



THE VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF SONOMA COUNTY

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LWVSC FORUMS 2016

Hear the candidates and discussion:

1st District Supervisor Candidate Forum:

Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 pm.
Sonoma Charter School,
17202 Sonoma Hwy, Sonoma.
Candidates are Gina Cuclis, Susan Gorin,
and Keith Rhinehart.
Co-sponsored by LWV Sonoma County
and the Springs Community Alliance.

Learn the Pros and Cons of Measure AA

What: A \$12 parcel tax in the nine counties
bordering the San Francisco Bay for clean
water, pollution prevention, habitat
restoration, and increasing shoreline access
for public enjoyment.

When: Wed., May 4th, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: City Council Chambers
100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa

Speaker in Support: Neil Fishman,
YES on Measure AA

Speaker in Opposition: Tim Hannan,
Sonoma County Taxpayers' Association

Public Input: Written audience questions.

Check our website, lwvsonoma.org, for
information about all of our election forums
and for links to video recordings of them.

(Additional Information on page 3)



Saturday June 11, 2016
Finley Community Center
2060 College Avenue
Santa Rosa
9:30 am to 2:00 pm

AGENDA

Registration and Coffee
Business Meeting
Noon – Lunch
Speaker

GUEST SPEAKER

**Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Voters
Sonoma County**

Come learn about how our county's
Registrar is "going green" with on-line
registration and voting by mail, and just how
an election with high turnout happens.

There will be time for questions and
answers, too.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share, and your
own plate, utensils and cup. League will provide
coffee, tea & muffins in morning, and iced tea and
bread for lunch.

CONVENTION REMINDER



A reminder that we are allowed three (3) delegates to the LWV Bay Area Convention scheduled on May **7 from 9am to noon** at San Mateo County Community College. . Other than items of business, the presentation will be on “The History of LWV Bay Area and Regional Government Efforts.” Since this is a way to engage with other bay area leaders and is a drivable distance I recommend it especially to our new members for a broader look at how the League works Details are listed at: lwwbayarea.org/2016CONVENTION.html. Please let me know if you would like to go so I can forward your names to LWVBA. LWVSC will pay the registration fee.
Nancy Burrington

Calling All Sonoma County LWV members!

Please be aware that our previous election guide Smart Voter is now called Voter’s Edge California.

Training for Sonoma Co. members was held on March 8th In order to be prepared to use for the June 7th Primary Election. VEC is now available to the voters and candidates at www.votersedge.org/ca. Check it out.

Submitted by Sally Patterson

LWVSC Meeting Calendar

Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th, 10-12 noon.

Measure AA Pros and Cons Forum: Wednesday, May 4th, 6-7 pm. Santa Rosa City Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Ave. See page 1 for further information.

Voter Service Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 5th, 10 am.

Advocacy Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 11th, 10:30 am.

1st District Supervisor Candidate Forum: Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 pm. Sonoma Charter School, 17202 Sonoma Hwy, Sonoma. See page 1 for details.

Book Club: Thursday, May 19th, 10:30 am. See page 6 for details.

LWV Bay Area Convention: Saturday, May 7th, 2016. See page to the left for further information.

California Primary Elections: Tuesday, June 7th. See page 5 for more information.

LWVSC Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 11th, 9:30 am to 2 pm. Finley Community Center, 2060 College Ave., Santa Rosa. See page 1 for details.

LWVSC meetings are in the third floor Conference Room at the LWVSC office, 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa.

LWVSC Board meetings are open to all LWVSC members, and to the public upon request. All other meetings are open.

Visit our [website](#) for updated calendar

Rose Parade May 21, 2016

National Organization for Women (NOW) and League of Women Voters will celebrate the passage of the 18th Amendment, which granted universal suffrage for women in 1920.

We will compete in the "Costume Heritage" class. NOW will reference the outfits worn a hundred years ago: white dresses and tri-color sashes, and encourages all marchers to wear the same. NOW will provide tri-colored sashes to parade participants. The parade starts off at 12:15 pm from the corner of E street and Sonoma Avenue. Please call Marion Aird (573-9393) or Anne-Therese Ageson (575-0683) or email homegirl@earthlink.net or ageson@berkeley.edu by May 15 to let them know you will be marching May 21 in honor of the suffragists.

President's Message:

Nancy Burrington has surrendered this month's message so that there is enough room for all the other pieces for us to read. Thank you, Nancy!

Welcome new members!

Victoria Fleming
Margaret Mann
Barbara Moulton
Gayle McKinney Peterson
Terry and Kerry Campbell Price

We're so glad you're here!

**Fearless
Courageous**

**They put their
bodies on the line**

**Why our suffrage
ancestors have
much to teach us**



From LWVC:

The June 7 Presidential Primary is just around the corner! We have (merely) days to get California voters informed and ready to participate on Election Day. Voter's Edge California (VEC) is a vital part of our strategy and this email contains information and resources to help you make the most of [Voter's Edge California](#).

Like Smart Voter did in the past, [Voter's Edge California](#) provides unbiased, in-depth voting information on candidates and ballot measures. This year, we've added campaign funding info and a high quality Spanish translation to State and Federal races. Plus all of your trusted League Voter Service publications are on Voter's Edge California including the *Pros & Cons* and the *Easy Voter Guide*.



The LWVC Nominating Committee urges members to step up and lead!

The LWVC Nominating Committee (NC) is looking for proven leaders for the LWVC Officers and Board of Directors slate for the 2017-2019 term of office. Nominate yourself or nominate another member before the October 3, 2016 deadline. The nomination form is available for completion online on the members only web site, or contact NC Chair Kathy Souza at kathysouza2003@yahoo.com for information and/or forms. The committee may also be reached at nominating@lwvc.org.

