



VOTER

FEBRUARY 2018 AT A GLANCE

- Sat, Feb 3** *Civil Engagement Facilitation Training*
1 – 4 pm
Dove Library
1775 Dove Ln., Carlsbad
- Fri, Feb 9** *LWVNCS Board Mtg*
10 am – 12 pm
LWD
- Sat, Feb 10** *Homelessness Consensus Mtg*
1:30 – 3:30 pm
Carlsbad Senior Ctr.
- Mon, Feb 12** *Health Interest Group Mtg*
10 am – 12 pm
Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Thur, Feb 15** *Carlsbad Unit Mtg*
10 am– 12 pm
LWD
- Sat, Feb 17** *Program Planning Mtg.*
10 am - 12 pm
Carlsbad Senior Ctr
- Mon, Feb 19** *Book Group Mtg.*
1 – 3 pm
Home of Nancy Telford
- Tues, Feb 20** *Oceanside Unit Mtg*
12 - 2 pm
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Ctr
- Thur, Feb 22** *San Dieguito Unit Mtg.*
10 am – 11:30 am
San Dieguito United Methodist Ch
- Mon, Feb 26** *Women’s Interest Group Mtg*
1 - 3 pm
LWD
- Mon, Feb 26** *Lunch With League*
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Tom Ham’s Lighthouse

MARCH 2018 AT A GLANCE

- Fri, Mar 9** *LWVNCS Board Mtg.*
10 am – 12 pm
LWD office
- Mon, Mar 12** *Health Interest Group Mtg*
10 am – 12 pm
Home of Jane Dunmeyer
- Thur, Mar 15** *Carlsbad Unit Mtg*
10 am– 12 pm
LWD
- Mon, Mar 19** *Book Group Mtg.*
1 – 3 pm
Home of Cathy Greene
- Thur, Mar 22** *San Dieguito Unit Mtg*
10 am – 11:30 am
San Dieguito United Methodist Ch
- Mon, Mar 26** *Women’s Interest Group Mtg.*
1 - 3 pm
LWD
- Tue, Mar 27** *Oceanside Unit Mtg.*
12 - 2 pm
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Ctr



Ready for Consensus!

By Cathy Greene

After months of research, discussion, and hearing from experts on homelessness, the joint LWVNCS and LWVSD study committee on the issue of the homeless in San Diego County is ready for our Leagues to come to consensus on this issue. Consensus will result in a countywide position that will enable us to take action and lobby on the problems of homelessness and to support best practices to help those who find themselves homeless.

Here in North County, we will meet on February 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Carlsbad Senior Center. All members, old and new, are invited and encouraged to attend. We need your voices, opinions, and knowledge as we learn, discuss, and debate various aspects of homelessness in our county. Topics for consensus may include who and how best to provide services to the homeless, what government policies are needed to address homelessness, is Housing First the best approach, the pros and cons of temporary housing, and where to locate low income housing.

Consensus is an interesting and exciting process in League. If you have not ever attended a consensus meeting, please come and see for yourself!

Please see proposed consensus statements that will be considered on February 10 on Page 4.



LWVNCSD Officers/Directors/Unit & Committee Chairs 2017-18

New Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs Information:

Officers

President	Anne Omsted
First Vice President & Membership Co-Chair	Roni Seay
Second Vice President & Program Chair	Lorraine Wood
Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
Treasurer	Arlene Meadows

Directors

Local Education Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Member Communication	Open
Membership Co-Chair & Special Projects	Nancy Telford
Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
Regional Gov't. Coordinator	Cathy Greene
Observers Corps	Connie Ulrich
Voter Editor	Margaret Liles
Voter Service	Elizabeth Brady
Webmaster	Suzanne Carneiro
Women's Issues	Nancy Hand

Unit Chairs

Carlsbad Unit	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
San Dieguito Unit	Anne Omsted
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus

Committee Chairs

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Jackie Stone



A Message from the President

We are having our **Program Planning meeting on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Carlsbad Senior Center.** This is a meeting in which we come to consensus about LWVUS and LWVNCSD positions and goals. See article page 4.

As you saw on page 1, we will also have a consensus meeting **about the homelessness issue on Saturday, February 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, again at the Carlsbad Senior Center.**

The League's most valued role is that of voter service. **To fulfill that role we need you! Please read the articles on page 5 for information about what you can do to help us continue our great work in voter service.**

Anne Omsted

February Meetings

All Members and Guests Are Welcome at All Meetings

LWV Facilitation Training

Saturday • February 3

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Dove Library • 1775 Dove Ln. • Carlsbad

Martha Cox and Mary Thompson will briefly review why deliberative dialogue is a constructive response to uncivil discourse, how to identify, research, and frame issues for public deliberation, and how to facilitate a community conversation. To register, please contact Mary Thompson, thompsmg@roadrunner.com or by phone at 760-942-2458.

