can mean for you.

If you can come please email Jackie at jlscarlbad@gmail.com or Roni Seay at Roseay@aol.com and we will give you directions to Jackie's home. Hope to see you there



News from National (LWVUS)

League Statement on Immigration

01/31/2017 by Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters president, Chris Carson, issued the following statement in response to President Trump's immigration ban:

"The League of Women Voters is opposed to deportation of non-criminal undocumented immigrants.

The League supports cities, towns, counties and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. Moreover, the Trump Administration's orders are of dubious legality.

It is simply wrong, and a perversion of the American system of justice, for the Executive Branch to refuse to obey federal court orders.

The LWV is opposed to discrimination, including discrimination in immigration, based on religion. The Trump Administration's orders appear to be targeted at Muslims and immigrants from majority-Muslim nations."



elections. Waldron's local office is not aware of efforts to increase this funding, but many new bills are proposed. Waldron is sponsoring AB4 Voter Integrity Protection Act, in response to a Riverside County problem where some voters reported their registration data had been changed online without their knowledge. This bill would require that voters be notified electronically by a County Elections official of any changes made electronically to their affidavit of registration.

Q2 . How can CA meet the challenge of enrolling more students, including students with greater need, at the UC and CSU? Is more state funding needed? Where does this issue rank in your legislative priorities?

Chavez continues his focus on education, as in past years. He is Vice Chairman of the Education Committee and a member of the Higher Education Committee. He said higher education costs are due in part to the increased time (average 5.8 years) students take to complete college. Reasons for this extra time include: 1) Inadequate preparation of students high schools resulting in time spent on remedial courses. 2) A lack of transferability between coursework done at Community Colleges and the UC and CSU systems resulting in repeat coursework. 3) The encouragement of all students to go to college, when a technical school might provide a more suitable education and a strong pathway to a good job. 4) Some students are not as seriously focused, financially or emotionally, on the goal of achieving a degree in four years. He believed that rather than added funding, the UC and CSU systems should implement within the universities the "prudent business management practices" taught in their business schools, as is done in the Stanislaus County schools.

Waldron favors legislation to extend the Palomar Promise statewide. The Palomar Promise is a guaranteed scholarship of \$600/semester for up to two years for eligible graduates of San Marcos High School to attend Palomar College. The Promise is based on and funded through a Memorandum of Understanding among Palomar College, the Palomar College Foundation, and the San Marcos United School District. She also supports AB316 which provides \$100 million in grants to be given out over a five year period to organizations with innovative training solutions to help people move up the workforce ladder; it would be targeted at high unemployment areas. She favors abolishing the funding cap for school districts so they can set up a "rainy day" fund.

Q3. What kinds of legislative proposals would you support to ensure that enough water of adequate quality is available for municipal and industrial uses, agriculture, and the environment in the face of over-stretched surface water and groundwater resources and

What We Learned in the 2017 Interviews With Rocky Chavez (D-76) & Marie Waldron (D-75).

By Kathy Anderson

(Following is the report on the interviews LWVNCSD members Kathy Anderson and Anne Omsted held with Rocky Chavez and Marie Waldron's staff.)

Q1. What legislative measures would you support to ensure adequate and stable funding of election administration in CA?

Assemblymember Chavez strongly believes that a secure, fair, and transparent voting process should be available to all registered voters. He loathes California's use of a voting system set up by Abraham Lincoln rather than newer voting technologies. He believes there is enough money in the State budget to fund all the election mandates, but the Legislature is not interested in making voting access a priority.

Assemblymember Waldron's office is aware of the potential problems with old election software and hardware needing replacement. The Secretary of State usually requests funds through the budget process for

climate conditions different from CA experienced in the last century?

Chavez believes, even with the recent rain, the State needs to continue to conserve water for future droughts and invest in water sources, conveyance, etc. While water rights granted in CA exceed the actual water supply, he did not feel that the Legislature could straighten out the historic jumble of allocations. He is not in favor of the Delta Tunnel project, because farms in the Salinas Valley area are irrigated by shallow wells that would face possible saline contamination as the Delta becomes drier. This would not be the case with the deep wells in the San Joaquin Valley, where farmers favor the tunnel.