Nominating Committee Members: Kathy Souza, Jeanne Brown, Robbie Davis, Ann Havlik, and Gloria Chun Hoo



In Memoriam
MARGARET MILLNER
 1914-2016

The League greatly appreciates all
 generous donations made to LWVSC
 in her memory.

TRIBUTES FOR MARGARET MILLNER FROM LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBERS

~Talking with Margaret was always a kick. She had an excellent mind, was well-informed and had good insight...and was usually funny...Willard Richards

~I remember Margaret very well. She was a delightful woman. Very bright. Opinionated. Very supportive of the League. I have fond memories of working on Studies with her...
 Carrie Anabo

~I remember Margaret as a sparkling, sharp-witted, lovely attendee at a Pros & Cons event at Paulin Creek retirement home. She was delightful...Amy Southwick

~It's always sad that so many of our dedicated Leaguer's have passed without our knowing their interesting backgrounds – not to mention their characteristic modesty. We're always so busy - discussing Program Issues, Positions, Ballot Propositions, etc. that there's little time to "share." Margaret was an independent force who stood for never-ending research to find reliable information for our discussions on Issues. When she was pleased with an idea, the twinkle in her eye, accompanied by the tilt of her head were indescribably charming! She would go to the ends of the earth to help a friend. Her home was always open to a League mtg. – very gracious and always prepared in each and every way! Marsha Vas Dupre

~When I moved to Santa Rosa many years ago, I joined the League. I wanted to get involved with local issues and thought that was the route to take. I met Margaret at one of the first events I attended. I was in awe of this woman who seemed to have the League's by-laws memorized. At our annual meetings, she was usually asked if we were following them correctly. But Margaret's wit and smile were infectious. Yes, she knew her stuff but she was a delight to be around with her dry sense of humor. I remember mailing our monthly "Voter" to her long after she moved away. She wanted to keep up with what we were doing in Sonoma County. She cared about the League and about the many friends she left behind. It's members such as Margaret who continue to give the League respectability, credibility, and integrity within our local communities. Alice Richardson

, Board Briefs – April 2016

- ✓ Treasurer's report: we received \$1704 from the Hope Washburn Foundation and a \$250 donation from the Owl Foundation (Open Space-Water Resource Protection-Land Use). Lunch with the League expenses were \$1538 with receipts of \$1155.
- ✓ A budget committee will meet to complete the upcoming year budget.
- ✓ Terry Wall will continue to be Treasurer for the next year but will need another volunteer for the following year.
- ✓ Dee Dee presented an update on the Open Government Ordinance. A task force has drafted recommendations for the City of Santa Rosa. The League will discuss further support for these recommendations at the May meeting.
- ✓ Shirley presented an invitation from the NOW organization to participate in the May Rose Parade.
- ✓ There are five new members, overall fifteen new members this year. A new member meeting will be held in the summer. Details to be determined.
- ✓ A member renewal letter will be going out soon. Juanita and Carrie will work on this.
- ✓ The Advocacy Committee will be discussing the Southwest Greenway Project, the Open Government Ordinance and the Bo Dean asphalt plant issue at an upcoming meeting.
- ✓ A forum on Measure AA will be held on May 4. Amy Southwick is organizing this.
- ✓ Two Supervisor forums will be held: 5th District on April 27 and the 1st District on May 12. Assistance is needed for the PA system coordination.
- ✓ The League annual meeting will be June 11 at the Finley Center. Elizabeth Acosta, Deputy Registrar of Voters will be invited to speak.
- ✓ The media outreach committee is working hard to get the word out on the League activities.
- ✓ May meeting agenda items will include a review of the next year positions and approval of the Higher Education consensus items.

Respectfully Submitted, Rebecca
Jones, LWVSC Secretary

ADVOCACY NOTES

Advocacy Committee Report:

The committee met on April 13. On the topic of the proposed Santa Rosa Open Government "Sunshine" Ordinance, the committee is sending recommendations to the league board for a possible letter the board could write to the city. Additionally, an Action Alert is to be sent out encouraging Santa Rosa league members to attend one or more public meetings hosted by the city to solicit input on open government proposals. On the topic of the proposed Santa Rosa Green Way, the committee supports a change to the general plan allowing the green way, and the committee will stay in touch with the Green Way Campaign Group and may possibly send out Action Alerts to Santa Rosa league members in the future.

The Advocacy Committee welcomes topics submitted the LWVSC membership for the committee's discussion. You may write to the committee at action@lwwsonoma.org or Suite 300 O, 555 Fifth Sr., Santa Rosa, 95401. Please include not only a topic, but also information the committee can use in discussion, and whether you are willing to attend a committee meeting to present the topic.

The committee meets on Wednesday, May 11th, 10:30 am in the third floor Conference Room of 555 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa. All members are welcome!

Gene Zingarelli, Advocacy Committee Chair
action@lwwsonoma.org

BOOK CLUB READS

May 19: Moderated by Carrie Anabo.

My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem, 2015.

A warmly companionable look back at nearly five decades as itinerant feminist organizer and standard-bearer. If you've ever wondered what it might be like to sit down with Ms. Steinem for a casual dinner, this disarmingly intimate book gives a pretty good idea, mixing hard-won pragmatic lessons with more inspirational insights.

Book Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting is May 19st, 2016 at 10:30 am in the third floor Conference Room of 555 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa.

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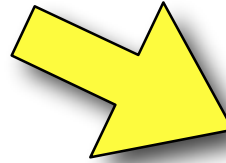
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suggestions.
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Membership dues and donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law

I am interested in the following areas:

- Program: Social Policy, Newsletter, Smart Voter
Membership: Natural Resources, Fundraising, Community Outreach
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