Homelessness Consensus Meeting

Saturday • February 10

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Carlsbad Senior Center

799 Pine Ave. • Carlsbad

See Article page 1.

Health Interest Committee Meeting

Monday • February 12 • 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home of Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee will discuss and plan for their upcoming presentations at the March meetings of the San Dieguito and Carlsbad Units. The presentations will provide information on Advanced Directives for Health Care. See Article page 6.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Thursday • February 15

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Leucadia Wastewater District
1960 La Costa Ave. • Carlsbad**

Elizabeth Brady, Voter Service Director, will teach members how to register voters and explain how you can get involved in upcoming voter services. Members will discuss with Elizabeth how they can best aid and support voting in Carlsbad under the new re-districting, which will cause confusion for many voters. The discussion will include strategies for reassuring and educating newer and less experienced voters about their rights, and how the new forms of voting and ballot drop-off will look. Also members will brainstorm strategies to achieve our yearly goals and discuss ways to implement the Constitution project.

Program Planning Meeting

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Carlsbad Senior Center

799 Pine Ave. • Carlsbad

See article page 4.

Book Group Meeting

Monday • February 19

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Home of Nancy Telford

The book group will discuss *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics* by Tim Marshall. Nancy Telford will host the meeting and Anne Omsted will be our discussion leader.

Oceanside Unit Meeting

Tuesday • February 20

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center

2202 South Coast Hwy • Oceanside

The Oceanside Unit will review the “Tony the Movie” event. Mary Crowley will discuss and answer any questions related to Program Planning for the future.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Thursday • February 22

10:00 am – 11:30 am

San Dieguito United Methodist Church

170 Calle Magdalena • Encinitas

The San Dieguito Unit will work on our ongoing project to encourage people to register to vote and then become informed before they vote. Call Anne Omsted for more information.

Women’s Issues Group Meeting

Monday • February 26

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Leucadia Wastewater District

1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

The Women’s Issues Group will be discussing the Equal Rights Amendment.



Program Planning 2018

By Mary Crowley

As I mentioned in last month's VOTER article we will be discussing LWVUS and our own local League's positions and goals at our **February 17th meeting at the Carlsbad Senior Center**. All our suggestions will be reported to the LWVUS Biennial Convention and our North County League's Annual Meeting. As a grassroots organization, the buck doesn't stop here with us; it starts here!

Unlike in the past the LWVUS is not asking us to evaluate the current national positions but rather give them some direction for the next 2 years. If you would like to see the national positions and the rationale for their development they can be found in the following publications:

Impact on Issues is the complete resource for the positions and includes a great deal of background information – <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition>

A brief summary of the positions can be found at: <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition>

Part of the meeting we will be discussing local program, reviewing our positions, as well as talking about our goals and issues for the coming year. Our positions can be found at: <http://www.lwvncsd.org/LocalProgramPlanning.html>

Please plan on joining us. Come early for refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends.

HOMELESSNESS STUDY PROPOSED CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

- Permanent housing, with wrap around services should be provided our homeless population.
- Resolving the challenge of homelessness rests with governmental bodies, laws and regulations that support rather than criminalize the victim and support of the public by their votes.
- Government policies and funding, at all levels, must be collaborative to best serve the needs of those who are homeless or about to become homeless.
- Intensive and careful case management is essential in finding the most appropriate solutions to homelessness.
- State psychiatric hospitals, staffed with qualified professionals, are one choice for housing those who are mentally ill.
- Housing is the first and most important need of those who are homeless.
- Tiny houses have a role in solving our homeless problem.
- The Federal government funding for Section 8 vouchers is seriously underfunded as evidenced by waiting lists of several years.
- Housing Emergency Alliance (HEMA) recommendations address the most critical treatment and services needed by persons who are homeless.
- The Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), San Diego County and local cities must collaborate to provide quality services, conserve financial resources and provide timely communication to those who are homeless and the public.
- Recent state housing legislation can help alleviate the affordable housing shortfall and partially offset the impact of the federal tax cuts on providing affordable housing.
- Transit oriented development is one way to increase affordable housing stock for those who are homeless.
- A region wide response system is critical to insuring that individuals receive services needed while conserving costs.