Waldron continues to be very concerned with water issues. She has, in the past two years, sponsored bills which would streamline the Environmental Impact Reporting (EIR) process for water pipelines running from treatment plants to farm fields, along existing rights of way. Both bills died in the Senate. She also sponsored AB 1647 which simplified the EIR process to expand the existing reservoir capacity up to 25%; this was also defeated in the Senate which, according to staff, does not want to weaken the EIR process.

Q4. What other major issues do you think the legislature must deal with in 2017? What are your personal priorities?

Chavez's priorities include continued efforts to make CA-wide zero-to-five years' pre-school education a reality. He favors a seven-year plan to improve veterans' services. First emphasis would be on the most underserved population--women veterans, then improving education opportunities, and then veteran homelessness. He is unsatisfied with veterans' healthcare services, but expects little change due to the selection of an Undersecretary from the previous federal administration to be Secretary.

Chavez is also working on regional energy alliances, as part of the Cap & Trade group. The goal would be to have states including Wyoming, Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona share surplus electricity produced within CA and vice versa to extend the number of hours of renewable energy usage.

Staff indicated that Waldron sees the need for important infrastructure improvements across the State and favors restoring approximately \$7.8 billion to the Highway Fund which had been transferred out at the time of the budget crisis.

Waldron is a member of the Women's Caucus which is involved with:

AB 599: Legislative Modernization Working Group; who would make recommendations on streamlining legislative processes, as well as increasing cyber security, encouraging public input, increasing transparency, etc.

AB 1386: Women's Health Pilot Program--would establish the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Genomic Testing, Screening, and Awareness Pilot Program to increase awareness of these diseases and screen high risk populations, especially underserved and uninsured women and those on Medi-Cal.

Waldron's priority areas include health, education, elder protection, and animal protection. Included in the legislation she is sponsoring are:

AB 182: HOPE (Heroin and Opioid Public Education) Initiative which would require the development of a public, multicultural awareness campaign using targeted mass media to inform and combat this epidemic.

AB 728: Protecting Elderly and Disabled which will prohibit expunging from records the convictions for crimes of elder and dependent abuse.

AB 1031: Native CA Wildlife Rehab Fund--would allow taxpayers to donate to a fund to provide care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife.

AB 502: Victim Compensation Pilot Program --would establish a pilot program in San Diego County to provide reimbursement of mental and financial counseling costs to elderly and dependent adult victims of financial abuse.

Local Questions:

Q5 Waldron: What is your stance on requiring local/state law enforcement to participate in illegal immigration issues?

Waldron's staff reported that local sheriffs are not willing or able to get involved in immigration activities, except those that target criminals. She supported the Trust Act (implemented January 2, 2014) which allows immigrant crime victims and witnesses to come forward, report crimes and cooperate with police without fear of deportation. Staff is also watching the progress and evolution of SB 54--the State Sanctuary Bill.

Q5 Chavez: How do Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Energy Projects fit into CA's energy picture?

Chavez pointed out that while CCA's benefit the immediate areas involved in each plan, that the cost of system-wide electricity transmission would then be divided among the non-participating and usually poorer communities. He favors energy produced in an environmentally sound, sustainable, affordable manner and is a member of the Cap & Trade Group for the Republicans. There is some disagreement about how the penalty money from those not meeting Cap & Trade standards would be used. Chavez favors using it to fund innovation in electricity production. He cited the work done by Caltech in using photosynthesis to produce a safer hydrogen car, as an example of a modern, sustainable research project which should receive penalty money funding, but will probably not get it.

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Thanks

Suzanne

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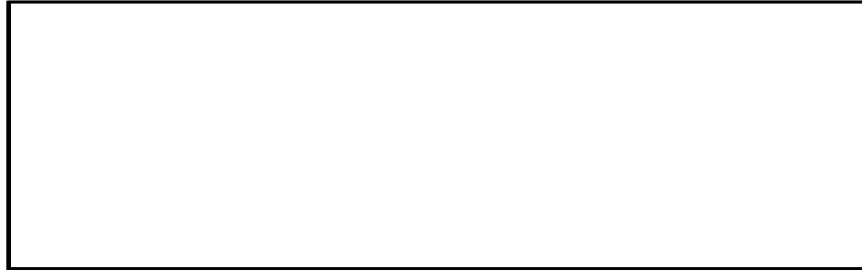
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