LWVNCSD Forums Be Part of the Team!

By Norelyn Pion-Goureau

You've probably attended or heard about our League's very successful candidate forums. Hopefully many of you will decide to participate in one as a runner, timer, question sorter or moderator. One 49th District Candidate Forum attracted over 400 people. Hosting a successful candidate forum and ensuring its success requires expertise, experience and the ability to adhere to LWV guidelines of strict non-partisanship, civil discourse, and respect for opposing beliefs.

Generally, the League is contacted by a group and invited to moderate the forum. Occasionally the League initiates the process. Once League accepts, the League takes full responsibility for the forum's procedure. The host group is responsible for finding a site, publicity, and set-up of the meeting room, but relinquishes control of how the forum is conducted. The League invites every candidate. Candidates are sent LWV guidelines for the forum, and must sign a statement agreeing to the guidelines, which are very specific.

The Moderator's job is to ensure that the venue is neutral; for instance, at the Vista forum, moderator Anne Omsted requested that candidates' advertising tables be removed from the front of the room, where they were mistakenly placed, to the back of the room, ensuring that no candidate's advertising was visible during the forum. The Question Sorter's job is to evaluate questions for clarity and relevance and then group similar questions together. The Moderator further ensures that a wide variety of questions are asked. Candidates may speak only during their allotted time span for each question, ensuring that every candidate has an equal amount of time to answer the question. The Timer has the crucial job of keeping the candidates and the audience aware of the time limit for each question, and showing a stop sign when time is up. Members of the audience submit written questions. The Moderator meets with candidates before the forum to determine with them the speaking order, the candidates and the audience are reminded of the agreed upon time limits, and the forum is on!

Would you like to participate in a League forum and learn the process? The League has training as-needed and regularly calls for volunteers for the forums.

**HELP
WANTED**

By Anne Omsted

The League is just at the beginning of what promises to be our busiest Voter Service year ever. We need the help of our members to provide the kind of service we are known for. Please look over the following list of needs and let Elizabeth Brady, Voter Service Chair, know where you can help.

Candidate and Issues Forums – Training provided. Forums usually happen in the evening. Carpools are typical for the team working that forum. We need runners, question sorters, and timers.

Voter registration drives – We want to do some Voter Registration drives. Minimal training required, usually held during the day. Involves sitting at a table to show people how to register – by actual form or online. Or you may choose to circulate with a clipboard and informational handouts.

Pros and Cons – Training provided. Basic information of state ballot measures is provided, but further research is recommended. Teams of two people go to various groups who have requested a Pros and Cons presentation. We travel all over our North County service area. This is a serious time commitment, but a major service to voters, and Pros and Cons presenters become experts on ballot measures!

Mail Ballot Drop Off Program – Held during the week before election day, this task involves pre-planning. Because the Registrar of Voters is having us monitor official mail ballot drop off tables at local libraries, we have to first become temporary County employees. Forms must be filled out and submitted, fingerprints are taken, a few hours of formal training are conducted by Registrar of Voters staff. Then 3 hour shifts at local libraries are set up, and we start helping hundreds of people vote, a very positive and useful activity.

Please contact Elizabeth Brady or Anne Omsted for more information or to sign yourself up as interested in any of the above list of opportunities to serve our community and help voters become more informed and vote.

Health Interest Committee Report

By Jane Dunmeyer

The Health Interest Committee is working on several areas:

1) Compiling a Carlsbad, Vista, and Oceanside transportation resource list for LWV members and communities of interest such as assisted living groups, seniors wishing to live independently, and disabled people, all of whom need transportation.

2) Exploring medical resources available to the homeless in North County.

3) Working on a presentation for the LWV Carlsbad (March 15th) and Encinitas (March 22nd) units about Advanced Directives for Health Care (ADHC). ADHCs are instructions given to your chosen proxy who acts on your behalf if you are unable to voice your opinions on what care you wish to receive. Advanced Directive Day or "The Conversation Project" takes place nationwide on April 16th when those who haven't completed their own advanced directives are invited to have a conversation with their family/friends about how they (the signers of the ADHCs) would like to be treated/cared for medically when they no longer can talk for themselves and tell people what they want. Only 33% of the US population have signed their own ADHCs. The presentations will discuss ways to present this to your family, different problems people have, ways to fill out the forms, resources on understanding terms and consequences, and offer a resource handout on ways to find FREE ADHC forms on line.

Women's Issues Group Report

By Nancy Hand

The LWVUS and the LWVC have a strong position on reproductive choices. Because of this, our group was interested in Planned Parenthood services in our north county area. Ann King and Eleanor Schuster visited the Vista Planned Parenthood Clinic and gathered more information from their local website. Planned Parenthood offers services for teens, parents, educators, women and men. Some of the services that they provide are for birth control, abortion, emergency contraception (morning after pill), pregnancy, health and wellness, sexual orientation and gender and LGBT. They also provide testing and treatment for STD, HIV and breast, gynecological and testicular cancers. In regard to services for the

LGBT community, Planned Parenthood of San Diego offers services in education, resources, hormone therapy for transgender patients, service referrals, and support groups. The phone message at the San Diego Planned Parenthood 888 number states that all services are available and the Law has not changed at this time.

Observer's Luncheon Report

By Connie Ulrich

In December both seasoned leaguers and new members came together to share potluck dishes and hear the observers report on the committees they observe. "Thank you" to everyone who attended the Observer Reports meetings and especially, thank you to the observers for their thoughtful, informative reports.

These events would not have been so successful, or even possible, without the efforts of our exceptional hostesses.

Therefore, thank you to Barbara Mendell (San Dieguito) and Diane Stone (Oceanside) for generously opening their homes to their unit members and making each one feel welcome. And thank you to Norelynn Pion-Goureau (Carlsbad) and her team--- Suzanne Carneiro, Karen Pendergast and Dorine Meade, who transformed the Dove Library Gowland Meeting Room for the Carlsbad luncheon.

A Report on the January 12, 2018 Board Meeting

1. Treasurer Arlene Meadows reported that \$1,200.00 was raised and matched the \$1,000 donation for Voter Service. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

2. The Margie Monroy Memorial Fund will begin soliciting donations this month via an article in the Voter.

3. We received an update on the SOAR initiative in Oceanside. Signature gathering is ongoing.

4. Discussed a letter to all high school district Superintendents and School Boards urging rapid implementation of a new law that requires school districts to educate students and school staff about human trafficking.

5. Discussed our League's participation in the Women's March at Palomar College on 1/20.

6. Reviewed upcoming events in February to ensure all details are covered. See calendar in the Voter.

Your Donations are Now Welcome to the Newly Established Margie Monroy Memorial Fund

Members of our League have started a Fund in the memory of Margie Monroy, a devoted League leader. She did so much to shape our organization from the 1980's until about six months ago. She served two terms as president, and was a mainstay of our Voter Service activities both as a moderator and a presenter of the ballot measures. She served on the board in many capacities and was a VOTER co-editor for almost 20 years. (For more information about Margie, look at page 6 of the October VOTER which you can find at our website).

The Memorial Fund is established to honor Margie's service and exemplary leadership. It will be funded by private donations and maintained by the League of Women Voters North County San Diego, a 501(c)(3). Funds shall accumulate for no longer than two years without an award being dispersed to a selected recipient. Funds are not to be used for operating expenses of the League. The executive committee of the board, a committee of three board members appointed by the president, shall determine the recipient(s). Margie was always interested in diversity in the community and our League. It is the express wish of Mario Monroy, the husband of the honoree, and the Monroy Family that the first award of funds be given to Universidad Popular.

You may donate with PayPal online at our website (lwvncsd.org) or by sending a check to LWVNCSD, P.O. Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272.

LWV North County San Diego Membership Application ~ Share this with a friend! ~

Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD and mail to:

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

or join online at:

http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

The LWVNCSD is a 501(c)(3) organization

Dues:

- \$30 **FIRST** year
- \$60/year
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited

Institution.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle

I am interested in the following:

- Voter Service
- Public Policy and Action
- Natural Resources and Land Use
- Organizational Support
- Community Outreach
- Health
- Book Group
- Other _____



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Check the Calendar on the website for helpful Info

www.lwvncsd.org

Check our Facebook page, for photos from the Women’s March and our other events and meetings. Don’t forget to “like” us. That helps get our message shared even farther than just a look. And for more connecting, try our Twitter feed. You don’t need to be on Twitter to see @lwvncsd tweets. Just go to the website and check out our posts on the left sidebar. If you click on a link, it will take you to a webpage with more information about the topic. It’s fun, try it!

Suzanne

Welcome New Members

**Karen Brandon,
Oceanside**

**Jennifer Lonbom
Del Mar**

**Michael Odegaard,
Oceanside**

Patricia Sinay, Encinitas

**Mary Anne Viney,
Carlsbad**